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**EDD's Veterans Day campaign showcases how employment services help veterans find jobs, and employers hire qualified veterans**



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**SACRAMENTO** – Veterans Day provides the California Employment Development Department (EDD) an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have served our country by highlighting the employment resources EDD provides to help veterans in their transition from military service to the civilian workforce. EDD's [2019 Veterans Day web page](#) features valuable information and resources, along with video success stories that show how veterans, and employers who hired veterans, used EDD services to make a career connection.

“EDD proudly serves California veterans by helping connect them to job opportunities with employers who value their unique skillsets and training,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “We work to provide our veterans with quality services and assistance that help launch sustainable careers.”

The EDD is also releasing its [2019 Veterans Day Workforce Report](#) highlighting the latest data on veteran employment in California including the industries hiring veterans, the jobs they are performing, and the skills and education veterans possess to meet employer needs.

**California's Veteran Workforce**

California is home to 1.6 million veterans. Currently, more than 760,000 California veterans are employed - most often in occupations involving management, protective services, transportation, office administration and construction. Several of these jobs are in industries leading the economic growth in California, which is forecasted to add 1.9 million jobs between 2016 and 2026. That makes veterans well-poised to fill employer needs in the future.

For more than a decade, EDD has held “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fairs throughout California. These events have linked more than 40,281 veterans and job seekers with more than 14,587 employers and resource agencies, highlighting the unique skills, training, and experiences veterans bring to the civilian workforce.

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Through Governor Newsom's multi-agency initiative, the events are administered by EDD in coordination with the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and other departments.

**Additional Services for Veterans:**

- Local EDD employment representatives at [America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup>](#) locations provide job and career assistance to veterans. EDD veteran representatives work one-on-one and provide specialized assistance to veterans with significant barriers to employment.
- [CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>](#), EDD's online labor exchange system, can help veterans translate their military training and specialties into marketable skills applicable to civilian jobs. Veterans will be directed to employers with job openings that match their military experience.

**Additional Services for Employers:**

- Local employment representatives at [America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup>](#) locations work with employers and help match their employment needs with qualified veterans.
- [CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>](#) is available to employers to post job openings. Employers can also refine their candidate searches to focus on veterans.
- The [Work Opportunity Tax Credit \(WOTC\) program](#) provides employers a tax credit for hiring veterans who face special obstacles as they try to reenter the workforce.

**Media Video Package:**

- Soundbites with EDD Director Patrick W. Henning regarding EDD's services and commitment to veterans.
- Four video success stories, including a Spanish-translated story, that demonstrate how EDD and its partners help train, prepare, and connect California veterans with employers who value their unique skills.

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