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**Lieutenant Governor Askins Supports “Yellow Ribbon”
Military Reintegration Workshops**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins showed appreciation to Oklahoma’s military service members this week, thanking them and their families for their sacrifice during the “Yellow Ribbon” Military Reintegration Workshop.

“Oklahoma is blessed with the finest citizen soldiers and it is with pride that we welcome them home. This reintegration program, which educates and trains service members’ families, employers and communities, is a tremendous asset to our State,” Askins said.

The next workshop, hosted by the Inter Service Family Assistance Committee, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa. It is the second of eight statewide workshops geared toward veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces that are returning from, or gearing up, for deployment. Various organizations have developed specific briefings tailored for their spouses, children, employers, religious leaders, educators and loved ones.

“It is my hope that Oklahomans will take advantage of this opportunity to support their military service members. Such training will strengthen family bonds and quality of life – making deployed members’ transition home even easier,” Askins said.

The workshop will include presentations on reconnecting with family members and returning to the civilian workforce (for those in the Guard or Reserve), as well as post traumatic stress disorder and suicide awareness. Youth workshops are scheduled for children five to 18 years old and child care is provided for children eight weeks to four years old. Lunch will be provided for all participants.

To register for Saturday’s workshop or a complete list of locations, dates and times, Askins encouraged interested individuals to visit www.guardfamily.org or call 1-866-649-6031.