



**MARCH 2026**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Mindfulness Meditation Classes**

- **About:** Want to learn a new technique to manage stress? Join this class to learn meditation techniques that'll help you cultivate awareness, compassion, and acceptance.
  - **When:** April 3, 2026, from 8-9 a.m.
  - **Where:** By phone (call-in)
  - **Join:** Call (404) 397-1597 or (833) 558-0712 (toll-free); Participant access code: 433 794 55
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AMERICAN  
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POST 291

# Veterans Coffee Talk

Saturday, April 4th  
9:30 - 11:00



Guest Speaker:

**Jodie Greiner**

Chief Executive Officer, Foundation  
for Women Warriors & USMC Veteran



Guest Speaker:

**Eldonna Fernandez**

MSgt USAF Retired Founder  
Baskets and Beads Kenya



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

NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
215 15th Street, Newport Beach, California, 92663  
(949) 673-5070 | [www.al291.com](http://www.al291.com)

## Veterans Coffee Talk

- **About:** Join April's Veterans Coffee Talk focusing on women Veterans. Please note, attendees are limited to Veterans only.
- **When:** April 4, 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








# OC WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY

OC WOMEN VETERANS AND THEIR KIDS ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY A DAY OF CONNECTION AND FUN



BBQ



Live Music



Line Dancing

**Saturday, April 11 | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
 28632 Ortega Hwy  
 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675


**For More Information:**  
 Contact Mitzi Huff  
 714-380-9381 | [mhuff@cgvinc.org](mailto:mhuff@cgvinc.org)

**Scan to Register**  
 Everyone must register to attend










## OC Women's Veterans Day

- **About:** Join this special event bringing together women Veterans and their kids for a day of connection, community, and fun, including BBQ, live music, and line dancing. Space is limited, and registration is required.
- **When:** April 11, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Where:** 28632 Ortega Hwy., San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
- **More information:** (714) 380-9381 or [mhuff@cgvinc.org](mailto:mhuff@cgvinc.org)
- **Register:** [OC Women's Veterans Day Registration Form](#)



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SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4

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## ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS!

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## CAREER FAIR



**APRIL 21, 2026 • 10 AM - 1 PM**  
**BREA MALL**  
1065 Brea Mall, Brea

### Looking for quality employment?

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

*Free registration and parking.*



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

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



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### 2026 Career Fair - Brea

- **About:** Connect with employers, explore job openings, and take the next step toward your career goals. Bring your resume and dress to impress!
- **When:** April 21, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Where:** Brea Mall  
1065 Brea Mall, Brea, CA 92821
- **Register:** [bit.ly/2026CareerFairBrea](https://bit.ly/2026CareerFairBrea)

*Event information is provided for informational purposes only. The County makes no guarantee as to the accuracy of the event content and assumes no responsibility or liability.*

## NEWS



### **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.](#)**

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## 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 on the VA website.](#)



## Share Your Event with Us

Do you have a community event for older adults, caregivers, or adults with disabilities? Use our new [OCCS Event Submission Form](#) to share your event for possible promotion in our newsletter or social media. You can also request an *OC Office on Aging* resource table.

Please note that submitting a request does **not** guarantee County participation or promotion.

[Submit your event here.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW



If you're a service member using Department of Defense Tuition Assistance for your courses, you may be eligible for VA's Tuition Assistance to help cover costs that Tuition Assistance doesn't pay. This benefit uses your Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) entitlement to pay the difference for up to 36 months. Talk to your school's certifying official to see if you qualify and get help covering your education costs.

[Learn more about Tuition Assistance Top-Up on the VA website.](#)

## BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on February 2026 service data.

**Veterans Served (includes emails, calls, and appointments):**  
1,357

**Claims Filed:**  
952

**Benefits Granted by Veterans Administration:**  
\$774,212

**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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