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### **Gov. Parnell to Open Alaska Veterans Job Fair Nov. 9 in Anchorage**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Gov. Sean Parnell will open the Alaska Veterans Job Fair on Friday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at the University Center in Anchorage. The opening ceremony will also feature the West High School Color Guard and retired Master Sgt. John Teamer who will sing the national anthem.

“Almost one in 10 Alaskans is a veteran,” Labor Commissioner Dianne Blumer said. “At 77,000, that’s more per capita than any other state in the nation. Alaska is also home to 11 military installations.”

The annual “Hiring Our Heroes” event will have almost 130 employers, education, training and apprenticeship providers serving more than 1,000 veterans and their families.

Fair partners are Morris Alaska Media Group, University Center and Furniture Alaska, Inc., University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Society for Human Resource Management, Anchorage Society for Human Resource Management, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Princess Cruises and Tours, VETS and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

“Hiring a veteran is good for Alaska and good for business,” Blumer said.

New to the fair is one-on-one counseling by members of the Alaska and Anchorage Society of Human Resource Management who will help with resumes, work search and translating military experience to the civilian workforce from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Job Fair attendees with military ID can ride free on the Anchorage People Mover from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. From JBERR, access Route 14 at Government Hill, Route 75 at VA/Tikahtnu Commons or Route 102 near Boniface Gate and connect with Route 60 to the University Center. Go to [PeopleMover.org](http://PeopleMover.org) for times.

Princess Cruises will provide bus rides to the Job Fair from the Dimond Center and the Muldoon Job Center at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon and 1 p.m. from both locations. Return rides will be at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Pick-up and drop-off at the Dimond Center is at the South Entrance by Round Table Pizza. Pick-up and drop-off at the Muldoon Mall is at the main entrance by the Muldoon Job Center, 1251 Muldoon Road.

Veterans have been recognized and honored during the month of November in Alaska and across the nation for many years. Veterans Day, observed on Nov. 11, is the anniversary of the World War I armistice that ended hostilities on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.

Parnell proclaimed November as “Hire a Veteran Month,” although Alaska’s employers are encouraged to connect with veterans and job seekers all year.

Priority of Service is provided for all veterans and eligible persons through the Alaska Job Center Network with veterans’ representatives at the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Mat-Su Job Centers.

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University Center at 3801 Old Seward Highway. The Job Fair is open to the public and there is no fee to attend. Job seekers are encouraged to bring a resume and dress for potential interviews.

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**Governor’s Proclamation “Hire a Veteran Month”**

[Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2012-11-Hire\\_A\\_Veteran\\_Month.pdf](http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2012-11-Hire_A_Veteran_Month.pdf)

**Alaska Job Center Network**

[Jobs.Alaska.Gov/offices/](http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov/offices/)

**Alaska Veterans’ Fair Section – List of Employers and Trainers**

[AlaskaJournal.Com/Alaska-Journal-of-Commerce/November-Issue-1-2012/2012-Veterans-and-Military-spouses-Job-Fair-to-be-held-Nov-9/](http://AlaskaJournal.Com/Alaska-Journal-of-Commerce/November-Issue-1-2012/2012-Veterans-and-Military-spouses-Job-Fair-to-be-held-Nov-9/)