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**DAV Chapter #23
PO Box 10335
Santa Ana, CA 92711**

Transforming Veteran Lives



Only with your support are we able to help more than 1 million veterans every year access the healthcare, disability, employment, education and financial benefits they have earned.

Your gift gives ill and injured veterans the opportunity to live a life with respect and dignity. Help change the lives of even more veterans in need with a donation to DAV today.

About Your Gift

By making a gift to DAV you are empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

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Next Monthly meeting is:

Wednesday February 28, 2024

E-board Please Wear "BLUE" Shirts

(We wore RED Last Month)

Setup Volunteers Please arrive at 4:00 PM
to assist with the meeting room setup.

1700 E-board meeting in back room
1800-1900 Social Hour (Meal Time)
1900-TBA Membership general meeting



ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's that time again! Time to register for this year's Villa Park High School Car & Bike Show. Attached below is the flyer with all the information about the event. This year's show will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Register before April 11, 2024 for just \$35.00. Register between April 12 and the day of the event and the registration fee is \$40.00. Exclusive 2024 car show t-shirts will be available for purchase at the event for \$15.00. Please note that unlike in previous years, we will not be providing these car show t-shirts free of charge with registration.

CUSTOMS · CLASSICS
EXOTICS · HOT RODS
BIKES · BOATS

20th-Annual VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

LIVE MUSIC!

MARCH N SPARTAN

Car and Bike Show

Awards given in
5 categories
Over 150 entries
last year!



Proceeds Benefit
the Villa Park HS
Instrumental
Music Program!

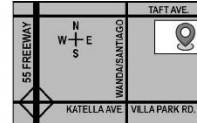


Saturday, May 11, 2024 Villa Park High School
8am - 1pm • Rain or Shine 18064 E. Taft Ave., Villa Park, CA

PRE-REGISTRATION (BEFORE 4/11/24):
\$35

DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION:
\$40

Check-in/Registration/Park - 6am
Gates Open - 8am
Judging Starts - 11am
Trophy Presentation - 12pm



55 Fwy, Exit Katella

**REGISTER &
PAY ONLINE!**



@villaparkhighschoolmarchnspartans
@vphsmarchnspartans

Or fill out this form:

Car or Truck Entry () Motorcycle Entry () Boat Entry () Student Entry ()
Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Club Affiliation: _____
Car/Bike/Boat Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Email Address: _____ How did you hear about this event: _____

Only VPHS Car Show-related information will be sent to this email address. We will not spam you.
Make checks payable to "VPHS March N Spartans" and mail to: VPHS Carshow, 18064 E. Taft Ave., Orange, CA 92863

Release of Liability - In consideration of the right to participate in the VPHS Spartan Alliance Classic Car Show, the undersigned participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Villa Park High School and its agents from and against any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, and/or losses that the participants and/or the participants guests (including family and relatives) may sustain or incur as a result of their attendance or participation at this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL March N Spartans, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. EIN 95-3537732 • DONATIONS MAY BE TAX DEDUCTABLE • No Alcohol, Ice Chests or Burn Outs • Rain or Shine • No Refunds



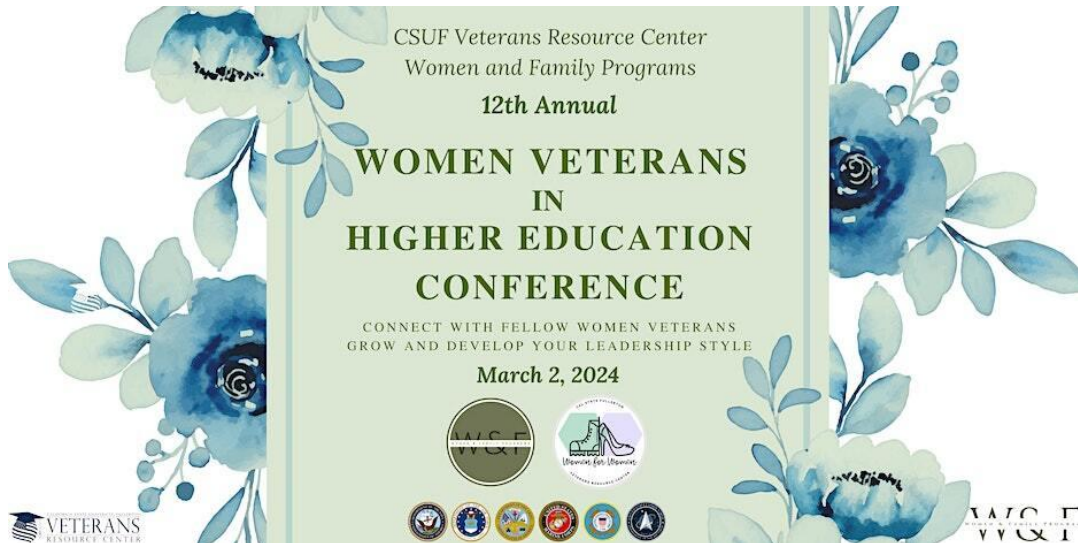
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Dial 988 then press 1
Text 838255
[Chat online](#)

