

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
November 14, 2023 - 2pm PST**

Microsoft Teams Meeting Agenda

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Introductions

Previous Items

- **Veterans Service Office Status – M/Th, 8:00am – 5:00pm and Friday, 8:00am – 12:00pm**
 - **Lobby Hours:**
 - ***** M-Th 8:30 am – 4pm; Friday*****
 - 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.
- **Veterans Upward Bound - (See Attached)**

Speaker Topic: State Legislative Update – Dana Nichol, Reeb Government Relations

New Items –

- **VA Reduces Mortgage Insurance Rates - (See Attached)**
- **Veterans Support Group - (See Attached)**
- **AMTRAK Discount - (See Attached)**
- **Adopt-a-Sailor for Thanksgiving - (See Attached)**
- **Cup of Joe Event – (See Attached)**

Round Table –

Next Meeting – December 12, 2023 – Location: MS Teams Meeting



Veterans

UPWARD

BOUND

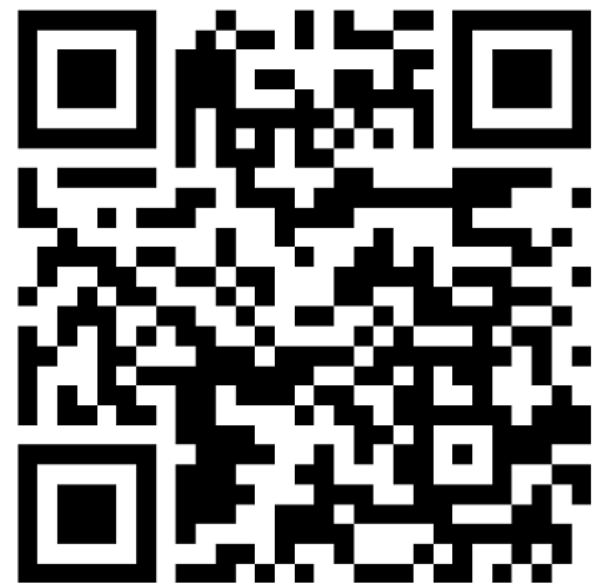
What VUB has to offer:

- Individualized career assessment and planning
- College Application assistance
- Financial aid and GI Bill® information
- Help obtaining Military and other Transcripts
- Academic Counseling
- Access to other resources: study area, computer labs, student union

Some Eligibility Criteria

- Meet military service requirements
- Received other than a dishonorable discharge
- Completed a minimum of 180 days of active service
- U.S. Citizen, resident or applying for residency
- Low-income and/or first-generation
- Was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces called to active duty for a period of more than 30 days; or was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001

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APPLICATION**





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**Kings County Library
Veterans Resource Center
invites you to**

A Cup of Joe & Conversation with Veterans

at the Corcoran Library

**Join us for some coffee, donuts,
and camaraderie!**

Date: November 18, 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Corcoran Branch Library (1001-A Chittenden Avenue)

This event is free to all veterans and their families.

To RSVP, contact Richard Perez at 559.413.7412, or email kcl.vrc@gmail.com.

You can also stop by the Corcoran Branch Library to sign-up or call 559.992-3314

www.kingscountylibrary.org/veterans-resources

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VA reduces premium rates for Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance

WASHINGTON — This month, the Department of Veterans Affairs reduced premiums for most Veterans and Service members insured under the Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance program.

Through the VMLI program, eligible Veterans and Service members with severe disabilities can purchase up to \$200,000 in mortgage life insurance. This coverage means that if a policyholder passes away, the amount of their coverage will be used to pay down their mortgage — helping to ensure that their loved ones won't be responsible for that cost.

Starting Oct. 1, most VMLI policyholders saw a reduction between 6% and 36% of their premiums, depending on their age. VA is using an updated actuarial table and interest rates adopted by the insurance industry to decrease VMLI premium rates. Veterans will see the reduced rates on their next billing cycle, starting in November, as payment of each VMLI premium is for the prior month.

“This coverage will now be more affordable for many of our nation's heroes, making it easier for them to protect their homes — and their loved ones — even if they pass away,” said VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs. “This is a great step forward that will mean peace of mind for many of the Veterans we serve.”

While a small group of VMLI policyholders will not see a decrease in premiums under the new actuarial table, VA locked in their current premiums so they will not increase.

More than 2,200 Veterans and Service members are currently insured by VMLI. Veterans and Service members may be eligible for VMLI if they meet all these requirements:

Learn more about VMLI and VA's other life insurance options.

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Kings County Veteran's Support Group

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Veteran's Memorial Hall
401 N. Irwin Street
Hanford, CA 93230



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*Some restrictions may apply
* Spouses and dependents must provide qualifying proof of veterans status.

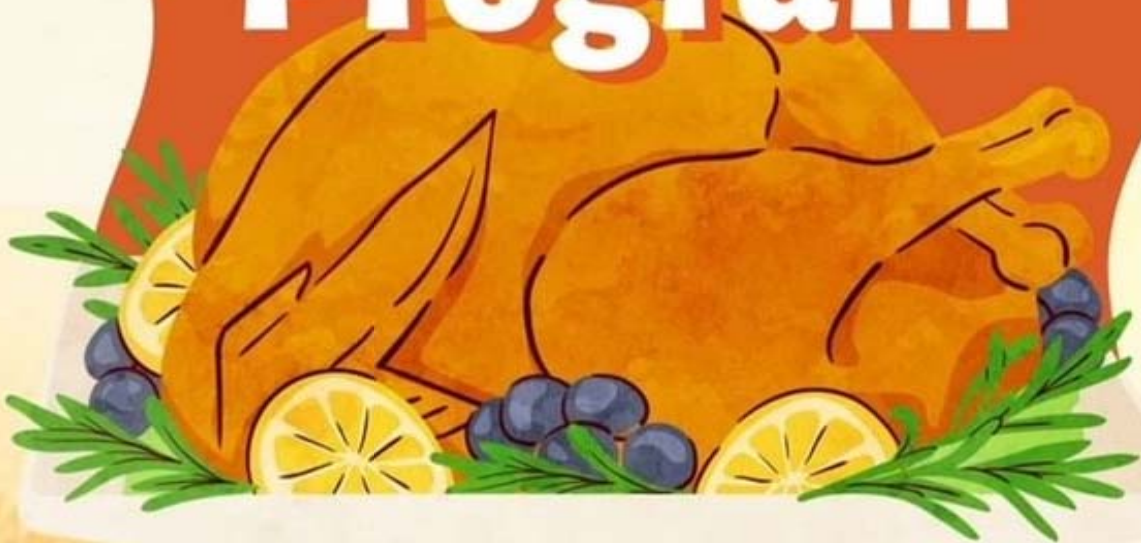
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Command-nominated Sailors' names due by 10 November.

**Nominated sailors can pick up their baskets from
November
20-22**

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