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*Aug. 27 hiring event precedes American Legion's national convention in Milwaukee*

In a meeting with Department of Homeland Security Secretary *Janet Napolitano last year, The American Legion's national commander at the time, David K. Rehbein, was assured that the hiring of military veterans was among her agency's top priorities. "We anticipate many openings for border patrol agents," she said. "Young veterans would be perfect for that job."*

*True to the secretary's word, DHS's U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency is now actively recruiting veterans returning from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Accordingly, CBP is conducting a dedicated hiring event during The American Legion's 92<sup>nd</sup> annual national convention in Milwaukee. Interested veterans are invited to meet with CBP recruiters on Friday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Hilton Milwaukee City Center's Crystal Ballroom. Applicants must bring government-issued identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and a copy of their DD-214 military discharge papers.*

The border patrol hiring event is part of a four-day veterans' employment promotion by The American Legion in Milwaukee. Many potential employers will be at a day-long veterans job fair on Saturday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Milwaukee Theater, Plankinton Hall. A two-day small business development workshop will follow in the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Wright Ballrooms, on Tuesday, Aug. 31 and Wednesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All sessions are free of charge.

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