VA NEWS

California State University, Fullerton Women Veterans Conference - Mar. 2



The Conference Includes:

- Women Veterans Panel & Discussion
- Workshops
- Quiet & Activity Rooms
- Networking Opportunities
- Resource Fair
- Women Veteran Owned Businesses
- Free Parking
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch
- Childcare Upon Request

The **first 50 Women Veterans** who [register](#) and attend the conference will receive a special gift.



Women Veterans Focus Group - Mar. 20



Attention Women Veterans

*Join VA Long Beach in our virtual focus group.
We want to hear your feedback on your VA health care experience.*

Topic: Healthcare experiences as a woman
Date: 03/20/2024
Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Where: Virtual

Please RSVP to Participate:
Laurie Rudisill
Women Veteran Program Manager
562-826-5617
Laurie.Rudisill@va.gov



Your experiences matter. If you would like to participate in this one or future groups, please contact the person above.



When: Mar. 13, 2024 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Irvine Valley College Performing Arts Center, Irvine, CA 92618

VALBHS EVENTS

Veterans Legal Institute Legal Clinic - Jan. 26



LEGAL CLINIC



PLEASE CALL FOR A CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- Vietnam Veterans with Agent Orange Exposure;
- Veterans with Burn Pit Exposure; and
- All other VA Disability Benefits Claims and Appeals.

 **9 AM - 12 PM**

2024 CLINIC DATES

26 JAN	29 MAR	31 MAY
26 JUL	27 SEPT	22 NOV

TIBOR RUBIN VA MEDICAL CENTER
BLDG. 165, RM. C209B
5901 E. 7TH ST.
LONG BEACH, CA 90822

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
VA Long Beach Healthcare System

 www.vetslegal.org  714-852-3492



The Veterans Legal Institute is partnering with VA Long Beach Healthcare System for a Legal Clinic on Friday, Jan. 26 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Building 165, Rm C209B at

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center.

Call 714-852-3492 for guidance on the application process and to determine eligibility to attend the clinic. Please specify the type of legal assistance you are seeking.

*Please bring a copy of your DD214 if you have it available.



LOCAL EVENTS



RESOURCES

[VA Podcast Network](#)

The [VA Podcast Network](#) offers a diverse selection of top-quality podcasts made with a Veteran community in mind. Each podcast specializes on a different topic and covers gripping content that no Veteran should want to miss out on.

[#theSITREP - VA YouTube Channel](#)

[Mindfulness Meditation - Free Classes](#)

[VA Health and Benefits App](#)

[The Bulldog](#)

[PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#)

[Caregiver Support Program](#)

VA Caregiver Support Line

1-855-260-3274 toll-free



Free Service to Help Preserve and Share Your Military Service Story

Together We Served is offering Veterans a free service to help preserve and share your memories and photos of key people and events from your military service. You can share this presentation with friends and family.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Your Claim Exam Questions Answered

After filing a disability claim, you may have some lingering questions about what comes next in the claims process. Many Veterans wonder what will happen at their [VA claim exam](#) (also known as a compensation and pension, or C&P exam). To help answer these questions, VA has updated two websites to [provide current information on frequently asked questions](#).



[Vietnam War Veterans Health Issues](#)

Get the care you need

If you served during the Vietnam War, you may be at higher risk for some health conditions. The PACT Act expands health care eligibility for Veterans of the Vietnam Era.

[Learn More](#)



Free Business Classes for Veterans

Are you a Veteran with aspirations of entrepreneurship and business ownership? Do you need guidance to help you put your idea into action? Warrior Rising is offering free online courses for Veteran entrepreneurs. Apply by Feb. 26.

Are you a Veteran with aspirations of [entrepreneurship](#) and business ownership? Do you need guidance to help you put your idea into action?



[Warrior Rising](#) is positioned to help you. A non-profit organization launched by Veterans for Veterans in 2015, Warrior Rising is dedicated to transforming Veterans into “Vetpreneurs,” providing them opportunities to create sustainable businesses, perpetuate the hiring of fellow American Veterans, and earning their future.

