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GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Executive Branch Agency Heads:

I am writing to you concerning our veterans who have recently returned from military service or will be returning in the near future and who are looking for employment. It is estimated that 6,000 to 8,000 military veterans will be returning to Connecticut in the next 24 months.

Please take the steps necessary to encourage the application of veterans for jobs that you are going to fill with applicants from outside of state service. With this in mind there is a Heroes 4-Hire Career Fair tomorrow, April 27, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. If you have positions approved for refill, you may want to send a designee to attend this event, which is being sponsored by the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will be attending this event and will be sharing information about obtaining employment with the State of Connecticut, including how to find job and exam postings on the DAS website and registering for exam and job e-alerts. Your agency's positions should be posted on the DAS and DOL websites and you should check these websites for future job fairs dedicated to veterans.

Please make every effort to interview qualified veterans for your approved positions where appropriate. As always, merit system and contractual rules must be followed and affirmative action plans must be considered when filling positions. However, it is our goal to provide qualified veterans access to state job interviews and when veterans appear on employment lists, strive to ensure that at least one veteran is interviewed for each position vacancy.

For many of our returning veterans, finding employment will be one of their most significant challenges. Let's work together to welcome our veterans home with a meaningful commitment to job opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy".

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor