

**Building Upon Positive Momentum:  
Continuing Efforts to Expand Employment Opportunities for Veterans**

**Speaker Biographies**

**Lindsey Sin, Navy Veteran and Deputy Secretary, Women Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs**

Lindsey Sin has served as the Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs at the California Department of Veterans Affairs since November 22, 2011. Prior to her appointment, Lindsey served in the US Navy from 1997 until 2005 as a Cryptologic Technician Interpretive in the Arabic language. She completed two flight tours in Rota, Spain during which time she deployed in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, and achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class. After that, Lindsey worked as the Lead Certifying Official for veterans services at American River College, the Veterans Benefit Advisor and Certifying Official at Sacramento State, and as the Vice President of the Veterans Alumni Association. Lindsey has a BA in History, Magna Cum Laude, from Sacramento State and an MBA from Drexel University.

**Katie Hagen, Deputy Director of Operations, Department of Human Resources**

Ms. Katrina “Katie” Hagen was appointed as the Deputy Director of Operations at CalHR in March 2015. Ms. Hagen served as the Chief of Human Resources, CalPERS from 2011 to 2015 and has more than 18 years of human resources leadership experience. Prior to joining CalPERS she served five years as the Workforce Development Deputy Director of Human Resources, California Prison Health Care Services. Before that, she worked at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where she was the Assistant Deputy Director of the Office of Peace Officer Selection. Ms. Hagen is also an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco (USF), teaching public policy analysis, human resources management, leadership development and organizational communication. Ms. Hagen is a graduate of Humboldt State University and holds a Masters in Public Administration from USF.

**Major Fritz Roggow, Program Director, California Military Department, Work for Warriors**

Major Fritz Roggow is passionate about finding meaningful employment for unemployed or underemployed Service Members and assisting partnered companies in finding highly qualified veterans to meet hiring needs. The Work for Warriors program is like a free headhunting service for companies to find talented members of the National Guard and Reserves. The majority of Major Roggow’s experience is in consultative sales, recruiting and management.

**Ryan Tonkinson, Army Veteran and District Manager, U.S. Retail Operations, Starbucks**

Mr. Ryan Tonkinson has over 21 years of leadership and operational management experience. He has managed multiple markets, achieving high customer satisfaction scores, strong financial results, and profit flow thru. Mr. Tonkinson is responsible for ensuring district-wide customer satisfaction and measuring the financial performance of all assigned locations. Mr. Tonkinson was a Staff Sergeant in the US Army from July 1994 to June 2001 where he was a Phase Chief/Army Instructor at the Air Assault School in Fort Drum for most of that time.

**Jason Noma, Army Veteran and U.S. Veterans Program Manager, Tesla Motors**

Jason served as an Intelligence Analyst in the U.S. Army from 2000 – 2004. He deployed to Iraq in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom and was honorably discharged in 2004. He’s personally familiar with the struggle that many veterans experience as they transition back into the civilian world. Jason has an MBA from UC Davis and currently leads Tesla’s U.S. Veterans Program with a mission to make Tesla into the destination employer for American vets.

**Tim Rainey, Executive Director, California Workforce Development Board**

Tim Rainey is the Executive Director of the California Workforce Development Board having been appointed by Governor Brown on November 22, 2011. As required by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the State Board is responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Previously, Mr. Rainey was the Director of the Workforce and Economic Development Program (WED) of the California Labor Federation, where he was responsible for policy development at the State and local levels and brokering industry-based training partnerships among unions, employers, community organizations, education, and public workforce agencies. Mr. Rainey was also the Policy Director for the California Workforce Association where he advocated on behalf of Local Workforce Development Boards in legislative, policy, and administrative deliberations in Sacramento and Washington DC. Prior to joining CWA, Mr. Rainey was a consultant to the Senate Democratic Caucus of the California State Senate. Mr. Rainey is a co-founder and executive committee member of the EDGE Campaign, member of the California Apollo Alliance Steering Committee, and serves on several other committees and commissions related to workforce and economic development. He holds a B.A. degree in Government from California State University, Sacramento.

