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Soldier for Life / Transition Assistance Program Hiring Fair

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Staff members with the Soldier For Life — Transition Assistance Program are preparing for an advanced Hiring Fair, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at Nutter Field House.

The Hiring Fair is designed to connect transitioning service members, veterans and their Family members to employers, jobs, and higher education opportunities.

“This event supports the ‘Reintegrate Strong’ phase of Soldier for Life,” said Alfredia Williams, SFL-TAP transition services specialist. “Reintegrate Strong, is all about preparing our service members and their Families for their transition back into civilian life.

“It is essential that commanders ensure that service members who are within three months of separation attend this event if they do not have a confirmed job or school following separation. Commanders are encouraged to allow all service members who are within 18 months of their separation date to attend this event,” she said.

Williams said the goal for the day is job seekers to leave the hiring fair with a job offer or follow-up interviews.

“The hiring fair process provides for job seekers a direct connection to the employers and vacancies they are interested in,” Williams said.

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Organizers expect 30 employers to participate, looking to hire veterans for 300 vacancies. The jobs encompass a wide variety of career paths, including law enforcement, truck driving, government, information technology, electronics, education instruction and much more.

“There are 26 schools expected to attend the hiring fair for higher education opportunities,” Williams said.

Williams explained transitioning from the military can be an uncertain time for service members and Families, and this event can help prepare them for the next phase of their lives, by having jobs waiting for them before their transition date.

“After they leave active duty, our veterans and their Families will continue to serve our nation by being part of strong communities and bringing the values, skills, and attributes that they developed during their military service to the civilian job market,” Williams said.

“There are many employers who want to hire veterans. Employers know when they hire a veteran they will benefit from the professionalism, strong work ethic, reliability, training and expertise the veteran developed during his or her military service,” Williams said.

“Employers want to show their appreciation to those who have sacrificed so much by offering employment opportunities to service members, veterans, and their spouses upon transitioning from military service.”

Preparing for the fair

Williams offers the following tips to make the most of the hiring fair:

- Dress for an interview
- Make sure your resume is up to date
- Network with potential employers
- Prepare to potentially interview for multiple jobs at the event
- Practice your introduction speech

For more information, call 573.596.0131, ext. 67070.

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For more information on attending this event, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

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Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains about 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting a colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.
