

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
February 8, 2022, 2pm PST**

Zoom Meeting Agenda

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Introductions

Previous Items

- **Veterans Service Office Status – M-F, 8am – 5pm**
 - **Lobby Hours:**
 - **Monday & Wednesday - 8:30 am -11:30 am and Tuesday & Thursday - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
 - *We are however, still serving clients via phone, email and internet conferencing applications. Certain questions may be answered by support staff, without having to speak with a VSR. Feel free to call anytime to ask for assistance. The Kings County Veterans Service Office can still complete the DMV Veteran Status Verification Form (VSD-001) for the Veteran Designation on your California driver's license/ID Card. We are once again issuing the locally-generated Veteran I.D. cards to honorably discharged Veterans.*

- **VA Covid Vaccine Update**
 - All Veteran, spouses and caregivers are eligible to be vaccinated and get boosters at the VAMC Fresno
 - <https://www.countyofkings.com/departments/health-welfare/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>

- **VA Covid-19 Vaccines– (See Attached)**
- **Resource and Info Webinar – (See Attached)**

Guest Presenter:

- **Kings County Commission on Aging – Maribel Martinez**

New Items

- **VA Expands Home and Community-based Services – (See Attached)**
- **Sweetheart Breakfast – (See Attached)**
- **Veteran Hiring Event – (See Attached)**

Round Table –

Next Meeting – March 8, 2022 – Location: Zoom Meeting

How to get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA

We encourage you to get your vaccine as soon as you can. It's the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community against COVID-19. This is especially important as new forms (or "variants") of the coronavirus spread more quickly in the U.S.

How to get your first or second vaccine dose

- Find a VA health facility that offers walk-in hours at their COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Not all facilities offer walk-in hours. Be sure to check the facility's website for walk-in hours before you go. When you arrive, you may need to wait for the staff to prepare your vaccine.
- Or call a VA health facility that offers COVID-19 vaccines to schedule an appointment. Our staff will help you find a time that's convenient for you.

Here's what to know before you arrive:

- You must receive the same vaccine for your initial vaccine series. Both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines require 2 doses to be effective. You must receive the same type of vaccine for both doses. Not all VA health facilities have both vaccines right now. And facilities may offer different vaccines at different times. Confirm that the facility has the vaccine you need before you come in to get your vaccine.
- If you don't receive care at VA, we encourage you to pre-register online at least 1 hour before you go to a walk-in clinic. This will save you time when you arrive.
[Sign up to get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA](#)
- If you got your first vaccine dose outside of VA, you can still get your second dose at VA.
- Everyone who enters a VA facility must wear a mask and complete our COVID-19 symptom screening.

[Find VA facilities near you that offer COVID-19 vaccines](#)

How to get your booster shot or additional dose

We now offer COVID-19 booster shots to people who are eligible based on CDC recommendations. We offer additional vaccine doses only to certain groups of people with weakened immune systems.

[Learn more about booster shots and additional doses](#)

Latest updates on booster shots and additional doses

We encourage everyone who is eligible to come in for a COVID-19 booster or additional dose now. We follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on booster shots and additional doses:

- Everyone who is at least 18 years old should get a booster shot. If you're at least 18 years old, you can choose which vaccine to get for your booster dose. The CDC strongly recommends getting either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine.
- Teens ages 16 and 17 can also now get a booster shot. These teens can only get the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Not all VA health facilities may offer vaccines to teens under age 18.
- Certain groups of people with weakened immune systems who received either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine should get an additional dose of the vaccine. You must get the same vaccine for all 3 doses. You should get your third shot first. You should then also get your booster 6 months after your third shot.

Note: Not all VA health facilities have all types of vaccines right now. And facilities may offer different vaccines at different times. Confirm that the facility has the vaccine you want before you come in to get your vaccine.

[Learn more about booster shots and additional doses](#)

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA

We offer COVID-19 vaccines to these groups:

- All Veterans (including Veterans who live or travel outside of the U.S. and are eligible for the [VA Foreign Medical Program](#))
- Spouses and surviving spouses of Veterans
- Caregivers of Veterans (including family members or friends who provide care to a Veteran)
- Recipients of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) benefits

Veterans



Proven, Tested & True



Department of Defense



Please join the EDD Veteran Service Team for the Veteran Resource Information Webinar.

Use the provided zoom link and associated information to attend this event held every Thursday at 0900 PDT:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87198294457?pwd=QUo4LzR3U25PTzNETnVuM0g4dkxHUT09>

Telephone:
USA 8664345269 (US Toll Free)
Conference code: 506817

Meeting ID: 871 9829 4457
Password/ Passcode: 517546



VA amplifies access to home, community-based services for eligible Veterans

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs' [Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care](#) is expanding its [Home-Based Primary Care](#), [Medical Foster Home](#) and [Veteran-Directed Care](#) programs to make them available at all VA medical centers by the end of fiscal year 2026.

VA will add 58 medical foster homes and 70 Veteran-directed care programs to VAMCs across the nation and add 75 home-based primary care teams to areas with the highest unmet need.

“These [evidence-based programs](#) allow Veterans to age-in-place, avoid or delay nursing home placement and choose the care environment that aligns most with their care needs, preferences and goals,” said Executive Director of VA Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care Scotte Hartronft, M.D. “Veterans using these programs have experienced [fewer hospitalizations](#) and emergency department visits, reduced hospital and nursing home days and fewer nursing home readmissions and inpatient complications.”

According to [VA's Policy Analysis and Forecasting Office](#), the number of Veterans of all ages who are eligible for nursing home care is estimated to expand from approximately 2 million Veterans in 2019 to more than 4 million by 2039. As this population grows, VA remains steadfast in providing the highest levels of care to Veterans in the least-restrictive settings.

These programs provide an in-home or smaller care setting than traditional institutionalized long-term care. This smaller setting of care supports less risk of transmission of COVID and other infectious diseases. Many Veterans have chosen these programs instead of institutionalized care during the pandemic for more flexibility in care preferences and less risk of COVID transmission.

Learn more about [VA geriatrics](#).

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American Legion Riders Chapter 3

Sweetheart Breakfast

Saturday, February 12, 2022



8am — 11am

Veterans Memorial Building

401 North Irwin, Hanford

*Bring your sweetheart for delicious
all you can eat pancakes*

*Breakfast will also include one serving of eggs
bacon or sausage and country potatoes*

\$10 for Adults \$7 Children (10 and under)

Protocols will be in place to keep risk minimal for COVID-19

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 will be hosting Bunco

starting at 11am \$15 includes snacks

For more information call 559-707-2457





CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT

The Veteran Service Organizations of the Central Valley invite you to the **Employer Panel and Resource Event on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022.**

This event provides Veterans and their families with the opportunity to directly apply to the employers below (assistance provided).

Hiring Specialists will assist Veterans with the application process on site. This event will be limited to 60 Veterans for in-person attendance and unlimited for those that wish to attend virtually.

Please bring a laptop computer and have an operational email address with access abilities. Those without a laptop computer will be provided with one the day of the event.

Register by Monday, March 7, 2022 by scanning the QR code or at the link below.

REGISTRATION ON EVENTBRITE IS MANDATORY
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/clovis-memorial-district-and-the-kings-county-vec-40674602013>



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