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### **Kemp Encourages Election Officials to Hire More Veterans, Launches Recruit a Veteran Poll Worker Initiative**

Atlanta, Georgia – Secretary of State Brian Kemp announced today the “Recruit a Veteran Poll Worker” initiative for Georgia veterans. Election officials across the state are being encouraged to hire veterans to prepare for next year’s election cycle which kicks off with the “SEC Primary” on March 1, 2016.

“The right to cast one’s vote has been defended for years by the brave men and women of the United States’ Armed Forces,” said Kemp. “Now, voters in Georgia will have our nation’s heroes helping staff polling locations where voters exercise this right.”

2016 is a big year for elections. The United States presidency is on the ballot, and officials are expecting record-breaking turnout. Among the more desired traits in poll workers are respect for others, efficiency in presenting the voter to the voting system, and understanding the importance of following proper procedures in stressful situations. With such high traffic expected at the polling place next year, there is no one better equipped to serve as a poll worker than a veteran.

In preparation for the 2016 election cycle, Secretary Kemp recently launched a website with training videos and materials for poll workers serving across the state. At <https://georgiapollworkers.sos.ga.gov>, a veteran interested in becoming a poll worker can electronically submit their information, including their name, address, contact information, and branch of service, to election officials in his or her community. Once hired, the veteran will receive a letter and lapel pin from Secretary Kemp to thank them for their continued service to Georgia.

For additional information about the Recruit a Veteran Poll Worker initiative, please visit the website or call the Elections Division at (404) 656-2871.

Brian Kemp has been Secretary of State since January 2010. Among the office’s wide-ranging responsibilities, the Secretary of State is charged with conducting secure, accessible, and fair elections, the registration of corporations, and the regulation of securities, charities, and professional license holders.

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