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Employers and Colleges to Network with NEPA Military Veterans

April 30, 2012 Wilkes-Barre, PA - Representatives from employers and colleges in Northeastern Pennsylvania will have the exclusive opportunity to network with military veterans at NEPA Veterans Employment Boot Camp, May 31, 2012, 8:00am to 5:00pm, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The boot camp is coordinated by Northeastern Pennsylvania Veterans Multicare Alliance (NEPA VMA) in collaboration with the Office of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“During military service veterans acquire a toolkit of finely honed skills highly prized by employers,” said Karla Porter, VP of NEPA Veterans Multicare Alliance, and Workforce Development and Human Capital Management Consultant. “Veterans are renowned for their qualities in the areas of leadership, teamwork, mental and physical endurance, focus, goal orientation, and ability to immediately apply training and feedback,” she said.

The day long boot camp will feature sessions on reintegration to civilian employment, corporate culture, networking and job search, résumé and interview skills, and the outlook for high demand occupations in the region and state. There will also be panels on VA healthcare and GI Bill benefits, local, state and federal employment, post-secondary education, justice outreach and discharge review. The event will culminate in a networking session with area employers committed to employing veterans and agencies that provide services to veterans and their families.

There is no cost for veterans to attend the boot camp. For more information and to register visit nepavma.org and click on the NEPA Veterans Employment Boot Camp link.

“This Veterans Employment Boot Camp is the 2nd of the Veterans Employment Initiatives for the Office of Veterans Affairs. There will be another in the fall at University of California in Washington County, to be followed by a 3 day Women's Veterans Symposium in the Harrisburg area at a date to be determined,” said Stephen Lew, Office of Veterans Affairs.

Employer and college representatives will have the opportunity to participate on industry panels and network with veterans throughout the day in addition to the wrap up networking session.

Employers and colleges are asked to contribute a nominal donation of \$100 to reserve a table. Proceeds from the donations will benefit the PA Veterans Foundation and NEPA Veterans Multicare Alliance. To reserve a table at the boot camp please contact Karla Porter at nepavma@gmail.com or call 570.592.8378.

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