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Supervisors Establish Veterans Training, Assistance Programs

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a \$250,000 agreement with the State of California Employment Development Department to provide customized training and supportive services for veterans to help them make the transition from a military to a civilian lifestyle.

“Veterans returning home sometimes find it difficult to secure employment or adjust to the civilian lifestyle,” said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who served in Operation Desert Storm while in the Marine Corps. “This program will provide vocational training and job placement assistance, and that’s the least we can do to help these veterans who’ve done so much for us.”

The County Department of Workforce Development will provide services to 150 recently-separated veterans. The services will include customized training, vocational training, supportive services, and job placement services. The goal of the program is to assist veterans in their pursuit of employment and self-sufficiency. Veterans who complete the training programs will obtain the vocational skills necessary to successfully compete for high-growth, high-paying occupations.

“Veterans are returning home to a challenging economy and high unemployment rates, which may be a very different economy than before they deployed,” added Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “The military to civilian transition is challenging under normal conditions, and can be especially daunting in today’s economy, which makes this program critical.”

Another training program available for veterans and others, which was recently developed and partially funded by Supervisor Mitzelfelt, is the School of Aviation Technology at Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville. Graduates from the program will be eligible for licensure as airframe and powerplant mechanics, an occupation that is in high demand. Veterans with aviation technical experience and training are especially encouraged to apply for the program as they likely could receive their FAA certification much more quickly than others.

Veterans interested in information regarding training and transition assistance may call (800) 451-JOBS. Students interested in registering for the aviation program may call Southern California Logistics Airport at (760) 243-1904.