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**EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS**



# PRESS RELEASE

**ETCOG Closed Monday for Veteran's Day**  
*Veteran's Job Fairs on November 15<sup>th</sup> Partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission*

**Kilgore, TX, November 9, 2012:** The East Texas Council of Governments' offices at 3800 Stone Road and 1501 Pentecost Road in Kilgore will be closed to observe Veteran's Day on Monday, November 12, 2012. We are honored to have veterans on staff and recognize the distinguished service of:

H.B. "SONNY" AULD, U.S. NAVY, ETCOG GoBUS  
CARL BRYANT, U.S ARMY, ETCOG GoBUS  
DAVID CAULKINS, U.S. MARINES, ETCOG GoBUS  
MICHAEL EARL, U.S. ARMY, ETCOG GoBUS  
RICHARD "DUTCH" HAGEDORN, U.S. AIRFORCE, ETCOG GoBUS  
VALERIE HATTEN, U.S. ARMY, WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
WENDELL HOLCOMBE, U.S. ARMY, DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
LARRY LISTER, U.S. ARMY, ETCOG GoBUS  
WILMA SANDERS, U.S. NAVY, ETCOG PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION  
ROGER TALBERT, U.S. AIRFORCE, ETCOG GoBUS  
ED WEAVER, U.S. NAVY, ETCOG GoBUS

It is estimated there are 922,000 veterans in the Texas workforce. To assist in connecting our returning veterans in Texas with employers who are hiring, our local Workforce Solutions East Texas board has partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission to participate in a statewide initiative supported by Governor Rick Perry, the Texas Medical Center surgeon and University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston professor Dr. James H. "Red" Duke Jr., and the Texas Veterans Commission to host "Hiring Red, White & You!" veteran focused job fairs.

The job fairs will be held statewide on November 15<sup>th</sup> at locations determined by the 28 participating workforce development boards across the state including local events at the Workforce Solutions East Texas Tyler and Longview centers. The East Texas job fairs will be held from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM with special presentations starting at 8:30 AM.

**Workforce Solutions East Texas – Tyler**

4100 Troup HWY  
Tyler, TX

**Workforce Solutions East Texas – Longview**

2430 S High Street  
Longview, TX

Information on how employers can participate in Hiring Red, White & You! job fairs may be found at [texasworkforce.org/svcs/vetsvcs/hiring-red-white-you.html](http://texasworkforce.org/svcs/vetsvcs/hiring-red-white-you.html). To view the Hiring Red, White & You! Public Service Announcement featuring Gov. Perry and Dr. Duke, access TWC's YouTube channel at [texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/social-media-disclaimer.html](http://texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/social-media-disclaimer.html).

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**About ETCOG**

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

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