

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
December 13, 2022, 2pm PDT**

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; All other times are for appointments**
 - *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.*
 - Kevin Renner, Senior VSR, has retired. Alex Nava is our new Senior VSR.

- **Kings County Veterans Support Group– (See Attached)**

Guest Presenter:

Elena Orozco, University Development Coordinator, Military Admissions, Grand Canyon University

New Items

- **Hospice Volunteers – (See Attached)**
- **New VA Life Insurance – (See Attached)**
- **VA Health Benefits Mobile App – (See Attached)**
- **Wreaths Across America – (See Attached)**

Round Table –

Next Meeting – January 10, 2023 – Location: Zoom Meeting



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



Hospice Volunteers Needed

Adventist Health Home Care Services

Help support hospice patients and families during their time of need.

*Volunteers can be age 18 to 80.

Apply online today at

www.AHCVNvolunteers.com

Flexible days and times

Contact:

Andrea Lott

Volunteer Coordinator

559-537-2870 or

email: Lottae@ah.org

- Arts & crafts
- Caregiver relief
- Certified massage therapy
- Fundraising
- Hold a hand
- Listen to a life story
- Music therapy
- Office support
- Read a book
- Sew, knit, crochet
- Therapy dogs
- Veteran support
- Write a letter



Se necesitan voluntarios para cuidados terminales

Servicios de cuidados a domicilio de Adventist Health

Ayude a los pacientes terminales y a sus familias en este momento de necesidad.

* Los voluntarios pueden tener entre 18 y 80 años.

Complete una solicitud en línea hoy mismo en www.AHCVNvolunteers.com

Días y horarios flexibles

Contacto:

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Coordinadora de Voluntarios

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AdventistHealthHanford.org/homecare

- Manualidades
- Alivio para cuidadores
- Terapia de masajes certificada
- Recaudación de fondos
- Tomar la mano
- Escuchar una historia de vida
- Musicoterapia
- Asistencia en la oficina
- Leer un libro
- Coser, tejer, tejer al crochet
- Terapia con perros
- Apoyo para veteranos
- Escribir una carta

VA will launch new life insurance program in January, making life insurance available to more Veterans than ever before

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 1, 2023, the Department of Veterans Affairs will open enrollment for Veterans Affairs Life Insurance — the first new VA life insurance program for Veterans in more than 50 years — extending VALife access to millions of Veterans.

VALife will provide up to \$40,000 of whole life insurance for all Veterans, age 80 or under, with service-connected disabilities rated from 0-100%. Acceptance in the program is guaranteed, and no medical underwriting is required.

It will also allow Veterans to complete their application online, receive instant decisions, and perform self-service functions — including electronic payments and beneficiary updates.

“All Veterans deserve to know that their families will have financial support when they pass away,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “VALife is a critical step toward making that goal a reality, helping VA provide more life insurance to more Veterans than ever before in our nation’s history.”

VALife will increase Veteran access to life insurance in several ways:

- **There is no time limit to apply:** VA’s existing life insurance program for service-disabled Veterans, [Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance](#), required most Veterans to apply for insurance within 2 years of receiving their disability rating. VALife has no such time constraint for Veterans aged 80 and under.
- **There is no health requirement to apply:** Under S-DVI, Veterans had to be in good health except for service-connected conditions. VALife has no medical evaluation tied to it.
- **Veterans are eligible for more coverage than before:** Under S-DVI, most Veterans could only receive up to \$10,000 of coverage. Under VALife, all Veterans are eligible for up to \$40,000 of coverage.

VALife premium rates are competitive with, or better than, similar coverage available in the private sector, and \$40,000 of coverage is more coverage than other like products offered. The policy will build cash value after the first two years of coverage when the face value goes into effect. If a Veteran passes away during this two-year waiting period, the named beneficiary will receive all premiums paid plus interest. Unlike S-DVI, Veterans will *not* be able to get a waiver for their premiums.

VA currently serves nearly 6 million Veterans, service members and their families with more than \$1.2 trillion of insurance. Veterans currently enrolled in S-DVI will have the option to keep their current coverage or switch to VALife. These Veterans can apply for VALife at any time after Jan. 1, 2023; however, if they apply between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2025, they can also retain coverage under S-DVI during the two-year waiting period for the VALife death benefit to go into effect.

Veterans will no longer be able to apply for S-DVI after VALife launches Jan. 1, 2023. However, eligible Veterans still have the opportunity to apply for the program between now and Dec. 31, 2022.

To learn more, visit [VALife](#). Information can also be found in the [final rule](#).

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VA health and benefits mobile app reaches 1M downloads

Helps Veterans easily access VA benefits and health care services on their cell phones

WASHINGTON — As of today, more than 1 million Veterans have downloaded the Department of Veterans Affairs' new [VA: Health and Benefits mobile app](#) for fast, secure, on-demand access to the health care and benefits they've earned.

Since launching in July of 2021, the app has earned an average rating of 4.8 out of 5 stars and 4.6 out of 5 stars on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store, respectively.

Veterans have exchanged more than 1 million secure messages with their health care providers and downloaded more than 3.3 million VA letters and documents. Additionally, Veterans have viewed claims information on the app more than 45 million times.

"Veterans no longer need to go to VA to file and check claims — now, we bring VA to them through our mobile app," said **VA Chief Technology Officer Charles Worthington**. "This puts VA's care and benefits at Veterans' fingertips, making it easy for them to access VA services wherever and whenever they want."

This mobile application was designed in collaboration with Veterans, offering convenient and timely access to health and benefits information — including appointments, claims and appeals status — and giving Veterans and their families quick, direct access to the [VA Crisis Line](#). While the app continues to expand and evolve, it currently helps Veterans:

- Check the status of claims and appeals.
- Manage their health care appointments.
- Securely message with their VA health care teams.
- Download critical VA letters and documents.
- Access their VA Vaccine Records.
- Find a local VA facility.
- Quickly reach the Veterans Crisis Line.

Visit the app at the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). For more information, check out [VA Health and Benefits mobile app – six essential facts](#). Learn more about [DigitalVA](#).

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★ December 17, 2022 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Kings County honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the *Hanford, Lemoore, and Armona Cemeteries.*

Just scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0509.

Please join our remembrance ceremony on December 17th at 11am at the Grangeville Cemetery in Armona.



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