

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
April 12, 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!
- **Joe Wright Retirement Open House** – **May 5** – (See attached)
- **HAHHAV Job and Resource Fair** – **April 21** – (See attached)
- **American Legion Post 100 Golf Tourney** - **May 6**– (See attached)

- New Issues

- **Guest Speaker** – **KC Behavioral Health - Veterans Justice Treatment Court** – **Minerva Acosta**
- **California Women Veteran's UnConference** – **April 15-17** - (See attached)
- **Incomplete VA Healthcare Applications** – (See attached)
- **Driver's License Issues at DoD Bases** - (See attached)
- **Tulare County Prayer Breakfast** – **May 4** - (See attached)
- **Tulare County Veterans Opportunity Day** – **April 27** - (See attached)
- **Edgewood Chem/Bio Testing Appeal** – (See attached)
- **Visalia 22-a-day Awareness Hike** – **April 22** – (See attached)
- **Warriors to Scholars 5K** – **April 30** – (See attached)

- Round Table –

- Next Meeting – ****May 10 at the Behavioral Health, Hope Conference Room - 460 Kings County Dr. Ste 101****



**The clock's been punched for
the last time
The daily grind has been left
behind
No more meetings or pages to
fax
It's time to kick back and relax!**

**You're invited
to a Retirement Open House for**

Joe Wright

**And Meet & Greet of new employees
on **May 5, 2016** from **12pm-3pm**
at Kings County PG/VSO Office**

**Refreshments will be served
Presentation and Cake at **2:00pm**
559-852-2669 for details**

State of California

Honor a Hero, Hire a VetSM

Job and Resource Fair

Open
to all job
seekers

A job and resource fair for Veterans, National Guard, and Reservists returning from active duty.

**Thursday,
April 21, 2016**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Golden Eagle Arena - West Hills College

555 College Avenue

Lemoore, CA 93245

For more information,
please call:

Luis Sandoval

Veteran Representative

559-585-3553

- ★ Dress for success and bring your résumé.
- ★ Meet and interview with employers.
- ★ Find out about job opportunities.
- ★ Obtain benefits, training, and career information.
- ★ Haircuts provided.
- ★ See a Veterans Affairs doctor.
- ★ Free lunch for veterans.

EDD Employment
Development
Department
State of California

In partnership with the Employment Development Department, California Community Colleges, California Department of Veterans Affairs, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Department of Industrial Relations-Apprenticeship Standards, Kings County VEC, Kings County EAC, and various federal, state, local, and private organizations within Kings County.

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 805-585-3553 (voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.



**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 100 LEMOORE
3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**



DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016
TIME: 12:30 - SHOTGUN START
ENTRY FEE: \$75 PER PLAYER
LOCATION: LEMOORE GOLF COURSE
FORMAT: FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE (First 80 players to register will be accepted)

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL HELP SUPPORT
LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS AND VETERANS**

FEE INCLUDES:

GREE FEE & CART

BBQ DINNER

ONE MULLIGAN

PRIZES ALSO FOR: LONGEST FRIVE AND CLOSEST TO THE PIN (Par 3'S)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

***Tee sponsors available at \$50 each**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TOM HERNANDEZ AT 381-2453

**SUBMIT ENTRY TO:
LEMOORE AMERICAN
LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT
801 ETON AVENUE
LEMOORE, CA 93245**





APRIL 15 – 17 2016

California Women Veterans UnConference

Lions Gate Hotel
& Conference Center, Sacramento, CA

3 days of commradarie with your sisters
that will Equip, Empower
and Encourage you!

1920s Welcome Reception



Workshops

Workshops
Starting a business ★ Retirement ★
Finding a Job ★ Community Leadership
★ Going back to school and more!

Women Veteran Awards
Community Give Back
Clothing Closet
Massages
Hair & Mini-manicures
Wellness Center & More!

Salute to Women Veterans Party

Hotel rooms available at special
UnConference rate at Lions' Gate Hotel
FREE shuttle to and from Sacramento airport.



Wellness & Pampering



CaliforniaCapital
Financial Development Corporation



Registration Fee: \$30

Visit www.WomenVeteransAlliance.org



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of Veterans Affairs

News Release

Office of Public Affairs
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www.va.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 7 2016

Veterans With Incomplete Health Care Applications Receive Additional Year to Enroll

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it will extend the healthcare enrollment application period for one year to approximately 545,000 living Veterans that have pending incomplete enrollment applications.

“Fixing the Veterans enrollment system is a top priority for VA. This is an important step forward to regain Veterans’ trust and improve access to care as we continue the MyVA Transformation,” said VA Deputy Secretary Sloan D. Gibson. “We’ve got a lot of work left to do, but this is a big step in the right direction to restore the data integrity of our enrollment system,” Gibson said.

