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**VA-ACME Supports Veterans at annual Professional Development Symposium
and Military Resource & Networking Expo**

Virginia Beach, VA - Virginia has the fastest growing Veteran population in the nation. Military-related students represent a growing pipeline of talent to Virginia employers. However, these students may face more obstacles than the traditional student, which can impede their ability to complete their degrees and certifications. With that in mind, the Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education (VA-ACME) continues a commitment to supporting education within the Virginia military community at the annual VA-ACME professional development symposium to be held September 15, 2022 at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center.

With the theme of *Moving Forward: Creating Positive Outcomes Through Quality Academic Instruction*, dynamic speakers include Motivational Speaker and Veteran, Rob Hill Sr; Rita Detrick, MilGears; Anthony Fontes, Tidewater Community College Skill Bridge program, plus updates from Navy College, Department of Defense Voluntary Education, DANTES, and many more. To see the agenda and learn more about the Symposium, visit <https://vaacme.org/2022-symposium>.

According to the Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs website, 1 in 10 Virginians is a veteran. In conjunction with the symposium and in support of transitioning military members, veterans, and their families, VA-ACME will host a Military Resource & Networking Expo on Wednesday, September 14 from 3pm to 7pm at the Norfolk State University site **in the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center**. Attendees will enjoy networking, career opportunities, education and scholarship information, and Military support resources. Light refreshments will be provided. Win free raffle prizes! While military-centric in nature, the event is free and open to the public. Tables for employers are \$200. Tables for Military support services are free. For more information, contact Michael Camden, past president and symposium planning co-chair, at jcamden@troy.edu.

VA-ACME awards thousands of dollars of scholarships annually to the military community in Virginia.

About VA-ACME: *The Virginia Advisory Council on Military Education* (VA-ACME) covers the most military concentrated region in the world. The organization's mission is to provide progressive and innovative support for an ever-changing academic environment. VA-ACME is committed to addressing military education issues within the Commonwealth of Virginia with three major focus areas: Evaluating and restructuring policies related to acceptance and transfer of credit for veterans, military students, and their family members; Enhancing the educational aspirations of the military populations in the state; and Making educational programs accessible in cost, location, and scheduling.