



## JULY 2025

### VSO Receives 2025 NACo Award for Veteran Mental Health Outreach!



The Orange County Veterans Service Office (VSO) has been recognized with a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the Human Services category for the Veteran Mental Health Outreach. VSO had made efforts to increase service coordination to minimize and eliminate gaps in services by increasing veteran's access to mental health services and programs, legal services that aid the reduction of legal barriers veterans face in accessing services, including recidivism.

For information about Veteran services, visit [veterans.ocgov.com](https://veterans.ocgov.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) Meeting

- **When:** August 13, 2025, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Tierney Center for Veteran Services  
1231 Warner Ave., Tustin, CA 92780
- **Please Note:** Meeting location is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [OCVAC webpage](#), or check our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) before attending.



CA DEPARTMENT  
OF INSURANCE

# PARTNERSHIP INTRODUCTION WEBINAR

Partner with us to engage and educate our community on the vital importance of insurance coverage. Attend a FREE webinar to equip you and your teams about basic insurance information. Learn:

1

INSURANCE ESSENTIALS &  
INSURANCE FRAUD

2

ACCESS TO OUTREACH  
RESOURCES & TOOLKITS

3

MEET YOUR CDI  
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**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

We celebrate and honor our veterans in July. We will be working with our local partners serving our veterans and their families.



**AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**

We get ready for back to school in August. We will be working with our local partners in school districts, parent centers, PTAs and libraries.



**SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

We celebrate Labor Day and Hispanic Heritage Month in September. We will be working with our local partners in unions, labor rights organizations and chambers.

Join us on the last Friday of each month at 1:00 PM.  
Use the QR Code or link below to register and save your spot!  
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[insurance.ca.gov](https://insurance.ca.gov)

[crobeinsurance.ca.gov](https://crobeinsurance.ca.gov)

## CA Department of Insurance Partnership Introduction Webinar

- **About:** Join the free webinar to get up to speed on essential insurance information. You'll learn the basics and discover how to collaborate to better inform and protect your community.
- **When:** August 29, 2025, at 1 p.m.
- **Where:** Online
- **Register:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

# CIVIL WAR DAYS!

★ *The HB Historical Society presents* ★



★ A FREE LIVING HISTORY EVENT ★

*Saturday & Sunday*

**AUG. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL PARK**

BEHIND THE LIBRARY OPENS 10AM DAILY

**BATTLES**

SATURDAY 130 & 4PM - SUNDAY 11AM & 2PM

★ FOOD ★ MUSIC ★ SHOPS ★ TALKS ★

**HBHISTORY.ORG/CIVILWAR**

## 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 30 & 31, 2025, 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)

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



### **VA to Extend Caregiver Support Program Eligibility for "Legacy" Veterans, Caregivers**

The VA has extended eligibility for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) for Veteran families and caregivers, through September 2028. This extension provides continued access to support approximately 15,000 dedicated caregivers for an additional three years.

As part of the VA's Caregiver Support Program, PCAFC provides essential clinical assistance to family caregivers of eligible Veterans with serious line-of-duty injuries, to include:

- Monthly stipends
- Education
- Respite care
- Mental health counseling
- Travel expense coverage
- Access to CHAMPVA healthcare.

Read the full press release: [\*\*Eligibility Press Release.\*\*](#)



## DID YOU KNOW



### Protect Veterans from Pension Poaching

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) warns Veterans to watch out for "pension poaching," a scam that tries to steal assets from eligible wartime Veterans or their surviving spouses who receive VA pension benefits.

For more information, visit [Crime Alerts and Fraud Resources | Department of Veterans Affairs OIG](#).

## BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on June 2025 service data.



**Veterans Served (includes emails,  
calls, and appointments):**  
2,773



**Benefits Granted by Veterans  
Administration:**  
\$1,156,245.86



**Claims Filed:**  
1,418

**College Tuition Savings:**  
\$1,788,468

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

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