We know that many Veterans feel lost and overwhelmed after their time in service, grappling with health issues and uncertainty about the future. We’d like to share the story of

one of our Veteran entrepreneurs and their journey to success. The story emphasizes the importance of seeking out all the avenues of assistance to get on the right path in order to ensure the best chance of success.

If you or someone you know is facing the challenges of transitioning to civilian life after service, think about the avenue that opportunities like Warrior Rising offers to get on track to create something amazing with your future, with you in charge of that destiny. Warrior Rising offers not just assistance, but a roadmap to resilience and achievement.

Warrior Rising's next online course starts Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024. This free Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurs (SDVET) program includes four weeks of web-based instruction, followed by participation in other programs Warrior Rising offers (Warrior Academy, Veteran Business Accelerator program, virtual-live Coaching and Master Class sessions).



Reaching Out for Support

Homelessness can affect Veterans' lives in a variety of ways. Hear Veterans talk about how, through VA, they found the support they needed to manage their mental health and get their lives back on track.



Veterans Day Poster Contest Open for Submissions

VA and the Veterans Day National Committee are now accepting submissions for the 2024 Veterans Day Poster Contest. Submissions are due by 11:59 pm ET on April 1, 2024.



Virtual Internship: Work with VA's Digital Media Team

Interested in helping create articles, graphics and social media content for VA? VA's Digital Media Engagement team is looking for college interns. Learn more about this opportunity and apply now.



Prevent Gout Pain

Gout is a form of arthritis that's easier to control than others. Getting early treatment can prevent future pain and joint damage. [Learn more.](#)



Calm Your Mind in Stressful Times

If you're looking for ways to reduce stress, you're not alone. VA's Mindfulness Coach app is a great place to start. [Learn more.](#)



[Boost Your Brain with Exercise](#)

Did you know that exercise can improve how your brain works? We want you to understand how exercise can boost your memory and how VA can help. [Learn more.](#)



MIA Update: See websote

<https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaRecentlyAccountedFor>

Resources

To fill needs that extend beyond our programs and services, we team up with others whose services can be easily drawn upon when needed.



Military OneSource

Offering a wide range of individualized consultations, coaching and counseling for many aspects of military life, Military OneSource serves America's warrior guardians, military families and our entire global military community – to help you live your best MilLife.



Nonprofit Leadership Alliance

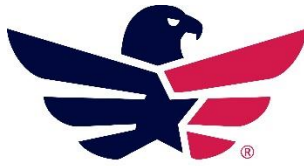
The mission of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance is to strengthen the social sector with a talented and prepared workforce. Continue your service to country by earning the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential: a hands-on leadership development program that will set you on a path to nonprofit leadership success.



Student Veterans of America

Founded in 2008, Student Veterans of America's (SVA) represents a network of more than 1,500 chapters on campus in all 50 states and four countries representing more than 750,000 student veterans. SVA supports all veterans

through their transition from the military, educational advancement and career growth.



TEAM
RWB

Team Red, White, & Blue

Team Red, White & Blue (Team RWB), a nonprofit organization founded in 2010, is forging America's leading health and wellness community for military veterans, families, and their supporters. Join #EagleNation and connect with the community through workouts, challenges, and events.



Warrior Reunion Foundation

Warrior Reunion Foundation supports combat veterans in overcoming the challenges of post-military transition by reconnecting those who served together overseas. We challenge stigma through shared experience, rebuilding essential peer support networks that enable our veterans to live with meaning, purpose and positive impact in their communities.

Claim Shark companies have made statements that they aren't breaking the law because they don't charge fees for "preparing" veterans' claims. Claim Sharks state that they "assist" or "consult" for veterans' claims, and this how they rationalize why they should be allowed to charge thousands of dollars for their services.

