



The Corporate Connection engages the private sector in joining the campaign to end veteran homelessness by 2015.

Walmart Announces Major Veteran Hiring Initiative

Veterans leaving military in previous year guaranteed a job

Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, [announced](#) it will hire every veteran who wants a job, provided that the veterans have left the military in the previous year and did not receive a dishonorable discharge.

The program will begin on Memorial Day (May 27) and company officials believe it will lead to the hiring of more than 100,000 veterans in the next five years.

"We all believe that no one who serves our country should have to fight for a job once they return home," Mrs. Obama said in a [statement](#). "Walmart is setting a groundbreaking example for the private sector to follow."

Walmart's foundation has consistently been among the most generous contributors to veterans' charities, committing to donate \$20 million to veterans' causes by 2015. For more information on Walmart's charitable giving, please visit the Foundation's [website](#).

Veterans Tax Credits Extended through 2013

Opportunity to bring tax savings and hire quality employees

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) that was expanded in the 2011 VOW to Hire Veterans Act has been **extended through December 31, 2013**. While the tax credit alone does not represent a reason solely to hire a veteran, taking advantage of this incentive can help your business's bottom line while reaching out to an underrepresented work pool.

Many businesses may **qualify to receive thousands of dollars in tax credits**. Lisa Rosser, an HR consultant and veteran, offers an [insightful post](#) on how businesses can fully utilize this benefit, including tips on how to pitch this opportunity to your management.

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Quick Facts

* Veteran homelessness **reduced by 17.2%** since January 2009. ([Source](#))

* Post-9/11 veterans: 10.8% unemployment rate

* Post-9/11 veterans, age 20-24: 23.4% unemployment rate

* Post-9/11 veterans, female: 15.7% unemployment rate ([Source](#))

Save the Date

The 2013 NCHV Annual Conference, "Service Providers: Great Innovations," will be held **Wednesday, May 29, 2013 – Friday, May 31, 2013** in Washington, DC.

Stay tuned to the [Conference's main page](#) for all of the latest information, registration forms, and other details.

Your [local veterans employment representative](#) could help you get started today. Please contact the Corporate Connection at ageary@nchv.org for additional information or support.

Hiring Our Heroes Veteran Hiring Fairs **Events continue in 2013**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce launched Hiring Our Heroes in 2011 to help veterans and military spouses find employment. Since then, Hiring Our Heroes has hosted over 390 hiring fairs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The fairs have led to more than 14,100 jobs for attendees.

Hiring Our Heroes hiring fairs are focused on letting veterans and spouses interact with employers that have current openings and are ready to interview and hire on the spot. The Hiring Our Heroes hiring fair initiative will continue in 2013 across the United States.

To view the schedule of veteran hiring fairs for 2013, [click here](#).

How Your Business Can Help

- * Volunteer, e.g., team-based, individual, skills-based
- * Donate money to a local service provider
- * Start a veterans' hiring initiative
- * Participate in NCHV's Annual Conference
- * Donate products, excess inventory, or other in-kind goods to a local service provider
- * Join NCHV's Corporate Honor Roll



About the Corporate Connection

The Corporate Connection, in partnership with The Home Depot Foundation, serves as the information and facilitation portal for businesses, provides individualized consulting, and highlights the financial,

social, and environmental benefits of working with community organizations on behalf of homeless veterans. Visit the [Corporate Connection!](#)