## 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 Benefit Services  
Frequency/Dates: 1st Wednesday of every month; 2 pm, 2:45 pm & 3:30 pm  
CalVet Rep: Ben Gales, CalVet Orange County Local Interagency Network Coordinator (LINC)  
By appointment only; 45-minute session; call to schedule appointment  
Services: Consultation and guidance on veteran services and benefits.

SCORE Counseling  
Frequency/Dates: Every Tuesday  
By appointment only; Schedule a free appointment at http://tinyurl.com/SCOREappt  
Services: Transitioning to civilian life? Interested in starting your own business? Set up a free appointment to talk with an experienced volunteer with the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Book Suggestions  
- Sacred Duty: Arlington, Tom Cotton, 2019  
- Alone a Dawn, Dan Schilling, 2018  
- Shoot like a Girl, Mary Jennings Hegar, 2018  
- U.S. Veterans in the Workforce, Michael Schindler, 2018  
- Birds of a Feather, Lorin Lindner, 2018

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

## CITY SERVICES & EVENTS

**Visit**  
https://cityofmissionviejo.org/services-guides/military-veterans to learn more.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**  
When: May 27, 2019  
Where: Mission Viejo City Hall  
200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo  
Phone: 949-470-3061

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

**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
When: November 11, 2019  
Where: Norman P. Murray Center  
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo  
Phone: 949-470-3061

**SADDLEBACK COLLEGE AND SOUTH COUNTY VETERAN RESOURCE FAIRS**  
Spring and Fall Veteran Resource Fairs  
Phone: 949-582-4252  
Website: https://saddleback.edu/vets

## HOTLINES

### Veteran Crisis Hotline—24/7  
- Crisis Line: 800-273-8255 (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://211oc.org/veterans

### Suicide Prevention Hotline  
- 800-273-TALK (8255)  
- https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org

## CITY SERVICES & EVENTS

**September 2019**

**CALL A VETERAN:**  
Battle Buddy Bridge  
949-486-8525  
1231 Warner Ave, Tustin

Offers peer-to-peer support, information and referral to resources for veterans and active-duty military personnel.
**Services at the Norman P. Murray Center**

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo

Information/Appointments:

949-470-3062

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**VA—Veterans Benefits Services**

**Frequency**: 2nd Wed/month, 9am-2:30pm

**VA Rep**: Jeffrey Andrade, Peer Navigation Specialist, South Orange County Vets Center

By appt. only: 30-minute session;

Call to schedule Services: Consultation and guidance on federal veteran services and benefits.

**Veterans Legal Institute**

**Dates**: Call for schedule

**Time**: 1pm-4pm

By appt. only: 20-minute session;

Call to schedule Services: Pro bono legal services to current and former US service members who are homeless, at-risk, disabled or low income.

**VA—Veterans Mental Health Support and Resources Counseling**

**Frequency**: 3rd Sat/month

**9am-3pm**

**VA Outreach Rep**: Jeffrey Andrade, Outreach Counselor; Jeffrey.Andrade@va.gov

By appt. only: 60-minute session;

Call to schedule Services: Peer counseling and support; focused on post-traumatic growth; transition to civilian life; education and career counseling.

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**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

- 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
  - 714-795-3024
  - https://ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/tierney-center-veterans-program

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**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

**Disabled American Veteran (DAV)**

- Resources, advocacy and transportation
- https://dav.org

**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
- 949-609-8199

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**VETNET: Working Wardrobes**

- Applications and program options online
- 1851 Kettering St, Irvine
- 714-210-2460
- https://workingwardrobes.org

**Orange County One-Stop Center**

- Includes counseling on CA Employment Development Dept. resources for veterans
- 17891 Cartwright Road, Suite 100, Irvine
- 949-341-8000

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**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
- 714-323-7229
- https://patriotsandpaws.org

**EDUCATION**

**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