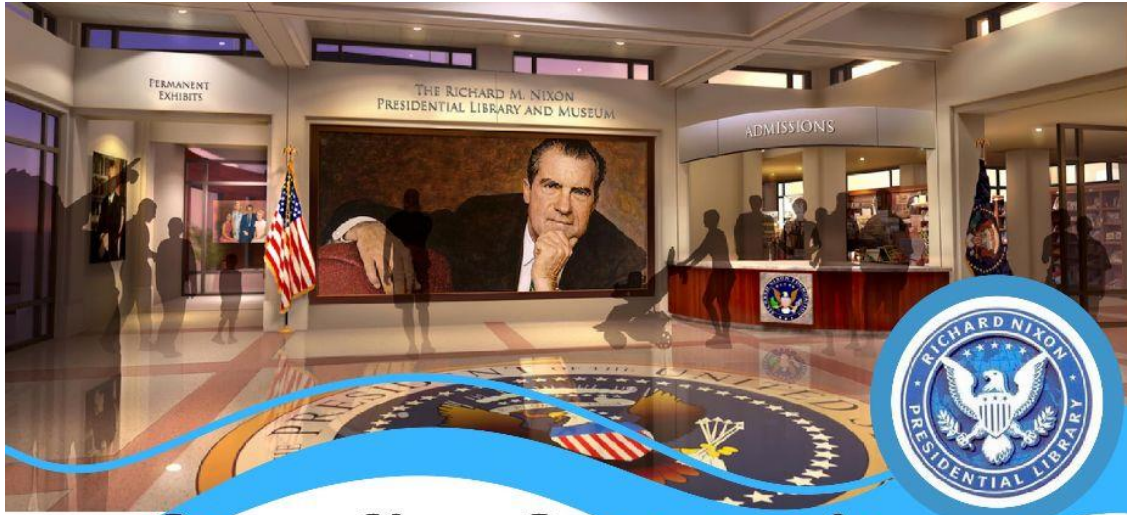
This is still illegal. Using creative semantics to skirt the law is not innovative, and it is not honest or transparent.

There are no "good actors" or "bad actors". Every company that charges for initial claims

assistance is doing it illegally.

Claim Sharks say veterans should have the “choice” to be fleeced out of thousands of dollars. No matter how much money these companies spend on Capitol Hill, We will not allow them to dismantle consumer protections and normalize harming veterans.





Richard Nixon Presidential Library
Veteran Appreciation Day
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
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We cordially invite you to join us for a special breakfast at the Nixon Library's Rose Garden, in partnership with the esteemed SD-1, Veteran Peer Access Network. The occasion is to celebrate the birthday of former President Richard Nixon and pay tribute to our brave Veterans, who have served our country with selfless dedication. This event presents a valuable opportunity to recognize and honor their service and commitment.

We hope that you can join us for this significant event.

-  **March 16, 2024. Event starts at 10:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM**
-  **18001 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886**
-  **FREE through RSVP only**

Seats are limited, so be sure to RSVP by **03/08/2024**
RSVP: Joe Leal (909) 200-8960 or by email joe.leal@jvs-socal.org



RICHARD NIXON
FOUNDATION * LIBRARY * MUSEUM



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Veteran Peer Access Network. We come together to celebrate the birthday of former President Richard Nixon and to pay tribute to our brave Veterans, who have served our country with remarkable selflessness and dedication. This event presents a valuable opportunity to recognize and honor their exceptional commitment to our country. We hope that you will be able to join us for this significant event and be inspired by the service and dedication of these remarkable individuals.

Share the excitement of this upcoming event with other Veterans, and don't miss this opportunity to attend. RSVP today to secure your attendance and gain access to an experience you won't forget.

The attached flyer contains further information.

In Service,

Mr. Joe Leal
US Army Combat Veteran
Vet Hunters Project
Executive Director
(909) 200-8960

Orange County Veterans Cemetery

Time to Start Digging!!

It is with joyful pleasure and heartfelt gratitude that the VALOR Board of Directors: Nick Berardino; Bill Cook, Bobby McDonald; Steve Spriggs and Michelle DeLaCruz present to you the final study regarding the construction of the Gypsum Canyon State Veterans Cemetery.

After years of hard work and dedication by the entire Orange County Veteran Community the Gypsum Canyon Site is cleared for construction.

There are so many people to thank and attempting to name each of them will likely miss someone. However just to name a few who have helped lead the way (remembering there are many not named): Sharon Quirk-Silva, Tom Umberg, Don Wagner, Frank Kim, Peter DeMarco, Amy Jenkins, Tim Deutch, Michael Henning, Lindsay Sin, Kieth Boylan, Orange County Board of Supervisors, California State Legislature, EVERY Orange County City Council and Governor Gavin Newsom who stood with us every step of the way.

Of course like any other Public Works Construction Project many more details and “red tape” lie ahead. God bless everyone who heard the voice of the Orange County Veterans Community and took action to make our dream come true.

