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6.1% UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG FLORIDA VETERANS IN 2013 MEANS 2ND YEAR FOR “PAYCHECKS FOR PATRIOTS” HIRING FAIRS

Orlando, FL – CareerSource Central Florida is hosting two concurrent job events tomorrow (Wednesday, July 16) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to place veterans and their spouses in jobs and careers that will use their unique skills and training to benefit them and our community.

The 2nd Annual Paychecks for Patriots is sponsored by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in conjunction with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the Florida National Guard, CareerSource Central Florida and Dollar General, along with private employers.

The events will take place at the following locations and are open to veterans of the United States and their families:

- **Orlando**
Valencia College – Special Event Center (Building 8)
2800 S. Kirkman Road
Orlando, FL 32811

Local sponsors include Orlando Style Magazine, Valencia College, Florida National Guard and American Legion.

- **Leesburg**
Florida National Guard
400 West Meadow Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

(These locations are across the street from each other)

American Legion
300 North 3rd Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

Local sponsors include Florida National Guard, American Legion, and Akers Media.

The unemployment rate for veterans nationally last year was 6.6 percent, half a percent higher than it was for the State, at 6.1 percent.

“To a veteran, service to their country never ends. And serving in the military gains them skills and attitudes that transfer extremely well to the private sector, making them invaluable assets to any company or business,” said Joseph Patton, CareerSource Central Florida Veterans Program Manager. “We’re here to help them continue their journey and claim that American dream they fought so loyally to protect.”

Job Seekers and employers interested in attending can register for the event at no cost by going to www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com/Patriots. Participating employers at both events include: Lockheed Martin, Barry University, Florida Hospital Medical Group, and Dollar General. Over 50 businesses are anticipated to be in attendance at each hiring event.

CareerSource Central Florida offers tools to find jobs and advance careers for residents of Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties. On average, the organization provides nearly 8,800 job seekers each month with services such as an online job bank, career counseling, recruitment events, training, financial aid, career assessments and internships. It also assists an average of 1,300 employers each month with recruitment, retention and training. For more information, visit www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

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Free breakfast offered by The American Legion

For additional information and to pre-register, visit

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**Businesses wishing to join us and hire our nation's finest can join by registering at
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