



February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orange County Veterans Advisory Council Meeting

- **When:** March 12, 2025, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana, CA 92705

*Meeting details are subject to change. For latest information, visit the VSO website here:
OC Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC)*

Elks
VETERANS
STAND
DOWN

MARCH 1ST, 10:00 AM – 3 PM
GARDEN GROVE ELKS LODGE
11551 TRASK AVE GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843

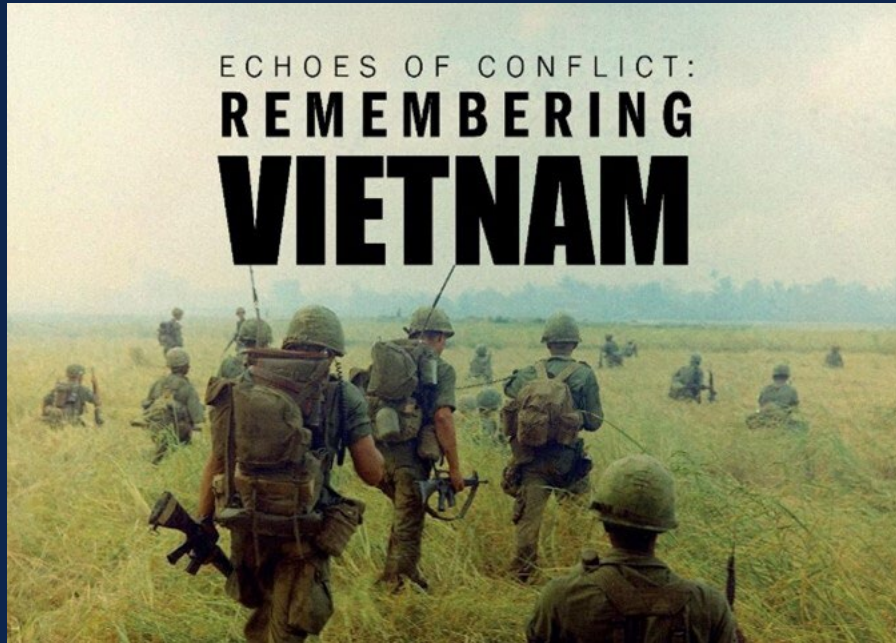
Provided Services
Hot Meal Provided • Dental Care
Eye Glasses • Housing Assistance
Mobile Shower Facilities • Legal Services
Minor Medical & Wound Care • PEER Resources
Men's & Women's Clothing Available
Haircuts and manicures

For More Information
Contact Eli Morales at 714-317-3806 or Dan Breece at 949-510-8820

Completing applications for assistance programs offered by CalOptima, Safelink or others could require your ID and or proof of income.

Veterans Stand Down

- **About:** Attend the Veterans Stand Down at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge where Veterans can access essential services like meals, showers, healthcare, housing, legal aid, personal care and much more.
- **When:** March 1, 2025, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Where:** Garden Grove Elks Lodge
11551 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843
- **Contact:** Eli Morales at (714) 317-3806 or Dan Breece at (949) 510-8820.



Echoes of Conflict: Remembering Vietnam – Speaker Series

Breaking Barriers: Black Marines Reflect on War, Service, and Sacrifice

- **About:** Hear from three Montford Point Marines who served from WWII to Desert Shield, including Vietnam. They will share personal stories, highlighting the legacy of the first all-Black Marine unit and their contribution to military desegregation.
- **When:** March 1, 2025, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Heroes Hall Museum & Education Center
88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **RSVP:** [Remembering Vietnam Tickets - March 1, 2025](#)

Former Combat Nurse Shares Lessons Learned from Vietnam Veterans

- **About:** Justice Eileen Moore, a former combat nurse, will discuss the lasting effects of war on service members. She will explore how past wars can help predict future challenges for those who serve and how changes in the civilian world during wartime can impact returning Veterans.
- **When:** March 29, 2025, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Heroes Hall Museum & Education Center
88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **RSVP:** [Remembering Vietnam Tickets - March 29, 2025](#)

OC Veterans Community Network and Resources Fair

- **About:** Join the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and the Coast Community College District for an event connecting Veterans and their families with regional organizations and employers offering programs, benefits, and services.
- **When:** March 14, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Where:** Golden West College (MPR 100)
15744 Golden West St., Huntington Beach, CA 92647
- **Register:** [OC Veterans Community Network and Resource Fair](#)



Veterans Entrepreneurship Workshop

Are you a veteran in Orange County who wants to start your own business or grow a side hustle? This workshop will give you the tools and strategies you need to succeed as an entrepreneur..



Orange County Veterans & Military Families Collaborative
CONVENED BY UCI

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
10 a.m. – 12 noon
OC Workforce Solutions
675 Placentia Avenue, Suite 330
Brea, CA 92821
Register at
CalJOBS.ca.gov
Event ID: 1033455

Open to All Job Seekers

For additional information, contact:
Joshua Noonan
1-657-400-1389
WSBARU042Brea@edd.ca.gov

- Business resources.
- Entrepreneurship insights.
- Building your side hustle.

In partnership with the Employment Development Department, the Senti Institute Inc., Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative.

The EDD, an equal opportunity employer/program, is a partner in this event. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 1-916-654-8434 (voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.

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- **About:** Are you a Veteran in Orange County who wants to start your own business or grow a side hustle? This workshop will give you the tools and strategies you need to succeed as an entrepreneur.
- **When:** March 25, 2025, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Where:** OC Workforce Solutions Center
675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 330, Brea, CA 92821
- **Register:** [EDD Veterans Entrepreneurship Workshop](#)



**American
Vietnam War Veterans
Recognition Ceremony**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29 | 8:00AM-12:00PM
SID GOLDSTEIN FREEDOM PARK**

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER WILL HOST A COMMEMORATION
EVENT TO FORMALLY HONOR AND THANK ALL AMERICAN
VETERANS WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

- ✓ LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- ✓ GUEST SPEAKERS
- ✓ CEREMONIAL CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

FOR MORE INFO |  714-895-2878 |  www.westminster-ca.gov

American Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Ceremony

- **About:** The City of Westminster will host a commemoration event to formally honor and thank all American Veterans who served during the Vietnam War.
- **When:** March 29, 2025, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Where:** Sid Goldstein Freedom Park
14199 All American Way, Westminster, CA 92683
- **More information:** (714) 895-2878 or westminster-ca.gov

Event information is provided for informational purposes only. The County makes no guarantee as to the accuracy of the event content and assumes no responsibility or liability

NEWS



Now Available: 2025 VA Veterans Benefits Guide

The 2025 Veterans Benefits Guide is now available, providing Veterans, their families, survivors, and caregivers with important information on the benefits and services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The guide includes updates on eligibility and benefits, covering topics such as healthcare, disability compensation, education and more.

Access the full 2025 Veterans Benefits Guide here: [VA 2025 Federal Benefits Guide](#)

DID YOU KNOW



The In Memory program honors Vietnam Veterans who have passed away by celebrating their contributions and preserving their legacies. The program includes various tributes, such as memorial services, scholarships, and dedicated spaces.

To have a Veteran considered for the 2025 *In Memory* National Ceremony, applications must be submitted to the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund **by March 29, 2025**.

Learn more and submit an application: [In Memory - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund](#)

BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on January 2025 service data.



Veterans Served (includes emails, calls, and appointments):
2,110



Benefits Granted by Veterans Administration:
\$826,429.57




Claims Filed:
961

College Tuition Savings:
\$341,913

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

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