

VETS CONNECT AT THE MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

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the library



Mission Viejo Library
100 Civic Center

CalVet—California Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Benefits

Frequency: Monday through Friday
Time: 9-4 pm telephone services only
Services: Consultation and guidance on veteran services and benefits.

By appt only: 30-minute sessions
CalVet Rep: Ben Gales, CalVet OC Local Interagency Network Coordinator (LINC).
Ben.Gales@calvet.ca.gov
916-508-9601

SCORE Counseling

Every Tuesday 10 am-2 pm

By appointment only. Schedule a free appointment at:

orangecounty.score.org/mentors/bruce-mccombs

Services: Transitioning to civilian life?
Interested in starting your own business?
Talk with an experienced volunteer with the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE).
Ask for Bruce.

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 for resources and brochures.
Visit the "ask here" desk for assistance.

CITY SERVICES & EVENTS

Visit

cityofmissionviejo.org/military-veterans



to learn more



AMERICAN HEROES TRIBUTE BANNER

americanheroestribute.us/

Begins early-May at Civic Center

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 26, 2025 - 8:30 am
City Hall – The Kershaw Garden
Call [949-470-3061](tel:949-470-3061) to confirm details

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - 8:30 am
Norman P. Murray Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Call [949-470-3061](tel:949-470-3061) to confirm details.

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE: SOUTH COUNTY VETERAN RESOURCE FAIRS

Call [949-582-4252](tel: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



Veteran Resources & Hotlines

2025

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



MISSION VIEJO CITY HALL

200 Civic Center
Information/Appointments:
949-470-8412/949-470-3061
lmcdonald@cityofmissionviejo.org

Veteran Benefits Services

2nd Wednesday/month

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

Services: Guidance on federal veteran services and benefits.

VA Rep: Jeffrey Andrade, Readjustment Counseling Specialist, South Orange County Veterans Center

Jeffrey.Andrade@va.gov

By appointment only: **30-minute sessions**



Veterans Legal Institute

1st Thursday/month, 1-4pm

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

By appointment only: 1-hour sessions:

1 pm, 2 pm or 3 pm

online registration required at:

vetslegal.com/application

Call to schedule/confirm



Veterans Mental Health Support and Counseling

3rd Saturday/month

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 appointment only



US Rep. Young Kim (CA-40) Veteran Liaisons

Mission Viejo Field Office:

Wed-Fri: 9 am-5 pm

949-268-6706

Call for appointment

youngkim.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

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

714-426-9834 / 949-486-8525

OC4Vets

Assists veterans and 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

jgarcia@usvets.org

Disabled American Veteran (DAV)

Resources, advocacy and transportation

877-426-2838

dav.org

1736 Family Crisis Center

Emergency shelter, financial aid, counseling

714-620-7303

Strong Families Strong Children

childguidancecenteroc.org

714-963-4455 ext.661

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

Job counseling and 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 and events

vetsoutreach@saddleback.edu

949-582-4252



VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC) -Saddleback & Irvine Valley

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