



## Veterans Day:

# A time to honor those who have served

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month more than one hundred years ago, the guns fell silent across Europe and what had been called the Great War, or the War to end all Wars, was over.

What later became known as World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles in France. But the fighting actually stopped when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

“Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed; and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

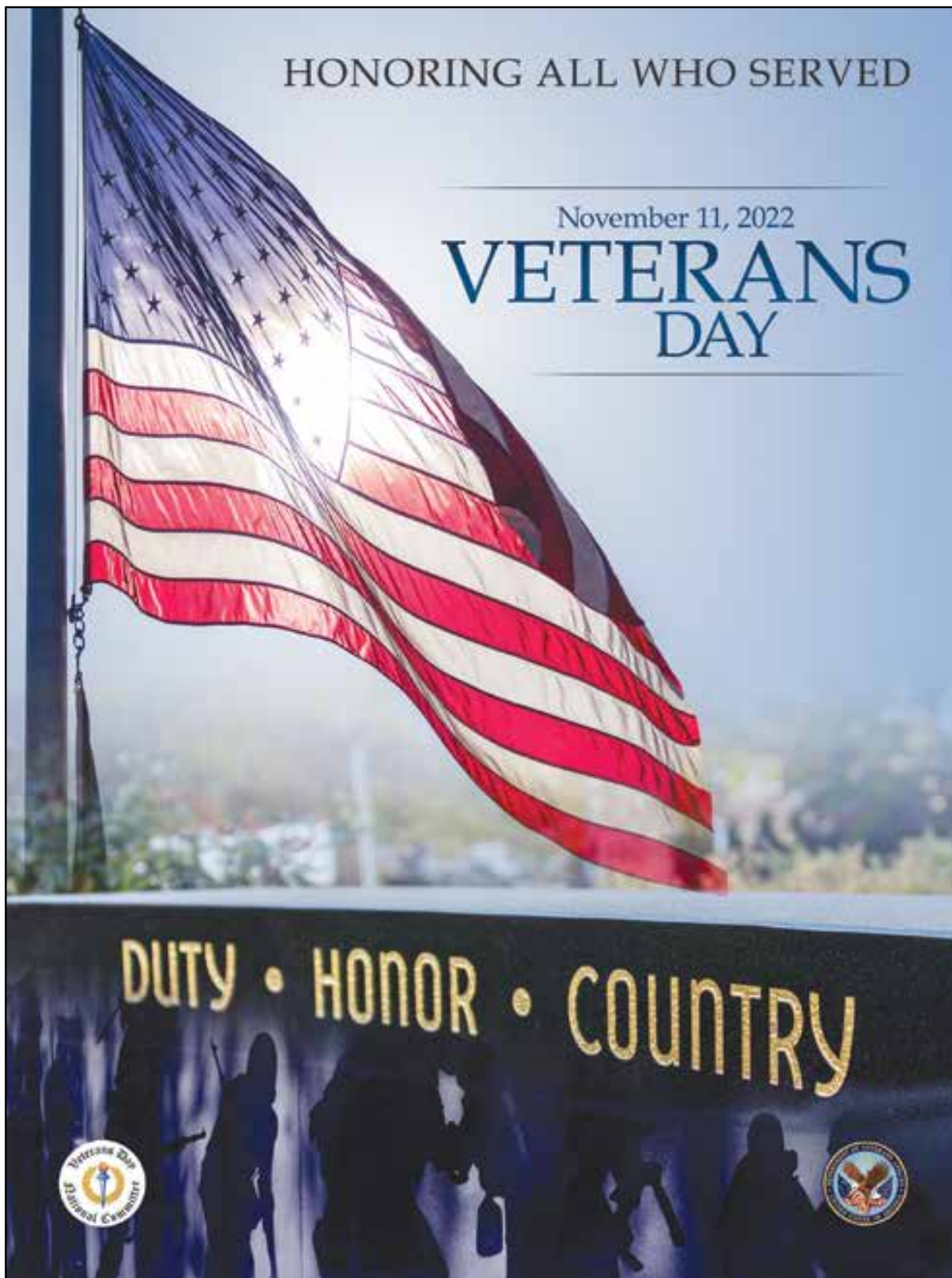
An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made Nov. 11. in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.”

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in the nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on Oct. 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated:

“In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this

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# National, state vet cemeteries in California

The Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration maintains national cemeteries in 42 states, including 10 in California.

Additionally, CalVet operates three veterans' cemeteries in the state.

Some cemeteries will host Veterans Day ceremonies, but all should be open to the public. Please check ahead to find out what is planned.

