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Monthly updates for DAV Chapter #23 – Anaheim, California
June 2026 Edition

June 2026 Newsletter



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Monthly Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Location:



VFW Post 3173

805 E Sycamore St, Anaheim, CA 92805

Save the dates in your phone calendar and set alerts!
All monthly meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

E-BOARD POLO SHIRT COLORS

RED = ODD MONTHS BLUE = EVEN MONTHS

RED (3 letters - ODD Months) – Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov

BLUE (4+ letters - Even Months) – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec

Meeting Day Timeline

- **1600-1700** – Setup volunteers arrive
- **1700–1800** – E-board meeting (Back room)
- **1800–1900** – Social Hour / Mealtime
- **1900–TBD** – Members Meeting
- **TBD** – Breakdown

Support DAV Chapter #23

Feeling Generous? Make a Donation

Make Checks Payable To:

“DAV – Chapter #23”

DAV Chapter #23

PO Box 10335

Santa Ana, CA 92711

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 Chapter 23 today.

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GIVE TODAY

Welcome New Members & Memorial Day Reminder

New to DAV Chapter #23?

Come to the monthly meeting so we can welcome you and introduce you to the Chapter leadership and other members.

Memorial Day reminder: Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. Please consider pausing at **3:00 PM local time** for the National Moment of Remembrance and honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Bring a fellow veteran who might benefit from DAV's services and community.

MEMORIAL DAY RESOURCES

Orange County Veteran Opportunities & Resources

A few fresh local items to share with members, families, and friends this month.

Local connections and trusted resources

- **Heroes Hall Museum & Education Center** in Costa Mesa is open **Wednesday–Sunday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**, with free admission year-round.
- **“Echoes of Conflict: Remembering Vietnam”** is the current featured exhibit at Heroes Hall and is on display **through Thursday, Sept. 17**.
- **VA Long Beach** continues to post outreach, legal, benefits, and community events on its official events calendar. Check often for updated May activities.
- **Veterans Legal Institute Legal Clinic** at VA Long Beach is a **free monthly clinic** for disability claims and appeals. Walk-ins are welcome; bring your DD214 and recent VA decision letter.
- **Orange County Veterans Service Office** continues to offer **free benefits claims counseling and referral assistance by appointment** at **1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana**, Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Phone: **(714) 480-6555**.
- **County of Orange Veterans Resource Directory** is updated and available online to view, print, and share with veterans and family members.

Please confirm dates and details with the organizer before attending, since schedules can change.

HEROES HALL HOURS		CURRENT EXHIBIT	VA LONG BEACH
EVENTS	OCVSO	OC RESOURCE DIRECTORY	

Key Federal & California Veteran Benefits

Federal (VA) Benefits

- VA Health Care

California State Benefits

- Property Tax Exemptions

- Disability Compensation
- VA Pension for wartime veterans
- GI Bill, VR&E, Yellow Ribbon
- VA Home Loan Program
- VA Life Insurance
- Burial & Memorial Benefits

VISIT VA.GOV

- College Tuition Fee Waiver for Dependents
- CalVet Home Loans
- Veterans Homes of California
- DV License Plates & DMV Waivers
- Hunting/Fishing Discounts
- State Parks & Recreation Passes

VISIT CALVET

Orange County VA clinic directory

Clinic	Address	Hours / status	Good for
Laguna Hills VA Clinic	23719 Moulton Parkway Laguna Hills, CA 92653-5422	Temporarily closed*	Primary care Mental health Audiology Labs Telehealth
Placentia VA Clinic	770 South Placentia Avenue Placentia, CA 92870-6832	Mon-Fri 7:30 am-4:30 pm	Primary care Mental health Radiology Physical therapy Labs / telehealth
Santa Ana VA Clinic	1506 Brookhollow Drive, Suite 100 Santa Ana, CA 92705-5405	Mon-Fri 7:30 am-4:00 pm	Primary care Mental health Optometry Labs Telehealth
West Santa Ana VA Clinic (Community Resource & Referral Center)	888 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 150 Santa Ana, CA 92701-4561	Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:00 pm	Housing support Benefits / eligibility help Counseling Transportation links DD214 and records help

** As of March 19, 2026, VA lists Laguna Hills as temporarily closed. Check operating status before driving there.*

Full-service VA hospital in Long Beach: Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, 5901 East 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90822.

