



OCTOBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

OC Veteran Advisory Council Meeting

- **When:** November 13, 2024, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** OC Workforce Solutions Center - North, Red Cedar Room
675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 330, Brea, CA 92821



Veterans Day Events

- **About:** Veterans Day is a special day to honor and thank those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Orange County has various events and ceremonies to commemorate this important day.
- **When:** November 11, 2024
- **Find a Veterans Day event near you:** enjoyorangecounty.com/veterans-day-events/



Veterans Day Discounted and Free Meals

- **About:** In honor of our brave servicemen and women, many restaurants are offering free meals or drinks to Veterans on or around Veterans Day, November 11.
- **View a list of participating restaurants:** military.com/veterans-day/restaurants-veterans-day-military-discounts.html

EDD

Honor A Hero, Hire an Orange County Veteran

Join us for a Job and Resource Fair honoring veterans, and open to all job seekers. Connect with employers, attend employer presentations, explore veteran resources, and interview workshops to support your next career move.

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EAC

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 OC Workforce Solutions
 675 Placentia Avenue, Suite 330
 Brea, CA 92821

Open to All Job Seekers

- Dress for success and bring your resume.
- Meet and interview with employers.
- Find out about job opportunities.
- Career workshops begin at 9 a.m.
- Community resources available
- Register on CalJOBS.ca.gov Event ID: 1021693

For additional information, contact:
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In partnership with the Employment Development Department, Employer Advisory Council of Orange County, and OC Workforce Solutions

The 2024 Job and Resource Fair is a public event. It is open to all job seekers and employers. A job seeker who receives an offer for a job should accept it only if they are qualified for the position. The County makes no guarantee as to the accuracy of the event content and assumes no responsibility or liability.

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675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 330, Brea, CA 92821
- **Register:** CalJOBS.ca.gov; Event ID: 1021693

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NEWS

VSO Team Attends Leadership Events to Strengthen Veteran Support

The VSO team recently attended two important events focused on Veterans' leadership and support, including the *State of the American Veteran: Southern California Veterans Conference* and *2024 CalVet Leadership Summit*.



Renee Ramirez (OC Community Services Director), Eric Ensley (OC Veterans Service Officer), and Jenna Sergio (OC Community Services Deputy Director) at the State of the American Veteran: Southern California Veterans Conference.

The *State of the American Veteran: Southern California Veterans Conference* brings together leaders to discuss the needs of Veterans in Southern California, using findings from USC's Southern California Veterans Study to enhance and realign support programs and legislation. **Link to Study:** socalvetstudy.org



Bobby McDonald (OC Veterans Advisory Council Member), Jenna Sergio, Cory Vigil (Strong Families Strong Children), and Renee Ramirez at the CalVet Leadership Summit 2024.

The *CalVet Leadership Summit* connects CalVet's leaders to established stakeholders and community partners from across California to discuss key Veteran priorities and strategies to strengthen efforts, ensuring California's Veterans are well-connected, protected, and respected.

Both events provided valuable insights and opportunities to strengthen our efforts in supporting Veterans across Orange County.

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

The VSO has welcomed two Veterans Claim Representatives 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 to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



VA Expands Eligibility for Benefits for Service Members

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is making more Veterans eligible for benefits, regardless of their military discharge status.

Generally, Veterans under other than dishonorable conditions (e.g., honorable, under honorable conditions, or general) qualify for VA benefits and services. While the VA cannot change a Veteran's discharge status, they are now required to assess eligibility for benefits for all Veterans, including those with a dishonorable discharge.

Read more: news.va.gov/135111/more-service-members-eligible-for-benefits-after-va-amends-character-of-discharge-barriers/

DID YOU KNOW



The VA has been working diligently to improve the quality of life for Veterans with limb loss. [Click here](#) to listen to two Veterans share their experiences with a groundbreaking surgery anchoring prosthetic limbs directly to their bones.

Veterans seeking information about VA prosthetic services can contact the VSO at (714) 480-6555 or ocvso@occr.ocgov.com.

BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on September 2024 service data.

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

2,459

Claims Filed:

990

Benefits Granted by Veterans Administration:

\$165,715.27

College Tuition Savings:

\$1,418,665

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



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