## \*\*\*\* VETERANS SERVICES, Tulare County 📃 \*\*\*\*

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Agency	<b>POC &amp; Address</b>	Phone	Services Offered
AMVETS Department of California	Smokey Rickerd Executive Director Sharon Allison-Crook Director of Marketing/Programs 157 S. K Street, Tulare, CA 93274	(559) 688-3407 <b>M-Th</b> , 8-5 pm (877) 526-1339 <u>amvetsca.org</u>	<u>Services Offered</u> : AMVETS Services and Programs are FREE to Veterans and their families. <u>Programs include</u> : Service Officers, Scholarships, Suicide Prevention, Homeless Veteran Outreach, Legislative Advocacy, Women Veteran Programs and more. <u>Career</u> <u>Center offers</u> : job assessment, career workshops, job search assistance, and interview clothes. <u>OFFICE HOURS</u> : M-TH 0800- <i>1630</i> , <u>Closed Fridays</u> .
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	Annette Wholaver Local Interagency Network Coordinator 1320 E Shaw Avenue #105 Fresno, CA 93710	[ <b>O</b> ] (559) 600-5436 [ <b>C</b> ] 916-539-2431 <u>www.calvet.ca.gov</u> (800) 952-5626 <i>Sacramento Site</i>	Connecting California Veterans to all their earned benefits to include VA claims for compensation and pension, CalVet Home loans to Veterans, Assisted Living for Veterans in one of eight Veterans Homes through the State and <u>College Fee Waiver</u> for Veteran Dependents. www.calvet.ca.gov. <u>Headquarters</u> : 1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
College of the Sequoias, Veteran's Program	<b>Ashley Martinez</b> Veteran Coordinator <b>Jennie Garcia</b> Veteran Counselor	(559) 730-3854 Ashley Martinez (559) 730-3854 Jennie Garcia	Disabled, education, employment training, and Veterans Services. Contact Veterans Resource Center for information on Veterans Club meeting dates and times. VRC: Sequoia 106, Veterans Resource Center: www.cos.edu Address: 915 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277
Employment Connection, Visalia, Porterville, Dinuba, & Tulare	Chuck Gunsolus Veteran Services Advisor 4025 W. Noble Ave., Suite B Visalia, CA 93277	(559)-713-5129 Chuck (559) 713-5000 Visalia Office	Provide Veterans with skills assessment, resume help, and job search assistance. On- The-Job Training. Occupational Skills Training. Assist Veterans in connecting with Veteran resources. <u>www.employmentconnect.org</u>
Workforce Services, Veteran's Program	Juan Vásquez, Jr Local Veterans' Employment Representative, LVER juan.vasquez@edd.ca.gov Scott Kilgore Disabled Veterans Outreach Program, DVOP, Specialist Scott.kilgore@edd.ca.gov 4025 W. Noble Ave., Suite B Visalia, CA 93277 (Covering ALL Tulare County)	(559) 713-5143 Juan (559) 713-5000 SITE/ Ask for VSN (559) 713-5143 Scott M-F, 8-5 pm <u>www.caljobs.ca.gov</u>	The Employment Development Department (EDD) assists Veterans and their eligible spouses to maximize their employment and training opportunities. Veterans are entitled to many resources designed to help in their search for employment. The EDD Veterans' representatives specialize in assisting Veterans in their efforts to return to work and are located in many local EDD offices. Services provided include a 24-hour Veteran priority hold on all job listings, customized job search assistance, job fairs, employer recruitments, and other events and resources. Veterans are encouraged to schedule an appointment with an EDD Veterans' representative for personalized services and assistance to achieve professional goals. <u>Vetrs, Veterans Transitional Services</u> , <u>Workshop held 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Friday of each month (Visalia), 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month (Porterville)</u> .
FRESNO VET CENTER Readjustment Counseling Center BAKERSFIELD VET CENTER	1320 East Shaw Ave., Suite 125 Fresno, CA 93710 1110 Golden State Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301	<u>Fresno</u> : (559) 487-5660 <b>M-Thu = 8-2100 hrs.</b> <b>Fri = 8-1800 hrs.</b> <b>Sat = 8-1630 hrs</b> .	Offers transitional counseling for combat Veterans for entire Central Valley (on site counselors). <u>FRESNO ORIENTATIONS</u> : Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the Month (10-12 noon). Please bring your ID & DD 214. <u>BAKERSFIELD</u> services Southern Tulare County: (661) 323-8387 (M=8-1930, T-F=8-1900, S=8-1630 hrs)
STRAIL Business Administration	Pete Estrada 801 R Street, Suite 201 Fresno, CA 93271	(559) 487-5791, <i>ext</i> . 2703 M-F, 8-4:30 pm	Outreach services for Veterans wanting to open a small business. Provides guidance on how to do so, also offers low income loans. <u>www.sba.gov/ca/fresno</u> .
