

**Kings County  
Military and Veterans Coalition  
July 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!
- **Military Service and Social Security** - (See attached)
- **Veterans Town Hall Meeting – July 12** - (See attached)
- **CALVIN Flyer** – (See attached)

**- New Issues**

- **Guest Speaker – Corinna Pereira** – Dept. of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, Central Valley Region Consultant
- **VACCHCS Strategic Events** - (See attached)
- **Rotary Golf Tournament** - (See attached)
- **Legislative Update** – (See attached)

**- Round Table –**

**- Next Meeting – *\*\*August 9, Kings County Admin Multi-Purpose Room\*\****



**E**arnings for active duty military service or active duty training have been covered under Social Security since 1957.

Social Security has covered inactive duty service in the armed forces reserves (such as weekend drills) since 1988.

If you served in the military before 1957, you didn't pay Social Security taxes, but we gave you special credit for some of your service.

You can get both Social Security benefits and military retirement. Generally, there is no reduction of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement benefits. You'll get your full Social Security benefit based on your earnings.

## Social Security and Medicare taxes

While you're in military service, you pay Social Security taxes just as civilian employees do. You currently pay a 6.2 percent Social Security tax on up to \$118,500 of your earnings. The Medicare tax rate is 1.45 percent on all wages, and high-income earners also pay an additional 0.9 percent on earnings above certain amounts.

## How your work qualifies you for Social Security

To qualify for benefits, you must earn credits by working and paying Social Security taxes. The number of credits you need to qualify depends on your age and the type of benefit for which you're eligible. In 2016, you'll receive four credits if you earn at least \$5,040. The minimum amount of earnings needed to get credit for your work goes up each year. The maximum number of credits you can earn in one year is 4. No one needs more than 10 years of work, or 40 credits.

## Extra earnings

Your Social Security benefit depends on your earnings, averaged over your working lifetime. Generally, the higher your earnings, the higher your Social Security benefit. Under certain circumstances, special earnings can be credited

to your military pay record for Social Security purposes. The extra earnings are for periods of active duty or active duty for training. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

*If you served in the military after 1956*, you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the armed forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for periods of active duty from 1957 through 2001 can also be credited to your Social Security earnings record.

- **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.
- **From 1968 through 2001**, you don't need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.
- **After 2001**, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

The information that follows explains how you can get credit for special extra earnings and applies only to active duty military service earnings from **1957 through 2001**.

- **From 1957 through 1977**, you're credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.
- **From 1978 through 2001**, for every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you're credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

*If you served in the military from 1940 through 1956*, including attendance at a service academy, you didn't pay Social Security taxes. However, your Social Security record may be credited with \$160 a month in



VA Central California Health Care System

# VETERANS TOWN HALL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, July 12, 2016  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Auditorium  
2615 E. Clinton Ave.  
Fresno CA 93703

Agenda:

Information Outreach Fair 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Town Hall 5 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For more information e-mail: [V21FREPAOMedia@va.gov](mailto:V21FREPAOMedia@va.gov)  
or call: Fresno VAMC Public Affairs at: 559-228-5364



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration



# C.A.L.V.I.N.

***Citizens Assisting Local Veterans In Need***

A Tulare County Veteran's Collaborative



<http://bit.ly/1u397Av>  
For more info, scan QR

## Invitation to come out and support...

Find out what is going on in your local community, Tulare County, and the Central Valley. Come out and share what your organization is doing to support our local Veterans. Invitation goes out to those supporting Veterans to include: Employers, Schools, Veteran Service Organization, Government Agencies (local, State, and Federal), and Citizens wanting to support those who have served. *Our Vision: To Educate and Support Veterans, to include family members, through providing information on Education, Training, Employment, and local Veteran Services.*

**Meeting Dates: 1st Wednesday of every month 10 am – 12 noon**

\*Sites vary depending on what organization wants to host meeting

**Email Juan for more information [Juan.vasquez@edd.ca.gov](mailto:Juan.vasquez@edd.ca.gov)**

**Or Sharon Allison-Crook [Sharon@teamamvets.org](mailto:Sharon@teamamvets.org)**

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Jan = Tulare	Apr = Tulare	July = Tulare	Oct = Tulare
Feb = Porterville	May = Porterville	Aug = Porterville	Nov = Porterville
Mar = Visalia	Jun = Visalia	Sept = Visalia	Dec = Visalia

Members requesting to host a meeting, please contact Juan via email or request during meeting



