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Upcoming Job Fairs

COLUMBUS – For many returning veterans, finding a job is their new #1 mission. The Ohio Department of Veterans Services will provide news and updates on job fairs and major employment opportunities as we become aware of them. Two job fairs are being held in February and March in different parts of the state.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s “Hiring Our Heroes” program is bringing two large hiring fairs to southern and southwestern Ohio over the next two months, the first in Portsmouth on February 21, and the second in Dayton on March 26.

The Portsmouth job fair will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on February 21 at American Legion Post 471, 950 Gallia St., 45662. Dayton’s job fair will be on March 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dayton Marriott, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., 45409. Both events will feature a number of both national and local employers, and are open to veterans, active duty, Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses. For additional information and links to register for each event, see:

<http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/events?page=1>

As you prepare for any job event, do you need help building a resume and translating military to civilian experience? The web site below has resources to help and links to other Ohio employment information:

<http://my.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/VetCenter/InfoCenter.aspx>

The military services also have "cool" web sites to help with translate military skills to civilian experience. The sites, which stand for “credentialing opportunities online,” allow a veteran to select their military skill code and then see the types of jobs their training and experience translates to, as well as any certifications that are needed. There is no Air Force, Marine, or Coast Guard “cool” site. However, the Air Force does offer similar resources on its Community College of the Air Force site, at the Credentialing and Education Research Tool (CERT) page; Marine skills are similar to those found in the Army and Air Force; and Coast Guard skills are similar to those found in the Navy.

The “cool” sites are below:

<https://www.cool.army.mil/index.htm>

<https://www.cool.navy.mil/overview.htm>

<https://augateway.maxwell.af.mil/ccaf/certifications/programs/>