



MAY 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) Meeting*

- **When:** June 10, 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.



FY 2026-27 Budget Open House

- **About:** The County Executive Office's Budget and Finance team invites you to attend the FY 2026–27 Budget Open House. This event will provide an overview of the County's budget development process and highlights key priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.
- **When:** June 3, 2026, from 3-7 p.m.
- **Where:** County Administration North; Multi-Purpose Room 101
400 W Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **More Information:** cfo.oc.gov/public-workshop



OC Parks 2026 Summer Concert & Sunset Cinema Series

- **About:** Enjoy free, family-friendly concerts and movie nights in regional parks across Orange County.
- **When:** June 5 through September 3, 2026
- **More information:** [OC Parks 2026 Summer Series](https://ocparks.com)

HIRING EVENTS*

Free registration, participation, and parking!
 Register here: bit.ly/OCWFSHiringEvent

Multi-Industry Hiring Events*

- **When:** June 4, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Where:** OC Workforce Solutions Center – North
 675 Placentia Ave., Brea, CA 92821
- **When:** June 10, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Where:** OC Workforce Solutions Center – South
 28202 Cabot Rd., Ste. 100, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

**Participating employers are subject to change.*

Whole Health Day at Santa Ana VA Clinic

- **About:** Discover wellness resources and programs designed to support Veteran’s overall health and well-being at Whole Health Day. Connect with experts, explore interactive experiences, and learn about services available to Veterans and the community. This event is open to the public.
- **When:** June 26, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Santa Ana VA Clinic (Outside)
 1506 Brookhollow Dr., Ste. 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- **More information:** [Whole Health Day at Santa Ana VA Clinic](https://ocparks.com)



The Legacy of the Vietnam Vet: A Helicopter Door Gunner's Journey

- **About:** Hear the inspiring story of Vietnam Veteran Frans VandenBroek, a former helicopter door gunner who served more than 1,000 combat flight hours during the Vietnam War and later used the GI Bill to build a successful engineering career and secure more than 10 medical device patents.
- **When:** June 27, 2026, at 2-3:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Heroes Hall Museum & Education Center
88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **RSVP:** [A Helicopter Door Gunner's Journey - June 27, 2026](#)

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NEWS



Veterans' Trust in VA Hits Record High

Veterans' trust in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has reached an all-time high, with 82% of Veterans reporting they trust VA services, including health care, benefits, burials and memorials. The findings are based on feedback from Veterans nationwide through VA's quarterly trust survey.

The survey also found:

- 77.3% said it was easy to get the care they needed
- 81.4% said they received the care or services they needed
- 79.5% said they felt valued when interacting with the VA

[Read more here.](#)

VA Reaches Record Levels for Veteran Suicide Risk Screenings

The VA has reached record-high levels for suicide prevention screenings and comprehensive evaluations for Veterans at risk. In March 2026, 88% of Veterans who received VA care in the past 12 months completed an annual suicide risk screening, the highest rate since tracking began in 2021.

VA also reported that 96% of Veterans deemed to be at risk of suicide completed a comprehensive follow-up evaluation and support plan within 24 hours.

Veterans in crisis can contact the Veterans Crisis Line for 24/7 confidential support. Enrollment in VA benefits or health care is not required. To connect with a responder, dial 988 and press 1, text 838255, or chat online at veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat.

[Read the full press release here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW



The flyer features a top section with a blue background and white stars, overlaid with a red silhouette of a soldier saluting. Below this is a white banner with the program name in blue. The main body is dark blue with white text and three red circular icons representing job training, employment assistance, and housing support. A white box at the bottom right contains contact information and the 'ENROLL TODAY!!' call to action.

HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (HVRP)

What We Do

We provide essential support to help veterans experiencing homelessness secure stable employment. We are committed to empower veterans to rebuild their lives and achieve long-term independence. Reach out today to learn how we can assist you or someone you know!

- JOB TRAINING**
- EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**
- HOUSING SUPPORT**

ELIGIBILITY

- Veteran of any service branch
- Any discharge status **EXCEPT** dishonorable
- Experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- At least 1 (one) day of active duty service
- Employment ready

CONTACT US!

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Santa Ana, CA 92703

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ENROLL TODAY!!

Veterans experiencing homelessness can get support to help find stable, meaningful employment and take steps toward rebuilding their lives. These services provide resources, guidance, and opportunities to support long-term independence and stability.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this support, contact Johara Garcia at jgarcia@americaworks.com or (562) 672-1352.

BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on April 2026 service data.



Veterans Served (includes emails, calls, and appointments):
2,035



Benefits Granted by Veterans Administration:
\$931,713.87



Claims Filed:
951

College Tuition Savings:
\$458,337

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

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