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Christie Administration Joins Rider University and Veteran Service Organizations to Connect Veterans to Job Opportunities

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. March 19, 2015 – The Christie Administration partnered with Rider University, the American Legion, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and other veteran service organizations to help link military servicemen and servicewomen to jobs during a veteran career fair held on the campus of Rider University in Lawrenceville today.

The state departments of Labor and Workforce Development, Military and Veterans Affairs, and the State Parole Board participated in the third annual event which gave veterans and their families an opportunity to connect with more than 100 employers looking to hire; and support organizations available to assist with navigating military benefits, and create or enhance resumes.

“Veterans bring a great deal of skill and experience to the table and they deserve our full support,” said Commissioner Harold J. Wirths of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. “My department is committed to giving our veterans the resources they need to transition their military skills to jobs that will help them to reach their career goals and support their families.”

Veterans and military spouses attending the career fair were able to make contact with employers ranging from Comcast, Six Flags Great Adventure, Educational Testing Service and PSEG to various state and local police agencies and banking and insurance companies.

Assistant Commissioner Jeffrey Stoller of the Labor Department's Office of Research and Information helped to kick off the event. For the past several years, the New Jersey Labor Department has partnered with a variety of agencies like the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, American Legion, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, ESGR, Hero2Hired and Helmets to Hardhats in a series of veteran job fairs held throughout the Garden State.

Since 2012, the Christie Administration has launched numerous veteran initiatives under *Operation: Hire a Jersey Hero* including a symposium that focused on connecting employers with state and federal resources that can help companies hire veterans and a job fair on board the USS New Jersey (Battleship NJ) in Camden.

Veterans looking for employment, training or help with a resume should contact the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development:

Email: Jobs4JerseyVets@dol.state.nj.us

Web: <http://jobs4jersey.com/jobs4jersey/jobseekers/vet>

Call: (609) 777.1042



Assistant Commissioner Jeffrey Stoller of the Labor Department's Office of Research and Information helps to kick off the third annual Veteran Career Fair & Military Expo held at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.