

## Operation Welcome Home CALVET CORPS Program

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California veterans have sacrificed much and have served our country well protecting the freedoms we all enjoy. To help our veteran's transition to civilian life once their military service ends, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently launched an important new program: Operation Welcome Home.

The Employment Development Department (EDD) is one of several state and local partners combining resources to ensure these returning service men and women receive all of the assistance and support they need as they return home.



As part of the Operation Welcome Home initiative, EDD plans to hire 325 limited term employees (targeting recently released veterans) beginning in January 2010. Working in coordination with EDD's 186 veteran representatives, these new CALVET CORPS staff will be trained and deployed throughout the State to help newly discharged veterans learn about the benefits and services they need to successfully enter the civilian workforce.

CALVET CORPS staff will also assist veterans in filing and certifying for Unemployment Insurance benefits (if eligible) to ensure continuity of income as they transition into employment. CALVET CORPS staff will also work closely with returning veterans to assess their needs for other benefits they may be entitled such as health care, education, and disability compensation, and connect them with appropriate service providers.

If you are interested in joining the new veteran outreach effort, [learn more](#) about these limited term outreach positions with the CALVET CORPS, as well as the [online exam process](#) for becoming eligible for employment.

### **About EDD's Veterans Program**

Every day is Veterans Day at the Employment Development Department (EDD). Veterans receive priority in job and training referrals and other employment-related services. From special job fairs to priority employment services, at EDD, veterans are first! Let us have the honor of serving you.

At [One-Stop Career Centers](#) located throughout the State, specially-trained staff make sure that veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces receive maximum employment and training opportunities. Services can include counseling, labor market information, job referrals, job search workshops, and job development with potential employers.

## [EDD Veterans Representatives](#)

### **EDD Veterans Representatives**

At the Employment Development Department (EDD), serving our veterans is more than a job. It is a labor of love, an opportunity to pay a debt of gratitude to men and women who have gone the extra mile in defense of our nation.

The 186 members of our veteran's staff bring personal commitment, professional skill, and first-hand experience to their work. They have a collective total of more than 1,000 years of military service themselves and more than 2,000 years experience in working with veterans. Since 2002, they have served more than 216,000 veterans and provided in-depth case management services to more than half of them.

Over the past three years, Governor Schwarzenegger's Veterans Initiative has helped us expand our services through a series of more than 31 Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet<sup>SM</sup> Job and Resource Fairs held throughout the State. These innovative events have connected nearly 9,500 veterans with 2,200 employers and numerous service organizations

EDD's veterans representatives not only appreciate the sacrifices our military women and men make in service to our nation - they also understand what it takes to make the transition to a successful career in civilian life.

They take pride in the fact that they have helped tens of thousands of veterans find good jobs with bright futures. Our veterans representatives have put in long hours of hard work into serving our veterans, but it has not been a burden. It has been an honor.

## **EDD now hiring Employment Program Representatives for the California's Operation Welcome Home CALVET CORPS Program**

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Are you interested in a Limited Term position with the State of California Employment Development Department working in the Operation Welcome Home CALVET CORPS Program? The EDD is looking for qualified individuals to provide proactive, comprehensive, and collaborative outreach to California's veterans to connect them with the benefits they have earned.

To be considered for these temporary limited term positions as an Employment Program Representative (EPR), you must first take the exam.

**Take one examination and be on two lists.** When taking the EPR examination, you are given a choice to apply for Employment Program Representative and/or Disability Insurance Program Representative. If you meet the minimum qualifications, we encourage you to apply for both. Disability Insurance Program Representative hires, however, are not part of the Operation Welcome Home CALVET CORPS program initiative.

### **Step 1: Check Position Description and Minimum Requirements**

See the Operation Welcome Home CALVET CORPS program [position description](#). Check if you meet the [Minimum Qualifications](#) for this examination. This is a critical step in the process.

**Step 2: Take the Online Examination**

If you meet the Minimum Qualifications, [take the examination](#).

**Step 3: Check your List Eligibility**

We hire individuals within the top three ranks. You could, however, become reachable as hires are made and candidates are removed from the list so we encourage you to apply for all jobs you qualify for. Use the eligible list disclosure tool on the State Personnel Board (SPB) Web site to find your current [EPR](#) and [DIPR](#) exam ranking.

**Step 4: State Application Form**

Complete a [Standard State Application Form \(STD. 678\)](#).

**Step 5: Apply for Jobs**

If you were successful in the test you may apply for EPR [Job Openings](#). When applying for a vacancy, please attach the following documents:

1. Standard State Application Form (STD 678)
2. Copy of your Notice of Examination Result(s)
3. Copies of Diploma and/or Transcript (if applicable)
4. Copies of US Department of Veterans' Affairs Disability Rating Award (if applicable)
5. Copies of Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty - Form DD214 (if applicable)

*Note: The EDD is not required to contact all candidates who are reachable for every vacancy; therefore, candidates are encouraged to search for "Employment Program Representative" vacancies and search for "Disability Insurance Program Representative" vacancies and apply.*

For a complete listing of all our current open examinations, visit the "[Careers with EDD](#)" Section on our Web site.

For questions regarding the examination process, please contact EDD's Exam Hotline at (916) 654-6869.