



JULY 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

OC Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

- **When:** August 21, 2024, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Anaheim Veterans of Foreign Wars
805 E Sycamore St., Anaheim, CA 92805

**End of Summer
Back to School Bash**

CALLING ALL VETERANS, MILITARY AFFILIATED CHILDREN,
AND FAMILY MEMBERS
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN IN THE SUN!

- RESOURCES
- BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- GAMES
- FOOD

VET CENTER
North Orange County

LOCATION:
1825 E. VIA BURTON
ANAHEIM, 92806

SF SC STRONG FAMILIES STRONG CHILDREN

health CARE AGENCY

POINT OF CONTACT: MITZI HUFF, MHUFF@OCVAC.ORG

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 10A.M. TO 2P.M.

End of Summer Back to School Bash

- **About:** Veterans and their families are invited to celebrate with free backpacks and school supplies for military-affiliated kids. This event is a great way to gear up for the new school year.
- **When:** August 3, 2024, at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Where:** 1825 E Via Burton, Anaheim, CA 92806
- **RSVP:** [End of Summer - Back to School Bash Registration Form](#)






WOMEN WARRIOR MAKEOVER & MINGLE

AUG 9, 2024
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
1231 WARNER AVE.
TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA 92780

SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER



NO COST!

JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL "WOMEN WARRIOR MAKEOVER & MINGLE" A SPECIAL EVENT DEDICATED TO THE STRONG AND RESILIENT WOMEN VETERANS OF ALL ERAS. CONNECT WITH FELLOW WOMEN VETERANS AND ENJOY A DAY FILLED WITH NO-COST ON-SITE SERVICES, INCLUDING:

- A PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE STATION
- BODY SCULPTING STATION
- CREATIVE ARTS AREA
- PHOTO BOOTH
- HAIR AND MAKEUP STATION
- CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
- PEER SUPPORT SERVICES
- RESOURCE NAVIGATORS
- AND ON-SITE CASE MANAGEMENT

CELEBRATE YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE IN A SUPPORTIVE AND FESTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED FOR ORANGE COUNTY FEMALE VETERANS.

RSVP IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.

@USVETSYPOP

2nd Annual Women Warrior Makeover & Mingle

- **About:** Join a special event dedicated to the strong and resilient women Veterans of all eras. Connect with fellow women Veterans and enjoy a day filled with no-cost on-site services.
- **When:** August 9, 2024, at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Where:** 1231 Warner Ave., Tustin, CA 92780
- **RSVP*:** healthyanddiverseoc.org/events/women-warrior-makeover-mingle/

**This event is for Orange County Women Veterans only.*



IN PARTNERSHIP,
OCAPICA WELL(NESS)ESSITY, CITY OF ANAHEIM, AND BE WELL OC
PRESENTS



A NO COST EVENT!

COMMUNITY WELLNESS FAIR

Resources • Raffle prizes • Free haircuts • Free health screenings • Zumba sessions • Free Food (1st come 1st serve)

SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 29, 2024
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
250 E CENTER ST,
ANAHEIM, CA 92805

CONTACT KAMILLE LISING AT 949-466-8633 OR
KAMILLE.LISING@BEWELLOC.ORG

Community Wellness Fair

- **About:** Experience a day of health and community support. Discover resources dedicated to your well-being and enjoy free health screenings, haircuts, food, and more – all at no cost!
- **When:** August 29, 2024, at 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Where:** 250 E Center St., Anaheim, CA 92805
- **More information:** Contact Kamille Lising at Kamille.Lising@bewelloc.org or (949) 468-8633



Huntington Beach Civil War Days

- **About:** The Huntington Beach Historical Society is hosting the 28th Annual Civil War Days Living History Event. This event marks the 160th anniversary of America's Civil War. Living History Events like Civil War Days allow people to experience vivid recreations of life in the past and learn about important moments in history.
- **When:** August 31, 2024 & September 1, 2024, at 10 a.m.
- **Where:** Huntington Beach Central Park
18002 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, CA 92647
- **More information:** [HB Civil War Days | Living History Event](https://hbhistory.org/civilwar)



The SAAAB story

- **About:** *The SAAAB (Santa Ana Army Air Base) Story* exhibition celebrates the history of the flight training center, its contributions to the war effort, the airmen who served, and its role in Orange County's growth. The exhibition features film, photographs, maps, oral histories, artwork, and ephemera.
- **When:** Wednesdays through Sundays, at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Heroes Hall Museum
88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **More information:** [The SAAAB Story](https://heroeshallmuseum.org/exhibitions/the-saaab-story)

NEWS

VSO Receives 2024 NACo Award for Veteran Employment Program (VEP)!



The Orange County (OC) Veterans Service Office (VSO) has been recognized with a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the Human Services category for the Veteran Employment Program (VEP). This program helps Veterans and their families transition to civilian life by providing career planning, job readiness training, and placement services. VEP partners with other County agencies, including OC Workforce & Economic Development Division and OC Health Care Agency's OC4Vets, to offer a complete support package, including personalized assessments, counseling, mental health screenings, and more.

More information on VEP services: ocworkforcesolutions.com/veterans

CalVet files for VA Grant to Build Veterans Cemetery at Gypsum Canyon

CalVet has submitted an application and is formally requesting funding from the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) to build a cemetery at the Gypsum Canyon site.

This step is required, and if approved, the State will receive a grant of up to \$10 million.

Read more about the Veterans Cemetery at Gypsum Canyon: [Veterans cemetery gets approval from Planning Commission for Anaheim Hills](#)

Presidential Pardon for Certain Military Convictions

On June 26, 2024, [President Biden issued a proclamation](#) granting a full, complete, and unconditional pardon to individuals with court-martial convictions for violations of former Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This applies to convictions between May 31, 1951, and December 26, 2013. To qualify, individuals must not have engaged in conduct listed in the exceptions of the proclamation.

Those who qualify and receive a pardon certificate may be eligible for additional VA benefits earned during their military service. Note that the pardon does not change an individual's character of service. The VA encourages anyone discharged under dishonorable conditions who receives a pardon certificate to apply to their Board of Correction of Military or Naval Records.

More information: [Presidential Proclamation on Certain Violations of Article 125 under the Uniform Code of Military Justice](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

VET THE VOTE

A national campaign to recruit veterans and military family members to support our elections

More than 1 million volunteers are needed to run national elections. Poll workers are essential to making elections happen and get to see American democracy in action. Responsibilities include:

- Opening the polls in the morning;
- Checking in voters and issuing ballots;
- Maintaining the chain of custody of ballots, voting equipment and supplies;
- Reconciling the number of voters checked in with the number of ballots cast at their location; among other duties.

Veterans can earn around \$200 per day by serving as county poll workers. Over 50% of counties report a shortage of poll workers during elections.

Sign up to be a poll worker: bit.ly/VetPollWorker

BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on June 2024 service data.

Veterans Served (includes emails, calls, and appointments):

3,004

Claims Filed:

1,257

Benefits Granted by Veterans Administration:

\$293,062.96


College Tuition Savings:


\$1,961,565

For more information, contact the VSO at (714) 480-6555 or ocvso@occr.ocgov.com.

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