The National Enrollment Improvement team conducted a detailed analysis of the pending applications in VA’s enrollment system and identified approximately 545,000 living Veterans whose applications were incomplete and in a pending status. The team also validated that approximately 288,000 pending enrollment system records were for deceased Veterans. VA has segregated deceased records from living Veteran records and, as part of the Veteran Enrollment Rework Project (VERP), will review each incomplete application to determine if any should have been enrolled in VA health care.

VA is required by law to provide notice to Veterans of incomplete applications. The VERP team could not verify that VA’s mailing system used to contact Veterans about their incomplete applications was able to notify the 545,000 Veterans identified above.

VA will contact living Veterans to confirm their continued interest in enrolling in VA health care and ask them for the necessary information to complete their application. Veterans will have one year from the notice to provide this information. After a year, VA will close the record. A Veteran may reapply for enrollment at any time.

As Veterans choose to enroll, VA offers an enhancement to their enrollment experience through “Welcome to VA” (W2VA). Veterans enrolled since July 1, 2015 have received a personal introduction to VA health care services, programs and resources to help them become more familiar with VA’s services. In addition, VA sends each new enrollee an introductory letter and personalized handbook in the mail. W2VA enhances communication by reaching out to newly enrolled Veterans through personal phone calls upon enrollment, providing assistance with health care inquiries and assisting with their initial appointment at their preferred VA healthcare facility.

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Licenses From 5 States No Longer Accepted at DoD Bases

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By Jim Garamone

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 2016 — Defense Department installations will no longer accept driver's licenses from Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Washington as proof of identity, DoD officials said.

Federal Policy

The ban, which also includes licenses from American Samoa, is a consequence of the REAL ID Act of 2005.

The REAL ID Act grew out of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks -- most of the terrorists involved had driver's licenses from Florida and Virginia. Congress tightened up issuance processes and documentation needed to get a driver's license. Compliant cards must have specific security features to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication of the document. The licenses also must present data in a common, machine-readable format.

The REAL ID Act affects only access control policies where individuals are required to present an identification document for accessing federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants or boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft. The federal REAL ID Act implementation rules allow for exceptions, officials noted. For example, they explained, life or safety issues such as medical emergencies, and situations in which physical access is necessary to apply for benefits are two exceptions.

Those attempting to gain physical access to DoD installations must show an alternate form of identification, such as a passport, officials said. Service members, family members, DoD employees, and federal employees with the DoD common access card, DoD uniformed services identification and privileges cards, federal personal identification verification cards or transportation workers' identification credentials are not affected, officials said, as these cards are authorized in DoD policy to facilitate physical access to installations.

“All federal agencies including DoD must comply with the law regarding the use of REAL IDs for official purposes,” an official said. “For most DoD installations, an identification card or an installation pass is required to facilitate access. Hence, where an ID or an installation pass is used for physical access, DoD installations are prohibited from accepting driver's licenses or state identification cards from states deemed non-REAL ID compliant.

“DoD policy allows commanders to waive the DoD access control requirements for special situations, circumstances, or emergencies,” the official said. “Therefore, installations may authorize other alternatives to facilitate installation access, such as a graduation ceremony guest list, escorts, etc.”

SOURCE: DoD News, Defense Media Activity Mailing List, 20 January 2016

Intel Briefing and Dinner "Rogue States and Nuclear Weapons" with Lt. General William G. Boykin

Tuesday, May 3rd 2016 at 6:00pm
Lamp Liter Inn
3300 W Mineral King Ave.
Tickets are \$65

Purchase tickets online at ccvisalia.com
Or at Calvary Chapel Visalia
11720 Ave 264, Visalia, CA 93277
(559-687-0220)



Lt. General Boykin

- United States Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence under President Bush from 2002-2007.
- 36-year career in the military
- 13 years in the Delta Force, including two years as its commander
- Involved in numerous high-profile missions
 - The 1980 Iran hostage rescue attempt
 - The 1992 hunt for Pablo Escobar in Colombia
 - The Black Hawk Down incident in Mogadishu, Somalia.



Lieutenant General (Ret.)
William G. Boykin

Wednesday, May 4th 2016
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Visalia Convention Center

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at: www.visaliatix.com
or by phone at (559) 713-4000



VETERANS OPPORTUNITY DAY 2016

Veteran Benefit Advice
Job Opportunities
CALVET Home Loan
Service Providers Available
Door Prizes for Veterans

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
0900-1300
Tulare Veteran's Memorial Building
1771 E. Tulare Avenue, Tulare

For more information or booth registration form contact Ken Cruickshank
559-684-4960 email kcruicks@tularehhsa.org.
if available bring your DD214



Victory for Veterans in Edgewood Chem/Bio Testing Appeal

(Wash., D.C.)—"Seven years ago, in an unprecedented legal action, Vietnam Veterans of America, along with San Francisco-based veterans organization Swords to Plowshares, joined with half a dozen veterans who 'volunteered' to participate in experiments that tested chemical and biological agents," said John Rowan. "We wanted to establish the ongoing responsibility of government to care for veterans whose health had been impacted because of their participation in the testing of more than 400 chemical and biological substances, including hazardous agents such as sarin and mustard gas and mind-altering drugs, including LSD."

