

Yuba-Sutter Counties Veteran Service Office

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Veterans Services

The mission of the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) is to assist the veteran's community of Yuba and Sutter counties in obtaining federal, state, and local benefits to which they are entitled based upon service in the armed forces of the United States. The veteran's community consists of veterans, their dependents, and the survivors of deceased veterans.

Some of these benefits include application for:

- VA Headstones
- VA National Cemetery Service
- VA Health Care
- VA Disability Benefits
- VA War Time Pension Benefits
- VA Home Loan Certificate
- VA Education
- VA Vocational Rehabilitation
- VA Disability Home & Auto Grants
- CA Property Tax Waiver
- CA College Fee Waiver
- CA Disabled Veteran License Plate
- CA State Veteran Homes

Our services include:

- Overall VA Claim/Case Management
- Complete and Submit all Claim forms
- Complete and Submit Appeal Forms
- Advise on ways to obtain Maximum benefits
- Review Service Medical Records
- List conditions which could be claimed
- Review VA Claim Folder
- Identify & help correct errors in past VA decisions

- Advise Veterans on All Available Benefits; Federal, State, County, Service Organizations
- Report / Verify Income to other Agencies SSA/SSI, HHS, Loan Institutions...
- Administer College Fee Waiver Program
- Advise Veterans & Legislators on Veteran Issues
- Operate VA Shuttle Van between Marysville & VA Medical Centers in Sacramento

Current Topics of concern are:

- Ex-POW Agent Orange Exposure / Radiation Exposure
- Combat Related Disability Pay
- Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay
- Surviving Spouse Remarried
- Iraqi Freedom / Enduring Freedom
- Local Emergency Medical Treatment
- Long Term / Nursing Home Care
- How to get copies of Military Records
- Military Discharge Upgrades
- VAMC Prescription Co-Pays \$ 8 /month
- Proposed Tri-Care fee increase
- VA IG Report May 2005
- GAO Report May 2006
- VA Form 21-4140 Annual Certification of Employment
- US Court of Appeals Decision Hass vs. Nicholson Aug 16, 2006

Major Accomplishments FY 2005/06

Participated in:

- Veterans Stand Down providing services to needy and homeless veterans
Central Valley Homeless Veterans Assistance Program
Northern California Hepatitis C Task Force
Disabled American Veterans local chapter's organization
California Association of County Veteran Services Organization
Community Action Group, researching local cancer rates
Community Connections, addressing needs of paroled Veterans
- Established Veteran shuttle service from local community too Sacramento VA Health Care System.
- Rectified Indigent Burial policy allowing proper burial of local Veterans

- Updated equipment & technology increasing office efficiency
- Established "Welcome Home" letter program that outreaches to recently released local veterans returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom
- Established program to contact local Veterans concerning VA Benefits upon approval of new disability rating
- Established first ever local Veteran Information Fair