MARINE & SAILORS ADOPTION COMMITTEE

www.cityofmissionviejo.org/marines  
(949) 470-3061

Mission: This citizen-run adoption committee partners with the MV Community Foundation, City, and MV residents, organizations, and businesses to provide year-round support to our adopted Marines and Sailors of the Headquarters Battalion of the 1st Marine Division stationed at Camp Pendleton.

On-going Programs:
- Weekly care packages to deployed troops
- Annual “Day at Lake Mission Viejo” for Marines and their families—April
- Visiting Marines at the Wounded Warrior barracks
- Distributing toys to the children of our Marines during the holidays
- Providing emergency monetary and/or supply assistance to Marines & families and more!
- Visit the website to learn more

Donations needed:
- In-kind donations for Lake Day
- Filled shoe boxes for deployed troops
- Baby basket donation items
- Financial contributions

CITY SERVICES & EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE
When: Last Monday in May
Where: Mission Viejo City Hall, 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo
Contact: (949) 470-3061 or RCS@cityofmissionviejo.org

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
When: Veterans Day Holiday
Where: Norman P. Murray Center 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo
Contact: (949) 470-3061

AMERICAN HEROES TRIBUTE BANNER
Tribute banners on display at MV City Hall/Kershaw Gardens beginning mid-May

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE AND SOUTH COUNTY VETERAN RESOURCE FAIRS
Spring and fall Veteran Resource Fairs
Contact: (949) 582-4252
www.saddleback.edu/vets

COMMUNITY HOTLINE SERVICES

VETERAN CRISIS HOTLINE – 24/7
Crisis Line: (800) 273-8255 [PRESS 1]
Women Veteran Crisis Line: (855) 829-6636

HOMELESS SERVICES / HOUSING
VA Community Resource & Referral Center 888 W. Santa Ana #150, Santa Ana
Phone: (844) 838-8300 www.va.gov/homeless

HEALTH SERVICES
VA Laguna Hills Health Clinic 25292 McIntyre Street, Laguna Hills
Phone: (949) 587-3700

SOS Peace Center/Health Clinic [DENTAL]
1 Purpose Dr, Lake Forest
Phone: (949) 609-8199

BENEFITS: FILING/DISPUTES
VA Benefits Hotline: (800) 827-1000
Orange County VSO: (714) 480-6555

NEED TO TALK?
CALL A VETERAN:
Battle Buddy Bridge
949-486-8525
Peer engagement and professional assistance

Veteran Resources & Hotlines
City of Mission Viejo
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
(949) 470-3000 or (949) 470-3061
www.cityofmissionviejo.org
October 2017
VA—Veterans Benefits Services
Frequency: 2nd Wed/month, 8:30am-4pm
VA Outreach Rep: Adolfo Ponce, VBASDGO, VA Regional Offices, San Diego
By appt. only: 30-minute session; call to schedule
Services: Consultation and guidance on veteran services and benefits

VFW—Veterans Pre-Claim Interview
Frequency: 1st Mon/month, 9am-2pm
VFW Service Officers: Dennis Schwalm and Pat Rizzo, VFW Post 9034
By appt. only: 1-hour session; call to schedule
Requirements: must bring DD214 form and any claim support documents
Start Date: May 1st
Services: Pre-claim interview, service-connected disability processing and non-service connected pensions, follow-up services to claim submission/resolution

Veterans Legal Institute
Dates: Call for Schedule
By appt. only: 20-minute session, call to schedule
Requirements: arrive 15-20 minutes before appt. to complete intake form
Services: pro bono legal services to current and former US service members who are homeless, at risk, disabled, or low income

Comprehensive Service Agencies

Government Agencies

CAL VET
- Local Interagency Network Coordinator:
  - Eddie Falcon
  - eddie.falcon@calvet.ca.gov
  - www.calvet.ca.gov

VA—South Orange County Veterans Center
- Connect locally with federal services for veterans located in South Orange County
  - 26431 Crown Valley, #100, Mission Viejo
  - (949) 348-6700 or va.gov

Non-Governmental Resources

Tierney Center for Veteran Services—Goodwill
- One-on-one service to identify needs and services that best work for you
  - 855-99-8383/726 or email: http://www.ogoodwill.org/contact/email/VeteranServices

211 Orange County
- Resource center for all needs and their families
- Dial 211 or visit 211oc.org/veterans

Crisis Support Services

HUD Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Contact VA CRRC: 1-877-4AID-VET
- Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF): Volunteers of America
  - Housing program for homeless or at risk of becoming homeless veterans; rental / deposit assistance and case management
  - (714) 426-9834

Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)
- Food pantry, housing, emergency assistance, case management
  - 949-492-8477 or family-assistance.org
  - 1030 Calle Negocio, San Clemente

Serving People in Need (SPAN)
- Move-in funds for rapid rehousing, case management, street services/outreach
  - 714-751-1101 or spinoc.org

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

Employment

VETNET: Working Wardrobes
- Apply online: www.workingwardrobes.org/job-seekers/vetnet/
  - Contact: 714-210-2460 or EdwardG@workingwardrobes.org

Orange County One-Stop Center
- Services include counseling on CA Employment Development Dept. resources for veterans
  - 17891 Cartwright Road, Suite 100, Irvine
  - 949-341-8000 or oconestop.com

Getting Started—Housing

Patriots & Paws
- Provide basic home furnishings and needs AND assist in pairing rescued animals to veterans in need of a service animal
  - VETERAN@PatriotsandPaws.org
  - 714-323-PAAW (7229)

Education

Saddleback College
- On campus center, community and education resources/events
  - (949)582-4252 or www.saddleback.edu/vets

Veterans Campus Program
- Community College advisory assistance
  - 714-824-1996

MV Library Recommendations
- Down Range: A transitioning veteran’s career guide to life’s next phase – by James D. Murphy
- Expert Resumes for Military-to-Civilian Transitions – by Wendy Enelow
- The Hire Tactics! : The four milestones for finding civilian employment – Tom Stein
- Veteran’s Money Book - by Mechel L. Glass
  - Go to the ASK HERE DESK for assistance

Community

American Legion
- Saddleback Valley Post 862
  - Meetings on 4th Monday/month at 7pm
    - Norman P. Murray Center
  - More at: saddlebackvalley862.mytroop.us