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The *Lake County Record-Bee* and *Sacramento Bee* report on new energy training courses offered through PG&E's PowerPathway™ program.

PG&E Ranked Among Top Military-Friendly Employers

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Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) was recently designated a "2013 Top 100 Military-Friendly Employer" by G.I. Jobs magazine.

PG&E ranked at No. 95, marking the second time the utility was included

in the annual list, which is based on the strength of military-recruiting efforts, percentage of new hires with prior military service, retention programs and company policies on National Guard and Reserve service.

Veterans made up about 7 percent of PG&E hires since 2010, the company stated.

Of the 150 graduates of six veteran-only courses offered through PG&E's **PowerPathway** career and technical training program, 72 percent were hired by PG&E or other energy-industry companies.

PG&E also established a Veterans Employee Resource Group last year to educate, support and develop PG&E employees with military experience as well as their supporters. More than 260 employees joined the group, which is open to all workers regardless of veteran status.

Veteran-only job training courses

PG&E announced it would offer two new training courses for recently discharged veterans next year to provide a career path into the energy industry through the company's PowerPathway program.

PG&E will offer the veteran-only energy-training courses at American River College in Sacramento.

The PowerPathway Bridge to Utility Worker for Veterans course, which begins in January, offers 240 hours of training designed to strengthen participants' candidacy for employment and increase their knowledge of the energy and utility industries, including pre-employment test preparation and soft skills development.

The PowerPathway Welding for Veterans course, which begins in May, provides fundamental training on the pipe-welding techniques and safety procedures specific to the utilities industry.

To learn more about all PowerPathway programs open to new enrollment in 2013, visit www.pge.com/powerpathway or call 800-743-5000.

Job Front: Hiring Help on Tap for Veterans

By Darrell Smith

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For military veterans, trading rucksacks for opportunity in the civilian job market is a tough transition.

Consider that the jobless rate for Iraq War-era veterans was 10 percent in October, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. The rate was higher – a staggering 15.5 percent – for female veterans. And it was higher still for younger veterans, state employment officials say.

But a local University of Phoenix campus is doing its part to try to turn the tide.

The university's Sacramento campus, 2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, hosts its "Start Strong" event at 6 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, visit www.phoenix.edu/militaryevent.

The free event is open to the public with an emphasis on veterans, active-duty military and their families. It focuses on tools and resources military members will need to make the transition to the civilian workplace.

"What we're doing at this event is trying to help them get the skills they need to be successful," said Scott Lewis, a vice president at University of Phoenix's Sacramento campus.

That means shoring up résumé-building and interviewing skills, putting together a plan to find jobs, connecting with firms that hire and matching skills learned in uniform to the needs of civilian employers, Lewis said.

"They need to find out what are these skills and utilize them in the right direction," he said. "They have expertise and skills that can be attractive to employers."

Also on the schedule: Panel discussions with active-duty military, networking sessions with local employers and career-transitioning workshops.

With thousands more veterans returning to civilian life, university officials said the need for such help is clear.

"An ever-increasing number of military personnel are coming from Afghanistan and around the world," Lewis said, adding the objective should be to "help assimilate those who've served so faithfully."

"We're going to have the resources available to help make their transfer a little bit smoother," Lewis said.

Others, from local employers and business organizations to state and federal agencies, are also doing their part to help veterans.

- CalVet – the California Department of Veterans Affairs – brings together veterans and employers through its Honor-a-Hero, Hire-a-Vet job fairs. It has launched a website, www.vets101.org , with employment and other resources for veterans.

- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is teaming with recruiting firm RecruitMilitary for the Hiring Our Heroes career event, to run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 29 at O.co Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way in Oakland.

Visit www.uschamber.com , then select the "Hiring Our Heroes" icon.

- Rancho Cordova-based Vision Service Plan works with programs such as the Wounded Warrior Program and the state Employment Development Department's Vet-Net veterans' networking program to place veterans in different areas of the company.

- **Pacific Gas and Electric Co.** will offer two training courses in May 2013 for recently discharged veterans to help them move into energy careers through the utility's **PowerPathway** program.

For more information, visit www.pge.com/powerpathway .

Career fair Thursday

Sales recruiter HireLive returns to Sacramento with a Thursday career fair.

The free event from 9 a.m. to noon at Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade, 100 Capitol Mall, targets sales, retail and management professionals. Job seekers will be able to meet and interview with employers' representatives at the career fair.

For more information, visit www.hirelive.com , then select "Job Seekers."

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