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Paychecks for Patriots- Upcoming Job Fair

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Facilitating Job Fair as Part of the Paychecks for Patriots Hiring Initiative

Shalimar, Fla – CareerSource Okaloosa Walton is excited to announce they are hosting a job fair in support of Paychecks for Patriots (P4P). P4P is a statewide initiative that addresses the employment needs of transitioning service members, Veterans, and military spouses across the state of Florida by bringing together employers with current position openings and military-affiliated job seekers.

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton (CSOW) will host a P4P job fair both virtually and in-person on November 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CST. The CSOW Fort Walton Beach center located at 409 Racetrack Road NE will host ten employers and community partners. These employers will also be available to participate virtually.

Thus far, employers registered to participate in-person include Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, Kratos, HX5, and Bevilacqua Research Corporation. Onward to Opportunity, a certification program for Veterans and military spouses, and Veterans Florida, a non-profit created by the State of Florida to help Veterans, will also be on-site.

“With social distancing still being a primary concern to so many individuals and military commands, we want to provide a virtual option. Having a virtual platform

also allows Veterans who are out of the area access to employers. However, feedback from our recent virtual events has suggested that both job seekers and employers find value with in-person hiring events and feel safe doing so in a controlled environment, so we wanted to provide that option. Our overall goal is to best serve our community by safely connecting talent with business needs,” shared Sarah Ambriz, Director of Communications and Public Relations with CSOW. Ms. Ambriz and 14 other staff members with CSOW are Veterans themselves. Most other staff members have some military affiliation, and all look forward to hosting this event this year.

While P4P is an initiative tailored to transitioning service members, Veterans, and military spouses, this event is open to the public. CSOW is available to assist any job seekers in preparing for the event. Call 850-833-7587 to schedule an appointment with a Career Advisor for personalized services.

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton will continue to update its website and social media platforms with participating employers and information pertinent to the event. Visit www.careersourceokaloosawalton.com for more details about P4P.

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the workforce needs of Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Classified as one of Florida’s 24 Local Workforce Development Boards and a member of the CareerSource Florida Network, we provide employment and training resources for area job seekers and employers.

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