

The JCEP Security Job Fair on 17 June 2010 at the Sandage Armory in Fort Worth was a success according to those in attendance. Daniel Cerquitella, a Recruiter and Trainer for Allied Barton Security Services stated, "Oftentimes when attending a job fair you may get one or two strong applicants. But today, we had eight or more that will be expedited." He went on to say, "I would like to attend future job fairs for JCEP."



Another pleased customer was the Texas Department of Public Safety's representative, Senior Corporal Joe Applewhite who commented, "The caliber of people coming through today was superior." He went on to share, "If you have more candidates I would be glad to come out and visit with them here at the JCEP location."



Senior Corporal Sergio Perez, from the Dallas Police Department met JCEP through a recent Yellow Ribbon Event. Perez, laughingly stated, "I invited myself," after overhearing a member of the JCEP team invite Jeff Perkins of Homeland Security who also attended the Job Fair.

Overall, there were eight entities participating in the JCEP Job Fair. Those attending, but not previously listed, included: US Border Patrol, Tarrant County College District Police Department, The GEO Group, and SGI. The feedback from each organization was positive.

Soldiers attending the Job Fair also sounded off about their experiences. There were over 25 job seekers for the Job Fair. When asked their thoughts about the Job Fair, SPC Theresa Ortiz stated, "Great! The companies were helpful and spent time talking to us and answering our questions." SGT Brittiany Kirk of the 56th BSTB observed, "Vendors came prepared. At each site, they gave information about positions and various locations with openings."

One other soldier who shared his comments was Victor Belton from the Infantry Battalion, “I got positive feedback and information where to apply. Everyone was professional and thorough.” Belton’s final comment was, “I have some applications to complete tonight. I don’t want to waste any time.”



Initially, the Job Fair was organized for those attending the week-long Commissioned Security Training provided by JCEP. Each of the classroom participants were given time to meet with potential employers at the Job Fair. Information about the Job Fair was sent out to local armories and Readiness NCO’s, to pass along to other active duty Soldiers. After being

apprised of the Job Fair, Texas Veteran Commission’s VERs referred Veterans to attend also. Everyone in attendance agreed, the first Job Connection Education Program Security Job Fair was a great success.