



Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Metro

News

June 14, 2016

Dave Sotero/Joni Goheen
Metro Media Relations
213.922.3007/213.922.6931
metro.net/press/pressroom
mediarelations@metro.net
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metro to Host First Veteran Job and Resource Fair at Union Station June 15

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is hosting its first job and resource fair for veterans and others on Wednesday, June 15 in efforts to help them find work within L.A. County.

More than 45 employers, government agencies and veterans' groups are expected to participate in the event to be held at Metro's headquarters building at One Gateway Plaza on the East Portal of Union Station. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. The job fair opens at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Making a special appearance to the job fair will be Brigadier General Nathaniel S. Reddicks, Air Force Commander of the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alimos, where he serves as First Air Force Commander. Reddicks recently served as Assistant Adjutant General for the National Air Guard, overseeing 5,000 military and civilians at 10 locations. Reddicks will be a guest speaker to encourage veterans in their active search for employment following military service.

Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington, also a military veteran, said the event will help address the high unemployment rate for military veterans in Los Angeles County.

"We can and must do a better job of providing more employment opportunities for our county's veteran population," said Washington. "At Metro, we are truly committed to working with our private and government sector partners to bring new job opportunities to the table for the men and women who proudly served our country in its time of need."

Employers expected to present job opportunities tomorrow include Metro, Walmart, Kaiser Permanente, Fedex Ground, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Los Angeles World Airports. City, county, state and federal agencies to also present jobs include L.A. County Department of Human Services, California Highway Patrol, Metrolink, Southern California Gas Company, Los Angeles Fire Department, Orange County Transportation Authority and others.

Veteran unemployment rates are higher than average in Los Angeles County, particularly among younger military veterans, who may experience greater challenges entering the workforce after completing their military service. The veteran unemployment rate in the county is approximately 12 percent, much higher than the general unemployment rate.

The event will also offer sessions on resume writing and interview preparation. For more general information on Metro employment opportunities, visit metro.net/jobs.

[About Metro](#)

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.4 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County. Through its oversight of one of the largest public works programs in America, Metro is changing the urban landscape of one of the country's largest, most populous counties.

Metro-120

###