

**COUNTY OF ORANGE
VETERANS
RESOURCE DIRECTORY**





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The County of Orange Veterans Resource Directory is a comprehensive listing of veteran serving organizations. This guide may be helpful to those who work with veterans and veterans themselves.

The organizations featured in this guide represent the robust and diverse range of veterans-serving organizations located right here in Orange County. From local government agencies to nonprofits, this guide provides accurate, organized and useful information at your fingertips.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

County Operations Center
1300 South Grand Avenue, Building B, 2nd Floor, Room 247
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 480-6555
<http://veterans.ocgov.com>



Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Appointments are available

The Veterans Service Office (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents/survivors in preparing, presenting and pursuing any benefits they may be entitled to receive from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The following list identifies some of the more common areas which the VSO assists veterans and their dependents or survivors.

Entitlement to:

- Service Connected Disability Compensation
- Veterans and Survivors Pension
- Burial Benefits
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

CalVet Information:

- CalVet Dependents College Tuition Fee Waiver Program
- CalVet Driver License Veteran Designation Program

Discharge Documents Review:

- Discharge Documents Certification (DD214)

OFFICE ON AGING

1300 South Grand Avenue, Building B, 2nd Floor, Room 200

Santa Ana, CA 92705

(800) 510-2020 Information & Assistance Call Center

(714) 480-6450

<http://officeonaging.ocgov.com>



Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Office on Aging provides services for older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities, which includes veterans. Information and referral to services that help people maintain their independence is provided through the call center. Links to resources include, but are not limited to, nutrition, transportation, health insurance counseling, support groups, case management, legal services, in-home care, and adult day care.

ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

1770 North Broadway

Santa Ana, CA 92706

(714) 480-2700

<http://www.ochousing.org>

The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) administers rental assistance programs throughout Orange County except the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

When the waiting list is open, veterans who apply for housing assistance through the Orange County Housing Authority receive the highest preference and placement on the waiting list. Veterans who reside outside of OCHA's member cities are also placed ahead of other non-residents on the waiting list.

OCHA also administers the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH), which provides permanent housing subsidies and case management services to homeless veterans through a collaboration of HUD and the VA Department.

For further information about VASH eligibility, please contact VA Long Beach Medical Center at: (562) 826-8000 ext. 2054.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ HOMELESS PREVENTION

1300 South Grand Avenue, Building B
Santa Ana, CA 92705
<http://www.occommunityservices.org>

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (714) 480-2994

Housing and Community Development provides a Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) for first-time homebuyers. Additional programs include affordable housing development developed by developers, nonprofits, and other groups with affordable housing funds provided by HCD through a Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA). An Affordable Rental Housing List is also available on the OC Community Services website at <http://www.occommunityservices.org>.



HOMELESS PREVENTION (714) 480-2727 OR 211

The Homeless Prevention Division coordinates the County Homeless Continuum of Care System and implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The Continuum of Care homeless network has agencies which provide services (such as housing, case management, and employment) for homeless veterans.

ORANGE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OCDB) - ORANGE COUNTY ONE-STOP CENTERS

County Operations Center

1300 South Grand Avenue, Building B, 3rd Floor

Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 480-6500

<http://www.oconestop.com>

OC Development Board's One-Stop Centers administer programs that assist veterans to become self-sufficient by providing needed resources. Services vary by program, but typically include case management, assistance with training programs, housing, behavioral health services, job search assistance and supportive services. Eligible spouses may also qualify for services.



Veterans are served through the following programs:

- One-Stop Centers located in Buena Park, Irvine, Los Alamitos, and Garden Grove
- Veterans Employment Assistance Program (VEAP) trains eligible veterans and helps find employment in high-growth industries
- OC4VETS assists veterans with resources for housing, peer mentoring, behavioral health, employment and supportive services

Orange County One-Stop Centers:

North County Satellite
6281 Beach Boulevard
Suite 302
Buena Park, CA 90621
(714) 562-9200

North County
7077 Orangewood Avenue
Suite 200
Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 241-4900

Irvine
125 Technology Drive West
Suite 200
Irvine, CA 92618
(949) 341-8000

Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base
11200 Lexington Drive
Bldg. 244
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
(562) 296-5722

OC ANIMAL CARE

561 The City Drive South
Orange, CA 92868
(714) 935-6848
<http://www.ocpetinfo.com>

Hours of operation:
Daily, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

OC Animal Care partners with Animals for Armed Forces Foundation to provide free animal adoptions during Memorial Day and Veteran's Day weekend for current or former armed forces personnel and their families. A copy of a Military ID, DD-214, and NGB Form 22 are required.



OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Hours vary per library location; hours are generally:
Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday - Sunday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
<http://www.ocpl.org>

All library branches offer free computers, free Wi-Fi, and access to business databases, such as Reference USA, which can be used in job searches. Librarians are available at all library branches to help navigate the Internet, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. Many of the branches host free SCORE small business workshops that could be very useful for veterans wanting to start a small business.

OC PARKS

13042 Old Myford Road
Irvine, CA 92602
(714) 973-6865 or (866) OCPARKS
<http://www.ocparks.com>

OC Parks manages a variety of locations consisting of regional parks, wilderness parks, historic parks, regional trails, and beaches. Some veterans are eligible for free parking passes and free camping.

HEALTH CARE AGENCY

Health Referral Line: (800) 564-8448

Behavioral Health Information and Referrals: (855) OC-LINKS

Websites: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com>

<http://ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/pi/oclinks>

<http://orange.networkofcare.org/veterans>

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS:

OC4Vets

1300 South Grand Avenue, Bldg. B, 2nd Floor, Room 247

Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 480-6476

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

OC4Vets provides behavioral health screening, clinical case management, referrals and linkages to resources, and peer navigation to help veterans and their family members access care to the community.

Veterans Campus Program

(855) OC-LINKS or (714) 824-1996

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, by appointment only

Veterans Campus program, also known as “The Drop Zone”, works collaboratively with individual veterans attending community college in Orange County. Using a behavioral health clinician who is also a veteran to identify and talk with veterans on campus improves the ability to screen for stressors and barriers that prevent veterans from being successful in achieving scholastic success. Veterans are screened and given the opportunity to enter the program and/or to be referred and linked to appropriate community and VA resources to assist with identified issues.



Veterans Court Programs

(855) OC-LINKS or (714) 480-6476

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, by appointment only

Veterans Court programs consist of services designed to identify, engage, assess and provide support for veterans involved with legal court issues in Orange County. Case management is provided as well as direct linkage to appropriate Orange County and VA veterans programs and resources such as employment, housing, health care, and substance use disorder treatment.



These additional programs may be of benefit to veterans.

Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health

(855) OC-LINKS

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health (AOABH) provides recovery mental health services and episodic treatment services which emphasize individual needs, strengths, choices, and involvement in service planning and implementation. Services include assessment, evaluation, collateral therapy, individual and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, medication support, rehabilitation, linkage and consultation, placement, plan development, crisis intervention and specialized residential services.

Older Adult Mental Health Recovery Services

Older Adult Mental Health Recovery Services is an in-home and clinic based mental health service for those 60 years and older. Program eligibility includes having a serious and persistent mental illness; participants may have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder and exhibit impairment in their ability to function in the community.

Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)

PACT is for adults 60 years and older who are living with a chronic and persistent mental illness. OAS PACT provides assessment, linkage, individual and group therapy, extensive case management, advocacy, medication support and a variety of recovery services for older adults.

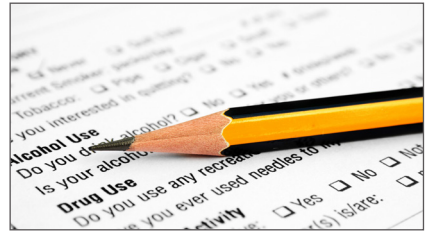
Senior Health Outreach Prevention Program (SHOPP)

SHOPP is an in-home service staffed by Public Health Nurses and Behavioral Health Clinicians.

- The SHOPP Public Health Nurses (PHNs) offer home visitation to address the unmet health care needs of adults 60 years and older, though priority is given to frail, older adults. The PHNs provide public health field nursing assessment and services including health and tobacco education, short term case management, and linkage to resources.
- The SHOPP Behavioral Health Clinicians provide initial outreach and engagement services, crisis intervention, assessment, and linkage to resources for older adults 60 years and older experiencing a functional impairment related to a mental health issue.

Substance Abuse Resource Team (START)

START is an in-home service for adults 60 years and older who have a serious mental illness and who are misusing substances such as alcohol, recreational drugs, and over the counter and prescription medications. START serves older adults unable to access traditional drug/alcohol abuse services.



OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

625 North Ross Street, Civic Center Plaza, Building 11, Room 142
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 834-2727
<http://www.ocgov.com/assessor>

Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

A veteran who is rated 100% disabled due to a service connected disability or the unmarried surviving spouse of such veteran may be eligible for an exemption on the assessed value of their home.

Service Members Civil Relief Act Declaration

If a service member is a legal resident of another state and is residing in this jurisdiction solely in compliance with military orders, any personal property purchased may be eligible for a tax exemption.

There is no fee for filing a Disabled Veterans' exemption claim or Service Members Civil Relief Act Declaration. Veterans may also apply to request copies of roll records or public assessment information.

CHILD SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

1055 North Main Street, 1st Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(866) 901-3212
<http://www.css.ocgov.com>

Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Walk-in hours:
Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm



Services include:

- Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP) - a California program designed to help reduce child support debt owed to the government; a qualifying veteran will only be financially responsible for a portion of the child support balance.
- Modification of Child Support - when financial circumstances change, veterans may request a Judicial Review and Adjustment to ensure child support obligation is appropriate.
- Service Members Civil Relief Act - modification of an existing support order, reduced interest rate of 6% on arrears incurred before he/she entered active military appointment of legal counsel prior to establishing a default judgement.

CLERK-RECORDER

12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101 and Room 106
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 834-2500
<http://www.ocrecorder.com>

Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Veterans and their dependents are able to record any U.S. Service Member's DD214 or official discharge paperwork free of charge. Free copies of any

record, including birth and marriage certificates and property records, are also available to veterans using the record for official military use, such as applying for benefits.

Military personnel and/or their dependents must present valid government-issued photo identification and sign a statement under penalty of perjury that the requester is an authorized person and requesting records for military purposes.

JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

18601 Airport Way
Santa Ana, CA 92707
(949) 252-5200
<http://www.ocair.com>

Injured service members, veterans and warriors may contact TSA Cares at (855) 787-2227 to request assistance with the security screening process. Following verification from the appropriate military branch, the travel information and type of assistance required is provided to the departing/arriving U.S. airports where wounded warriors may use the expedited screening (TSA Pre✓®).



Bob Hope USO Center

Terminal B Baggage Claim Area, near Carousel #4
(949) 252-0303
SNA@BobHopeUSO.org

Hours of operation:
Daily 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

The Bob Hope USO Orange County Center at John Wayne Airport provides an airport lounge for Active Duty Military, Active Reservists, and their families as they travel through the airport. All services are provided free of charge.

OC SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency Lines: (714) 647-7000 or (949) 770-6011
<http://www.ocsd.org>

OCSD is approved by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as an "On the Job Training Facility". Eligible veterans employed as a Deputy Sheriff I, on New Hire or Promotional Probation, are entitled to monthly benefits from the GI Bill - Veteran's Education Benefits Program. OCSD facilitates the registration of the employee for the program, as well as documenting and forwarding a "Monthly Hours Worked" report to the VA.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

14 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 834-2144
<http://pubdef.ocgov.com>

The Public Defender staffs the Orange County Superior Court's Veterans Court. Veterans Court offers a therapeutic alternative and support services to US military service personnel who become involved with the criminal justice system, and who are in need of effective mental health treatment to address issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and other serious mental health problems. The court may assess Public Defender fees at the conclusion of the proceedings.



SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

The following programs may be of benefit to veterans.
24 Hour Information Line: (714) 541-4895
(949) 389-8456

<http://ssa.ocgov.com>

Apply for benefits: <http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org>

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)

(800) 451-5155 (24-Hour Hotline)

APS investigates reports of neglect, abuse or exploitation of elder adults (65 or older) and dependent adults (physically or mentally impaired 18-64 year olds) who are unable to protect their own interests.

CalFresh/MEDI-CAL

Regional Centers: Anaheim, Garden Grove, Aliso Viejo, Santa Ana
(800) 281-9799

Hours of operation:

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

The CalFresh Program was established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households by increasing their food-buying power so they can purchase nutritious food, such as fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods, for the members of their household.

Medi-Cal is a health care program that pays for a variety of medical services for children and adults with limited income and resources. Some Medi-Cal covered services include doctor visits, hospitalization, nursing home care, dental, glasses, and prescriptions.

