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First-ever Employment Summit addresses unique needs of National Guardsmen

NATIONAL CITY, Calif. – Unemployment looms on the horizon for thousands of California National Guardsmen returning home from deployment, and volunteers in San Diego have come up with a special event aiming to ease this difficult transition.

Employer Support for Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Chairman Andrew Wiktorowicz announces the first-ever Employment Summit to be held at the National City Armory on April 13. This all-day event is intended to be a blueprint for future events to be held all over the state at National Guard units where unemployment is an immense issue, according to ESGR officials.

“This event is different from any other employment event because it is tailored to fit the needs of each individual Guardsman,” said Patrick Morrissey, Military Outreach Coordinator for ESGR. “Unlike a job fair, our ESGR volunteers have gathered specialized key assets to come together in one place and help prepare for life after deployment – whether they aim to find a new job, go to school, use unemployment benefits or any combination of those – we will get them ready.”

On April 13, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Guardsmen will channel through the National City Armory classroom and drill floor area in groups of about 20 for a few hours of career counseling and resume tweaking. The individual needs of each person which will be assessed upon their arrival to the armory to customize their Employment Summit experience. Troops will receive on-the-spot help with resume writing, hone their interview skills, and will see immediate results from online job searches with Jobing.com and Employer Partnership with the Armed Forces (EPAF). All results of the job search and the resume will be placed on a CD provided for each Guardsman to take home. Representatives from the Employment Development Department and the Veteran’s Administration will be present to explain benefits including health care and to accomplish registration. Representatives from California colleges to include Ashford University, Martinsburg Institute, and Argosy University will be present for those who choose to take advantage of benefits being offered to the National Guard.

Media are invited to attend this event located at 303 Palm Ave., National City, CA 91950. For more information, please contact Maj. Kimberly Holman, public affairs officer for Joint Task Force Sierra at (805) 340-7301. Visit www.esgr.mil and www.caesgr.org to learn more about Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.