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### Central Texas Veterans, Employers to Connect Virtually on November 5 at the 9th Annual Hiring Red, White & You! Statewide Veterans Hiring Event

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The 9th Annual <u>Hiring Red, White & You!</u> (HRWY) Statewide Veterans Hiring Event is going virtual this year on November 5, and <u>Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area</u> is joining with sister Boards, Workforce Solutions Heart of Texas, Central Texas, Capital Area and Alamo, to link up our HRWY virtual events and host the largest collective hiring experience in the state: <u>Warrior Welcome Central</u> <u>Texas.</u>

The virtual hiring events span the Interstate-35 corridor from Waco to San Antonio and enhance career opportunities for Texans within 36 counties. The Rural Capital Area interactive event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 5, with transitioning service members, veterans and their spouses given priority access to employers from 10 a.m. to Noon. A variety of live veteran-focused career webinars will also be available for participants to take part in.

This is a free hiring experience with hundreds of employers taking part throughout the region, all focused on hiring our nation's heroes. While HRWY prioritizes helping Texans who have served, the virtual events will be open to the public.

Hiring Red, White & You! is a joint <u>Texas Workforce Solutions</u> initiative supported by all 28 workforce development boards, the <u>Texas Workforce Commission</u>, the <u>Office of the Governor</u>, the <u>Texas Medical</u> <u>Center</u> and the <u>Texas Veterans Commission</u> (TVC), to connect veterans and their spouses in Texas with employers who recognize the experience, advanced skills and leadership abilities they bring to the workplace.

"From heightened leadership and teamwork skills, to proven problem solving and decision-making ability, U.S. military veterans bring a wealth of wide-ranging strengths and talents to the workforce, that can be an asset to any Rural Capital Area business," said WSRCA CEO Paul Fetcher. "It's an honor for our board to host Hiring Red, White & You! events, to assist veterans with re-entering civilian life and finding sustainable employment opportunities that enhances their quality of life."

Since 2011, HRWY has connected more than 98,600 job seekers, including 38,925 veterans and spouses, along with 16,650 employers and over 2,700 same-day hires.

TVC staff are preparing veterans for the hiring fairs by assisting them with customized resume preparation, interviewing techniques, and one-on-one counseling services. Job seekers are advised to build profiles and upload resumes on <u>WorkInTexas.com</u> for employers to review.

There are nearly 1.7 million veterans throughout Texas, of which 967,000 are working or actively seeking work, according to estimates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. More than 79,500 of those veterans call the

Rural Capital Area home. By hiring more veteran and spouse candidates, employers can reduce turnover, maintain a more stable workforce over time, and may be eligible to earn up to \$9,600 in federal tax credits through the <u>Work Opportunity Tax Credit program</u>.

Visit <u>www.warriorwelcome.com</u> to register for the virtual HRWY events in Central Texas.

To learn more about the statewide events scheduled for November 5, visit <u>https://www.twc.texas.gov/hiring-red-white-you</u>.

Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a nonprofit community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and childcare assistance, to businesses, employers, and job seekers in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas. This nine-county region includes Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Fayette; Hays; Lee; Llano; and Williamson counties. For more details on WSRCA, and the services it offers, visit <u>www.workforcesolutionsrca.com</u>.



VIRTUAL STATEWIDE VETERANS HIRING EVENT

# THE LARGEST HIRING EXPERIENCE FOR CENTRAL TEXAS VETERANS

Hiring Red, White, & You! connects veterans and their spouses with hundreds of local employers who value the experience, discipline, and other exceptional qualities inherent in a military background.



Texas Workforce Solutions Boards in Central Texas are banding together to host "Warrior Welcome," five unique Hiring Red, White, & You! virtual job fairs – covering 36 counties from Waco to San Antonio – to empower Texans transitioning from uniformed service to a skilled civilian workforce.

Take advantage of priority access to help identify your individual needs and connect you to career and training services available locally.

# THURSDAY NOV 5 10 AM - 4 PM

10 AM - NOON Open to Transitioning Service Members, Veterans and Spouses

> NOON - 4 PM Open to the Public





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