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## **Harnessing the Potential of Arizona's Veteran Workforce Through the SkillBridge Program**

Scottsdale, AZ (September 19, 2023) Are you an employer looking to tap into the potential of Arizona's veteran workforce? Join us on Thursday, October 26th from 9:00-11:00 am at HonorHealth Military Partnership (7301 E. 4th St, Suite 7, Scottsdale, AZ 85251) for a unique opportunity to network, gain valuable insights, and boost Arizona's workforce.

"We're excited to bring employers this opportunity to unlock the potential of skilled veteran hiring," said Michelle Pabis, Scottsdale Chamber Board Chair. "By leveraging the SkillBridge Program, employers can benefit from access to highly skilled personnel, while also supporting veterans as they transition into the civilian workforce."

The SkillBridge Program is committed to helping employers leverage the potential that veteran employees bring to the table. Thousands of active-duty service members are stationed across Arizona, carrying with them valuable skills and experience. The transition from military life to civilian life can be challenging – but with the SkillBridge Program, it doesn't have to be.

This initiative of the Department of Defense, in association with the [Arizona Coalition for Military Families](#) allows service members within six months of separation to intern, apprentice, or certify with approved civilian employers while still receiving full military pay and benefits. The Arizona Coalition of Military Families provides a dedicated coordinator and a memorandum of understanding between active-duty military installations and state entities.

"We're thrilled to introduce the 'Veteran Hiring Success' event, showcasing our commitment to empowering veterans and businesses alike." said Erika Acorn, Scottsdale Chamber Membership Director and Staff Liaison to the VMAC Committee. "This initiative embodies our dedication to creating impactful connections that enrich both our workforce and community."

By attending this event, employers will have the opportunity to learn more about how SkillBridge can help them tap into a pool of skilled veterans as well as gain valuable insights into building effective programs that seamlessly integrate veterans into their workforce. Attendees will also have an opportunity to network with fellow employers and get answers to any questions they may have regarding recruiting and hiring veterans.

Sponsorship opportunities are available! For more information or questions regarding this event, please contact Erika Acorn at [eacorn@scottsdalechamber.com](mailto:eacorn@scottsdalechamber.com) or 480-355-2711. Don't miss out on this great opportunity - join us on October 26th at HonorHealth Military Partnership as employers tap into Arizona's veteran workforce!

### **About the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in Scottsdale providing advocacy, education, networking, leadership development and exposure opportunities to our member businesses. The Chamber actively works to maintain Scottsdale's high quality of life and create an environment where business innovation, excellence and entrepreneurship can thrive. Serving ALL of Scottsdale since 1947. For more information or to learn how to become a member visit [scottsdalechamber.com](http://scottsdalechamber.com) or call 480.355.2700.

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