CalWORKs

(714) 541-4895 or (949) 389-8456

CalWORKs and Welfare-to-Work programs help the unemployed and underemployed achieve stable employment which promotes independence and self-sufficiency. The CalWORKs program provides cash benefits for the care of needy children when one or both parents are absent, disabled, deceased or unemployed/underemployed. The program requires clients to become employed as quickly as possible, and become self-supporting and not dependent on aid. Time on aid is limited to 48 months in a lifetime for adults, unless exempt.

GENERAL RELIEF

(714) 834-8899

General Relief (GR) is a cash assistance program. It provides temporary cash aid to eligible indigent lawful adult residents who do not have custody of any minor children and do not qualify for Federal or State funded cash aid programs. General Relief benefits are considered to be a loan and must be repaid.



IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

(714) 825-3000

IHSS authorizes necessary caregiving services to Medi-Cal eligible older adults and persons with disabilities to assist them in living safely at home.

An IHSS social worker makes an assessment of what your need for in home care is based on your medical condition, your living arrangement, and what assistance you may be getting from your family, friends or available community services. The needs assessment will determine which services are paid for, which may include house cleaning, shopping, cooking, laundry and personal care.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

INFORMATION & REFERRAL/SUPPORT LINES:

211 Orange County

211 or (888) 600-4357 (24 Hours)

<http://www.211oc.org/veterans>

Orange County offers a comprehensive information and referral system linking Orange County veterans to community health and human services and support through the veterans portal and their call center.

Caregiver Support Line

(855) 260-3274

National Call Center for Homeless Vets

(877) 4AID VET (877-424-3838)

Veterans Crisis Line

(877) 727-4747

(800) 273-8255, press 1

Women Veterans Hotline

(855) VA WOMEN (855-829-6636)



HEALTHCARE:

VA Long Beach Medical Center

5901 East 7th Street
Long Beach, CA 90822
(562) 826-8000
<http://www.longbeach.va.gov>

The VA Long Beach Healthcare System serves honorably discharged veterans in Los Angeles and Orange County. Services include low-cost or free primary care, diabetes management, dermatology, podiatry and mental health including TBI and PTSD services.

Local VA Outpatient Clinics:

Anaheim
2569 West Woodland Drive
Anaheim, CA 92801
(714) 780-5400

Laguna Hills
25292 McIntyre Street
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
(949) 587-3700

Santa Ana
1506 Brookhollow Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 434-4600



Vet Centers (readjustment counseling and outreach services):

North Orange County
12453 Lewis Street, Suite 101
Garden Grove, CA 92840
(714) 776-0161

South Orange County
26431 Crown Valley Parkway, Suite 100
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
(949) 348-6700

JF Shea Therapeutic Riding Center

26284 Oso Road
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
(949) 240-8441
<http://www.sheacenter.org>

The Center offers the Military Family Therapeutic Riding Program, which provides therapeutic recreational horseback riding for members of military families who have disabilities.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES:

Goodwill of Orange County Tierney Center for Veterans Services

1231 Warner Avenue
Tustin, CA 92780
(714) 881-3998

Tierney Center for Veteran Services (TCVS) is a global approach to serving veterans and their families. They serve all veterans in Orange County, including immediate family members, and military personnel and families. TCVS team members will work with veterans on a one-on-one basis to provide referrals, help navigate the available resources, and act as an advocate. Services include employment, career, and financial counseling and legal services, and finding education services, housing assistance, healthcare and benefits, and women veterans resources.



U.S. VETS

2001 River Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90810
(562) 200-7300
<http://www.usvetsinc.org/longbeach>

U.S. VETS provides housing (Villages at Cabrillo) in conjunction with clinical counseling and employment assistance. Additionally, coordinating services with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other partners brings in resources that foster the skills necessary for every veteran to return to the community, remain self-sufficient, and break the cycle of homelessness.

VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)

888 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 150
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 568-9811

Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CRRC provides housing, outreach, peer support, case management, employment services, same day medical exams, VA healthcare eligibility determination, rest area with lockers, information and referral and transportation for services. Via on-site partnership, Veterans are also able to access showers, laundry, clothing, food, and computer access.

Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA): Orange County

2100 North Broadway, Suite 300
Santa Ana, CA 92706
(714) 426-9834
(855) 266-3209
<http://www.voala.org/services/veteran.htm>

Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program is a rapid re-housing/homeless prevention program that works towards securing permanent housing for individual veterans and veterans with families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Supportive services include case management, financial planning, housing location, and assistance in obtaining benefits and referral services.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

Animals for Armed Forces Foundation

1370 North Brea Boulevard, Suite 220
Fullerton, CA 92835
(714) 509-5823
<http://www.animalsforarmedforces.org>

Animals for Armed Forces partners with local animal shelters to provide pet adoptions to veterans, active duty military personnel, and their families.



Strength in Support

23461 South Pointe Drive, Suite 310
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
(949) 505-5015
<http://www.strengthinsupport.org>



SIS serves all military and family members, including active, non-active, reserve, guard, or veteran, from any branch of the military to address their challenges in a timely, competent, and supportive manner. All ages are welcome, and while no family will be turned away, most are low-income. SIS structures its programs on three pillars: Counseling, Mentorship and Educational Workshops.

USC Telehealth Online Counseling

(866) 740-6502
<http://www.usctelehealth.com>

Licensed professionals and interns provide online video counseling to individuals, couples, families, and military personnel.

EDUCATION:

Education benefits are available from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs through the GI Bill if you served on active duty and were honorably discharged. To determine eligibility, visit the certifying official at your school. For more information on the GI Bill, go to <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>. Many Orange County community and 4-year colleges offer the “Troops to College” Program. To find a list of accredited schools, visit <http://ocgov.com/about/infooc/links/oc/colleges>.

EMPLOYMENT:

County of Orange Job Opportunities

<https://agency.governmentjobs.com/oc/default.cfm>

National Resource Directory

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd>

Anaheim Jobs - Anaheim Workforce Center

290 South Anaheim Boulevard, Suite 100
Anaheim, CA 92805
(714) 765-4350
<http://www.anaheimjobs.com>

Provides comprehensive job search and career services for job seekers and business services to employers. Services may include resume and letter writing, application assistance, and professional career planning.

Employment Development Department (EDD)

Anaheim Workforce Services Office
2450 East Lincoln, Suite 200
Anaheim, CA 92806
(714) 518-2315
<https://www.caljobs.ca.gov>



The Employment Development Department (EDD) is California's designated State workforce agency. The EDD Veterans' Program staff is responsible for providing a wide array of services to veterans and eligible spouses: employment services, job training, vocational guidance, unemployment compensation, supportive services, labor market information, and referrals to community programs.

Santa Ana W/O/R/K Center (One-Stop Center)

100 East Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 200
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 565-2610
www.santaanawib.org/one_stop.html

The Santa Ana WORK Center connects job seekers to the resources, skills and opportunities to find better jobs and careers, including vocation and on-the-job training, job search assistance, and personal and career counseling.

Veterans Employment Committee of Orange County (OCVEC)

2271 West Malvern, Suite 234
Fullerton, CA 92833
<http://www.ocvec.org>
ocvec.org@gmail.com

OCVEC is an organization dedicated to serving transitioning military members as well as disadvantaged veterans by providing assistance to remove

barriers that may prevent them from obtaining employment. The program provides information and connections for veterans to employment services, career fairs, job certifications and trainings, workshops and other job related supportive services such as gascards, bus passes and assistance obtaining a driver's license.

Working Wardrobes

1851 Kettering Street
Irvine, CA 92614
(714) 210-2460
<http://www.workingwardrobes.org>

The VetNet Program provides professional job training, placement, and career services for veterans at risk of homelessness or transitioning from military to civilian life.



HOUSING:

CalVet Home Loans (CDVA)

(800) 952-5626
(866) 653-2510
<http://www.calvet.ca.gov/calvet-programs/home-loans>

The CalVet Home Loan program is available to most veterans who are looking to purchase a home in California.

Fair Housing Council of Orange County

1516 Brookhollow Drive, Suite A
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 569-0823
(800) 698-3247
<http://www.fairhousingoc.org>

Through comprehensive community education, individual counseling, mediation, and low-cost advocacy, the Fair Housing Council works to eliminate housing discrimination in Orange County and guarantee the rights of all people to freely choose housing in the area they desire to live. Services provided by the Fair Housing Council include fair housing enforcement and education, landlord/tenant counseling, mediation and homebuyer HUD counseling which includes first-time homebuyer seminars, reverse mortgage counseling and default counseling.