# VA CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (VACCHCS)

## Director/Veteran Service Organization Strategic Events (Next 90 Days)

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>June 27-July 2, 2016 (Monday- Saturday)</b>	<b>36<sup>th</sup> Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games</b>	<b>Salt Lake City, UT</b>
<b>June 30, 2016 (Thursday) 1500 – 1630</b>	<b>Director/VSO Meeting (by invitation only) POC: Mary x6907</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Auditorium 2A18</b>
<b>June 30, 2016 (Thursday) 1500</b>	<b>Veteran Justice Outreach POC: Susan Basmajian x4189</b>	<b>B.F. Sisk Courthouse Jury Assembly Room 1130 O Street Fresno, CA</b>
<b>July 4, 2016 (Monday)</b>	<b>Independence Day (Holiday)</b>	
<b>July 12, 2016 (Tuesday) 1600 (Info Fair) 1700-1830</b>	<b>Fresno Veteran Town Hall (Flyer) POC: Mary Golden x6907</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Auditorium</b>
<b>July 13, 2016 (Wednesday) 0730, 1200, 1530</b>	<b>Director's Staff Town Hall POC: Mary Golden x6907 (Volunteers Welcome)</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Auditorium</b>
<b>July 13, 2016 (Wednesday) 0900-1500</b>	<b>DAV VBA Mobile Service Unit POC: Mario Flores x6401</b>	<b>DAV Office – E108 VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703</b>
<b>July 14, 2016 (Thursday) 1500-1800</b>	<b>New Volunteer Orientation (By invitation only) POC: Aaron Galvan x5006</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Auditorium</b>
<b>July 18, 2016 (Monday) 1130</b>	<b>VA Sport Teams Media Day Valor, Wheelchair &amp; Golden Age POC: Mary Golden x6907</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Front Entrance</b>
<b>August 4, 2016 (Thursday) 1000</b>	<b>Coast Guard Birthday POC: Mary Golden x6907</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Front Steps</b>
<b>August 11, 2016 (Thursday) 1500-1800</b>	<b>New Volunteer Orientation (By invitation only) POC: Aaron Galvan x5006</b>	<b>VA Central California 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Auditorium</b>

<b>August 16, 2016</b> (Tuesday) 1100-1400	<b>VFAC/Staff BBQ</b> POC: Trina Brugetti x6970	<b>VA Central California</b> 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 DAV BBQ Area
<b>August 17, 2016</b> (Wednesday) 0800 - 1300	<b>Mental Health Summit</b> POC: Sincerae Cameron x3706	<b>VA Central California</b> 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Auditorium
<b>August 18, 2016</b> (Thursday) 1300-1430	<b>Director/VSO</b> (By invitation only) POC: Mary Golden x6907	<b>VA Central California</b> 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 2A18
<b>August 19, 2016</b> (Friday) 0830 -1600	<b>Homeless Summit</b> POC: Cynthia Callahan x4191	<b>Clovis Veterans Memorial Dist.</b> 808 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Clovis, CA 93612
<b>August 19, 2016</b> (Friday) 1630 Ceremonies 1705 Game Begins	<b>Vet Appreciation Night</b> Fresno Grizzlies POC: Mary Golden x6907	<b>Chukchansi Park</b> 1800 Tulare Street Fresno, CA 93721
<b>August 29, 2016</b> (Monday) 0800 – 1800	<b>DAV Golf Tournament</b> POC: George Steese	<b>Fort Washington Golf Course</b> 10272 N. Millbrook Ave Fresno, CA 93730
<b>September 5, 2016</b> (Monday)	<b>Labor Day (Holiday)</b>	
<b>September 11, 2016</b> (Sunday)	<b>Patriot Day</b>	
<b>September 12/14, 2016</b> (Monday/ Wednesday)	<b>Central Valley Honor Flight</b> Departure/ Return POC: Al Perry info@cvhonorflight.org	<b>Fr Fresno Airport</b> 5175 E. Clinton Way Fresno, CA 93727
<b>September 16, 2016</b> (Friday) 1000	<b>Air Force Birthday (observed)</b> (Official date is Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>VA Central California</b> 2615 E. Clinton Fresno, CA 93703 Front Steps
<b>September 18-23, 2016</b> (Sunday-Friday)	<b>National Summer Sports Clinic</b>	<b>San Diego, CA</b>
<b>September 19, 2016</b> (Monday)	<b>Women Veterans Stand up</b> POC: Deb Riordan <a href="mailto:deborahriordan@yahoo.com">deborahriordan@yahoo.com</a> (Flyer)	<b>VFW 8900</b> 3585 N Blythe Ave, Fresno, CA 93722
<b>September 20-22, 2016</b> (Tuesday)	<b>Central Valley Veteran Stand Down</b> John Schuler <a href="mailto:Bigjohn44@hotmail.com">Bigjohn44@hotmail.com</a> (Flyer)	<b>VFW 8900</b> 3585 N Blythe Ave, Fresno, CA 93722



