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**Regional Employers To Turn Out En Masse to Support Veterans
Over 40 Register to Participate in a “Hire A Hero”
Veterans Only Job Fair Organized by Empire City Casino**

(NYC/Westchester/Hudson Valley, August 14, 2012) – Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway will host a “Hire A Hero” job fair for area employers and service men and women returning from overseas looking to re-enter the workforce.

The veterans-only job fair will take place on **Thursday, August 23, 2012** from **11am – 3pm** in the casino’s third floor Good Time Room.

“We owe these young men and women a debt we’ll never be able to repay,” said **Tim Rooney, Sr.**, owner and operator of Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway. “This is our way of saying thank you and our way of giving other employers in the area a way to show their gratitude as well.”

The Rooney Family, owners of Empire City Casino, have taken the lead in an effort to ensure that veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars get direct access to area employers who have positions to fill.

The casino is undergoing a \$50 million expansion and plans to hire returning veterans for some of the new jobs that will be created. They are urging other area employers to join them in the “Hire a Hero” initiative to make sure there are jobs waiting for our service men and women when they return.

More than forty employers from the region have stepped up to participate in the job fair, representing a wide variety of employment opportunities. Empire City will underwrite the entire cost of the event to encourage businesses of all sizes to participate.

Rooney has called on members of the media, elected representatives, and area residents to help spread the word about the event so that veterans looking for employment can attend.

For a list of participating employers and a flier that can be shared, please visit

www.empirecitycasino.com/careers.

About: Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, electronic roulette, craps, sic bo and baccarat tables. Italian cuisine is featured in Nonno’s Trattoria, and trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing; a quick bite is available at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 400. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week from 9:00AM to 4:00AM. For more information, call 914.968.4200 or log onto www.empirecitycasino.com.

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2012 Veterans Job Fair Hire a Hero Initiative

Hosted by

Empire City Casino

810 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

Thursday, August 23, 2012 • 11am-3pm

3rd Floor in the Good Time Room

Veterans must present their DD214 or military identification, along with a valid government-issued photo ID, to participate in the job fair.

This job fair is open to veterans only. No exceptions.

More than 40 tri-state area employers with jobs to fill will be on hand!

Allen Health Care, Applebee's, Bally Technologies, Coca-Cola Refreshments, Cumulus Radio, Deb Romain Consulting LLC, Durante Rentals, Empire City Casino, Empire Merchants, Everest Merchant Services, Family Services of Westchester, Food Bank of Westchester, Global Linguist Solutions, Hilti, Jericho Project, Lincoln Hall, Mahopac National Bank, Manhattan Beer Distributors, MTA Metro North Railroad, MTA NYC Transit, Northern Westchester Hospital, New York Post, North Shore LIJ, Pace University, Platinum Lending Services, Pondfield Trip Service, Prudential Financial, Purchase Park 2 Fly, Renaissance Westchester Hotel, SEI Aaron's Inc., Southern New York Association, Strategies for Wealth, US Dept of Veterans Affairs, WCS/Bronx Zoo, Westchester Square Plumbing Supply Co., Inc., WESTMED Medical Group, White Plains Hospital, YAI – Network.

