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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

- [Federal Benefits for Veterans](#), 2020
- [Memories of a Vietnam Vet](#), 2019
- [Camouflaged Sisters](#), 2019
- [From man to Marine](#), 2019
- [Rogue 36](#), 2019

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 31, 2021
Where: Virtual Ceremony— beginning 8:30 am/continuous; MVTV, City's You Tube Channel

Phone: 949-470-3061

AMERICAN HEROES TRIBUTE BANNER

City Hall—Kershaw Garden beginning early-May

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

When: November 11, 2021
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

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>



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.



Veteran Resources & Hotlines

City of Mission Viejo
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
949-470-3000 or 949-470-3061
<https://cityofmissionviejo.org>

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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,
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 consultations
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/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

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>

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

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

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