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CHARLOTTE (Aug. 19, 2014) -- Veteran-friendly companies, agencies and organizations are coming to the Charlotte Convention Center Aug. 26 for a Hiring Our Heroes career fair during the 96th National Convention of The American Legion. So far, nearly 90 employers are scheduled to meet with veterans from 10:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Center Ballroom of the venue.

Veterans, servicemembers and spouses are invited to [register now](#) for the free event by visiting the following website: <http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/charlotte-nc-transition-and-benefits-career-fair-part-96th-annual-american-legion-national>. The fair is designed to connect veterans with employers who are looking to interview candidates, some of whom will be hired on the spot.

The career fair is sponsored by the Legion and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The national convention is also home to The American Legion's Empowerment Summit, a two-day free event that offers job skills workshops to veterans, one-on-one résumé writing guidance and opportunities to interact with representatives and hiring officials.

Also free of charge, the Legion's Employment and Empowerment Summit is Aug. 25-26 in the Charlotte Convention Center. The summit will focus specifically on the needs of transitioning servicemembers.

Free breakfast and lunch will be provided at both events. Employers such as Northrop Grumman, Citi, UPS, CSX Corporation, Bank of America, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Personnel Management will participate. A free résumé writing workshop will be provided to attendees before the career fair on Aug. 26 which will give one-on-one assistance in refining and writing a résumé that will stand out.

Additionally, The American Legion's Employment & Education Commission will host a

Networking Reception & Dinner for veterans, active-duty transitioning servicemembers and their spouses. Representatives from corporations and federal agencies also will attend the event, which is from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, in the Westin Charlotte Hotel.

Last year, more than 600 veterans, servicemembers and spouses attended the Hiring Our Heroes career fair at the Legion's 95th National Convention in Houston. More than 400 veterans came away with interviews, and more than 30 were hired on the spot.

Learn more about The American Legion's efforts to help veterans find prosperous careers at www.legion.org/careers on the web.

