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FREE MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR VETERANS

***6th Annual Stand Up for Veterans
Sept. 22, 2018, at Glendale Community College***

Glendale, AZ, (September 7, 2018) –Glendale’s sixth annual “Stand Up for Veterans” will be held at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., on Sat., Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 1,000 veterans have attended the community outreach event in its history. This event is designed to provide ample opportunities for veterans to access services tailored to their life experiences and needs, in a central location.

“I am proud of an event that continues to reach more veterans and their families every year,” said Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers who initiated the Glendale Stand Up event six years ago. “This event offers veterans an opportunity to better their lives by connecting them to many resources including employers in one place. Its success is truly a powerful accomplishment for everyone involved.”

A local committee representing city, state and federal agencies, local businesses and non-profit partners organize and execute the Glendale Stand Up for Veterans event. The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce is actively involved and helps promote the event. Primary funding for the event is provided by the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services through a grant from the Veteran’s Donation Fund and is administered by the Sandy Coor Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1433.

A critical service available to veterans that day will be access to court and legal services. Glendale City Court Presiding Judge Elizabeth Finn will be representing 23 Arizona municipal courts where veterans with criminal and civil cases may be able to satisfy outstanding court fines and fees by performing a community service work project. Veterans with active arrest

warrants on criminal misdemeanors can have those warrants quashed. Judges representing many additional Justice Courts in Maricopa County will also be present to offer similar opportunities to reduce or eliminate court fines through community service.

Glendale's Community Services Department will provide transportation from Glendale Community College to Historic Sahuaro Ranch Park, where the community beautification work service project will take place. "Someone with a suspended drivers license is often prevented from securing appropriate employment. We can help change the dynamic by providing on site community restitution benefitting the City of Glendale. Most of the 23 city courts I represent, and the justice courts will honor our community service to reduce fines resulting in a person obtaining a drivers license and hopefully a great job." said Judge Finn.

The Arizona Motor Vehicle Division will also be present to advise veterans of requirements for reinstatement of their driving privileges and other MVD business. The City of Glendale Prosecutors Office will also be present. Additionally, free consultations with members of the State Bar of Arizona for civil matters and attorneys from the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office for felony matters will be available.

Chris Spicer, Stand Up for Veterans Committee Co-Chair and retired USAF veteran states, "The Glendale Stand Up for Veterans has been working six years to improve the lives of our active and retired military by providing on the spot job opportunities, legal assistance, financial assessments, VA claim and ratings considerations, and general living questions and benefits for our military and their families. This is a chance for veterans to connect on a positive note and get solid answers in their pursuit for an active civilian life outside the military. We are all family and encourage you to not only bring yourself and family but to bring follow active and retired military, so we can all benefit at this event. Help a Vet, Bring a Vet is my motto this year."

At least 30 employers who are presently hiring will be on-site and have representatives and interviewers at the event, with many hiring veterans that day. Advisors will also offer free professional resume-building suggestions and other job search assistance.

The Glendale Community College's Veteran Services Center will be open during the event. The center provides veteran and military students and their families one-on-one help getting into college and staying on the path of success. The VSC offers services including admissions, financial aid, advisement, career services, referrals and specific military-related resources.

"Veterans have sacrificed and served our great nation which is why Glendale Community College is proud to honor their service by partnering with the city of Glendale to host the annual Stand Up for Veterans event. Every year our top ranked Veteran Services Center helps thousands of women and men, as well as their families, pursue their academic and career goals." said Dr. Teresa Leyba Ruiz, GCC President.

Veterans can apply for health-care and other benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and social service agencies. The City of Glendale's Community Action Program

(CAP) will also be in attendance. The CAP office partners regularly with U.S. Vets to assist veterans in need. Non-profits will assist with family and personal matters.

Rolfs Salon will support the event by providing free haircuts to participants and Republic Services will be generously providing lunch to all attendees in their trademark sanitation truck style BBQ grill.

For event information or to become a community partner please visit, www.GlendaleStandUp.org.

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