Fair Housing Foundation

2300 East Katella Avenue, Suite 405
Anaheim, CA 92806
(800) 446-3247
<http://www.fairhousingfoundation.com>

Fair Housing Foundation (FHF) educates tenants and landlords about fair housing rights and responsibilities through workshops, trainings, and community events. They provide mediation and counseling services and investigate issues of discrimination related to housing. FHF also helps with reasonable home accommodations and modification requests for disabled individuals. Serves residents of Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Orange, San Clemente, Tustin, and Westminster.

Habitat for Humanity

2200 Ritchey Street
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 434-6200
<http://www.habitatoc.org>

Through the Habitat for Heroes & Foundations for Families Program, Habitat for Humanity offers homeownership opportunities to veterans, military personnel or surviving families who are unable to obtain conventional house financing. The Habitat OC Veteran Home Repair Program assists with safety and accommodation repairs for low-income or disabled veterans.



Keep Your Home CA

(888) 954-5337
<http://www.keepyourhomecalifornia.org>

Keep Your Home California is a free service for eligible homeowners who have suffered a financial hardship and need help to stay in their homes. Programs include: Unemployment Mortgage Assistance, Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance, Principal Reduction, and Transition Assistance.

Patriots and Paws

(714) 323-7229

<http://www.patriotsandpaws.org>

Provides returning veterans/active military and their immediate families with home furnishings and pairs them with a rescued animal.

LEGAL SERVICES:

Legal Aid Society of Orange County

2101 North Tustin Avenue

Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 571-5200

Hotline: (800) 834-5001

<http://www.legal-aid.com>

Legal Aid Society of Orange County provides free and low-cost civil legal services to low-income families, individuals, and seniors.

Public Law Center

601 Civic Center Drive West

Santa Ana, CA 92701

(714) 541-1010

<http://www.publiclawcenter.org>

Operation Veterans Re-Entry provides free legal assistance to veterans to facilitate their re-entry into civilian life, including those who are homeless. Legal issues addressed include family law, landlord-tenant disputes, consumer fraud, military and veterans benefits, healthcare, expungement of criminal records, discharge upgrades, child support, military sexual trauma, guardianships and conservatorships.

The Veterans Legal Institute

2100 North Broadway Street, Suite 209

Santa Ana, CA 92706

(714) 852-3492

<http://www.vetslegal.com>

Veterans Legal Institute® (VLI) provides free legal assistance to homeless and low-income current and former service members who are facing barriers to housing, education, employment and healthcare and to foster self-sufficiency.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC)

(714) 481-5306

(714) 481-5327

<http://www.ocvmfc.org>

OCVMFC provides Orange County Veterans and Military Families with resources and assistance from local organizations. The organization aims to provide services that positively impact veterans and military families in need of assistance. Services can range from housing, employment, education, and community outreach.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

CalVet

<http://www.calvet.ca.gov>

Military OneSource

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil>

Military Records

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel>

VA Home Page

<http://www.va.gov>

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Inclusion in this booklet does not constitute endorsement of an agency's program or the quality of its services, nor does exclusion imply an unfavorable judgment of the contribution an agency may be making to the community. The information presented in this booklet was accurate at the time of inclusion. Changes to services, contact information and hours of operation may have occurred since inclusion.



ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors oversees the management of County government and many special districts. The five Board Supervisors are elected by the voters of their district to four-year terms.

The Board's legislative and executive activities are conducted at public meetings with certain personnel and legal matters discussed in closed sessions. Meetings are held at the Hall of Administration in Santa Ana.

First District - Supervisor Andrew Do - (714) 834-3110
Second District - Supervisor Michelle Steel - (714) 834-3220
Third District - Supervisor Todd Spitzer - (714) 834-3330
Fourth District - Supervisor Shawn Nelson - (714) 834-3440
Fifth District - Supervisor Lisa Bartlett - (714) 834-3550

<http://ocgov.com/gov/bos>



ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Veterans Advisory Council is comprised of members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this Council is to advise the Board of Supervisors on issues of importance to veterans and their dependents based on input from the veteran community; provide a source of liaison and communication with various groups relative to veterans issues; and promote involvement in veteran's related events and functions within the County.

Miguel A. Vazquez - District 1
Chase Wickersham - District 2
Robert McDonald - District 3
Marty Burbank - District 4

Bill Kogerman - District 5
Donald J. Dillion - At Large
Renee Taylor - At Large
Jack Williams - At Large

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