

**Kings County
Military and Veterans Coalition
September 13, 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!
- **Rotary Golf Tournament - Sep 19** - (See attached)

- New Issues

- **Guest Speaker – Dirk Holkeboer - Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Tulare/Kings Counties**
- **Post 9-11 Veteran Employment Up In August** - (See attached)
- **APCAL Fresno Vet Day Parade/MC Ball Fundraiser –Sep 18** - (See attached)
- **CVV Standdown – Sep 21-22** - (See attached)
- **Central Valley Women Veterans Stand Up – Sep 19** - (See attached)
- **Veterans Bills on Governors Desk**– (See attached)
- **Team RWB Old Glory Relay Event –Sep 27** – (See Attached)
- **No on Prop 61 Fact Sheet** – (See Attached)

- Round Table –

- Next Meeting – *October 11, 2016 - Kings County Admin Multi-Purpose Room*****

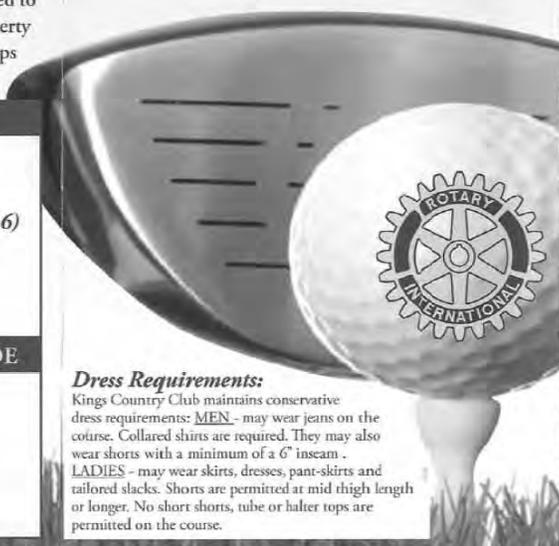


Come join us at the
KINGS COUNTRY CLUB



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.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HANFORD

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

It was a hot August for post-9/11 vet employment

By: George R. Altman, September 2, 2016 (*Photo Credit: Mike Groll/AP*)

The unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans dropped below 5 percent again in August, government data show.

August's 4.7 percent rate, down from 5.9 percent in July, equals the August 2015 rate, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the time that rate came out in 2015, it was the lowest ever recorded for the nation's newest generation of veterans and the first time in the history of the measure, which dates to September 2008, that unemployment dipped below 5 percent.

In seven of the 12 months after breaking the 5 percent mark last year, the unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans has again been charted below 5 percent, even coming close to dipping below 4 percent last April and May.

Statisticians caution against focusing on any one month's unemployment figures, as the numbers can take large swings that have more to do with the very small sample size of the metric than with actual changes in the employment situation for post-9/11 veterans. But far from being an outlier, last month's unemployment figures are much in line with a years-long trend of unemployment figures consistently charting new lows.

The nation as a whole added 151,000 jobs in August, with a 4.9 percent unemployment rate.

Veterans of all generations chalked up a 4.3 percent unemployment rate last month, down slightly from 4.7 percent in July.

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SILENT AUCTION ITEMS • FOOD TRUCKS • BEER AND WINE

FRESNO
VETERANS PARADE
AND MARINE CORP BALL

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21 AND OLDER ONLY • BRING LAWN CHAIRS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

GATES OPEN AT 1:00 • EVENT CLOSSES AT 7:30

MUSIC BY:

THE BROWN GROOVE • 8-TRAK

STARTS AT 2:45 PM

APCAL WINERY

HIGHWAY 99 AND AVENUE 7

★ HENRY 44 MAG RIFLE TO BE RAFFLED. TICKETS \$10.00 ONLY 200 TICKETS FOR SALE. ★

Central Valley Veterans Stand Down 2016



LOCATION
VFW Post 8900
3585 N. Blythe Ave.
Fresno, CA 93722



Overnight Resident Registration
Tuesday, September 20th, 1200 to 1700

ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE
Wednesday, September 21st, 0800 to 1700
Thursday, September 22nd, 0800 to 1700



California ID Card
 Applications

**NOTE: Pre-registration is required ONLY for
 Veterans Court Applications**

Social Security Card
 Applications

VA Claims

Mental & Medical
 Health Referrals

Community Resources

Veterans Court

You must pre-register by
Friday, August 30th
 to be heard by the court on
 premises at the Stand Down.