TULARE-KINGS DENTAL SOCIETY	John Hamilton Executive Director	(559) 625-9333 P.O. Box 3728	Providing community outreach and referrals. Dentists of the Tulare-Kings Dental Society (TKDS) belong to the American (ADA) and the California (CDA) Dental Associations. Two of every three (2 in 3) dentists belong and adhere to the CDA Code of Ethics and place the needs of patients before needs of the practice.
Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Inc. (VRSI)	255 N Fulton St #101, Fresno, CA	Office: (559) 231-9440 hireVeterans@yahoo.com facebook.com/VRSIFresno	Provide employment support and services to eligible VETERANS in <u>Fresno, Kings, Tulare,</u> <u>Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus counties</u> . Our services are <b>FREE</b> and include but not limited to: on-the-job training, basic computer skills, referrals to employees, work study, etc. We can assist with up to \$400 of support for employment needs; such as work clothing, boots, etc.
Veterans Upward Bound, Educational Resource Covering the Central Valley	Callie Branan, VUB Coordinator <u>calliebranan@whccd.edu</u> Jan Young, VUB Advising Specialist	West Hills College Lemoore 555 College Ave, Lemoore, CA 93245 Phone: 559-925-3345	Services Offered: Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) is a free educational program for qualified, honorably discharged Veterans who meet the eligibility requirements. The program is sponsored by West Hills College Lemoore and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to assist Veterans in preparing for success in college and other post-secondary training institutions of their choice.

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PORTERVILLE COLLEGE Veterans' Services	Andrea Anaya Veteran Admissions Specialist Rachel Vallejo Program Technician Maria Roman Veteran's Student Counselor 100 E. College Ave. Porterville, CA 93257	(559) 791-2402 Andrea Anaya (559) 791- 2230 Maria Roman (559) 791-2222 RV & VRC	Disabled, Educational, Employment training, and Veterans Services.       Offering         Contact VRC for time and date of the Veterans Club meetings. VTC located @       AC116 Veterans Resource Center, Student Veterans         Organization (student club) https://www.portervillecollege.edu       Interest Contertion         EMAIL: pcvetcenter@portervillecollege.edu       Interest Contertion
San Joaquin Valley Veterans A project of WestCare 410 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Hanford, CA 93230	Jasmine Wendels, Director/Lead Advocate Angela Corona, Educator Michael Ortega, Outreach Diana Hernandez, Specialist Angela Castellanos, Outreach Tommy Hines, Counselor	(559) 584-8100, press 2 for Veteran Services <u>www.westcare.com</u> Office provides support to <i>Kings &amp; Tulare</i> Counties	EMAIL: pcvetcenter@portervillecollege.edu San Joaquin Valley Veterans, a project of WestCare (SJVV) San Joaquin Valley Veterans a project of WestCare's goal is to provide critical and quality services to assist Veterans and Veterans with families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. With the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (or SSVF) we will make it our commitment to help with the ending of homelessness. Give us a call today if you are a Veteran and needs assistance with housing needs.
