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Governor's Military Employment Initiative Hosts Upstate Regional Summit This Week

SPARTANBURG — Operation Palmetto Employment (OPE), a statewide military employment initiative comprised of several state agencies and veteran service organizations, will host the second of three regional summits Wednesday, May 4, at the Spartanburg Readiness Center at USC-Upstate (301 N. Campus Blvd., 29303). An outdoor military static display (8:15-8:45 a.m.) will precede the formal program, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

The OPE Upstate Summit will include cabinet agency and military command briefs, employer success stories, roundtable discussions, and professional development sessions designed to further connect and inform private sector employers and hiring managers on how best to hire and retain veterans and service members. As a statewide partnership, OPE serves military job seekers and the employers who hire them, at no cost to either.

The OPE Lowcountry Summit will take place on Thursday, May 26, at Verizon Solutions Center in North Charleston. The OPE Midlands Summit was held at Sysco of Columbia on April 14.

Media are invited and encouraged to attend. Individual interviews and photo opportunities will be at the discretion of guests in attendance.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Join the conversation on Twitter by using #OPESummit via @OPEJobs.

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