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COMMUNITY EVENT FOR VETERANS

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

Glendale, AZ, (September 14, 2018) – Glendale’s sixth annual “Stand Up for Veterans” is open to all veterans and their families. The event will be held at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., on Sat., Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event allows veterans to connect to services tailored to their life experiences and needs, in one location.

The event is organized and operated by a local committee made up of individuals from city, state and federal agencies, businesses and non-profit partners who organize and manage the Glendale Stand Up for Veterans event. The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce is also an active partner 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.

"The goal of the Stand Up for Veterans event is to let the veterans, active military, and their families know the community appreciates them. All of the services available at the event, including the employers and court systems, are there to help and assist those who have served. I'm proud to be a part of this event because it is a great way for us to say thank you for your service." said Stephanie Klingener, event Co-chair.

Last years’ event provided services to over 500 veterans and their family members and the hope is more will attend this year. Veterans can visit the event website at www.GlendaleStandUp.org to learn more and to register to attend.

Veterans who attend will have access to court and legal services with Glendale City Court Presiding Judge Elizabeth Finn representing 23 municipal courts. This will allow veterans with criminal and civil cases the possibility to satisfy outstanding court fines and fees by completing community service on the day of the event. The community service project will be at Sahuaro Ranch Park and Glendale’s Community Services Department will provide transportation for those eligible, between the event at GCC and Sahuaro Ranch. 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.

The Arizona Motor Vehicle Division will be on hand to advise veterans of requirements for reinstatement of their driving privileges and other MVD business. 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.

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 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.

At least 30 employers who are presently hiring will be on-site and will 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.

Events like this are not successful without partners such as Glendale Community College, ReddyIce, Rolfs Salon and Republic Services. "ReddyIce has proudly provided free ice for the Stand Up for Veterans event since the first year and is proud to continue to support Veterans," said Ryan Nash, Operations Clerk for ReddyIce. Rolfs Salon will provide 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 or employer please visit, www.GlendaleStandUp.org.

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