

Hon Steven Marshall MP Premier

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More job opportunities for South Australian veterans

South Australian veterans will soon have greater support when transitioning into new jobs in the defence sector, with the Marshall Government's Defence Industry Employment Program for Ex-Service Personnel officially underway.

The Defence Teaming Centre and Defence SA have signed an agreement to partner on delivering the program, which will provide a pathway to employment in South Australia's defence industry for ex-service personnel.

The program delivers on one of the Marshall Government's key election commitment to create more job opportunities for South Australian veterans through a targeted program and improved access to Government services.

Premier Steven Marshall said the program will provide increased support for veterans and greater recognition for their service and sacrifice.

"We're excited to see this program come to fruition, with the agreement signing between the Defence Teaming Centre and Defence SA representing an important first step in helping South Australian veterans make a smooth transition into their next career," Premier Steven Marshall said.

"Around 5,200 direct jobs will be created through naval shipbuilding activities in South Australia, plus many more supply chain opportunities.

"This presents a significant opportunity for our veterans to take advantage of the jobs that will flow through the defence sector in South Australia for decades to come.

"Our veterans leave the Defence Force with a unique and specialised skill set and industry knowledge and we will help them capitalise on these opportunities as they move onto their next career."

Stage one of the program is underway with extensive research being conducted into existing employment programs for ex-service personnel in South Australia and the requirements of veterans and potential employers.

Defence Teaming Centre Chief Executive Officer Margot Forster said the research will help shape the program, which will promote the training, skills and experience of ex-service personnel to our local South Australian defence industry.

"The Defence Teaming Centre is pleased to help deliver this important program to support our ex-service personnel return to civilian employment and enrich our workforce with experienced workers," said Ms Forster.

"By leveraging our existing relationships with defence industry, we will help maximise the job outcomes for ex-service personnel."