

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





Kings County Veteran's Support Group

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



Veteran's Support Group

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

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

For Zoom link/meeting info call (559) 852-2444

Seating is limited, so please call to reserve your seat.



Due to the nature of the group, we can only allow adults to participate.



460 Kings County Drive Suite 101
Hanford, CA 93230

**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

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of Veterans Affairs

News Release

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VA will offer abortion counseling and — in certain cases — abortions to pregnant Veterans and VA beneficiaries

WASHINGTON – Last night, the Department of Veterans Affairs submitted to the Federal Register an [interim final rule](#) that will allow VA to provide access to abortion counseling and — in certain cases — abortions to pregnant Veterans and VA beneficiaries. Specifically, VA will provide access to abortions when the life or health of the pregnant Veteran would be endangered if the pregnancy were carried to term, or when the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. VA beneficiaries enrolled in CHAMPVA will also have access to this care.

These services will be authorized immediately after the interim final rule is published, and the rule will be available for public comment for 30 days thereafter. Once the rule is published, VA will immediately prepare to provide these services in as many locations as possible. For more information about abortion services at VA, visit VA.gov/ReproductiveHealth and click on “Abortion Services.”

“This is a patient safety decision,” said **Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs**. “Pregnant Veterans and VA beneficiaries deserve to have access to world-class reproductive care when they need it most. That’s what our nation owes them, and that’s what we at VA will deliver.”

“VA will be able to offer abortion counseling and abortions to pregnant Veterans and VA beneficiaries in cases of rape, incest, or when the life or health of the Veteran would be endangered if the pregnancy were carried to term — in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice,” said **Dr. Shereef Elnahal, VA’s Under Secretary for Health**. “We came to this decision after listening to VA health care providers and Veterans across the country, who sounded the alarm that abortion restrictions are creating a medical emergency for those we serve. Offering this care will save Veterans’ health and lives, and there is nothing more important than that.”

Access to medically necessary abortions is essential for preserving the life and health of Veterans and VA beneficiaries. Restricting access to abortion care has well-documented adverse health consequences, including increased risk of loss of future fertility, significant morbidity, or death. Veterans are also at greater risk of experiencing pregnancy-related complications due to increased rates of chronic health conditions. Therefore, to protect the life and health of pregnant Veterans and eligible beneficiaries, VA determined that it was necessary to provide access to abortion counseling and — in some cases — abortions.

The determination of whether the “life and health of the pregnant Veteran would be endangered if the pregnancy were carried to term” will be made on a case-by-case basis and will be the result of careful consultation between VA health care providers and the Veterans they serve. In cases of rape or incest, self-reporting from a Veteran or VA beneficiary will constitute sufficient evidence that an act of rape or incest occurred.

VA is taking steps to guarantee Veterans and other VA beneficiaries abortion-related care anywhere in the country. VA employees, when working within the scope of their federal employment, may provide authorized services regardless of state restrictions.

VA will also continue to provide access to a full range of reproductive health services, including fertility services, contraceptives including emergency contraceptives, life-saving treatment related to pregnancy, and much more. For information about all reproductive health services at VA, visit VA.gov/ReproductiveHealth.

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VA extends temporary hardship suspension for benefit debts

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is extending its financial hardship suspension on benefit debts through Dec. 31. This relief option, established to help Veterans through the COVID-19 pandemic, was set to expire Sept. 30.

Beginning in September, debt notification letters will be mailed to affected Veterans advising them of the extended hardship suspension option, as well as extended debt repayment plans, waivers and compromises. Benefit debts include debts related to disability compensation, non-service-connected pension and education benefits.

“Helping Veterans manage, pay off, and — in some cases — eliminate their debt is one of our top priorities,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “Extending this hardship suspension is a key part of that critical effort, and it will help ease the burden for Veterans who are living with debt.”

In recent years, VA has made real progress toward helping Veterans manage their debts. These efforts include:

- Canceling copayments for medical care and pharmacy services from April 6, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021, which saved more than 1.5 million Veterans about \$1 billion dollars.
- [Publishing a final rule](#) that reduced the number of Veterans referred to credit agencies by 99%, meaning medical debt will no longer affect those Veterans’ credit scores.
- Transitioning from a complex paper application to enhanced online tools where Veterans can [learn about what they owe](#) and apply for relief.
- Improving the review process for debt forgiveness by implementing a simpler income threshold to qualify for relief.
- Streamlining the Veterans Health Administration debt waiver process for medical debts, requiring less paperwork for Veterans, while expediting processing times and expanding relief eligibility.
- Establishing a phone hotline in October 2021 for Veterans Health Administration clinicians to call on behalf of Veterans who appear to be experiencing significant anxiety related to their benefit debt.
- Temporarily eliminating the requirement for a [Financial Status Report](#) to receive a hardship determination.

Veterans and beneficiaries can [manage their debt online](#) or call 800-827-0648 with questions regarding benefit overpayments.

For information about medical care and pharmacy copayment debt, Veterans and beneficiaries can contact the Health Resource Center at 866-400-1238.

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2022
Naval Air Station Lemoore
Retiree Appreciation Day

Saturday, September 24, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 pm



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Retired Activities Office at:
559.998.0113

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*All Service Retirees &
Their Guests Welcome!*