



AUGUST 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



Veteran Housing – Where We Are and What's Next

- **About:** Join the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative meeting to hear from Doug Becht, Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency's Office of Care Coordination, and Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Executive Director of Orange County United Way's United to End Homelessness. Refreshments will be provided, and parking is free.
- **When:** September 12, 2024, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Tierney Center; 1231 Warner Ave., Tustin, CA 92780
- **Register:** [OCVMFC General Meeting - Veteran Housing](#)

Online Q&A Session on VA Benefits and Healthcare

- **About:** The VA Gaming Outreach Team joins Regiment gg, a Veteran-based online community, to host a Q&A session on VA benefits and healthcare, with a focus on education benefits. This event will take place on the Regiment gg Discord, a popular platform for voice, video, and text chat among gamers and other communities. Veterans are encouraged to join and get assistance with their questions, concerns, and information about VA services and benefits.
- **When:** September 12, 2024, from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Online at <https://discord.invite/regiment>
- **More information:** va.gov/outreach-and-events/events/70525/

Orange County Stand Down 2024 – hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

- **About:** Stand Downs are one- to three-day events where VA staff and volunteers provide homeless and at-risk Veterans with food, clothing, and health screenings. These events also offer referrals to Veterans for healthcare, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling, and other essential services.
- **When:** September 13, 2024, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Tierney Center; 1231 Warner Ave., Tustin, CA 92780
- **Contact:** Morisette@va.gov or Melanie.Martins@va.gov



A Soldier's Journey: First Illumination Ceremony

- **About:** Join The World War I Centennial Commission and The Doughboy Foundation for the First Illumination of "A Soldier's Journey," the magnificent bronze sculpture that will serve as the centerpiece of the National World War I Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue.
- **When:** September 13, 2024, at 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Online (**Register [HERE](#)**)
- **More information:** [World War I Centennial site](#)

Elder Abuse and Financial Fraud Seminar

- **When:** September 18, 2024, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Where:** VFW Post 3173; 805 E Sycamore St., Anaheim, CA 92805
- **RSVP by September 11 at 5 p.m.** to WeinbergIceland@gmail.com

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NEWS

Orange County Veterans Service Office (VSO) Welcomes New Team Members to Enhance Support for Veterans and Dependents

The VSO has welcomed a new Veterans Claim Representative (VCR) and a Veterans Case Manager/Navigator to enhance service delivery for Veterans and their dependents seeking access to VA benefits and other services.

Schedule an appointment at veterans.ocgov.com or visit the VSO at 1300 S Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Operating hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Prepare for VA's Secure Sign-in Changes

The VA is committed to enhancing your online security and simplifying access to your benefits and healthcare information. Starting in 2025, you will need a Login.gov or ID.me account to access VA.gov and other VA online services. These modern, secure sign-in options provide stronger protection for your personal information.

What does this mean for you?

- **Enhanced security:** Your information will be better protected against unauthorized access.
- **Simplified access:** Fewer sign-in options mean less hassle.
- **Future-proof account:** Your account will meet the latest security standards.

More information: news.va.gov/133159/prepare-for-vas-secure-sign-in-changes/

DID YOU KNOW?



The VA is committed to helping Veterans succeed. If you have a service-connected disability or are transitioning out of the military, the VA offers benefits to help you overcome employment challenges. This includes training, tuition assistance, and other support to advance your career.

The VA offers Veterans:

- Job and Career Assistance
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Services
- Other Education and Training Opportunities

Visit [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) for eligibility details and how to apply. You can also explore education and training benefits at [VA.gov/careers-employment](https://www.va.gov/careers-employment)

BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on July 2024 service data.

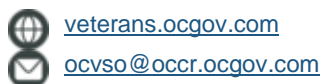
Veterans Served (included emails, calls, and appointments):
3,459

Benefits Granted by Veterans Administration:
\$524,564.83

Claims Filed:
1,284

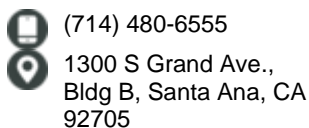
College Tuition Savings:
\$1,774,005

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



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