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1:30 P.M. – ROSE ANN VUICH HEARING ROOM (2040)

Integrating Returning Veterans into our Economy

Opening Remarks Chairman Jeff Denham

*PANEL 1 – Department of Veterans Affairs – Situation Overview of Returning Veterans and State Services*

- **J.P. Tremblay**, Deputy Secretary, Legislation and Communication California Department of Veterans' Affairs (CDVA) General Overview of Returning Veterans population
- **Ted Puntillo** – Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services (CDVA) Veterans' services, Outreach Title 38 certification (colleges and GI Bill), apprenticeship programs

*PANEL 2 – Education Opportunities for Returning Veterans*

- **Col. Bucky Petersen** Chairman, Troops to College Program (CSU) & Joe Shapiro Dean of SDSU, Extended College Studies.
- **Commander Robert Bartron** Recruitment Specialist, Troops to Teachers Military
- **Catherine Morris**, Veterans Counselor, Sierra College (Community College)

*PANEL 3 – Local Employment and Services for Returning Veterans*

- **Kent Kjelstrom**, State Veterans Program Coordinator, Employment Development Department - job retraining and EDD
- **Bill Reardon**, Veterans Service Officer, Solano County CVSO, CVSO network, their duties, ability to meet veteran needs, etc.
- **Mel Lowney**, Field Director, Helmets to Hardhats

*PANEL 4 – Successful Veteran Integration Program*

- **Mike Conklin**, National Director, Sentinels of Freedom

Public Comments