

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
February 9, 2016
Meeting Agenda**

- Introductions

- Previous Issues

- **Veterans Service Office Status** –*Walk-ins are now Monday through Thursday for claims from 8:30 to 5:00 (no new claims processing after 3:30). Appointments are also available.* The office is open for business on Friday too! Support staff can answer many questions without seeing a VSR. Feel free to stop by anytime to ask for assistance. The Kings County Veterans Service Office can complete the DMV Veteran Status Verification Form for the new California Veteran Designation on your driver's license. We can also issue Veteran I.D. cards to honorably discharged Veterans!

- **Mental Health First Aid Training – Mar 25** – (See attached)

- New Issues

- **Guest Speaker – Alicia Ferrer – Kings County Commission on Aging**
- **HAHHAV Job and Resource Fair – April 21** – (See attached)
- **Kings County Court Closure and Relocation** - (See attached)
- **American Legion Post 100 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner - March 17**– (See attached)
- **Coffee and Donuts at Fatte Albert's** – (See attached)
- **New CA Laws Assisting Vets** – (See attached)

- Round Table –

- Next Meeting – March 8 at the Kings County Government Center, Multi-Purpose Room.



Mental Health First Aid Training

You may ask:

- **What is Mental Health First Aid?**

It is the initial help given to a person showing symptoms of mental illness or in a mental health crisis (severe depression, psychosis, panic attack, suicidal thoughts and behaviors.) until appropriate professional or other help, including peer support and family support can be engaged.

- **Who can be a Mental Health First Aider?**

- Educators/School Administrators
- Human Resource Professionals
- Members of Faith Communities
- Homeless Shelter Staff/Volunteers
- Nurses/Physician Assistants/Primary Care Workers
- Police/First Responders/Personnel
- Mental Health Authorities
- Social Workers
- Substance Abuse Professionals
- Consumers and Family Members
- Caring Citizens

- **How much does it cost?**

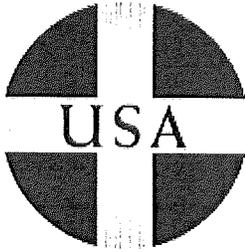
There is a \$5 Registration fee.

In this 8-hour course, you will learn:

- The prevalence of mental health illnesses in the U.S. and their emotional and economic cost.
- The potential warning signs and risk factors for depression, anxiety disorders, trauma, psychotic disorders, eating disorders, and substance abuse disorders.
- A 5-step action plan to help an individual in crisis connect to professional care.
- Resources available to help someone with a mental health problem.

Kings County Behavioral Health Department
450 Kings County Drive, Suite 104
Hanford, CA 93230

For More Information
Call Behavioral Health Department
Chris Prewitt (559) 852-2372



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID



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DATE: January 15 or March 25, 2016
TIME: 8am-5pm
LOCATION: Behavioral Health, Hope Conf. Rm.
COST: \$5.00

Mental Health First Aid is an 8 hour certification course to educate participants and help them identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health illness or crisis, until professional help is received or the crisis resolves.

This is a one day event which includes the course manual. Payment may be made in cash or check (made out to Kings County Behavioral Health). Payment is due on the day of training.

Which would you like to attend?

- January 15, 2016** (Registration due January 8th)
 March 25, 2016 (Registration due by March 18th)

Your Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Mail, e-mail, or fax completed registration to:

Kings County Behavioral Health

Attn: Christine Prewitt

450 Kings County Drive, Ste 104

Hanford, CA 93230

Phone: (559) 852-2372

Fax: (559) 589-6916

E-Mail: Christine.Prewitt@co.kings.ca.us

Honor a Hero Hire a Vet Job & Resource Fair April 21, 2016 at West Hills College

Mark Your Calendars! The Kings County Veterans Employment Committee and West Hills Community College are hosting the Honor-a-Hero, Hire-a-Vet Job & Resource Fair that focuses on our Military Veterans, Active Duty Military, Guard, Reserves, their dependents, and the West Hills College student body.

This Job & Resource Fair will be held at Lemoore's West Hills College Golden Eagle Arena. We plan to have over 80 businesses and organizations represented.

Employers, resource providers, and those who are interested in helping in the planning process for this year's event can contact Luis Sandoval at (559) 585-3553 or by email at luis.sandoval@edd.ca.gov This is a free event for everyone and open to all job seekers.

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April 21, 2016 at West Hills College Golden Eagle Arena

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Veterans possess a wide variety of outstanding qualities including experience, maturity, leadership, and loyalty. These highly sought traits make them ideal candidates for job openings. Employers, resource providers, and those who are interested in helping in the planning process for this year's event, can contact Luis Sandoval at (559) 585-3553 or by email at luis.sandoval@edd.ca.gov for more information. There is no cost to participate.

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Golden Eagle Arena
West Hills College Lemoore Campus
555 College Avenue
Lemoore, CA 93245

To register as an employer or service provider, e-mail or Fax the following information to:
luis.sandoval@edd.ca.gov Fax: 559-584-3763

- 1) Organization Name:
- 2) Point of Contact Name:
- 3) Point of Contact Phone:
- 4) Point of Contact e-mail:
- 5) Display (yes or no):
- 6) No. of Chairs:
- 7) Plug Outlet:
- 8) Other Requests:

NOTE: Please keep in mind that electrical plug outlets are limited so select only if you truly require one. Spaces fill up quickly so please send in your registration form soon.



Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings

Thomas DeSantos
Presiding Judge
of the
Superior Court

Jeffrey E. Lewis
Court Executive/Clerk
and
Jury Commissioner

*****PUBLIC NOTICE OF CLOSURE AND RELOCATION***
OF
KINGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE
IN
HANFORD**

December 11, 2015

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 68106*, the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Kings, hereby announces the permanent closure of its existing Court facility (located at 1426 South Drive in Hanford), effective, as of the close of business, on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Services currently available to the public at the present Court site - as well as all assigned staff, will be relocated to the soon-to-be-completed structure at 1640 Kings County Drive in Hanford, with no anticipated disruption to our citizenry. More specifically, following judicial holidays on February 12, 2016 [Lincoln's Birthday] and February 15, 2016 [Presidents' Day], public services will resume in full at the new Kings County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

[NOTE: Kings County Superior Court information and services may also be accessed by phone at (559) 582-1010 or on our public website at <http://www.kings.courts.ca.gov>.]

As a part of the Judicial Branch of government, the Superior Court receives its annual budget allocation through the Judicial Council of California (JCC), an entity of the State. The JCC is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of Court facilities throughout California.

As identified in the State's Judicial Branch master facilities plan and *funded in its entirety* by fees imposed on Civil case filings and Criminal case convictions (as expressly provided for by Senate Bill 1407 [2008] to finance Court facilities projects statewide), the JCC has undertaken construction of Hanford's new courthouse to better serve Kings County residents well into the decades ahead.

Any written comments related to this Notice should be directed to:

Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer
Kings County Superior Court
1426 South Drive
Hanford, CA 93230

*Government Code section 68106 requires trial courts to provide notice to the public at least 60 days before closing any courtroom or closing or reducing the hours of clerks' offices by conspicuous posting within its facilities and on its public website.

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**CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE
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**THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2016 5 PM - 7 PM
411 W. "D" ST. LEMOORE**

\$12.00 per person

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE
UNTIL MARCH 10, 2016 - CALL 639-3934 / 707-4840
OR AT THE DOOR DAY OF EVENT**



IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS



Every Wednesday at 7:30 AM

Address: 110 E 7th St, Hanford, CA 93230

Phone: (559) 585-0220

Veterans and Active Service Members are welcome to come to a Day of Coffee and Donuts with Fellow Veterans to share a morning of Camaraderie- Band of Brothers and Sisters sharing a moment to know your Community Veterans and Active Service Members in Kings and Tulare County.

Help for Homeless Veterans
877-4AID-VET
 va.gov/homeless (877) 424-3838



 **Veterans Crisis Line**
 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**



CONTACT: Thora Chaves
916-651-2147
January 11, 2016
CalVet 16-001

News Release

CalVet Applauds New Laws Assisting Veterans

Seven Laws Took Effect on New Year's Day 2016

Sacramento – Seven laws took effect on January 1, 2016, with the goal of improving the lives of California's Veterans, service members, and their families.

"I thank our Governor and legislature for collaborating with CalVet on behalf of our 1.8 million Veterans living in California," said Dr. Vito Imbasciani, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet).

The first new law assists surviving family members with continuing the operations of a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) after the death or permanent medical disability of a Veteran. Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 413 (Chapter 513, statutes of 2015), by Assemblymember Rocky Chavez (R – Oceanside).

The new law allows survivors to fully operate the DVBE for up to three years after the disabled Veteran's death or certification of permanent medical disability. The law allows survivor-owned DVBEs to enter into new contracts under the DVBE certification if the contracts can be completed within those three years. This gives survivors the time and flexibility to manage the business in a way that best suits their needs. CalVet holds the position of statewide DVBE advocate, and works in tandem with Department of General Services (DGS) to supply outreach, recruitment, and support to DVBEs.

The second new law assists disabled Veterans who are new state employees. Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 221 (Chapter 794, statutes of 2015), authored by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D - Santa Barbara). The law benefits new state employees who are Veterans with a service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The law allows up to 96 hours of sick leave during the Veterans first year in the state workforce to attend medical appointments during work hours without having to take unpaid leave.

Governor Brown signed five additional Veteran-related bills into law that took effect January 1, 2016:

- Assembly Bill 388 (Chapter 692, statutes of 2015), authored by Assemblymember

Ling Ling Chang (R - Diamond Bar): Requires the evaluation of programs relating to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act to include information relating to the effectiveness in helping Veterans occupying supportive housing or transitional housing developments.

- Assembly Bill 778 (Chapter 84, statutes of 2015), authored by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein (R - San Diego): Allows Veterans to request military documents from the county recorder's office with a digital request to promote easier access to Veteran's services.
- Assembly Bill 1401 (Chapter 254, statutes of 2015), authored by Assemblymember Catherine Baker (R - San Ramon): Provides Veterans of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia with greater access to student financial aid services.
- Senate Bill 386 (Chapter 246, statutes of 2015), authored by Senator Benjamin Allen (D - Santa Monica): Protects Veterans from pension scams and makes illegal the act of advertising the pension poaching scams.
- Senate Bill 685 (Chapter 423, statutes of 2015), authored by Senator Mike McGuire (D - Healdsburg): Authorizes licensed Veterans' clubs to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to members of other Veterans' organizations, active duty or reserve service members, or Veterans, and to members of their own organization and their guests.

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