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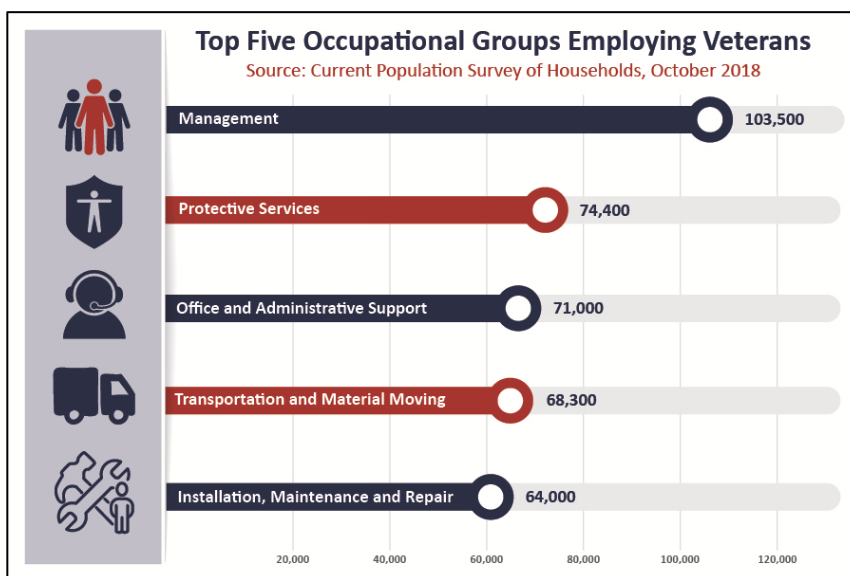
**Veterans looking for jobs connect with employers at the
“Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fair in Compton**

SACRAMENTO – Transitioning to civilian life and a civilian job can be a real challenge for veterans. Today’s “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fair eases that process by bringing together veterans searching for job opportunities and career advancement with employers looking for employees with the right skills and experience.

The Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet job and resource fair at Compton College in Compton attracted more than 258 veterans and other job seekers to connect with 82 employers and resource agencies.

For more than 12 years, the job fairs sponsored by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) have linked more than 39,570 veterans and job seekers with more than 14,350 employers and resource agencies.

“Veterans bring with them to the workplace the skills, training and experience they acquired throughout their military service,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “EDD is committed to helping veterans transfer those skills into high-quality civilian jobs. Our Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet job fairs are just one of the avenues we use to help connect veterans with employers.”



The job fairs, which allow veterans to meet one-on-one with employers and job service representatives as well as resource agencies, are held at various locations throughout the state each year as part of a coordinated multi-agency effort to help veterans in their transition back to civilian life.

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“CalVet appreciates its ongoing partnership with the EDD in support of veterans,” 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 and to connect with important employment resources.”

Highlights of some of the most recent [veteran employment data](#) from EDD’s labor market information specialists indicate:

- There are 1.7 million veterans who call California home, more than any other state. California’s veterans by age: 197,000 were between the ages of 18 and 34, 376,200 were between the ages of 34 and 55, and 1.1 million were 55 years and older.
- Between December 2016 and December 2018, California’s unemployment rate for veterans’ decreased from 5.4 percent to 2.7 percent—a drop of 2.7 percentage points over the past two years in line with the state’s strong overall economy.
- The largest number of jobs held by veterans in California are management (103,500), protective services (74,400) and office and administrative support (71,000). These types of jobs can range from hospital administrators to conservation enforcement officers.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than one-third of all California veterans held a bachelor’s degree or higher in 2018. Most, if not all, have acquired technical expertise and soft skills that today’s businesses desire.
- In addition, military training and experience provide many job skills valued by employers, including teamwork, discipline, leadership, meeting deadlines, strategic planning and problem solving. Many veterans also have training in advanced electronics, logistics and information technology.

Agencies participating in the Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet events include 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 and resource fairs, EDD representatives in local [America’s Job Center of California \(AJCC\)](#) 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

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