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**EDD’s “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fair in Oceanside connects more than 240 veterans, job seekers with employers**

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department’s (EDD) “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fair today connected more than 240 veterans and other job seekers looking for employment opportunities with 20 employers and resource agencies at the North County Coastal Career Center in Oceanside. For more than 10 years, the job fairs have linked a total of more than 39,000 veterans and job seekers with more than 14,000 employers and resource agencies, highlighting the unique skills, training, and experiences veterans bring to the civilian workforce.

“The EDD is committed to helping the men and women who served in the military find high-quality civilian jobs,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “The Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet job and resource fairs allow veterans to meet one-on-one with employers and job service representatives to showcase the skills, training, and experience they bring to the workforce.”

The job fairs are held at various locations throughout the state each year as part of Governor Brown’s multi-agency initiative to help veterans in their transition back to civilian life.

“CalVet proudly supports EDD’s Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet events throughout California,” said CalVet Secretary Dr. Vito Imbasciani. “Job fairs are an important tool veterans can use to showcase the skills and experience they acquired during military service.”

Highlights of veteran employment in California and the specialized skills veterans offer include:

- Employment prospects for veterans across all age groups increased in 2017 as the state added 366,000 jobs. California is home to 1.7 million veterans, more than any other state. The current overall unemployment rate for veterans in the state is 2.5 percent. The unemployment rate for veterans under age 35 in California is currently 2.9 percent – lower than the 5.8 percent jobless rate for non-veterans in their age group.

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- More than 100,000 veterans work in each of the following industries: professional and business services (136,800), educational and health services (114,300) and public administration (102,200).
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 37 percent of California's veterans had a bachelor's degree in 2018.
- Military training and experience provides many job skills valued by employers, including teamwork, discipline, leadership, the ability to meet deadlines, strategic planning and problem solving. In addition, many veterans have training in advanced electronics, logistics and information technology.

The Governor's multi-agency veteran's initiative includes EDD, CalVet, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, California Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Apprenticeship Standards, and California Community Colleges.

In addition to the Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet job fairs, EDD representatives in local AJCC offices throughout the state help veterans maximize their employment and training opportunities.

The EDD encourages veterans to visit their local AJCC office to determine what employment services are available to assist them in their efforts to obtain employment. For additional information on EDD's veterans employment services, office locations, and upcoming job fairs, visit the EDD's website at: [www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs\\_and\\_Training/Services\\_for\\_Veterans.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Services_for_Veterans.htm)

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