

## VETS CONNECT AT THE MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

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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; 1pm to 4pm  
CalVet Rep: Ben Gales, CalVet Orange County Local Interagency Network Coordinator (LINC)  
By appointment only: 30-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

- [After the War](#), Stephanie Genier, 2018
- [Drone Warrior](#), Brett Vellicovich, 2018
- [Shoot like a Girl](#), Mary Jennings Hegar, 2018
- [U.S. Veterans in the Workforce](#), Michael Schindler, 2018
- [Vets and Pets](#), Dava Guerin, 2017

Visit the new veteran-focused book display on the library reading 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.**



### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

When: Veterans Day Holiday  
Where: Norman P. Murray Center  
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo  
Phone: 949-470-3061

### AMERICAN HEROES TRIBUTE BANNER

Tribute banners on display at the Mission Viejo City Hall—Kershaw Garden beginning mid-May

### SADDLEBACK COLLEGE AND SOUTH COUNTY VETERAN RESOURCE FAIRS

Spring and fall Veteran Resource Fairs  
Phone: 949-582-4252  
Website: <https://saddleback.edu/vets>

## HOTLINES/ VA OFFICES

### 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 Community Resource & Referral Center—Homeless Services

888 W. Santa Ana #150, Santa Ana  
Phone: 844-838 -8300

### VA Laguna Hills Health Clinic

23719 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills  
Phone: 949-587-3700

### SOS Peace Center/Health Clinic [DENTAL]

1 Purpose Dr. Lake Forest  
Phone: 949-609-8199

### VA Benefits Hotline:

800-827-1000



**CALL A VETERAN:**  
**Battle Buddy Bridge**  
**949-486-8525**

1231 Warner Ave, Tustin

Offers peer-to-peer support, information and referrals 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

Services at the Norman P. Murray Center  
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo  
**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: March 1, May 3, July  
12, September 6, November 1  
Time: 1pm-4pm  
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.

### 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.

## COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE AGENCIES

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

#### CalVet



- Local Interagency Network  
Coordinator: Ben Gales  
Ben.Gales@CalVet.ca.gov
- <https://calvet.ca.gov>

#### Orange County Veterans Services Office

- 1300 S. Grand Ave., Building B,  
2nd Floor, Santa Ana
- 714-480-6555

#### VA-South Orange County Veterans Center

- 26431 Crown Valley, #100,  
Mission Viejo
- 949-348-6700- <https://va.gov>

#### VA-Community Resource/Referral Center—Homeless Services

- 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd, #150,  
Santa Ana
- 844-838-8300-[www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless)

### NON-GOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES

#### Tierney Center for Veteran Services—Goodwill

- One-to-one assessments to identify  
needs and tailor services to meet needs
- 1231 Warner Ave, Tustin
- 714-795-3024
- [http://ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/  
tierney-center-veterans-program](http://ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/tierney-center-veterans-program)

#### 211 Orange County

- Referrals for veterans and their families
- OC Veteran Family Initiative
- Dial 211-<https://211oc.org/veterans>



## CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES

#### HUD Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing(VASH)

- Contact OC VA CRRC: 844-838-8300
- [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless)

#### Volunteers of America: Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

- Housing program for homeless or at-risk  
homeless veterans; rental /deposit  
assistance and case management.
- 2100 N. Broadway, Suite 300, Santa Ana
- 714-426-9834

#### Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)

- Food pantry, housing, emergency  
assistance, case management
- 1030 Calle Negocio, San Clemente
- 949-492-8477
- <http://family-assistance.org>

#### Serving People in Need (SPIN)

- Move-in funds for rapid rehousing, case  
management, street services/outreach
- 151 Kalmus Dr, H-2, Costa Mesa
- 714-751-1101
- <http://spinoc.org>

#### South County Outreach (SCO)

- Housing, food pantry, homelessness  
prevention & support services
- 7 Whatney, Suite #B, Irvine
- 949-380-8144

## 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
- <http://patriotsandpaws.org>

## EDUCATION

#### Saddleback College Vet Center

- On campus center, community and  
education resources/events
- 949-582-4252
- VetsOutreach@saddleback.edu
- <http://saddleback.edu/vets>



#### VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC) - Saddleback & Irvine Valley College

- Kelandra Anthony:  
[kelandra.anthony@va.gov](mailto: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 provide  
year-round support to our adopted Marines  
and Sailors of the Headquarters Battalion of  
the 1st Marine Division stationed at Camp  
Pendleton.

#### Donations needed:

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