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## Lt. Governor Guadagno Delivers Keynote at Joint Base Veteran Career Summit

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### *Addresses Veterans at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst*

**Trenton, NJ** – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today gave the keynote address at the Joint Base Veteran Career Summit at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The event, sponsored by the organization *Hiring Our Heroes* in conjunction with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, sought to help returning veterans re-enter the job market or change career paths. In her speech, the Lt. Governor praised both our veterans and the businesses that hired them.

"It is efforts such as this event today, with the support of the 200 companies in attendance, that help to remind our veterans that their sacrifices are appreciated and that we are here for them when they return," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "They've fought for our freedom, they shouldn't have to fight for a job."

During her speech, Lt. Governor Guadagno also acknowledged that the Department of Labor has nearly 40 employees dedicated to serving only the needs of veterans and their families, many of whom are veterans themselves. Last year, more than 12,000 veterans were assisted through New Jersey's "One-Stop Career Centers" and other professional services. There was approximately 200 employers that had the opportunity to network with over 500 military members, veterans, and spouses of military members at the Joint Base Veteran Career Summit.

"Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is looking forward to seeing the result of all the national and local support we have received for the summit," said Capt. Joseph Guerra, USAF. "This support will directly translate in assisting transitioning service members, veterans and dependents in their pursuit of meaningful careers."

In her address, the Lt. Governor also highlighted a number of programs, both state-sponsored and privately-run, that offer assistance in placing veterans and/or their families in jobs. These included *Helmets to Hardhats*, *Jobs4Jersey*, and the Sansone Military Training Center in Avenel, NJ, among others.

For more information about the Career Summit, visit: <http://gomdl.com/vetsummit/>

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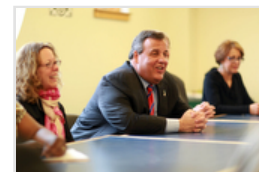
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