Haircuts

Hot Meals

Clothing

Personal Hygiene
 Supplies

Educational &
 Employment
 Opportunities

Registration locations:

San Joaquin Valley Veterans
 1617 East Saginaw #102
 Fresno, CA 93704
 Bus Route Numbers: 30 & 45

Veterans Service Office
 1320 East Shaw Avenue, Ste. 105
 Fresno, CA 93710
 Bus Route Number: 9

VA Hospital/Homeless Program
 2615 East Clinton Avenue,
 Bldg. 27 M/S 122 (2nd floor)
 Fresno, CA 93703
 Bus Route Numbers: 32 & 39

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
 HEROS with a HAND UP**
Not a handout

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Call Central Valley
 Veterans**
559-977-3697

Financial support NEEDED

Please send your tax deductible
 monetary donations to:
Central Valley Veterans
1134 Riordan Avenue
Clovis, CA 93619

For in-kind donations please
 contact: **John Schuler**
559-977-3697



3rd Annual Central Valley Women Veterans' Stand Up



Keynote Speaker:
Fresno County
Sheriff Margaret Mims



September 19, 2016
Reveille: 0830 – Retreat: 1600
VFW Post 8900
3585 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

Join us in Celebrating
**Resiliency, Grace, &
Leadership**
of all our Women
who have served

**This FABULOUS day includes a
continental breakfast, guest
speakers & break out sessions on
topics unique to women veterans,
lunch, raffle prizes & gifts, a
professional clothes closet and
Free Day Spa and Salon!**

Presented by: Central Valley Veterans, American Legion Post 509, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8900, Fresno County Veterans Employment Committee, Central California Women's Conference, VA Central California Health Care System, And Fresno Vet Center

**TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DEB RIORDAN AT
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2015-16 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS; VET BILLS ON GOVERNOR'S DESK

The 2015-16 California Legislative Session ended on August 31st. Legislation that was passed during the last weeks of the legislative session are now on the Governor's desk awaiting a signature or veto. There are 789 of these bills and the Governor has until September 30 to take such action.

The bills listed below are bills your organization sponsored, supported, or watched that are currently on the Governor's desk.

To access the Legislature's website which has the language, status, votes, and analyses of all legislation from 1999 to the present, go to: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Pete Conaty, Legislative Advocate
pconaty@sbcglobal.net (916) 768-8940

AB 2085	AUTHOR: Irwin [D] DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Creates the Office of Military Legal Assistance within the Military Department to assist current service members who require legal assistance by providing access to educational and informational resources and providing referral services to available legal assistance programs, including reduced fee services, pro bono services, and self-help services. Authorizes the areas of legal services assistance the Office may provide.
AB 2254	AUTHOR: Achadjian [R] DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Revises the list of armories to be made available for providing temporary shelter to homeless persons to include the Atascadero armory in San Luis Obispo County.
AB 2273	AUTHOR: Irwin [D] DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Prohibits a member of the active militia, including the National Guard, from being prosecuted for a military crime based on an attempt to kill himself or herself. Requires the Adjutant General to ensure that any member of the active militia that attempts to kill himself or herself is referred to the Behavioral Health Liaison Program to receive assistance, counseling, or referral to other appropriate available services.
AB 2562	AUTHOR: Veterans Affairs Cmt

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Relates to military service benefits. Deletes references to the date a reservist is called to active duty, both the definition of a reservist and payment deferral provisions, thereby making benefits available to any reservist who otherwise meets the definition.

