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### **Seven local employers to receive Flag of Freedom**

Jon Barry, director of Gov. Jay Nixon's Show-Me Heroes program, will present seven local employers – Route 66 CDL and Apprenticeship/Wil-Trans, Wildcat Tool Rental, FBN Metal Products, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Cabinet Mart, Ozark Chamber of Commerce and K.C.'s Colors – with the Flag of Freedom Award for hiring veterans. The awards ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Missouri Career Center, 2900 E. Sunshine in Springfield.

Show-Me Heroes, established by Gov. Nixon in January 2010, is designed to connect military veterans with job opportunities when they return home from service.

Administered by the Missouri Division of Workforce Development, Show-Me Heroes showcases Missouri businesses that are willing and eager to hire veterans. Employers participating in the Show-Me Heroes program sign a pledge to ramp up efforts to reach out to, recruit and interview veterans for job openings at their business.

Through an on-the-job-training (OJT) program, employers are reimbursed for 50 percent of Show-Me Heroes participants' wages during a contracted training period. The wage reimbursement serves as an incentive for Show-Me Heroes employers to hire returning National Guard, Reservists or recently separated active duty personnel who may not have all the skills required for the position.

"Missouri's military veterans have served honorably, are well trained, and make excellent employees. That's why my administration remains committed to helping our veterans find jobs when they return home," Gov. Nixon said. "I ask every employer in Missouri to join us in this effort by visiting [MO.gov](http://MO.gov) today to take the Show-Me Heroes pledge so we can support our veterans and grow our economy."

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