

Hon Steven Marshall MP Premier

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Jobs portal to connect veterans to careers in South Australia's booming defence industry

Former defence personnel and veterans can now take full advantage of the career opportunities in the state's naval shipbuilding and defence sectors, thanks to a new online jobs portal.

The program delivers on a Marshall Government election commitment to establish a Defence Industry Employment Program for Ex-Service Personnel to maximise job outcomes for veterans in the defence sector.

The Veterans Employment Program connects them with employers and recruiters to open-up pathways to employment in South Australia's thriving defence industry.

Sixteen South Australian defence companies and businesses are already leading the charge, having pledged to participate in the program.

"The Veterans Employment Program is an exciting opportunity for our highly skilled veterans to capitalise on the jobs flowing through the defence industry supply chain," said Premier Marshall.

"It empowers veterans to return to civilian employment and embark on careers in the defence industry by connecting them with the relevant recruiters, employers and service providers.

"With such a high demand for a skilled workforce to deliver projects such as the \$35 billion Future Frigates, and the \$50 billion Future Submarines, it's critical we provide the pathways to take full advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

"Through this program, veterans can learn about the jobs on offer in our defence industry, and how their skills and knowledge match the opportunities that exist.

"The program also provides transitional support and addresses skill gaps by informing veterans on how they can address shortfalls.

Veterans SA Director, Rob Manton said Ex-serving personnel are a source of talent for employers.

"They bring distinctive skills built on real world experiences," said Mr Manton.

"Ex-serving personnel offer leadership and teamwork, are self-motivated, flexible and adaptable.

"They are values driven individuals who are reliable and thrive in challenging environments.



“Their military training has exposed them to delivering outcomes under stressful and high intensity conditions. They add value to any organisation.”

Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) Chief Executive Officer Audra McCarthy, said the program is an excellent opportunity for the defence industry, in particular SMEs to access highly-qualified and talented staff.

“The DTC connects industry to opportunities in defence supply chains, so connecting veterans to opportunities in the defence industry is a natural fit for the DTC,’ Ms McCarthy said.

“We are pleased to be leading this program on behalf of the South Australian Government.”

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