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(Suggested news release)

Designation of Selective Service Local Board No. \_\_\_\_\_ as an official Veterans Information Center of the United States Government was announced by \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman of the Board today. The Board is (name of L.B. Chairman) located at \_\_\_\_\_ (street and number).

The new Veterans Information Center has been officially named by the Retraining and Reemployment Administration which is charged by law with the coordination of U. S. Government agencies serving veterans. The Board's location as a Veterans Information Center is identified by a colorful poster bearing a large reproduction of the gold discharge emblem.

"Our Local Board has inducted a large number of men into the Armed Forces during the last five years," said Chairman \_\_\_\_\_. "Now we are ready to assist these same men in reestablishing themselves in civilian life if they want and need our assistance."

"Congress has provided many rights, privileges, and benefits for ex-service men and women. These rights and benefits are provided by many different laws and are administered by a number of different Government agencies. It is the purpose of our Veterans Information Center to aid the veteran in getting to the right place and obtaining the right information so that he may take advantage of all benefits to which he is entitled."

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ pointed out that persons who left positions to enter the Armed Forces are entitled by law to reinstatement in their old jobs when they return, if they fulfill certain requirements of the law. He explained that it is part of the Local Board's function to assist the veteran in asserting his reemployment rights. The Local Board is also charged by law with rendering aid to veterans seeking new employment.

"Many veterans, of course, will not need assistance," said Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, "for industry and business in general already have seen to it that their former employees in service are welcomed back to their old jobs - or better ones. But, a large number of veterans are not familiar with their rights to reemployment and what they are entitled to in the way of preference for new jobs. Full information is available at the Local Board and the veteran is urged to come in and talk over his problems."

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ said the Board also will advise and assist the veteran with his other problems, including his insurance, G. I. loans, educational opportunities, and the like. "All these services," he said, "are free to the veteran for the asking, and he will find the Board's members, reemployment committeemen, and employees ready to do the utmost to save him time and trouble in getting back in stride as a civilian."