***Dennis Petrie, Deputy Director, Workforce Services Branch, Employment Development Department***

Mr. Dennis Petrie was appointed Deputy Director of the Workforce Services Branch on April 1, 2003. Mr. Petrie's career spans over 20 years in the Human Services industry where he gained a broad range of knowledge and experience relative to community-based programs and service delivery. Mr. Petrie also has administrative and grassroots experience in community services, juvenile justice, and workforce development. Mr. Petrie began his executive level service to the State of California in January 1999. Previously, Mr. Petrie was the regional manager for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, where he coordinated and managed the delivery of the workforce development program. In this capacity, he developed private and public sector employment and training opportunities, supervised government contracts, and documented program outcomes. Mr. Petrie also served various community and public-based organizations managing fiscal, personnel, and program resources. Mr. Petrie received a Bachelor of Arts, Human Services from California State University, Dominguez Hills and completed graduate work in Public Administration at California State University, Los Angeles.

***Glen Forman, Deputy Chief, Division of Apprentices Standards, Department of Industrial Relations***

Mr. Glen Forman has been a Deputy Chief for the State of California since January 1996. Under the Division of Apprentices Standards in the Department of Industrial Relations, Mr. Forman promotes, develops, and manages apprenticeship and other on-the-job training programs. Currently, Mr. Forman is the Acting Chief of the Department of Industrial Relations. Before that, Mr. Forman was a Senior Apprenticeship Consultant for DAS Companies, Inc.

***Stewart Knox, Executive Director, Employment Training Panel***

Mr. Stewart Knox has been the Executive Director of the Employment Training Panel since October 2014. Before that, he was the Health and Human Services Director for Nevada County and the Economic and Workforce Development Director for San Mateo County. From July 2008 to July 2013, Mr. Knox was the Director of the Northern Rural Triannig and Employment Consortium where he administered of the Workforce Investment Act and oversaw two Boards Joint Powers Authority and Workforce Investment Board. He has also worked for the North Central Counties Consorium, the City of Glendale as the Workforce Investment Board Administrator and staff to the Community Development Agency; and, Mr. Knox was the Director for Workforce Development/Economic Development at Yuba College. Mr. Knox received his Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from California State University, Chico.

***Melinda McClain, Deputy Director, Legislation and Regulatory Review, Department of Consumer Affairs***

Melinda McClain was appointed on October 27, 2014 as Deputy Director of Legislation and Regulatory Review at the California Department of Consumer Affairs. Ms. McClain is a liaison between the Department, the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, Governor's office and other state agencies on consumer-oriented legislation, including legislation affecting the Department's boards and bureaus. Ms. McClain previously worked as a lobbyist at a private firm in Sacramento, legislative staff in the State Senate, and as a legislative analyst at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Ms. McClain is a member of the American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA) and the 2015 class of *Leadership California*. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government from CSU Sacramento and a Master of Arts degree in public administration from the University of San Francisco.

***Amy Kennedy, Veterans Affairs Coordinator, Veterans Affairs Center, Solano Community College***

Amy Kennedy is a Veteran Certification Specialist at Solano Community College. The purpose of the Office of Veterans Affairs is to serve the needs of qualifying veterans, reservists and dependents of veterans. Ms. Kennedy assists students in filing for benefits, obtaining academic and career counseling and she and her colleagues act as liaisons between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the student.

***Jed Grant, Army Veteran and Professional Board Member, Physician Assistant Board***

Jed Grant began his medical career as a US Army medic and attended the Interservice (US Military) PA Program. He has Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Nebraska and has practiced in primary care, urgent care, military, occupational, and emergency medicine. For the last 16 years Mr. Grant has been working in Emergency Medicine in both clinical and management roles. He has served as clinical and didactic faculty for the last 14 years, and is a prior PA program director. Mr. Grant was appointed to the physician assistant board of California in 2013 by Gov. Brown and currently serves as the vice-president of the board. He is currently an assistant professor and admissions coordinator for the PA Program at the University of the Pacific, working in emergency departments in the Sacramento area, and serving in the California Army National Guard where he works as an aeromedical physician assistant.