VETERANS, GET ON THIS TODAY:

**DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT BENEFITS ARE
AVAILABLE TO YOU.**

**"You can only blame yourself if you are
not receiving the VA benefits you rate"**

**The VA will only give you what you ask for,
So ask for every injury you know you received in service,
remember most injuries get worse over time for most of us
aging veterans**

(Yes, We know a Few of you are Extremally healthy)

**You can do this yourself Online,
Just need to create a VA.Gov account if you have not already done so.**

DAV Veteran Service Officer (VSO)

Were here to help you submit your claim/s.

Long Beach VAMC

5901 E. 7th St.

Bldg. 8, Room 107
Long Beach, CA 90822
Hours: 8-3 M-F
(562) 826-5711

Department Service Officer:

Bryan Root

562-826-8000 x8587

bryan.root@davcal.org

Disabled American Veterans Department of CA

Address:

13733 Rosecrans Ave, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Hours:

Friday 8 AM–4 PM

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

Monday 8 AM–4 PM

Tuesday 8 AM–4 PM

Wednesday 8 AM–4 PM

Thursday 8 AM–4 PM

Phone: [\(562\) 404-1266](tel:(562)404-1266)

Your Local DAV National Service Officer (NSO) can help with:

- Assisting veterans in filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs for compensation, pension, healthcare, and other benefits.
- Caregiver benefits

- Guidance on state and local veteran benefits
- Burial benefits for qualified veterans and their spouse
- Vocational Readiness and Employment benefits

SAN DIEGO, CA YOUR OFFICE

VA Regional Office

8810 Rio San Diego Dr, Ste 1160

(619) 299-6916

Donating Cars to Charity Has Never Been Easier

Donate Your Car to DAV

Help the brave men and women who served our country by donating any car, truck, RV or boat— plus you could even qualify for a tax deduction at the same time.

Donating is a great way to get rid of an old or extra vehicle. The process is easy, and we provide free and convenient pick-up. We strive to accept any vehicle – cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, boats, airplanes, heavy equipment, farm machinery, and most other motorized vehicles – in all fifty states, running or not.

Turn your vehicle into resources that help ensure our nation's heroes have the opportunity to enjoy the freedoms their sacrifices have made possible.



[DONATE VEHICLE NOW](#)

or call 833-227-4328

How it works



Call or Submit the Online Form

Call us toll free at 833-CAR-4DAV (833-227-4328) seven days a week or submit the secure online form. All vehicles are considered! We accept cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, trailers, boats, campers, off-road vehicles, heavy equipment, and most other motorized vehicles— whether they're running or not.



Schedule Your Free Pick-up

Choose best time that works for you! Our Donor Support Representatives will arrange to have a licensed tow company pick up your vehicle. We can pick up your vehicle just about anywhere in the U.S. within 72 hours of completing the donation.



Tax Benefits

Most vehicle donations qualify for a tax deduction. When your vehicle is picked up, the driver will provide you with an initial donation receipt. You may claim as a tax deduction the fair market value of your vehicle up to \$500 on your donation even if your vehicle sells for less. If your vehicle sells for over \$500, we will provide a 1098-C IRS form which will allow you to claim the full sale price.


Have Ideas for the New Website / Newsletter,
Please send them in.

I am always looking for new content for the website
and our Newsletters,




Link's to things you need to know




 Careers and Employment

 Pension

 Education and Training

 Life Insurance

 Burials and Memorials

 Housing Assistance

 Records

VA is here for you.

[1-800-MyVA411](tel:1800MyVA411) ([800-698-2411](tel:8006982411)) is always the right number



[DAV Helps Keep the Promises Made to Veterans](#)

DAV--Disabled American Veterans--is a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations and their families, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year. The organization provides more than 500,000 rides for veterans attending medical appointments annually and has assisted veterans with more than 12 million benefit claims since

the organization was chartered by Congress in 1932. In 2022, DAV helped attain more than \$26 billion in earned benefits to care for veterans, their families and survivors.

**Hello New DAV Chapter #23 Partial and Full Life Members
(You are a Life Member once you pay \$300.00,
Goes up to \$325.00 Jan 1, 2024)**

If you are a Paid up for Life Member, Come to our
meeting
(4th Wednesday of each month)
Show the Commander (Mel Forbes) your Life
Membership card,
and receive a DAV Chapter Tee Shirt.



For any Information that needs to be put into our newsletter. Please email Newsletter editor:
Past Commander John "Mack" Mackus



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ORANGE COUNTY DAV CHAPTER #23
MONTHLY MEETING'S: 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
LOCATION: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3173
805 E. SYCAMORE ST., ANAHEIM, CA 92805

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TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED**



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Appreciation in Words

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