

**Kings County  
Military and Veterans Coalition  
April 12, 2022, 2pm PST**

**Zoom Meeting Agenda**

**Meeting ID: 990 6902 3992 Pass Code: 430175**

**Join by Telephone**

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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 Victim Witness Assistance Program – Julia Patino**

**New Items**

- **AMVETS One – (See Attached)**
- **Mindfulness Training – (See Attached)**
- **VA PAWS Program– (See Attached)**

**Round Table –**

**Next Meeting – May 10, 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



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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






*Engaging all Veteran Service Organizations and our Community by raising awareness and highlighting the local resources to reduce stigma and prevent Veteran suicides. Together we can save lives by protecting those who protected us.*

If there has ever been a time that suicide awareness is needed – that time is NOW!

AMVETS (American Veterans) has been the Tip-Of-The-Spear in the effort. On May 23rd a dedicated team of AMVETS Department of California will be heading across this great nation to bring that awareness to all. We are excited to be launching a new initiative called **AMVETS ONE TOUR – Going across America, “Leaving No Veteran Behind”**. AMVETS ONE will be traveling from Fresno, California to Washington DC, with a 10 city tour to spread awareness and arriving at Rolling to Remember. We cannot do this alone and we need your support. Won't you join us in this effort in Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness?

ACROSS AMERICA

- Fresno, CA
- Clovis, CA
- Loma Linda, CA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Dallas, TX
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Little Rock, AR
- Memphis, TN
- Nashville, TN
- Louisville, KY
- Washington, D.C.




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# MINDFULNESS CLASSES for Veterans

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**ART THERAPY**

by Susie Gonzales

**BREATHING CLASS**

by Cindy Gutierrez

**COLLECTIVE REIKI &  
SOUND THERAPY**

by Vera Sanchez- Ramirez

**MINDFULNESS MEDITATION**

by Kim Burch

**TUNING FORK THERAPY**

by Diana Montijo

**VISION BOARD CLASS**

by Share' Mayes

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**Select Saturdays**

**at the Hanford Branch Library**

**401 N Douty St. Hanford, CA 93230**

*Check the schedule for class dates and times*

For more information, call 559.852.4001

***(All classes are free and open to the public)***



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# CLASS SCHEDULE

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## JANUARY 2022

- 15th - Art Therapy Class (11am - 12pm)
  - Tuning Fork Therapy (1pm - 2pm)
- 22nd- Sound Therapy (1pm - 2 pm)
- 29th - Breathing Class (1pm - 2pm)
  - Collective Reiki Class (3pm - 4pm)

## FEBRUARY 2022

- 5th - Breathing Class (3pm - 4pm)
- 12th - Art Therapy Class (11am - 12pm)
  - Collective Reiki (1pm - 2pm)
- 19th - Mindfulness Meditation (1pm - 2pm)
- 26th - Vision Board Class (1pm - 2pm)

## MARCH 2022

- 5th - Art Therapy (11am - 12pm)
  - Mindfulness Meditation (1pm - 2pm)
- 12th - Tuning Fork Therapy (1pm - 2pm)
  - Vision Board Class (3pm - 4pm)
- 19th - Breathing Class (1pm - 2 pm)
- 26th- Sound Therapy (1pm - 2pm)
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## APRIL 2022

- 2nd - Collective Reiki (1pm - 2pm)
  - Tuning Fork Therapy (3pm - 4pm)
- 9th - Mindfulness Meditation (1pm - 2pm)
  - Vision Board Class (3pm - 4pm)

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of Veterans Affairs

# News Release

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[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 30, 2022

## VA shares implementation plan and locations of PAWS Act pilot program

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs published a [Federal Register Notice](#), March 30, on its plan for implementing the pilot program required by the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act.

The [PAWS Act](#), signed into law Aug. 25, 2021, requires VA to conduct a five-year pilot program to provide canine training to eligible Veterans diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder as an element of a complementary and integrative health program.

“Our pilot will help us explore the benefits of service dog training and give us the data we need to make recommendations to Congress on the way forward,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “There are many effective treatments for PTSD and we’re looking at service dog training as an adjunct to those options to ensure Veterans have access to resources that may improve their well-being and help them thrive.”

Veterans participating in the program will have the opportunity to train potential future service dogs with the goal of helping Veterans manage their PTSD symptoms.

The pilot program will be offered at the following five VA medical centers:

- Anchorage, Alaska.
- Asheville, N.C.
- Palo Alto, Calif.
- San Antonio, Texas.
- West Palm Beach, Fla.

Clinicians at the pilot sites will determine the eligibility of Veterans interested in the pilot program. Agreements with the participating organizations that will furnish the training have not yet been finalized.

Visit [Implementation of the PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act](#) for information on the PAWS Pilot program and timeline.

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