

Naval Support Activity Bethesda

BETHESDA, Md., Feb. 17, 2012 - The Navy and more than 25 large employers are teaming up to host the first-ever "100,000 Jobs Mission Hiring Event" at Naval Support Activity Bethesda, Md., on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This "Joining Forces" event is open to veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses. First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched Joining Forces to rally the nation's support for troops, veterans and their families.

"America is clearly hiring once again and efforts like this from our nation's employers are exactly what's needed to put our talented veterans and their spouses to work," Brad Cooper, executive director of Joining Forces, said in an activity news release. "Teaming with the Navy at an event in Bethesda that brings job opportunities to veterans, spouses and wounded warriors is a win for everybody."

This event, the release explained, differs from traditional job fairs by aligning registered candidates to specific companies and positions based on their interests and qualifications before the hiring event begins. Hiring managers will be on site to conduct interviews and may offer jobs that day.

More than 25 employers from diverse industries will be at the event, seeking to hire veterans and military spouses for jobs ranging from entry level to management positions. Other organizations also will be on hand to offer information about free programs veterans can use to help with their transition.

People are encouraged to register early for this event by visiting <http://www.100000jobsmission.com>. Job-seekers wishing to attend must have a current military ID card or proof of military service and a photo ID to access the base.

"We are looking forward to holding this hiring event," said Nate Herman, executive director of military and veterans affairs for JPMorgan Chase, a founding member of the "100,000 Jobs Mission." "Veterans bring much-needed skill and talent to the workplace. They are disciplined, hard-working and excellent team players. Every member of our coalition recognizes that and understands how valuable they are to our businesses."

Through Joining Forces, the first lady and Biden have been leading White House efforts to reduce veteran and military spouse unemployment with America's private sector in response to a presidential challenge to hire or train 100,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2013. Due to their efforts, more than 1,500 companies from around the country have committed to hiring 145,000 veterans in the next two years.

In the same spirit, 10 employers launched the 100,000 Jobs Mission in March with a goal of hiring 100,000 transitioning service members and military veterans by 2020. The coalition since has grown to 29 member companies who collectively hired more than 6,600 veterans under this program last year.

Working in conjunction with the Naval District Washington's Fleet and Family Support Program, this hiring event connects the two endeavors in a more powerful and efficient effort that has one goal: to hire the nation's veterans and military spouses.

Related Sites:

100,000 Jobs Mission [<http://www.100000jobsmission.com>]

Joining Forces Campaign [<http://www.joiningforces.gov>]

Special Report: Military Family Support [http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2012/0212_fa_milysupport/]