## National Veterans Cemeteries

### *Bakersfield National Cemetery*

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin  
661-867-2250 or 866-632-1845

### *Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery*

Birch Road, Benicia  
707-693-2460

### *Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery*

Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego  
619-553-2084

### *Golden Gate National Cemetery*

1300 Sneath Lane, San Bruno  
650-589-7737

### *Los Angeles National Cemetery*

950 S Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles  
310-268-4675

### *Miramar National Cemetery*

5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego  
858-658-7360

### *Riverside National Cemetery*

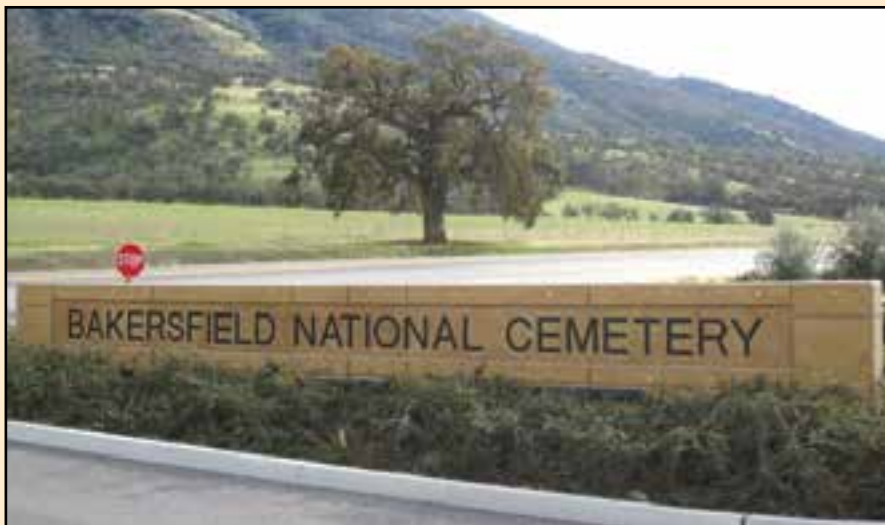
22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside  
951-653-8417

### *Sacramento Valley National Cemetery*

5810 Midway Road, Dixon  
707-693-2460

### *San Francisco National Cemetery*

1 Lincoln Boulevard, Presidio of San Francisco



Courtesy photographs

The Bakersfield National Cemetery in Arvin, was originally part of a Mexican Land Grant that dates to Nov. 24, 1843. The land for the cemetery was donated in 2008 by The Tejon Ranch Company, after Congress passed the National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003 and added six new national cemeteries, including this one.

650-589-7737

### *San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery*

32053 W McCabe Rd., Santa Nella  
209-854-1040

## State Veterans Cemeteries

### *California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery*

2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside  
831-393-9371

### *Northern California Veterans Cemetery*

11800 Gas Point Road, Igo  
866-777-4533

### *Yountville Veterans Home Cemetery*

260 California Avenue, Yountville  
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anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators.

Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day.

It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities, and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans' service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

# Honoring our Veterans at the Lancaster Cemetery

The historic Lancaster Cemetery, part of the Antelope Valley Cemetery District, located in the heart of the City of Lancaster, will host a Veterans Day ceremony at 9 a.m., Nov. 11, at the Veteran's Court of Honor.

The Antelope Valley Young Marines will present the Colors and lead the Flag Salute. Highland High School choir will sing the National Anthem, and lead Pastor Joel Plantinga from Desert Winds Community Church, will give the Invocation.

Antelope Valley Blue Star Mothers will place wreaths at the service flagpoles. Chris Chandler from the Marine Corps League, Detachment 930, will place the U.S. Marine Corps wreath. Cemetery Trustee Chairman Dave Owens will introduce the guests and place the AVCD wreath at the main flagpole with assistance from Cemetery Trustees Richard Cook and Christine Ward.

Congressman Michael Garcia will be the guest speaker this Veterans Day. Garcia is a former U.S. Navy fighter pilot who now serves as the U.S. representative for California's 25th Congressional District. After his retirement from the Navy, Garcia worked an executive for the defense contractor Raytheon Technologies and ran a successful real estate business.

The Veterans Day program at Lancaster Cemetery will honor and remember those veterans from all wars and conflicts who have served, and continue to serve our country, so that we may continue to live our lives in freedom.

We welcome all members of the community to attend. For more information, call Dayle DeBry or Linda Blanco at Lancaster Cemetery at 661-942-6110.



Photograph by Evelyn Kristo

Antelope Valley Young Marines, Abigail Correll, left, and King Rios stand at attention as they pay tribute to local veterans during a Veterans Day ceremony at Lancaster Cemetery, Nov. 11, 2021.

## Mojave to honor those who served this Veterans Day

The City of Mojave will once again honor those who have served during a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m., Nov. 11.

The ceremony will be at the Mojave Junior/Senior High School Mustang Gym at 15732 "O" Street, Mojave, and is open to the public.

# AV Wall again coming to Palmdale as part of Vets Day

by **Stuart Ibberson**  
editor

The AV Wall will be on display Nov. 9-13, 2022, at the Palmdale Amphitheater at Marie Kerr Park in Palmdale, Calif.

