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Are you a Veteran?



Have you Served in the U.S. Armed Forces?

The California Department of Veterans Affairs CalVet Connect program would like you to receive information regarding benefits that you may be entitled to such as:

- Employment - You may qualify for unemployment benefits after separation from active duty. You may also be entitled to Veteran Preference Points on state and federal employment examinations.
- Housing - You may qualify for the CalVet Home Loan program which offers competitive market interest rates with low or no down payment to veterans that meet eligibility requirements.
- Education - You or your dependents may be entitled to educational assistance such as the GI Bill, vocational rehabilitation, tuition fee waivers, etc.
- Healthcare Services - You may be entitled to free or low cost health care through the Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System.

Did you Know?

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and CalVet are in a partnership to help connect eligible veterans with information regarding benefits earned while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. As part of this effort, driver's license and identification (DL/ID) card applications have a box where the applicant can indicate if they have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and want veterans benefits information sent to them.

Who may Benefit?

You and your dependents. According to CalVet, many of the 2 million veterans and their families residing in California are underserved and do not receive benefits for which they are entitled. California's economy could be boosted by additional federal funds flowing into our economy by connecting veterans with their entitled benefits and services.

What do I do?

Check the "HAVE YOU SERVED IN THE MILITARY" box appearing on the DL/ID application. All veterans who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces may receive information relating to various services and benefits. DMV will provide the name and mailing address to CalVet of each veteran who indicates they want benefit information, and if you notify DMV of a mailing address change, DMV will also provide the new mailing address to CalVet.

Questions Commonly Asked

Q: Will my personal identifiable information be jeopardized?

A: No. By law, the only information transmitted to CalVet is your name and mailing address.

Q: How will I know if I am eligible for benefits?

A: CalVet will provide you with information that can assist in determining which benefits you are entitled and eligible to receive.

Q: How soon will I receive the information?

A: DMV does not know how long it will take for you to receive the information. The veteran benefits information is distributed by CalVet. Please contact CalVet at 1-877-741-8532.

Q: Is there another way to get veteran benefits information?

A: Yes. You can request benefits information by registering on the CalVet website at calvet.ca.gov

Q: If I change my mind or I no longer want information sent to me, who do I contact?

A: Please contact CalVet at 1-877-741-8532.

Resources

CalVet

To locate a CalVet office near you, please refer to government listing in your local telephone book or visit the CalVet website at calvet.ca.gov.

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California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)

Veterans Services Division

1227 O Street, Room 105

Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 1-800-952-5626

calvet.ca.gov

California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO)

California Veterans Service Officers are available to assist and support veterans at the telephone numbers below:

Alameda County
Phone (510) 577-3547

Amador County
Phone (209) 267-5764

Butte County
Phone (530) 891-2759

Calaveras County
Phone (209) 754-6624

Colusa County
Phone (530) 458-0494

Contra Costa County
Phone (925) 313-1481

Del Norte County
Phone (707) 464-2154

El Dorado County
Phone (530) 621-5892

Fresno County
Phone (559) 454-5436

Glenn County
Phone (530) 934-6524

Humboldt County
Phone (707) 445-7341

Imperial County
Phone (760) 337-5012

Inyo County
Phone (760) 873-7850

Kern County
Phone (661) 868-7300 ext 1-3

Kings County
Phone (559) 582-3211 ext 2659

Lake County
Phone (707) 263-2384

Lassen County
Phone (530) 251-8192

Los Angeles County
Phone (213) 744-4825

Madera County
Phone (559) 675-7766

Marin County
Phone (415) 499-6193

Mariposa County
Phone (209) 966-3696

Mendocino County
Phone (707) 463-4226

Merced County
Phone (209) 385-7588

Modoc County
Phone (530) 233-6209

Monterey County
Phone (831) 647-7613

Napa County
Phone (707) 253-6072

Nevada County
Phone (530) 273-3396

Orange County
Phone (714) 567-7450

Placer County
Phone (916) 780-3290

Plumas County
Phone (530) 283-6275

Riverside County
Phone (951) 955-6050

Sacramento County
Phone (916) 874-6811

San Benito County
Phone (831) 637-4846

San Bernardino County
Phone (909) 382-3290

San Diego County
Phone (858) 694-3222

San Francisco County
Phone (800) 807-5799

San Joaquin County
Phone (209) 468-2916

San Luis Obispo County
Phone (805) 781-5766

San Mateo County
Phone (650) 802-6598

Santa Barbara County
Phone (805) 737-7900

Santa Clara County
Phone (408) 553-6000

Santa Cruz County
Phone (831) 454-4761

Shasta County
Phone (530) 225-5616

Siskiyou County
Phone (530) 842-8010

Solano County
Phone (707) 784-6590

Sonoma County
Phone (707) 565-5960

Stanislaus County
Phone (209) 558-7380

Sutter and Yuba
Phone (530) 749-4967

Tehama County
Phone (530) 529-3664

Trinity County
Phone (530) 623-3975

Tulare County
Phone (559) 684-4960

Tuolumne County
Phone (209) 533-6280

Ventura County
Phone (805) 477-5155

Yolo County
Phone (530) 406-4850