VETS CONNECT AT THE MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

Services at the Mission Viejo Library
100 Civic Center, Mission Viejo
Information/Appointments: 949-830-7100 x5105

CalVet—California Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Benefits

Frequency: Ben is available for telephone appointments Monday thru Friday.
CalVet Rep: Ben Gales, CalVet Orange County Local Interagency Network Coordinator (LINC).
By appointment only: 30-minute session; call number above to schedule appointment.
Services: Consultation and guidance on veteran services and benefits.

SCORE Counseling

Frequency: Every Tuesday 10 am-2 pm
By appointment only: Schedule a free appointment at: https://orangecounty.score.org/mentors/bruce-mccombs (Request Bruce)

Services: Transitioning to civilian life?
Interested in starting your own business? Talk with an experienced volunteer with the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Book Suggestions
- In the Company of Heroes, 2021
- Leave No Man Behind, 2021
- Where You Go, I Will Go, 2021
- Every Day is a Gift, 2021
- They Called Us “Lucky”, 2021

Visit the new veteran-focused book display on the library reaching porch for resources and brochures. Go to the ASK HERE desk for assistance.

Visit
https://cityofmissionviejo.org/services-guides/military-veterans/resource-center-city-direct-services to learn more.

CITY SERVICES & EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
When: May 30, 2022
Where: Mission Viejo City Hall
200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo
Phone: 949-470-3061 to confirm details

AMERICAN HEROES TRIBUTE BANNER
City Hall—Kershaw Garden beginning early-May

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
When: November 11, 2022
Where: Norman P. Murray Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo
Phone: 949-470-3061 to confirm details

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE AND SOUTH COUNTY VETERAN RESOURCE FAIRS
Phone: 949-582-4252– to confirm or email vetsoutreach@saddleback.edu
Website: https://saddleback.edu/vets

HOTLINES

Veteran Crisis Hotline—24/7
- Crisis Line: 988 [PRESS 1]
- Text: 838255
- Female Veterans Call Center:
  - 855-829-6636

White House VA Hotline—24/7
- 855-948-2311

VA Benefits Hotline:
- 800-827-1000

211 Orange County
- Referrals for veterans and their families
- Dial “211”
- https://www.211oc.org/content/Military---Veteran-Services.html

Suicide Prevention Hotline
- 988
- https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org

CALL A VETERAN:
Battle Buddy Bridge
714-795-3170 ext. 2405
1231 Warner Ave, Tustin
Offers peer-to-peer support, information and referral to resources for veterans and active-duty military personnel.
NORMAN P. MURRAY CENTER RESOURCES

Virtual and/or on-site services coordinated through the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center

Information/Appointments: 949-470-3062

VA—Veterans Benefits Services

Frequency: 2nd Wed/month, 9-11:30 am and 1-2:30pm
VA Rep: Jeffrey Andrade, Peer Navigation Specialist, South Orange County Veterans Center
By appt. only; 30-minute sessions
Call to schedule
Services: Consultation and guidance on federal veteran services and benefits.

Veterans Legal Institute

Dates: 1st Thurs/month
Time: 1pm-4pm
One hour appointments – 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and last appointment – 3:00 pm
Call to schedule: 949-470-8412
Services: Pro bono legal services to current and former US service members who are homeless, at-risk, disabled or low income.
Room: Marguerite Room, City Hall Lobby

VA—Veterans Mental Health Support and Resources Counseling

Frequency: 3rd Sat/month; 9-11:30 am and 1-2:30pm
VA Outreach Rep: Jeffrey Andrade, Outreach Counselor; Jeffrey.Andrade@va.gov
By appt. only; 60-minute sessions
Call to schedule/confirm
Services: Peer counseling and support; focused on post-traumatic growth; transition to civilian life; education and career counseling.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE AGENCIES

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

VA—South Orange County Veterans Center
• 26431 Crown Valley, #100, Mission Viejo
• 949-348-6700
• https://va.gov

VA Laguna Hills Health Clinic
• 23719 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills
• 949-587-3700

Orange County Veterans Services Office
• 1300 S. Grand Ave., Building B, 2nd Floor, Santa Ana
• 714-480-6555
• veterans.ocgov.com

VA—Community Resource/Referral Center—Homeless Services
• 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd, #150, Santa Ana
• 844-838-8300
• https://va.gov/homeless

HUD Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
• Contact OC VA CRRC: 844-838-8300
• https://va.gov/homeless

NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Tierney Center for Veteran Services—Goodwill
• One-to-one assessments to match needs to services
• 1231 Warner Ave, Tustin
• 855-998-3837
• https://ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/tierney-center-veterans-program

CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES

Volunteers of America: Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
• Housing program for homeless or at-risk homeless veterans; rental assistance
• 2100 N. Broadway, Suite 300, Santa Ana
• 714-426-9834
• voa.org

Disabled American Veteran (DAV)
• Resources, advocacy and transportation
• https://dav.org 877-426-2838

Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)
• Food pantry, housing, emergency support
• 1030 Calle Negocio, San Clemente
• 949-492-8477
• https://family-assistance.org

Serving People in Need (SPIN)
• Move-in funds for rapid rehousing, food
• 151 Kalmus Dr, H-2, Costa Mesa
• 714-751-1101
• https://spinoc.org

South County Outreach (SCO)
• Housing, food pantry, homelessness prevention & support services
• 7 Whatney, Suite #B, Irvine
• 949-380-8144
• https://sco-oc.org

SOS Peace Center [DENTAL Clinic]
• 1 Purpose Dr. Lake Forest
• 949-609-8111

EDUCATION

VETNET: Working Wardrobes
• Applications and program options online
• 2000 E. McFadden Ave, Santa Ana
• https://workingwardrobes.org/category/vetnet

EMPLOYMENT

Orange County One -Stop Center
• Includes counseling on CA Employment Development Dept. resources for veterans
• 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana
• 714-480-6506
• oconestop.com

PRACTICAL SUPPORT

Patriots & Paws
• Provides home furnishings and necessities AND assists in pairing rescued animals to veterans in need of a service animal
• VETERAN@PatriotsandPaws.org
• 1825 Via Buston, Anaheim 92806
• https://patriotsandpaws.org 714-323-7229

Saddleback College Vet Center
• On campus center, community and education resources/events
• 949-582-4252
• VetsOutreach@saddleback.edu
• https://saddleback.edu/vets

VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC) - Saddleback & Irvine Valley College
• Kelandra Anthony: kelandra.anthony@va.gov

Marine & Sailors Adoption Committee

https://cityofmissionviejo.org/marines 949-470-3061

Mission: This citizen-run committee partners with the MV Community Foundation, City of Mission Viejo, residents, organizations and businesses to enhance the morale and well-being of the Marines and families of the Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

Special Requests:
• Participation in annual fundraisers
• In-kind donations for Lake Day
• Supplies for deployed troops
• Baby baskets for newborns
• Funds for emergencies and more