While the wall will be open 24/7 for free public viewing, there are some specific events scheduled.

On Nov. 11 – Veterans Day – there will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m., that will also include the distribution of Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins.

On Nov. 12, at 8 p.m., there will be a candlelight ceremony honoring the AV 76. Taps will be played nightly at 9 p.m.

The AV Wall is a half-scale size tribute monument of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is cared for by Point Man Antelope Valley, a veterans outreach organization that ministers to veterans of all wars.

PMAV is a non-profit, faith-based 501(c)(3) autonomous

organization that is fully financed by donations. PMAV is under the umbrella of Point Man International Ministries, Spring Brook, N.Y.

The concept of a local mobile Vietnam memorial wall was first discussed in 2005 when a committee celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Palmdale Playhouse was looking for a mobile wall to display at the A Piece of My Heart play. The play by Shirley Lauro details the stories and struggles of six women who served in Vietnam. A mobile wall would be the perfect tie-in, but none were available at that time. "Why can't we build our own wall?" was asked by a Playhouse staff member, and the concept took off!

It took four years to raise the \$102,000 to fabricate the wall. Signs and Designs, Inc. of Palmdale was integral in the manufacturing and engraving of the wall. Each year, upon the release of additions and changes to the wall by the Department of Defense, Signs and Designs, Inc. updates our panels.



# Five facts to know about Veterans Day

by **Katie Lange**  
DOD News

Veterans Day is a well-known American holiday, but there are also a few misconceptions about it — like how it’s spelled or whom exactly it celebrates. To clear some of that up, here are the important facts you should know.

**Veterans Day does NOT have an apostrophe.**

A lot of people think it’s “Veteran’s Day” or “Veterans’ Day,” but they’re wrong. The holiday is not a day that “belongs” to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It’s a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.



**Veterans Day is NOT the same as Memorial Day.**

A lot of Americans get this confused, and we’ll be honest — it can be a little annoying to all of the living veterans out there.

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it’s largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.



Army photograph by Sgt. Ken Scar

A U.S. Army Reservist reads some of the 58,307 names etched into “the Wall” of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as the sun rises in Washington, July 22, 2015.

**It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.**

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the

word “armistice” to “veterans” so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, Veterans Day’s date was changed, too, and it confused everybody.

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

**For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.**

On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We’re not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the change, and

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs HR7786, June 1, 1954. This ceremony changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day.



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many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another

law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

### Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to cel-

ebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however.

Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 “Remembrance Day.” Canada’s observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more akin to our Memo-

rial Day.

The United Kingdom calls it “Remembrance Day,” too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with parades, services and two minutes of silence around the country to honor those who lost their lives in war. As in Canada, many citizens wear red poppies to honor their dead.



Photograph courtesy of Timothy Hale

Spectators and veterans hold up “Thank You” signs during the Fayetteville Veterans Day parade in Fayetteville, N.C., Nov. 10, 2012. The annual parade featured U.S. Army Reserve Command soldiers and service members and equipment from the XVIII Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division, high school bands, decorated floats, veterans organizations and Junior Reserve Officer’s Training Corps marching units.



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Erin Trower

Local community members, along with Airmen from the 48th Fighter Wing, participate in a Remembrance Day parade in Lakenheath Village, England, Nov. 8, 2015. Remembrance Day observance was first held Nov. 11, 1921, and hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



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## Veterans day and how we remember as we age

by Bob Alvis  
special to Aerotech News

Over the years I have attended my fair share of Veterans Day programs and have been a part of organizing many of them.

Many great men and women who have put on the uniforms of our country have always been the main draw at these events, and many of us look forward to seeing old acquaintances and hearing what's going on in the world of our veterans. The programs circle around the all-important message of remembering the fallen, the sacrifices and those serving today.

As communities remember, there does come a time when those of us long in the tooth start to lose the passion. Programs begin to look a lot like each other, and as the numbers of those remembered in bell ceremonies represent the empty seats of those we called friends, they end up making us look at our own mortality.

Old veterans are embraced by many as they can, sometimes taking the place of all those no longer around to fill the shoes of family members and friends long gone. For many it's kind of therapy to gather in their presence and hear the stories and reminisce. In some cases it can be as they say "chicken soup for the soul." Over the years, I have found myself getting less and less involved because sometimes it's a bit emotionally over-



Photograph by Bob Alvis

The connection to a veteran I could have never imagined as it was a one in a thousand chance of coming together.

time which has been a part of our living years, we find ourselves saddened for the unrealized lives lost as we press on with their memories in our hearts. Many times, we can sit at celebrations and remembrances and our minds will be far off in another place as we say: "Why them, and not me?"

For many veterans who do not

that changed how I viewed the fallen and how it made me rethink the special relationship between the generations of veterans.

