

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
May10, 2022, 2pm PST**

Zoom Meeting Agenda

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Introductions

Previous Items

- **Veterans Service Office Status – M-F, 8am – 5pm**
 - **Lobby Hours:**
 - **M/W - 8:30 am -11:30 am and T/Th - 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.*

- **Resource and Info Webinar – (See Attached)**
- **AMVETS One – (See Attachment)**

Guest Presenter:

- **Mental Health Matters Month – Phil Leanos, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Program Manager, Kings County Behavioral Health**

New Items

- **Presumptive SC for Rare Respiratory Conditions – (See Attached)**
- **Veteran Support Group – (See Attached)**
- **VetNet Breakfast – (See Attached)**

Round Table –

Next Meeting – June 14, 2022 – Location: Zoom Meeting

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

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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
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News Release

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April 25, 2022

VA establishes presumptive service connection for rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans

WASHINGTON — As part of [President Biden's Unity Agenda](#) commitment to support the nation's Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs is adding nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to military environmental exposures to fine particulate matter.

The following list of rare respiratory cancers have been added to [VA's regulations through an Interim Final Rule](#) published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2022:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

VA determined through a focused review of scientific and medical evidence there is biological plausibility between airborne hazards and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract — and the unique circumstances of these rare cancers warrant a presumption of service connection.

The rarity and severity of these illnesses and the reality these conditions present, is a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence, prompted VA to take this action.

“Last year we made promises to fundamentally change and improve how we establish and expedite presumptions — now we're keeping them,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “We are taking a new approach to presumptives that takes all available science into account, with one goal in mind — getting today's Veterans — and Vets in the decades ahead — the benefits they deserve as fast as possible.”

VA will begin processing disability compensation claims for Veterans who served any amount of time in the [Southwest Asia theater of operations](#) beginning Aug. 2, 1990, to the present, or Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti beginning Sept. 19, 2001, to the present.

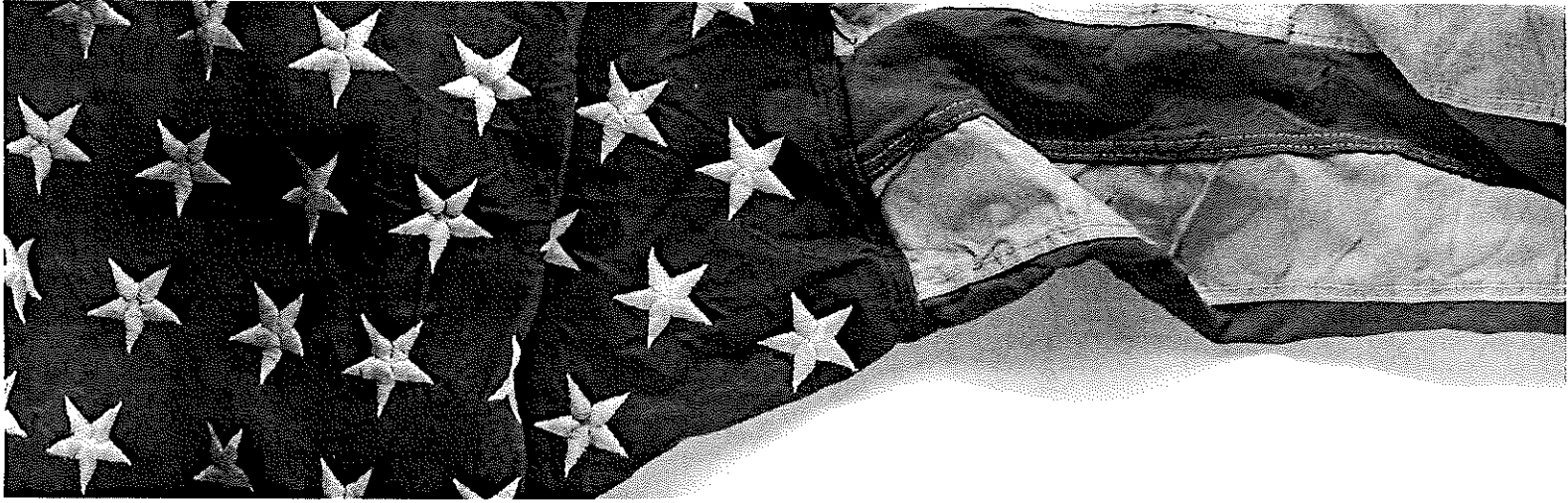
Any Veteran who has or had one of the listed cancers at any time during or after separation from military service may be eligible for disability compensation benefits. VA will contact impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about their eligibility and will provide information on how to apply.

Veterans, survivors or dependents who had claims previously denied for any of these respiratory cancers are encouraged to file a [supplemental claim](#) for benefits. If you are a Veteran, survivor or dependent applying for the first time, file a new claim [here](#).

To apply for benefits, Veterans and survivors may visit VA.gov or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

View the interim final rule for [Presumptive Service Connection for Rare Respiratory Cancers Due to Exposure to Fine Particulate Matter](#) and leave comments.

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Kings County Veteran's Support Group

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday
of the month via Zoom

Time: 6:00PM - 7:30PM

For Zoom link/information call (559)852-2333

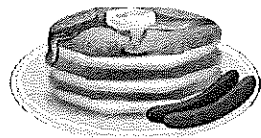
It's our turn to serve those who serve on our behalf!




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The Veterans Network
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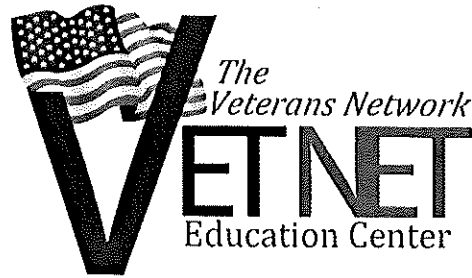


5/25/2022 • 8:00am • Applebee's

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tickets

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Veterans Network Memorial Breakfast

May 25, 2022 8am-10am

Applebee's 3604 W. Shaw Ave Fresno

Help us establish the Veterans Network Education Center & Homeless Shelter

- _____ \$12 Per ticket (indicate number of tickets)
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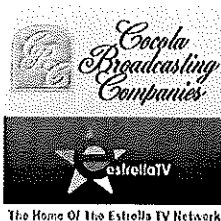
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