

**Kings County  
Military and Veterans Coalition  
October 11, 2022, 2pm PDT**

**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:**
    - **M/W - 8:30 am -11:30 am and T/Th - 1:30 pm – 4:30 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.*
- **Kings County Veterans Support Group– (See Attached)**
- **Women's Stand-Up 2022 – (See Attached)**

**Guest Presenter:**

**2022 General Election and Voting information – Lupe Villa, Kings County  
Registrar of Voters**

**New Items**

- **VA PACT Act – (See Attached)**
- **KC Library Classes – (See Attached)**
- **SAL Freedom Program – (See Attached)**

**Round Table –**

**Next Meeting – November 8, 2022 – Location: Zoom Meeting**



**Sons of the American Legion**

# **Veterans Freedom Program**

**Providing Powered Wheel Chairs and  
Scooters to needy Veterans**

**Our program, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 3 of California provides motorized wheel chairs and scooters to needy Veterans to help them regain freedoms that they are lacking.**

**We also have manual wheelchairs, walkers and other medical assistance devices as available.**

**The program is without cost to the Veteran and the only request is that the items provided be returned to the program for recycling to other Veterans when no longer needed or used.**

**Please contact Robert 'Smokey' Stover,**

**SAL Detachment Judge Advocate and Central Valley program rep**

**At 559-589-1011 or the Hanford Post 3**

**American Legion office at 559-583-1169**

**Items are provided on an as available basis.**

**In most cases we can refurbish an item for about \$200.00 and provide it to a needy Veteran. If you or your organization know of a Veteran in need or know about someone who may have an item or cash support donation to assist the program please contact us. We will do all we can to provide the necessary item or to pickup the donation as soon as possible**



# **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

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



*5th 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)

## VA opens health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, post-9/11 Veterans under PACT Act

**WASHINGTON** — On October 1, The Department of Veterans Affairs will expand and extend eligibility for VA health care for certain Veterans of the Gulf Wars and post-9/11 era.

This expansion will increase health care eligibility for hundreds of thousands of toxic-exposed Veterans. Additionally, VA has already expanded health care eligibility for certain Veterans of the Vietnam War. More detailed information about this expansion can be found on [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).

President Biden signed the bipartisan [PACT Act](#) into law August 10, authorizing one of the largest expansions of VA health care and benefits in U.S. history. Veterans can go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) to apply for health care or learn more about what this bill means for them and their families.

“This expansion will bring generations of new Veterans into VA health care, and increase the health care benefits of many more, which will result in the one outcome that matters most: better health outcomes for Veterans,” said **Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs**. “I highly encourage these Veterans to apply now for the health care they’ve earned and deserve.”

Beginning on Oct. 1, Post-9/11 Veterans who did not previously enroll in VA health care will have a 1-year window to enroll if they:

- Served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, **or**
- Served in a combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after Nov. 11, 1998, **and**
- Were discharged or released from active service between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013.

Also on Oct. 1, Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War will be eligible for care. This includes Veterans who, in connection with service during such period, received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Service Specific Expeditionary Medal, Combat Era Specific Expeditionary Medal, Campaign Specific Medal, or any other combat theater award established by federal statute or executive order.

Starting now, Vietnam-era Veterans who served in the following locations and time periods are eligible for care: The Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975; Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base between Jan. 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976; Laos between Dec. 1, 1965, and Sept. 30, 1969; Certain provinces in Cambodia between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969; Guam or American Samoa (or their territorial waters) between Jan. 9, 1962, and July 31, 1980; Johnston Atoll (or on a ship that called there) between Jan. 1, 1972, and Sept. 30, 1977.

While the expansion of PACT Act-related health care eligibility is staggered over the coming years, VA has made all [conditions outlined in the PACT Act](#) presumptive for benefits as of August 10, the day President Biden signed the bill into law. Eligible Veterans and survivors are encouraged to apply for those benefits now at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).

More information about VA’s implementation of the PACT Act can be found in this [fact sheet](#).

# Adult Programming Line-up

## Saturdays at the Kings County Library - Hanford Branch

401 N Douty St. Hanford, CA 93230

### OCTOBER 8TH

- Movement Meditation by Sarah Powers (11:30am-12:30pm)
- iPhone for Newbies by Cianne McGinnis (1pm-2pm)
- Salsa Line Dance Class by Cianne McGinnis (2:15pm-3:15pm)

*(Registration required for this class. Please call 852.4014. Limited to 10 patrons only)*

### OCTOBER 15TH

- Fall Planting of Bulbs, Corn, etc by Sue Merrill (11:30am-12:30pm)
- Origami Demo by Ray Thomas (1pm-2pm)

### OCTOBER 22ND

- Manifesting Class by Sarah Powers (11:30am-12:30pm)
- Myth, Movies, and Magic by Garrett K. Jones (1pm-2pm)
- Stamp Art Embossing by Donna Galletti (2:30pm-3:30pm)

### OCTOBER 29TH

- Movement Meditation Class by Sarah Powers (11:30am - 12:30pm)
- Acting Class by Lauren Roche (1pm-2pm)
- Journal the Stress Away by Martha Martinez (2:30pm - 3:30pm)

All classes are free and open to the public.

For more information,  
please call 559.852.4014 or  
email [askus@kingscountylibrary.org](mailto:askus@kingscountylibrary.org)



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