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300-member corporate coalition celebrates 10-year anniversary with a day-long event in Washington DC

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 23, 2022--

The Veteran Jobs Mission, a coalition of largely Fortune 500 companies representing nearly every sector in the U.S. economy, made a new commitment to military families today in honor of the 10(th) anniversary of the initiative.

The coalition, founded in 2011 as the 100,000 Jobs Mission, began as 11 companies committed to hiring military talent across the private sector. Membership is now over 300 companies with more than 830,000 veterans hired across their industries.

At a day-long event dedicated to sharing the current challenges, opportunities and best practices in veteran and military hiring, the Veteran Jobs Mission coalition announced a new commitment for the next 10 years: hire 2 million veterans and 200,000 military spouses, who are historically underemployed due to the demands of active duty military life.

"This coalition began with the recognition that we are united in a mission to support military families," said Mark Elliott, Global Head of Military and Veterans Affairs at JPMorgan Chase, a founding member of the Veteran Jobs Mission. "Ten years in, we need to focus on long-term career development and skill building for veterans and military spouses who stand to enrich our companies with their talents and diverse backgrounds."

During the event, Veteran Jobs Mission member company leaders, including Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase, Alex Gorsky, Executive Chairman of Johnson & Johnson, and Michael Dowling, CEO of Northwell, spoke about how their organizations approach military and veteran hiring and the continued importance of supporting the military community as a matter of national security.

The audience included military and government leaders, top veteran service organizations as well as more than 50 companies that have joined the Veteran Jobs Mission just in the last year, including Albertson's, Aetna/CVS Health, AmeriVet Securities, Bristol Myers Squibb, CommonSpirit, Cox Media Group, Evercore, Glowtouch, LittleOnline, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Orion Talent, Pearl, SkillStorm, Skookum Contract Services, SMS Assist, US Cellular, Vontier and Walmart.

"There is a path for everyone at Walmart to include the thousands of members of the military community who join our ranks every year. We're excited to join the Veterans Job Mission team in this important work," said Bryant Parmeter, Senior Director for Military & Non-Traditional Talent at Walmart.

Veteran Jobs Mission companies commit to reporting their veteran and military hires on a quarterly basis and advancing their veteran employment initiatives with the support from their fellow coalition members. Learn more at veteranjobsmission.com.

About the Veteran Jobs Mission

Launched in 2011 as the 100,000 Jobs Mission, the Veteran Jobs Mission brings together companies committed to hiring U.S. military veterans. More than 300 companies have joined and collectively hired over 830,000 U.S. military veterans. The private sector organizations are continuing to increase their focus on retention and career development. This includes supporting veterans as they adapt to the workplace by establishing sponsorship and on-boarding training programs, as well as industry-based coalition subgroups to increase collaboration among members. Visit veteranjobsmission.com.

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