Local support beyond the clinic

CLAIMS HELP	Orange County Veterans Service Office 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana, CA 92705 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free benefits claims counseling and information / referral assistance for Veterans, dependents, and survivors. Phone: 714-480-6555 Email: OCVSO@occr.ocgov.com Ask for the County of Orange Veterans Resource Directory if you need a broader list of local help.
COUNSELING	Orange County Vet Centers (non-medical counseling) North Orange County Vet Center: 12453 Lewis Street, Suite 101, Garden Grove, CA 92840 South Orange County Vet Center: 26431 Crown Valley Parkway, Suite 100, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 Satellite access point: Shea Center, 26284 Oso Rd., San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 Vet Centers offer individual, couples, family, and group counseling, with support for PTSD, grief, trauma, transition, and military sexual trauma. They are designed to be easier to access than a medical clinic and may help even if you are not enrolled in VA health care.
HOSPITAL	Full-service VA hospital in Long Beach Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center 5901 East 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90822 Use this site for emergency care, inpatient services, and a wider range of specialties than the county clinics offer.
HOUSING HELP	West Santa Ana VA Clinic (Community Resource & Referral Center) 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Suite 150, Santa Ana, CA 92701 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. A strong local option if you are homeless or at risk of homelessness. VA says this site can help with housing placement, health care eligibility, VA benefit applications, counseling, lockers, transportation links, and DD214 or personnel file requests.

Quick reminders for this season

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- Crisis support: Dial 988, then press 1. You can also text 838255.
- 24-hour nurse advice line: 877-252-4866.
- Change or check an appointment: 562-826-8000.
- PACT Act: VA expanded care and benefits for Veterans with toxic exposures. Ask about a toxic exposure screening at your next visit.
- Urgent care: eligible Veterans can use VA or in-network community urgent care for minor illnesses and injuries that are not life-threatening.

Coming up

Veterans Social Connection

Friday, March 27, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Canteen Patio, Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, Long Beach | Free
A monthly chance to meet other Veterans and connect with resources.

Source note: Information in this newsletter was verified from official VA.gov and Orange County Veterans Service Office webpages on March 19, 2026. Addresses and operating status can change, so it is wise to call ahead when possible.

This Month's National Veteran Updates

VA says claims and survivor benefits are moving faster

On April 15, VA announced that it has processed more than **1.5 million claims** halfway through FY2026, completed **1 million disability claims** faster than ever this year, and cut the average disability claim completion time to **80.7 days**. VA also says average **DIC** claims are now averaging about **73 days**.

GI Bill entitlement reviews are expanding

VA says Veterans affected by the **Rudisill** and **Perkins** court decisions may qualify for up to **12 additional months** of education benefits, for a total of up to **48 months**. Many files are now being reviewed automatically, especially for current and recent students nearing the end of their benefits.

Community care scheduling is improving

VA says its **External Provider Scheduling** system is now live at all VA facilities. Staff can see participating provider schedules directly and may be able to book as many as **25 appointments per day**, which should reduce delays for Veterans who need community care.

More home-based care support for eligible Veterans

VA increased the skilled home health care expenditure cap to **100%** of the cost of similar care in a VA Community Living Center for eligible Veterans with spinal cord injuries, ALS, and other complex conditions. This can reduce out-of-pocket costs and help Veterans remain at home.

My HealtheVet tools are now on VA.gov

Veterans now manage health records, medications, secure messages, and appointments through the new **My HealtheVet on VA.gov** experience. Members still using the old portal should start using VA.gov for those tools.

