

**Kings County  
Military and Veterans Coalition  
August 9, 2022, 2pm PDT**

**Zoom Meeting Agenda**

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

**Join by Telephone**

**US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799**

**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 no longer issuing the locally-generated Veteran I.D. cards.*
  
- **Veteran Resource and Information Webinar – (See Attached)**
- **Kings County Veterans Support Group– (See Attached)**
- **Fresno Standdown 2022 – (See Attached)**
- **Women's Stand-Up 2022 – (See Attached)**

**Guest Presenter:**

**Senior Living Alternatives: Louise Alonzo, GM, The Remington - Hanford**

**New Items**

- **New Crisis Line – (See Attached)**
- **Improved Access to Care– (See Attached)**
- **PACT Act Statement– (See Attached)**

**Round Table –**

**Next Meeting – September 13, 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

Meeting ID: 871 9829 4457  
Password/ Passcode: 517546





# **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!**



  
KINGS COUNTY  
**behavioral health**  
*kcbh.org*

**Sept.  
14-15**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8900**  
**• 3585 N. Blythe • FRESNO • CA 93722 •**  
Opening Ceremonies September 14th, 1000am

**0800  
AM**

# **Central Valley Veterans 2022 STAND DOWN**

*Supporting our local heroes with a HAND UP not a HAND OUT*



**• Overnights will be available, must check in  
on Sept. 13th or 14th, minimum 2 night stay required •**

## **• Services Provided •**



California ID Card Applications, Social Security Card Applications,  
Mental & Medical Health Referrals, VA Claims, Community Resources,  
Dental & Vision Services, Vaccinations, Hot Meals, Clothing,  
Personal Hygiene Supplies, AMVETS clothing.

## **• Veteran's Court •**



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED by Friday August 26th**  
to be heard by the court on premises at the Stand Down.  
Registration locations:

**San Joaquin Valley Veterans**  
brandi.monahan@westcare.com  
1505 N. Chestnut Avenue  
Fresno, Ca 93703  
Bus Route #41

**VA Hospital/Homeless Program**  
frank.flores@va.gov  
2615 E. Clinton Avenue, Bldg. 27  
M/S 122 (1st Floor)  
Fresno, Ca 93703  
Bus Route # 32 & 39

**Veterans Service Office**  
drose@fresnocountyca.gov  
1320 E. Shaw Avenue, Suite. 105  
Fresno, Ca 93710  
Bus Route #9

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT:  
CALL CENTRAL VALLEY VETERANS- JOHN SCHULER @ 559-977-3697**

HONORING ALL WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY  
VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVISTS



*8th Annual*  
**CENTRAL VALLEY WOMEN'S  
STAND UP**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 ~ 8:00AM - 2:00PM  
PARDINI'S - 2257 WEST SHAW AVE., FRESNO CA 93711



FEATURING KEY NOTE SPEAKER

*Cheri Provancha*

COLONEL, US ARMY RETIRED  
VP SECURITY, SUPPLY CHAIN, & CLINICAL TECHNOLOGY  
WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM

\*FREE EVENT\* TRANSPORTATION, BREAKFAST,  
LUNCH, & SPA SERVICES PROVIDED

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER, VISIT [CENTRALVALLEYVETERANS.ORG](http://CENTRALVALLEYVETERANS.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT ANNETTE AT [ANNETTE.WHOLAVER@CALVET.CA.GOV](mailto:ANNETTE.WHOLAVER@CALVET.CA.GOV)

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of Veterans Affairs

# News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 18, 2022

## New Veterans Crisis Line phone number

**WASHINGTON** — Effective July 16, Veterans have the option to [Dial 988 then Press 1](#) to connect with caring, qualified responders for 24/7 crisis support.

In response to the [National Suicide Hotline Designation Act](#) designating the [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#), the Department of Veterans Affairs has made it more user friendly to access the [Veterans Crisis Line](#).

“During a crisis, every second counts,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “This new, shorter number makes it easier for Veterans and those who care about them to reach lifesaving support without having to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care.”

Reducing Veteran suicide is the top clinical priority for the Department of Veterans Affairs and a top priority for the Biden-Harris administration. Enhancing suicide prevention crisis services is a key component of the White House [strategy on reducing Veteran suicide](#) as well as President Biden’s [comprehensive strategy](#) to address the country’s national mental health crisis.

VA operates the Veterans Crisis Line through the 988 Lifeline’s national network and thus collaborated to accomplish the successful transition. During two years of preparation, the department has added hundreds of crisis line employees and responder staff, with still more hiring underway, and has strengthened call center infrastructure.

The Veterans Crisis Line is a critical component of the nation’s largest integrated suicide prevention network. It links to more than 500 suicide prevention coordinators across the VA health care system, ensuring coordination into follow-up services as part of a full continuum of care.

Individuals who call the Veterans Crisis Line are five times more likely to have less distress and less suicidal ideation from the beginning to end of the call.

While [Dial 988 then Press 1](#) is a new option for contacting the Veterans Crisis Line, the original number: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, remains available, and Veterans can continue to reach out via chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](#) or by text to 838255.

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*If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive free, confidential support and crisis intervention available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Dial 988 then Press 1, text to 838255 or chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](#).*

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## VA launches improved Access to Care website

**WASHINGTON, DC** — Based on Veteran feedback and VA Secretary Denis McDonough’s commitment to ensuring timely access to care, the Department of Veterans Affairs launched an improved [Access to Care website](#) that now offers a simplified, user-friendly experience to make it easier for Veterans to make informed decisions as they plan their health care appointments.

Effective July 19, Veterans and the public will be able to see Veteran experience information for care delivered through VA facilities and will have a clearer view of average wait times, with more detailed information on available health care services and specialties.

“VA is listening to Veterans, incorporating their feedback and reviewing access to care across the organization,” said Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Health Steven L. Lieberman, M.D. “As a national leader in health care access and transparency, this change in the presentation of Veteran-facing information ensures Veterans receive the world-class care they have earned and deserve.”

The new Access to Care website also ensures that as VA sites transition to a new electronic health record management system, Veterans will have information on timeliness for care at those facilities.

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Aug. 2, 2022

## **Statement from VA Secretary Denis McDonough on the Passage of the PACT Act**

Veterans who were exposed to toxic fumes while fighting for our country are American heroes, and they deserve world-class care and benefits for their selfless service. The bipartisan PACT Act will help VA deliver for those Veterans — and their survivors — by empowering us to presumptively provide care and benefits to Vets suffering from more than 20 toxic exposure-related conditions.

To those Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors: you can apply for PACT Act benefits by filing a claim at VA, and you can learn more about the PACT Act at [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) or by calling us at 1-800-MyVA411. We'll be communicating with you every step of the way to make sure that you and your loved ones get the benefits you've earned.

We couldn't be more grateful to President Biden, who made this day possible by fighting like hell for our nation's Veterans. Once the President signs this bill into law, we at VA will implement it quickly and effectively, delivering the care these Veterans need and the benefits they deserve.

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