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### The Honor a Hero Hire a Vet Job Fair

The Honor a Hero Hire A Vet Job Fair and Career Expo is being held at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel on Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For the last two years, The Valley Economic Alliance has co-hosted with the Employment Development Department (EDD), the largest Veteran Job Fair in the country. This year's title sponsor is [Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne](#).

This year is expected to draw over 2,500 job seekers and 600 - 1,000 of this group will be comprised of military personnel. The Job Fair will provide returning military veterans a one-stop opportunity for entry, middle, and upper level career opportunities. More than 120 Veteran friendly businesses and organizations will be participating. In the past years representatives from the Governor, LA County Supervisors, and City Councils offices have attended.

Exhibit booths are available for \$99 and sponsorships opportunities are still available. For more information about this patriotic event, call The Valley Economic Alliance at 818-379-7000.

### The Valley Economic Alliance Open House

The Valley Economic Alliance is having their first Open House on Thursday - August 6, 2009 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Come visit us and bring a colleague to see what we have been up to, as well as what's coming up. Share your concerns, needs, victories and frustrations.

Our office is located at 5121 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 200, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403.

For more information contact the Economic Alliance at 818-379-7000 or visit our website at [www.economicalliance.org](http://www.economicalliance.org).

## Become an Economic Alliance Fan on Facebook



The Valley Economic Alliance recently launched a Facebook page. Stay connected to The Valley Economic Alliance on Facebook to receive the latest news, photos and updates. To become a fan on Facebook, [click here](#).

### The Valley Just Got Greener

Join the Economic Alliance on September 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for the launch of the Canoga Park Green Learning Garden on the grounds of Canoga Park High School.

This corner of the campus is being transformed into a learning center that will educate all people that live, work, learn and play in the Valley on how to reuse and reduce. Visitors will learn how to go Green by participating in hands-on experiences and experiments through out the park.

When complete the park will include a rain forest, rose gardens, 250 seat amphitheater, green houses, organic and hydroponics gardens, and "green tech" and "vet tech" programs. This is a true work in partnership with education, business, not-for-profit and government. Students from the universities, community colleges, occupational centers and the high school will have 'on the job' training with this project in design, building and sustainability.

To see a video of the plans for Canoga Park High School's Green Learning Garden [Click Here](#).

### Did You Know?

**Robert Rodine**, The Polaris Group and an Economic Alliance Board Member has been appointed to the Southern California Regional Aviation Steering Committee. This committee will drive the development of the Aviation Section of the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan.

**Don Franken**, Economic Alliance Board member and veteran Los Angeles sport and celebrity agent, is representing Thousand Oaks' very own Zac Sunderland - the 17-year-old sailing sensation who just recently circumnavigated the world, solo.

**The Employment Development Department** and the Veterans Employment Committee invite you to attend the Reactivated Veterans of the San Fernando Valley Ceremony on Friday - August 14, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sepulveda Veterans Center - 9737 Haskell Ave., Sepulveda, CA 91343. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Alex 'AJ' Letterson at 818-596-4425.

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