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Hire a Hero Initiative - Empire City Casino & Yonkers Department of Veterans Services to Host Veterans Job Fair

*Calling all Tri-State area hiring employers and veterans; Job Fair FREE to attend and participate
Employers may be eligible for several state and federal tax incentives for hiring a vet*

Yonkers, NY - [Empire City Casino](http://EmpireCityCasino.com) is teaming up with the City of Yonkers Department of Veterans Services to 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 in the third floor Good Time Room at **Empire City Casino** on **Thursday, November 17th** from **1pm-6pm**.

Empire City will underwrite the cost of the job fair for hiring employers to encourage businesses of all sizes to participate. The men and women who have bravely served in our armed forces will have the opportunity to network, interview and engage with employers from all sectors of industry. Among the employers already signed up include *Home Depot, ShopRite Supermarket, Con Ed, Merrill Lunch, Liberty Lines, Sears, Metro North, the Yonkers Fire Department and the Yonkers Police Department.*

Employers who have current open positions with immediate availability can participate in the job fair by submitting an application at EmpireCityCasino.com/Veterans.

"We owe these young men and women a debt we'll never be able to repay," said **Timothy Rooney**, owner and operator of Empire City Casino. *"This is our way of saying thank you and our way of giving other employers a way to show their gratitude as well."*

In addition to the discipline, dedication and tireless work ethic that veterans possess, there are many benefits in hiring a veteran for employers. Employers may be eligible for thousands of dollars in several [state](#) and/or [federal](#) tax incentives depending on the hire and type of position.

"The 'Hire a Hero' Veteran's Job Fair is going to be a special day in Yonkers. Veterans of all ages will be afforded the opportunity to meet representatives from both the public and private sector. We are grateful to Empire City Casino for partnering with us on this venture as we aim to secure as many jobs as possible for veterans looking for work. Our military veterans have served our country well – this is a wonderful opportunity for the Yonkers community to now serve them," said **Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano**.

New York State has one of the highest veteran population rates in the country with over 800,000 veterans living within the state's borders. That number almost doubles when combining the number of veterans living in New Jersey and Connecticut, many of which are in need of stable work. Veterans from all over the tri-state area and beyond are encouraged to attend and apply for the hundreds of positions that will be up for grabs.

For more information on the Veterans Job Fair and to pre-register, please visit EmpireCityCasino.com/Veterans. **Veterans must present their DD214 or military identification, along with a valid government-issued photo ID, to participate in the job fair.**

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About Empire City Casino

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York's hottest DJ's, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.