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# VETERANS SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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## Operation Welcome Home: Honoring Our Veterans

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, upon his return from visiting troops in Iraq has expressed a great desire to take care of our troops once they returned back to California after getting discharged. The Governor wants to ensure that California's returning troops have access to assistance and support in order to ease their transition from military living to civilian life. With this desire, the Governor has launched California's Operation Welcome Home initiative a statewide effort to reach out to every veteran as they leave the Armed Forces and return to their communities.

The mission of Operation Welcome Home is to directly connect with the 30,000 annually returning California veterans to ascertain their needs and connect them with the services that can help them transition successfully from the military back into the civilian sector. This Initiative will also help them transfer their diverse military skills into the civilian workforce. This operation, one of the most comprehensive streamlining of services in the state, will break down government bureaucracy that will allow veterans straightforward and quicker access to benefits and services including:

- Employment help, job training assistance and employment benefits
- Education Opportunities
- Housing
- Health Care (mental and physical)
- Benefits provided by the US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Support for families

Operation Welcome Home consolidates the efforts of a multitude of governmental agencies and departments, non-governmental entities and volunteer organizations into Regional Outreach Teams.

The California Department of Veteran Affairs will build a network of outreach coordinators that will directly touch veterans throughout the State of California. The CalVet Corps is a coalition of people from government, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups who will target and directly contact California veterans individually.

The CalVet Corps will focus on initial contact efforts and getting veterans employment services and unemployment services. The Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), through the Employment Development Dept (EDD), will hire 325 Limited Term employees beginning this month. They will be trained by EDD and CDVA to be proficient in Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims and veteran benefit referrals. CalVet Corps EDD Team members will serve as veterans' first point of contact to ensure they are evaluated for unemployment insurance and re-employment services, as well as to assist them with their need for other services and in referring them to the appropriate service providers. See below article for further information on how to become a CalVet Corps EDD Team member.

The second component of the Operation Welcome Home initiative is the CalVet Corps Volunteer Team. CDVA has applied to California Volunteers (CV) requesting funding for 52 AmeriCorps members, who will assist in outreach efforts for veterans statewide. The CalVet Corps Volunteer Team will reach veterans on the community level, by closing the gap between the wants and needs of the veteran community. The Volunteer Team will attempt to enlist 1,000 community volunteers to assist in accomplishing the mission of Operation Welcome Home. To learn on how to become a volunteer contact us at [vetSERVICE@cdva.ca.gov](mailto:vetSERVICE@cdva.ca.gov).

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**EDD is now hiring Employment Program Representatives for California’s Operation Welcome Home CALVET CORPS**

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 have list eligibility. See Steps Below.

**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: Apply for Veterans Preference Points**

Fill out SPB-1093 and attach a copy of your DD-214 and mail to State Personnel Board. Visit

<http://www.spb.ca.gov/jobs/documents/spb1093.pdf> to download the form.

**Step 2: 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 3: Take the Online Examination**

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

*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 apply directly for open positions*

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.

**Step 4: Check your List Eligibility**

EDD 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](#) exam ranking.

**Step 5: State Application Form**

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

**Step 6: Apply for Jobs**

If you were successful in the test you may apply for the EPR [Job Openings](#). To locate job vacancies go to [www.spb.ca.gov](http://www.spb.ca.gov), and under the Jobs tab, select Vacancy Search (VPOS). Conduct an Easy Search and search for Employment Program Representative.

**Note:** Select a position in your area that has a “VET Group” letter.

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)

**Step 7: Mail Application for Positions to:**

EDD / HRSD / Attn: Vet Group *\*(insert group letter)*

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