



**November 2024**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

- **About:** National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day commemorates the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, which drew the United States into World War II. This day honors the lives lost and sacrifices made by those who served during the war.
- **When:** December 7, 2024
- **Watch videos of remembrance events:** [Pearl Harbor National Memorial \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)



### **Wreaths Across America**

- **About:** Wreaths Across America honors fallen U.S. Veterans. Each December, volunteers across the country lay wreaths on the headstones of Veterans in cemeteries. This annual event aims to remember the sacrifices of those who served and teach future generations about their service.
- **When:** December 14, 2024
- **Learn more:** [Wreaths Across America](#)

## NEWS



### Check In with Ease Using the New VSO Kiosk

We're excited to introduce a new way to check in at the OC Veterans Service Office (VSO). When you enter the lobby, you'll find the check-in kiosk. Here's how it works:

- Scan the QR code with your phone, or
- Use the tablet to enter your information.

After signing in, simply take a seat in the waiting area, and we'll call your name when it's your turn. The VSO is located at 1300 S Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana, CA 92705. [Appointments](#) are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome!

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### VSO Connects with Local Veterans in Rancho Mission Viejo

On November 12, 2024, the VSO provided valuable information to a group of 50 Veterans and their families at a senior living community in Rancho Mission Viejo.

The presentation highlighted how the VSO actively advocates for Veterans, military members, and their dependents to secure the benefits they have earned through service. Topics included:

- Disability compensation for injuries or illnesses related to military service
- Pension for low-income Veterans with medical needs
- Survivor benefits for families of deceased Veterans
- Statewide benefits like the DMV Veterans designation and the Veterans Homes of California

For personalized assistance or more information about these topics, contact the VSO at (714) 480-6555 or [ocvso@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocvso@occr.ocgov.com).

## DID YOU KNOW



Did You Serve in the South Korean Military During the Vietnam War?

The [Korean American VALOR Act](#) has expanded VA benefits eligibility to include South Korean Veterans who served alongside U.S. forces in Vietnam. If you're a U.S. citizen and served in the South Korean military during that time, you may qualify for VA healthcare benefits.

The VSO can help you determine your eligibility and guide you through the claims process. Contact the VSO at (714) 480-6555 or [ocvso@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocvso@occr.ocgov.com).

## BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on October 2024 service data.



**Veterans Served (includes emails,  
calls, and appointments):**  
2,300



**Benefits Granted by Veterans  
Administration:**  
\$351,165.68

**Claims Filed:**  
1,043

**College Tuition Savings:**  
\$229,365

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