

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



News Release:

ARPAIO TO PLACE VETERANS IN FRONT OF
HIS 'NOW HIRING' LINE

***OBAMA BRINGING 45,000 TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ BY
THE HOLIDAYS***

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With thousands of vets returning home soon to the U.S., some of whom will undoubtedly head for Arizona; Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio wants to do more to help qualified vets to secure gainful employment upon their return to civilian life.

To accomplish that goal, Arpaio is ordering that all military resumes received by his agency be placed at the front of the line for the 175 law enforcement jobs now available and for those which will open in the near future.

“My previous military service assisted me in beginning my law enforcement career with the Washington D.C. Metro Police Department in 1954. Now I have the authority to extend this opportunity to veterans today,” Arpaio states.

Unemployment statistics recently released indicates returning veterans face an unemployment rate of nearly 12% while the civilian rate continues to hover at 9.1%.

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“It’s the least we can do for the men and women who have served our country,” Arpaio said. “It is distressing that so many veterans today can’t find work in America because of this depressed job market. The least we can do is put a real premium on military resumes when we receive them and where possible, offer vets the jobs that this Sheriff ‘s Office has available.”

To that end, Arpaio says, applicants with military experience will start the hiring process ahead of others. They are already a valued asset as they are accustomed to working in a strict chain of command structure, the Sheriff says, which allows for an easier transition into a new career in law enforcement.

“This isn’t a one-time thing,” Arpaio says. “This is a new policy. From now on, military personnel will get the first shot at jobs which come available.”

Once at the front of the line, former military applicants must meet the strict requirements of the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office in order to be offered a position in the agency.

All applicants must undergo a tough regime of physical and psychological fitness as well as a thorough background check before gaining any position in the agency. END

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