Need help understanding a letter, rating decision, or eligibility notice? Bring it to the meeting or connect with a DAV service officer for guidance.

[CLAIMS UPDATES](#)[G.I. BILL UPDATE](#)[COMMUNITY CARE](#)[HOME CARE](#)[SUPPORT](#)[MY HEALTHEVET ON VA.GOV](#)

Weekly Brunch with Brothers & Sisters in Arms

Denny's – 1695 E Lincoln Ave, Orange, CA 92865
(Corner of Lincoln & Tustin, near the 55 Freeway)

Thursdays • 12:00–2:00 PM

An informal, pay-your-own-way gathering for camaraderie, conversation, and connection with fellow DAV Chapter 23 members.

Contact: [“Nightrain” Joe Gramoglia](#) – (714) 943-5107

Important VA Contacts & Resources

- **MyVA411:** 1-800-698-2411
- **Veterans Crisis Line:** 988 then press 1
- **Vet Centers:** 1-877-927-8387
- **Homeless Veteran Resources:** 1-877-424-3838
- **Ask VA:** submit questions and updates online at VA.gov

VA's Resources and support hub organizes help by topic—health care, disability, education, housing, pension, memorials, and appeals. Veterans and families can also subscribe to **VetResources**, VA's weekly newsletter for Veterans, caregivers, survivors, and family members.

[VA RESOURCES HUB](#)

[VETRESOURCES](#)

Need Help Filing VA Claims?

Multiple options are available

Start with our Chapter website VSO page:

[Chapter 23 Veteran Service Officers \(VSO\) – DAV Jack Fisher Chapter 23](#)

DAV Veteran Service Officers are here to help you submit and track your claims.

DAV at Long Beach VAMC

5901 E. 7th St, Bldg. 8 Room 107

Long Beach, CA 90822

Hours: 8 AM – 3 PM, Monday–Friday

Phone: (562) 826-5711

Orange County Veterans Service Office

Schedule an appointment for free benefits claims counseling and referral assistance.

Monday–Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM

Email: ocvso@occr.ocgov.com

Phone: (714) 480-6555

[BOOK OCVSO APPOINTMENT](#)

Check out the New and Improved DAV Chapter 23 Website

<https://dav23.com>

Have Ideas for the Website or Newsletter?

We're always looking for new content, events, and resources to include.

Newsletter Editor: [Past Commander John "Mack" Mackus](#)

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Often Overlooked Veteran Benefits

California Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

Eligible disabled veterans and surviving spouses may qualify for significant reductions in property taxes on their primary residence.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

VA Dental Care Eligibility

Many veterans are unaware they may qualify for VA dental care.

- Veterans rated 100% service connected
- Veterans with service-connected dental conditions
- Recently separated service members
- Veterans participating in certain VA programs

VA DENTAL INFORMATION

Veteran Scam & Fraud Alert

Veterans are frequently targeted by scammers pretending to represent VA, government agencies, charities, or benefits organizations.

- Fake VA phone calls or emails
- Claims “guarantees” for increased ratings
- Pension buyout scams
- Identity theft and banking scams
- Unaccredited claims assistance companies charging illegal fees

Never share passwords, VA login credentials, or banking information with unknown callers or websites.

REPORT FRAUD

Mental Health & Vet Center Support

Confidential counseling and support services are available for veterans, service members, and family members.

- Combat-related stress
- PTSD and anxiety
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- Grief and bereavement counseling
- Family and relationship counseling
- Transition support after military service

Vet Center Call Center: 1-877-927-8387

FIND A VET CENTER

Veteran Employment & Career Resources

- Resume and interview assistance
- Trade and apprenticeship programs
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)
- Job placement assistance
- California veteran employment programs

CALIFORNIA VETERAN EMPLOYMENT

Emergency Assistance for Veterans

- Rent and utility assistance

- Temporary housing
- Food assistance
- Transportation support
- Emergency financial assistance

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