



**APRIL 2026**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) Meeting\*

- **When:** May 13, 2026, at 2 p.m.
- **Where:** 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **Please Note:** Meeting location is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [OCVAC webpage](#), or check our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) before attending.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 291

# Veterans Coffee Talk

Saturday, May 2nd  
0930 - 1100

**James Richardson**  
Veteran Outreach Program Specialist

**Stephanie Wade**  
USMC Infantry Officer  
OC Veterans Advisory Council

**Yonatan Yogi Hernandez**  
Navy Veteran

*Hope to see you there. We need each other!*  
*Attendees are limited to Veterans Only*

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### Veterans Coffee Talk

- **About:** Connect with fellow Veterans over fresh coffee and breakfast bites. Learn something new, share experiences, and build community. All Veterans are welcome, no membership required.
- **When:** May 2, 2026, from 9:30-11 a.m.
- **Where:** Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion 215 15<sup>th</sup> St., Newport Beach, CA 92663
- **More information:** (949) 673-5070



### Echoes of Conflict: Remembering Vietnam Speaker Series

- **About:** Veteran Ronnie Guyer of the 1st Air Cavalry Division will share his experience in one of the Vietnam War's first major battles, the Ia Drang Valley, later depicted in the film "We Were Soldiers."
- **When:** May 9, 2026, from 2-3:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Heroes Hall Museum 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **Register:** [Echoes of Conflict: Remembering Vietnam Speaker Series](#)




**ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS!**

THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR VICENTE SARMIENTO AND THE TUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A

## CAREER FAIR



**MAY 21, 2026 • 10 AM - 1 PM**

**COLUMBUS TUSTIN RECREATION CENTER**

17522 Beneta Way, Tustin, CA 92780

**Looking for quality employment?**

- Connect with top businesses
- Submit resumes directly
- Potentially interview on the spot
- Streamline the job hunt

Free registration and parking.



Register by scanning the QR code or visit [bit.ly/2026CareerFairTustin](https://bit.ly/2026CareerFairTustin)

**QUESTIONS?** Contact (866) 500-6587 or [info@ocworkforcesolutions.com](mailto:info@ocworkforcesolutions.com)

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### 2026 Career Fair – Tustin

- **About:** Connect with employers, explore job openings, and take the next step toward your career goals. Bring your resume and dress to impress!
- **When:** May 21, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Where:** Columbus Tustin Recreation Center  
17522 Beneta Way, Tustin, CA 92780
- **Register:** [bit.ly/2026CareerFairTustin](https://bit.ly/2026CareerFairTustin)

## NEWS

### VA Announces \$16 million in Disabled Veterans' Adaptive Sports Grants

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has announced \$16 million in grant funding to support adaptive sports programs for Veterans and service members with disabilities. These grants support national, regional, and community-based organizations that offer activities like cycling, skiing, fishing and wheelchair sports. Programs are designed to help Veterans improve their physical health, build independence, and stay connected through recreation and community.

Eligible organizations can apply through May 13, 2026.

[Read the press release here.](#)



### Income Limit Set for 2026-2027 CalVet College Fee Waiver (Plan B)

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has announced the income limit for students applying to the College Fee Waiver Program (Plan B) for the 2026–2027 academic year. To qualify, students must have an annual income of \$22,941 or less.

Applicants will need to provide a signed copy of their 2025 tax return. If a tax return was not filed, a non-filing statement from the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) or Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is required. These statements are only available after the April 15, 2026, tax deadline. Some tax offices may not issue non-filing statements until after June 30. This is acceptable, as the income limit applies beginning in Fall 2026 for most schools.

The College Fee Waiver Program helps eligible dependents of Veterans attend a California State University, University of California, or California Community College with waived systemwide tuition and fees.

[Apply or learn more about the College Fee Waiver Program.](#)



### VA to Automatically Review Education Benefits Eligibility for Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is automatically reviewing the records of 1.04 million Veterans to determine eligibility for additional education and training benefits following the Supreme Court's 2024 *Rudisill* decision and the *Perkins v. Collins* ruling. Veterans no longer need to request a review. VA will either issue a formal decision or notify those who may need to take action. This review also covers Veterans currently enrolled in school who exhaust their education benefits.

[Learn more about eligibility and how the changes may affect you.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW



Homemaker Home Health Aide Care provides trained professionals who visit a Veteran's home to help with personal care and daily activities. This support can make it easier for Veterans to stay independent and safe living at home. While these aides are not nurses, they work under the supervision of a registered nurse who reviews each Veteran's needs. This program is especially helpful for Veterans who need support with daily tasks, may be feeling socially isolated, or have caregivers who need more support. Services may also be combined with other Home and Community Based Services, depending on local availability.

[Learn more about the Homemaker Home Health Aide Care program](#)

## BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on March 2026 service data.

**Veterans Served (includes emails,  
calls, and appointments):**

1,951

**Benefits Granted by Veterans  
Administration:**

\$687,457

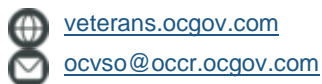
**Claims Filed:**

1,134

**College Tuition Savings:**

\$206,701

For more information, contact the VSO at (714) 480-6555 or [ocvso@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocvso@occr.ocgov.com).



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