Tulare County Health & Human Services: Veterans Division VSO, Veterans Service Office	Ken Cruickshank, VSO Juan Cruz, VSR Nichole Young, VSR Elke Smith, VST 3348 W. Mineral King Visalia, CA 93291	(559) 713-2880 M-Th, 7:30-5 pm F, <u>CLOSED TO PUBLIC</u> <u>www.tchhsa.org</u>	Provides outreach, counseling, and referrals to Veterain and needs assistance with rhossing needs. Provides outreach, counseling, and referrals to Veterain and needs assistance with rhossing needs. Provides outreach, counseling, and referrals to Veterain and needs assistance with rhossing needs. Provides outreach, counseling, and referrals to Veterain and needs assistance with rhossing needs. Provides outreach, counseling, and referrals to Veterain and needs assistance with rhossing needs. Provides outreach, counseling, and monitor the progress of your claim, (3) Help you complete the necessary paperwork, (2) Prepare, submit, and monitor the progress of your claim, (3) Help you understand and respond to correspondence from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), (4) Get answers to questions about the laws and the regulations that apply to veterans benefits, (5) Help you through the appeal process if you've been denied benefits, (6) Provide information and assistance on health care options, home loans, life insurance, and rehabilitation programs, and (7) Make home veterans or their dependents or survivors cannot come to the office because of a disability. If you are a veteran, a veteran's spouse, or other family member, call the Veterans Services Office for assistance with applying for the benefits you deserve. <u>MORE INFO</u>
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	One Sansome Street, Suite 1200 San Francisco, CA 94104	(415) 489-6400 Mon - Fri 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.	(7) Make home visits when veterans or their dependents or survivors cannot come instructed or protecting their dependents or survivors cannot come to the office because of a disability. If you are a veteran, a veteran's spouse, or other family member, call the Veterans Services Office for assistance with applying for the benefits you deserve. MORE INFO         HUD offers, subsidized apartments for Veterans. Administers FHA loans at low interest.         Jurisdiction:         Stanislaus, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties in California's Central Valley         VETS serve America's Veterans and separating service members by preparing them for meaningful careers, providing employment resources and expertise, and protecting their
<b>US Department of Labor,</b> Veterans' Employment and Training Service	https://www.dol.gov/vets	(916) 654-8178	VETS serve America's Veterans and separating service members by preparing them for meaningful careers, providing employment resources and expertise, and protecting their employment rights.
Department of Veterans Affairs	www.va.gov	(800) 827-1000	Information on Veteran Benefits (payments, education, home loans)
VA South Valley Community Based Outpatient Medical Clinic	1050 N. Cherry Tulare, CA 93274	(559) 684-8703 M-F, 8-4:30 pm	Outpatient clinic for the South Valley. Assigned primary care physicians. Walk-in Service available, but expect to wait. Call first. Veterans should complete VA Form 10-10EZ
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Military and Veteran Counseling Center Veterans Counseling Clinic www.visaliatherapist.com	Lance Zimmerman, Ph.D Director, Clinical Psychologist 4126 S. Demaree Street, Suite B, Visalia, CA 93277	(559) 372-0525 Mon – Fri: 8am - 6pm Sat: By appointment Sun: Closed	Psychologist focuses on the evaluation, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues. A clinical psychologist uses psychotherapy and other counseling skills to improve emotional and mental health.
TULARE PUBLIC LIBRARY TULARE PUBLIC LIBRARY Tulare public library.org	475 North M Street, Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 685-4503	Tuesday: 3:00pm-7:00pm Wednesday: 3:00pm-7:00pm Thursday: 11:00am-3:00pm Friday: 11:00am-3:00pm Saturday: 11:00am-3:00pm	Tulare Public Library invites Veterans and their families to learn about state and federal benefits that may be available to them at our Veterans Resource Center. We are staffed by trained volunteers and a Veterans Work Study employee thanks to our partnership with California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), the Employment Development Department (EDD), and the California State Library. <a href="http://calibrariesforVeterans.org">http://calibrariesforVeterans.org</a>
A COMBAT VETERAN'S HOLPE H.O.P.E.	121 E Main St., Suite 108 Visalia, CA 93291	(559) 799-2548	<u>OUR MISSION</u> : To Empower Combat Veterans through engagement with each-other and their local community. <u>OUR VISION</u> : To ensure every generation of Combat Veteran successfully integrates back into their local community. <u>WHAT WE OFFER</u> : BATTLE BACK PROGRAM, CRISIS INTERVENTION, FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM, FORCE MULTIPLIER PROGRAM, H.O.P.E PROGRAM, and RESOURCE REFERRAL PROGRAM. <u>www.acombatVeteranshope.org</u>
Tulare County Department of Child Support Services	<u>James Bonafe</u> –Community Liaison 8040 W. Doe Ave, Visalia	(559) 713-5708 (866) 901-3212	Parentage Orders/ Child Support Orders, Modification of Child Support Orders, COAP- Reduce past debt owed to the state. Employment and other Family Centered Referrals <u>Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm</u> <u>http://tularecounty.ca.gov/dcss/</u>