

VETS CONNECT AT THE MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

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Mission Viejo Library
100 Civic Center

Information and Appointments:
949-830-7100, ext. 5105

CalVet—California Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Benefits

Mon-Fri; telephone services

By appt only: 30-minute sessions; call number above to schedule appointment. Services: Consultation and guidance on veteran services and benefits.

CalVet Rep: Ben Gales, CalVet Orange County Local Interagency Network Coordinator (LINC).

SCORE Counseling

Every Tuesday 10 am-2 pm

By appointment only. Schedule a free appointment at:

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:

- Portraits of Courage, 2022
- You Are Worth It, 2021
- No Ordinary Dog, 2021
- Back in the Fight, 2019
- Alone at Dawn, 2019
- The Strong Gray Line, 2018
- Where Valor Rests, 2018

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

CITY SERVICES & EVENTS

Visit

cityofmissionviejo.org/military-veterans



to learn more



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 27
City Hall – The Kershaw Garden
Call 949-470-3061 to confirm details

AMERICAN HEROES TRIBUTE BANNER

Begins early-May at Civic Center

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, November 11
Norman P. Murray Center
24932 Veterans Way
Call 949-470-3061 to confirm details

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE: SOUTH COUNTY VETERAN RESOURCE FAIRS

Call 949-582-4252 to confirm details or email vetsoutreach@saddleback.edu

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—24/7

Referrals for veterans and their families
211oc.org/content/Military---Veteran-Services.html

Suicide Prevention Hotline—24/7

“988”



U.S. Vets Outside the Wire

Several OC locations

1-888-556-9993

outsidethewire@usvets.org

Designed for student veterans managing the challenges of post military transition; support with anxiety, PTSD, family/individuals counseling - free services.



Veteran Resources & Hotlines

City of Mission Viejo
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
949-470-3061 or 949-470-8412
cityofmissionviejo.org

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MISSION VIEJO CITY HALL

Mission Viejo City Hall

200 Civic Center

Information/Appointments:

949-470-8412/949-470-3061

VA—Veterans Benefits Services



2nd Wed/mo.

9-11:30 am and 1-2:30pm

Services: Guidance on federal veteran services and benefits.

VA Rep: Jeffrey Andrade, Peer Navigation Specialist, South Orange County Veterans Center Jeffrey.Andrade@va.gov

By appt. only: 30-minute sessions

Call to schedule/confirm

Veterans Legal Institute



1st Thurs/month, 1-4pm

Pro bono legal services for current and former US service members and dependents.

By appt. only: 1-hour sessions:

1 pm, 2 pm, or 3 pm

online registration required at:

vetslegal.com/application

Call to schedule/confirm

VA—Veterans Mental Health Support and Resources Counseling



3rd Sat/mo.

9-11:30 am / 1-2:30 pm

Services: Peer support; focused on post-traumatic growth; transition to civilian life; counseling.

VA Outreach Rep: Jeffrey Andrade, Outreach Counselor;

Jeffrey.Andrade@va.gov

By appt. only: 60-minute sessions

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES AND AGENCIES

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

VA-South Orange County Veterans Center

26431 Crown Valley, #100, Mission Viejo
949-348-6700

va.gov/south-orange-county-vet-center

VA-Outpatient Health Clinic

23719 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills

949-587-3700

va.gov/long-beach-healthcare/locations/laguna-hills-va-clinic

Orange County Veterans Services Office (VSO)

Services: Disability claims; college fee waivers; DMV benefits; tax exemptions
1300 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana

714-480-6555

ocvso@ocgov.com

VA-Community Resource/Referral Center—Homeless Services

888 W. Santa Ana Blvd, #150, Santa Ana

844-838-8300

va.gov/long-beach-health-care/locations/west-santa-ana-va-clinic

HUD Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

844-838-8300

va.gov/homeless

National Call Center Homeless Veterans - **877-424-3838**

NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

Tierney Center for Veteran Services—Goodwill

Comprehensive, one-stop resource center
1231 Warner Ave, Tustin

855-998-3837

tierneycenter.org

CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES

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

Services for homeless or at-risk homeless veterans; rental assistance

2100 N. Broadway, Suite 300, Santa Ana

714-426-9834 / 949-486-8525

OC4Vets

Assist veterans and their families with mental health challenges, substance use disorders and community based services

714-480-6476

ochealthinfo.com/services-programs/mental-health-crisis-recovery

U.S.VETS—Patriotic Hall Orange County Programs

1231 Warner Ave. Suite #206, Tustin

jgarcia@usvets.org

Disabled American Veteran (DAV)

Resources, advocacy and transportation

877-426-2838

dav.org

1736 Family Crisis Center

888 W. Santa Ana Blvd. #200. Santa Ana
Emergency shelter, financial aid, case management

714-620-7303

EMPLOYMENT

VETNET: Working Wardrobes

Applications and program options online
2000 E. McFadden Ave, Santa Ana

workingwardrobes.org/category/vetnet

714-210-2460

OC Workforce Solutions

Includes counseling on CA Employment Development Dept. resources for veterans
28202 Cabot Road, #140

866-500-6587/714-480-6500

ocworkforcesolutions.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 Burton, Anaheim

714-323-7229

patriotsandpaws.org



EDUCATION

Saddleback College Vet Center

On campus center, community and education resources/events

vetsoutreach@saddleback.edu

saddleback.edu/vets

949-582-4252



VetSuccess On Campus

(VSOC) - Saddleback & Irvine Valley College

Kelandra Anthony: kelandra.anthony@va.gov

MARINE & SAILORS ADOPTION COMMITTEE

cityofmissionviejo.org/marines

949-470-3061

Mission:

This citizen-run committee partners with the Mission Viejo 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
- Adopt-a-Marine holiday gift support