

Veterans Helping Veterans, Presented by SmartRecruiters

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San Francisco Technology Startup to Connect Veterans to Veteran Business Leaders.

San Francisco, CA – SmartRecruiters, in cooperation with DirectEmployers, Veterans Network Cafe, and the Employment Development Department Vet Reps, will open its SOMA headquarters Nov. 7 to provide free expert career advice to 100+ unemployed and underemployed veterans.

Veterans Day honors the men and women who have served in the United States Military. According the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the American Workforce includes 21.2 million veterans, yet the unemployment rate for Veterans ages 18-30 is approximately 25% higher than the average 18-30 year old.

“Upon re-entering civilian life, Veterans face different job search challenges than most of society,” said CEO SmartRecruiters [Jerome Ternynck](#). “The best career advice often comes from people of similar backgrounds, who have reached positions you hope to attain.”

“Veterans Helping Veterans” will help unemployed and underemployed veterans further their careers. Volunteers from the Veterans Network Cafe, Employment Development Department, Members of DirectEmployers, and SmartRecruiters will lead group discussions and provide personalized career counseling, ranging from resume revisions, mock interviews, and introductions. Then, there will be a panel called, “Valuing Veterans in Our Workforce,” featuring Veteran business leaders from ZipReality, the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Intuit.

“This is a great next step in helping our local veterans,” said Veterans Network Cafe VP Talent Acquisition Misha Hawk-Wyatt.

The “Veterans Helping Veterans” Nov. 7 schedule is:

2:30 – 3:00pm: Registration & Welcome.

3:00 – 5:30: Group Sessions lead by Veteran business leaders & One on One sessions lead by recruiting experts.

5:30 – 6:15: The “Valuing Veterans in Our Workforce” Panel discussion, featuring ZipReality Chief Financial Officer Eric Mersch, National Nuclear Security Administration Program Execution Manager Chris Amaden, Intuit Director Program Delivery (Talent Acquisition) Lance Sapera and moderated by SmartRecruiters Founder & CEO Jerome Ternynck.

6:15 – 7:00: Networking.

To be eligible for the event, you must be a veteran looking to grow your career. [Register Here](#). All registrants must bring their DD-214 to attend.

About SmartRecruiters

[SmartRecruiters](#) is the hiring platform. Leveraging the latest cloud technologies along with intuitive design, the SmartRecruiters platform gives social enterprises everything they need to source, engage and hire top talent. The mission of SmartRecruiters is to [eradicate unemployment](#) by removing friction in the labor market. Its 50,000+ customers have created 250,000+ jobs and attracted over 10,000,000+ candidates. Founded in 2010, SmartRecruiters is backed by Mayfield and Rembrandt Venture Partners. Hiring Made Easy.

About DirectEmployers

DirectEmployers is a leading HR consortium of global employers formed to assist in the sharing of ideas, incorporating of best practices, and research and development of technology where labor practices are concerned. Through this consortium, business standards are shaped and technology is used with respect to the diversity that is reflected in the various cultures embodied in a global workforce. Our recognized expertise in compliance, recruitment and cost effective technology enables our members to reach the largest, most diverse pool of quality job seekers worldwide.

About Veterans Network Cafe

Veterans Network Cafe is committed to all active US military personnel and Veterans (Korean War to Afghanistan and Iraq wars) in attaining their career goals in the private sector. We believe in the skills and expertise they develop while serving our country. Our goal is to facilitate the translation of those talents in the Technology, Professional Services, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Logistics, Supply Chain industries and Nonprofit.

About Employment Development Department

The Employment Development Department (EDD) is part of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency of the executive branch of the State of California. EDD offers a variety of services to millions of Californians under the Job Service, Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workforce Investment, and Labor Market Information programs.