

Event in Fayetteville helps veterans prep and land jobs



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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. --

Service members are gearing up for interviews and possibly job offers Friday in Fayetteville.

Orion International, a military recruiting company based in Cary, is holding a two-day hiring conference at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

About 150 service men and women were prepping for interviews on Thursday.

Friday they'll meet with 15 different companies including Intel, Bridgestone and PNC Bank looking to hire veterans.

The hiring conference is in conjunction with First Lady Michelle Obama's Joining Forces Initiative that's aimed at challenging businesses to hire 100,000 unemployed veterans.

Soldiers from Fort Bragg and marines from Camp Lejeune were in attendance.

"The biggest issue is the ability to communicate my skills as an officer to the civilian world," said Rob Bongioanni a marine at Camp Lejeune. "How you communicate my leadership and managerial skills in the military and transition that into the civilian sector it's hard for someone who hasn't done that before."

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