## American Jobs for America's Heroes Campaign Makes it Easy and Free to Hire National Guard and Other Vets

The National Guard and other military branches are laying off soldiers at all ranks because of downsizing. The Army National Guard is likely to reduce between 15,000 and 35,000. The U.S. Army may lose 80,000 or more. There will be thousands more veterans looking for jobs in addition to those veterans currently looking.

In 2013, almost **50,000 U.S.** veterans of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq were homeless or in a federal program to provide housing during 2013, three times the number in 2011, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. They and their families need jobs!

Hiring National Guard members and other veterans creates real benefits for your company, your community and veterans and their families. The nonprofit **American Jobs for America's Heroes (AJAH)** campaign gives you free, direct access to of highly trained National Guard members and other vets who are transitioning to civilian jobs.

"Guard members bring tremendous skills and teamwork values to the workplace – they've had years of training at government expense in areas that are very relevant to civilian employment," said Steve Nowlan, campaign director. "Guard members are committed to continuous evaluation and self-improvement so they naturally fit into high-performance organizations and get the job done right," he continued.

The Guard trains in 107 occupational specialties. Most members have put this training to work in high stress situations ranging from disaster relief to combat situations. They are disciplined, reliable and drug free. Guard members are focused on continuous learning and improvement so they excel in advanced job training.

Watch this short video featuring veterans on the success Phillips 66 has had in military hiring: http://www.CenterForAmerica.org/pledge/ng/ajah Phillips66 military.html

In the AJAH campaign, your free job postings flow directly to National Guard and other military employment counselors in the states who work one-on-one with candidates to match them to your job requirements. These counselors help you understand how military training and experience translates to your civilian requirements.

You can watch a five-minute video about the campaign – <a href="www.CenterForAmerica.org/video.html">www.CenterForAmerica.org/video.html</a> -- and then visit the website at <a href="www.CenterForAmerica.org">www.CenterForAmerica.org</a> to register online in five minutes. A campaign counselor will contact you to set up your posting and answer questions. All services are free. More than 1,000 employers are already participating.

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