SB 294

AUTHOR: Pan [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide a form to be used by a member to receive credit for his or her military service with employer-paid employee and employer contributions. Requires employers to inform the member his or her rights to receive credit within certain number of days of the member's return to state service by utilizing that form. Requires employer to provide letters or electronic communications to all employees informing them of those rights.

SB 543

AUTHOR: Wolk [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that establishes Veteran's Home of California in Barstow, Chula Vista, Lancaster, Ventura and Yountville. Provides for an administrator for each home or homesite. Provides funding for designing and constructing veterans' homes. Requires each home to establish a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Operating Fund to administer quality of life activities for the general welfare of residents. Provides for funding.

SB 866

AUTHOR: Roth [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Authorizes a housing developer or service provider that provides housing or services pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, to provide housing or services to veterans and their children in women-only facilities in limited instances.

SB 905

AUTHOR: Bates [R]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Defines a club for purposes of the qualification for a on-premises liquor license for members of a club and their guests. Includes a nonprofit umbrella organization established to provide a central meeting location, and services for veterans, including those on active duty, and that owns or leases, operates, and maintains a facility for these purposes. Requires the organization to serve a minimum number of veteran organizations.

SB 1012

AUTHOR: Nguyen [R]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires any Flag of the United State or the Flag of the State purchased by the State or any local government agency be made in the United States.

SB 1059

AUTHOR: Monning [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Relates to the State Approving Agency for Veterans Education. Includes as a qualifying institution for federal Title 38 awards, an institution that has been accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners, if the institution complies with specified disclosure and compliance requirements.

SB 1180

AUTHOR: Jackson [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires that a certificated or classified employee who is a military veteran with a specified military service-connected disability rating be entitled to a specified number of days leave of absence with pay for the purpose of undergoing disability-related medical treatment.

SB 1227

AUTHOR: Lara [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires the California Conservation Corps to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Employment Development Department to assist any corps member who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, in obtaining employment after participating in the corps program. Provides that such collaboration efforts shall include providing access to veterans supportive services and workforce services.

SB 1314

AUTHOR: Block [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Provides that community college students participating in specified baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy specified eligibility requirements shall receive awards for upper division coursework fee. Extends awards under the Middle Class Scholarship Program to community college students enrolled in upper division coursework of a baccalaureate degree program. Requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to provide any financial data necessary for award determination.

SB 1455

AUTHOR: Block [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Provides that a pupil complies with a school district's residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if he or she is a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the boundaries of the district while on active military duty pursuant to an official documentation. Requires a school district to accept applications by electronic means for enrollment and course registration for those pupils.

SB 1458

AUTHOR: Bates [R]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Amends an existing property tax law which provides a disabled veteran's property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran or a veteran's spouse. Expands that definition of veteran to include a person who has been discharged in other than dishonorable conditions from service under certain conditions and who has been determined to be eligible for federal

veterans' health and medical benefits. Provides time periods regarding the disabled veterans' exemption.



OLD GLORY RELAY 2016

Led by Team RWB, Sponsored by Microsoft

At sunrise on September 11th, Old Glory will be unfurled at the Microsoft Campus in Redmond, WA. Throughout this third iteration of “America’s Relay”, thousands of hands will help transport Old Glory the 4,216 miles of this year’s course. Each person who touches this year’s Old Glory will have their own story of their connection with the symbol of our Nation.

After 62 days on the course, the Old Glory Relay will conclude in Tampa, Florida on Veteran’s Day.

LOCAL EVENT DATE

27 September 2016

LOCATION

Avenal, CA

For more information, contact

TeamRWB.org, or
OldGloryRelay.org

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NO/Prop61

Deceptive Rx Proposition

www.NoProp61.com

Reject Prop 61, the Deceptive Rx Proposition

Proposition 61 is opposed by a broad coalition of more than 100 organizations representing patient advocates, doctors, clinics, veterans, businesses, labor unions and many others who warn this deceptive, deeply-flawed scheme would be bad for patients, harmful for veterans and expensive for taxpayers.