"Our concerns have now been validated," said Rowan, in response to the news that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has agreed with the trial judge, affirming an injunction ordering the U.S. Army to provide all former test subjects with any newly acquired information about the substances to which they were exposed and which might impact their health. The three-member appeals panel also concluded that the military still has an obligation to provide the test subjects with medical care.

"Under its own regulations," said Rowan, "the Department of the Army has an 'ongoing duty . . . to provide former test subjects with newly available information relating to their health' and an ongoing duty to provide medical care to the test subjects 'for injury or disease that is a proximate result of their participation in research.' And, importantly, the full court denied the government's petition for rehearing the appeal.' "

"This decision is a clear victory for veterans," noted Rowan. "It reaffirms our position that caring for veterans is part of the continuing cost of war. It is a testament to the convictions of the late Gordy Erspamer, who took on this case pro bono for his law firm, Morrison & Foerster, that the government cannot ride roughshod over its own regulations and the rights of veterans. And this case has succeeded in exposing the breadth and scope of some of the top-secret experimentation that the military first denied and then acknowledged had been conducted to the potential detriment of the health of thousands of test subjects.

"VVA owes a debt of gratitude to Morrison & Foerster for their unwavering support of veterans in this case," Rowan said. "And we can hope that the military takes to heart the essential message of this decision, that they have a 'duty to warn' future human subjects of any potential health effects associated with any testing in which they may participate."

Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation's only congressionally chartered veterans' service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PTSD
AND SUICIDES BY VETERANS

VISALIA'S FIRST ANNUAL 22 VETERANS A DAY SUICIDE AWARENESS RUCKSACK HIKE

HIKING & WALKING FOR MY
FALLEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS



APRIL 22, 2016

FRIDAY AT 8 AM
MEET AT
VISALIA VETERANS
MEMORIAL BUILDING

STARTING & ENDING
VISALIA VETERANS
MEMORIAL BUILDING
609 W CENTER AVE
VISALIA, CA 93291



MIDWAY POINT CEREMONY AT
GREATEST GENERATION
MEMORIAL WALL
MOONEY BLVD AT 11:30AM

22 VETERANS DIED
TODAY BY SUICIDE

"ALL GAVE SOME - SOME GAVE ALL"



Dedicated to the memory of all who
proudly served and protected their country



AVEDIAN
PROPERTIES

This event can
Accommodate up to
300 participants.



Many of the participants are active, non-active, and Veteran military personnel, however, all are encourage to participate or attend to show their support. Though it's not a requirement, many of the participants will be carrying a rucksack or backpack that weighs 22 lbs. in remembrance of the 22 Veterans that take their lives each and every day.
For information contact Joel (559) 429-1547 or Efrim (559) 308-1021 or email Efrim.ortiz@gmail.com



WARRIORS TO SCHOLARS

SCHOLARSHIP RUN/WALK

5K

All proceeds of this event will go to a scholarship for a veteran student attending Fresno State.

DATE

**SATURDAY
APRIL 30, 2016**

LOCATION

**FRESNO STATE CAMPUS
5150 N. Maple Ave
Fresno, CA 93740**

EVENT SCHEDULE

6:15 AM-
LATE PACKET PICK-UP
AND REGISTRATION
7:30 AM-
OPENING CEREMONY
7:35 AM-
5K RUN/WALK
9:00 AM -
CLOSING CEREMONY

PACKET PICK-UP

Packets will be available from
April 26th-29th
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

5150 N Maple Ave
Joyal Building Room 121
Fresno, CA 93740

*Note: There will be an award
for best Theme Dressed

AGE DIVISIONS

Male and Female

- 9 and under
- 10-12
- 13-15
- 16-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60 and over

THEME

"REP YOUR SERVICE!"

Active duty service member or Veteran, wear items that represent your branch of service! OR: If you're not a Veteran, feel free to Represent for a family member or friend who has served!

Accommodations:
If you need a disability-related accommodation or wheelchair access information, please call Robyn Gutierrez at: (559) 278-7030.



REGISTRATION

<https://www.raceentry.com/races/warriors-to-scholars-5k-scholarship-run/2016/register>

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