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**This Veterans Day, EDD showcases success stories of veterans in their civilian careers and available job resources**

***Note to Newsrooms:** Broadcast-quality video packages with Veterans Day soundbites and B-roll are available. See end of this news release for details.*

SACRAMENTO – This Veterans Day, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) is highlighting the employment resources available to veterans and the success stories of veterans in finding civilian careers. [EDD's 2018 Veterans Day](#) webpage includes videos featuring veterans who have used employment services in their transition to the civilian workforce and the employers who hired them, and data on veteran employment in California.

“EDD is honored to serve California veterans by connecting them with employers who value the skills, training and experiences gained in the military,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “We support our veterans by providing the assistance that leads to successful civilian careers.”

California is home to 1.7 million veterans. Currently, more than 808,000 veterans in California are employed in occupations that include management, administrative support, protective services, sales, transportation, installation, computer science, financial operations, healthcare and production. EDD projects the state will add 1.9 million jobs between 2016 and 2026, and veterans are well-poised for jobs in industries that are leading the state’s economic growth including professional and business services, educational and health services, and construction.

“At CalVet we work to ensure all veterans have access to the benefits they have earned through their service, including help finding a great job,” said CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani. “I’m proud of the work EDD does every day to make jobs available for our veterans. No matter the branch or era of service, CalVet and EDD are here to support our veterans and their families.”

For more than a decade, EDD has held “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fairs throughout California to connect veterans with employers looking to hire veterans. These events have brought together nearly 39,000 veterans and job seekers with more than 14,000 employers and resource agencies.

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**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 use CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup> to 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.

**Quick Stats on Veterans in California's Workforce:**

- The unemployment rate for veterans in the state's labor force fell 2.7 percent over the past two years from 5.2 percent in August 2016 to 2.5 percent in August 2018.
- In August 2018, one of every 10 veterans had a job in management.
- 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).
- In 2018, more than one-third (36.8 percent) of all California veterans have attained a bachelor's degree or higher.

**Media Video Package:**

- Soundbites from EDD Director Patrick W. Henning on EDD's services and commitment to veterans.
- Four regional video success stories that demonstrate how veterans can take advantage of employment resources to improve their career skills and find gainful employment.

Contact the EDD's Media Services Office for broadcast quality video and soundbites at [MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov](mailto:MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov).

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