The measure would impose unworkable contracting requirements for some state prescription drug purchases based on prices paid by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Independent experts warn the measure could increase state prescription drug costs, while reducing patient access to medicines.

The controversial author and promoter of Prop 61 – who is president of an organization that brought in more than \$1 billion last year selling prescription drugs and operating HMOs – exempted his own organization from having to comply with the measure.

Below is some important information about Prop 61:

Prop 61 does not apply to 88% of Californians... but negatively impacts all of us.

- Prop 61 would only apply to an arbitrary selection of Californians in certain state government programs, including some government employees and state prisoners.
- More than 88% of Californians are excluded, including more than 10 million low-income patients

35 million Californians would be excluded from the measure



in Medi-Cal, 20 million Californians with private health insurance and Medicare, 1.3 million in Covered California, and millions of others.

- Experts warn that Prop 61 would actually increase prescription drug costs for the state and reduce patient access to needed medicines for the few state programs the measure does cover.



Prop 61 could increase prescription drug costs for veterans.

- The VA receives special discounts on prescription drugs for veterans in honor of their service to our country. This measure could eliminate these special discounts and increase prescription drug prices for veterans.
- That is why 20 military and veterans organizations oppose Prop 61, including:
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department of California
 - Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council
 - AMVETS, Department of California
 - American Legion, Department of California
 - Military Officers Association of America, California Council of Chapters

“Prop 61 ignores the sacrifices veterans have made for our country. This deeply-flawed proposition could increase prescription drug costs for veterans and their families. We hope all Californians will vote no on Prop 61 to protect veterans.”

– Dale Smith, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California

Doctors and patient advocates warn Prop 61 would disrupt patient access to needed medicines.

- Prop 61 would invalidate many existing drug discount agreements the state has negotiated with pharmaceutical manufacturers for its Medi-Cal fee-for-service program.
- Invalidating these contracts would require many patients to go through a cumbersome prior approval process before receiving medicines, putting state bureaucrats between patients and their doctors. This could lead to delays in treatment or even denial of coverage for needed medicines.



The California Medical Association, representing more than 41,000 doctors, warns that Prop 61 “could interfere with patient access to the medicines they need.”

Prop 61 would increase prescription drug costs for the state.

- Prop 61 would invalidate many drug discount agreements the state has negotiated with pharmaceutical companies – increasing state prescription drug costs by tens of millions of dollars annually.



The state’s nonpartisan Legislative Analyst says “the measure could raise (Department of Health Care Services) DHCS spending on prescription drugs.”

Prop 61 would lead to more bureaucracy, red tape and lawsuits.

- Prop 61 is completely vague and contains no guidance on how it would be implemented. Its passage would result in more government bureaucracy, more red tape and lawsuits as state agencies struggle to implement it – costing taxpayers millions and delaying access to treatments.
- The controversial promoter of Prop 61 inserted language that would give him a special right to intervene in any post-election legal challenge. He wrote in a provision requiring the state – and taxpayers – to pay his legal bills. It is a virtual blank check at the taxpayers’ expense.



Prop 61’s controversial promoter wrote in a special exemption for his own organization.

- The author and promoter of Prop 61 is Michael Weinstein, the controversial president of an organization that brought in more than \$1 billion last year selling prescription drugs and operating HMOs. Suspiciously, he exempted his organization’s HMO from having to comply with his own measure.
- Weinstein deceptively claims his goal is to lower prescription drug prices for the state of California. Yet, his organization is currently suing the state of California so it can charge the state more for prescription drugs. His lawsuit has blocked a law that would save taxpayers \$10 million a year. In addition, in five separate government audits, Weinstein’s organization was accused of overcharging Los Angeles County by more than \$6 million.

Paid for by No on Prop 61 – Californians Against the Deceptive Rx Proposition, a coalition of veterans, doctors, patient advocates, seniors, taxpayers, and members of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America with major funding by Merck & Co., Inc., Pfizer, Inc. and other companies.