*Come join us at the*  
**KINGS COUNTRY CLUB**



Proceeds from this years tournament will be donated to  
American Legion Hanford Post 3, VFW Nisei Liberty  
Post 5869, Our Heroes Dreams and Marine Corps  
League Kings County Detachment #455

*Great Time –  
Great Cause*



**Dress Requirements:**

Kings Country Club maintains conservative dress requirements: MEN - may wear jeans on the course. Collared shirts are required. They may also wear shorts with a minimum of a 6" inseam. LADIES - may wear skirts, dresses, pant-skirts and tailored slacks. Shorts are permitted at mid thigh length or longer. No short shorts, tube or halter tops are permitted on the course.

**2016 LEROY MORGAN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Sponsorships Available**

- \$2500 - Gold Sponsor
- \$1750 - Luncheon Sponsor
- \$1000 - Corporate Foursome Sponsor
- \$540 - Per Team / \$135 - Per Player
- \$500 - Beverage Sponsor
- \$250 - Hole in One Sponsor
- \$200 - Tee Sponsor
- \$100 - Cart Sponsor

*I wish to make a cash donation as a Friend of Leroy in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Additional information on sponsorships on back.*

Company/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$135 PER PLAYER**

Space is Limited to 120 Players  
Reservations on a First Paid Basis

**(Reservation Deadline September 12th, 2016)**

4 Person Scramble Format

Registration: 10:30 am

Shotgun Start at 12:00 noon

**THIS EXCITING DAY WILL INCLUDE**

- Lunch 11:00 - 12:00
- Reception following Tournament
- Awards for Low gross and Low net
- \$10,000 prize for Hole in One

*Please make checks payable to:*  
**Hanford Rotary Community Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 641, Hanford, CA 93232**

**For more information please contact**  
**JOAN DARLING at 559-977-9999**

*Player 1*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

*Player 2*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

*Player 3*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

*Player 4*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

**\$2500 GOLD SPONSOR**

Hospitality table for your organization to display promotion materials at the event. Your organization's promotional materials (provided by you) in player gift bags. 1 golf team, including green fees, range balls, cart, lunch and reception. 1 Tee Sign and 1 Cart Sign advertising your business.

**\$1750 LUNCHEON SPONSOR**

1 golf team, including green fees, range balls, cart, lunch and reception. 1 Tee Sign and 1 Sign advertising your business in the reception room.

**\$1000 CORPORATE FOURSOME SPONSOR**

1 golf team, including green fees, range balls, cart, lunch and reception. 1 Tee Sign and 1 Cart Sign advertising your business.

**\$500 BEVERAGE SPONSOR**

1 Beverage Cart Sign advertising your business.

**\$250 HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR**

1 Tee Sign on Hole #10 advertising your business.

**\$200 TEE SPONSOR**

1 Tee Sign advertising your business.

**\$100 CART SPONSOR**

1 Cart Sign advertising your business.



*"honoring the selfless giving that defines the best of those among us"*



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*Monday, September 19, 2016*  
**KINGS COUNTRY CLUB**  
 3529 12th Ave, Hanford, CA 93230

# Legislative Update

## CALIFORNIA STATE COMMANDERS VETERANS COUNCIL

July 2016

The State Legislature is on Summer Recess from July 1 to July 31. July 1 was also the last day for bills to be heard in the second house policy committees. When the Legislature reconvenes on August 1, the bills that are still alive will begin to be heard in the Appropriations committees. August 12 is the last day for a bill to make it past the Appropriations committees. From August 15 until August 31 the bills that survived the fiscal committees will be heard on the floors of their respective houses.

This 30-day period of time gets very hectic because all surviving legislation is funneling through a few locations at once. Legislation can also be amended on the floor, special hearings can be heard off the floor with a moment's notice, and bills can be gutted and amended to some entirely new subject. All of these proceedings must be carefully monitored. Bills that pass through this process by August 31 will proceed to the Governor for his approval or veto. The Governor has until September 30 to complete this process. This period of time is also when lobbyists actively lobby and educate the Governor's staff on the merits or negative aspects of the legislation on his desk.

To access all California legislation from 1999 to present; bill text, amendments, votes, analyses, and status; go to:

[http://www.legislature.ca.gov/the\\_state\\_legislature/bill\\_information/bill\\_information.html](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/the_state_legislature/bill_information/bill_information.html)