

## **Ironworkers Local 378 offer opportunity to veterans**

The construction industry has pledged to hire more than 100,000 military veterans over the next five years and the apprenticeship program of Ironworkers Local 378 is available to provide veterans with the skills needed to get one of those high-paying jobs.

More than 100 American construction companies came together at veterans' employment symposium, hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor and Joining Forces in February, to announce that they plan to hire more than 100,000 veterans within the next five years.

Ironworkers Local 378 has long been a proud participant in Helmets to Hardhats, a program that bridges the gap between the military and apprenticeship programs.

"We owe so much to veterans and we're happy to support our brothers in whatever we can. This program helps in our goal of assisting our veterans get back in the workforce," says Local 378 Business Manager Jeff McEuen.

The apprentice program of Ironworkers Local 378 prepares workers for a career that offers good wages and excellent benefits. And while many in college sink into debt preparing for a career, ironworker apprentices earn while they learn.

"All men and women who have sacrificed for our country in our armed services deserve opportunities for good jobs worthy of their character and their achievements," said Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "The Department of Labor will do whatever it takes to help our veterans translate their skills and leadership into jobs, and I am inspired by the commitment displayed today by the construction industry and all our partners in helping to achieve that mission."

The construction industry is expected to grow rapidly in the coming years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that [construction](#) is one of the [fastest-growing industries](#) in the nation, with job growth of more than 1.5 million jobs between now and 2022.

For more information: <http://www.ironworkers.org/become-an-ironworker/helmets-to-hardhats>