Back in 1944, when that B-24 went down near us in the Antelope Valley we realized those 10 men had families across the United States, and when the old man of the crew that just had just barely turned 26, you realize they all had a lot of living to do in

the coming years. But that was not to be as in a flash on a mountain top, 10 generations of this aircrew's families had their lives changed forever as this branch of 10 family trees was not going to grow any larger. With time passing and the hurt fading, the 10 men just became a part of an American story that was playing out all around the world with other names and faces. But for one young soldier and me, it would become our personal connection.

While waiting to attend a meeting at the veteran's cemetery down in Westwood, I found myself in the cremation niches in an old part of the cemetery. Looking at the dates I was viewing one of the areas of veterans who were killed in 1944 here in the States. As I turned to move from one wall to another I paused as something had "pinged" my senses, and I turned back as my eyes focused on one small plate in the wall of many.

At first it was just a name and a date, but then it hit me that I was being hailed from across time as it was an airman I never met but had gotten to know very well — one Sgt. Joseph A. Botelho Jr. Many times, I had walked among the remains of the airplane in which he lost his life. As I stood there I reached out and touched his final resting place and wondered how many or if anyone had visited him from the time of his death. But here I was speaking his name and remembering the story of his sacrifice, and I was humbled as our spirits con-

nected.

Discovering that he had come from a very large family and one of his brothers was a career Marine, I felt reassured that yes, he was visited at times over the years and that I was just a stranger who now follows in his family's footsteps caring about Joseph as a veteran and a fellow Air Force sergeant.

Sgt. Joseph A. Botelho Jr., a B-24 gunner from Bedford, Mass., never made it home to family, but he is among many who also never made it home. We veterans and patriots who are blessed to carry on, now sit at Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs not so much to look and listen to the programs and the speakers, but more directed to the view of the many headstones flying flags. We wish that they were still with us and realize we may have been the lucky ones to press on, but it's those resting in peace and their whispers from the silence that we strain to hear.

God bless every veteran who we remember this week, and may God grant them the happiness they so truly missed out on in their short life in sacrifice of others, including we veterans who mourn their loss. Veterans Day is as much about the silence as the speeches, poems, songs, and of course — the many lives touched that will never heal from the loss of loved ones.

Peace my friends as we remember... Bob.



Courtesy photograph

The enlisted crew members of the B-24 Liberator; the only photo I could find that came from another crew members' family, Sgt. Joseph Botelho is in the front with the dog at Muroc one month before the fatal flight.

whelming. And for those who know me, more times than not it can shake me to the core.

That being said, there is one area I find myself going to that will be the mission of my soul until the day I'm no longer around. We older veterans understand more than most the cost of service and the families who have lost loved ones. We older veterans are blessed in many ways because we have lived long and productive lives after service, living the lives and dreams of youth that America has provided for us.

Many of us realize that with each passing year those we lost in the many wars and conflicts of our nation are our focus. With the passage of the

show up or tell their stories over the years, I truly believe it can be from a nagging sense of guilt they suffer when it comes to those who never came home or are no longer with us. As I get older, I feel the need to think more about those lost, and the countless families and friends who never lived to an old age than those of us still riding the clock of everyday life and continue to press on.

A case in point is a story I have told many times about a World War II tragedy that took place here in our Valley at Muroc Army Air Field. I have told the story many times over the years, but one aspect was the death of those 10 men. However, it was the death of just one of those men

### B-24 from Muroc crashes on training flight

On Jan. 3, 1944, a B-24J Liberator with the 536th Bomber Squadron, 382nd Bomber Group, took off from Muroc Army Air Field for a nighttime navigational training flight to Kingman, Ariz., and back to the Muroc Bombing Range.

The crew were unable to establish radio contact with the bombing range controller, and the pilot was ordered by Air Traffic Control to climb to 9,000 feet and maintain a holding pattern. At 3:50 a.m., the pilot radioed and requested landing instructions. ATC declined his request, as they had another priority B-24 that was low on fuel that needed to land first, and told the pilot to continue maintaining his pattern.

At about 4 a.m., the bomber lost elevation and collided with a small mountain, 25 miles southeast of Muroc, instantly killing the 10-man crew, crashing at about the 4,500 foot level.

Investigation did not determine why the airplane lost elevation.

#### Those killed were:

2nd Lt. Frederick Bauscher, Jr., Pilot  
2nd Lt. Allen J. Hauptenthal, Co-pilot  
2nd Lt. Daniel S. Logan, Bombardier  
2nd Lt. Alton L. Snell, Navigator  
Sgt. Joseph F. Ahlert, Flight Engineer  
Sgt. Charles R. Borrelli, Asst. Engineer  
Sgt. Joseph A. Botelho, Jr., Gunner  
Sgt. Jessie H. Carver, Engineer  
Sgt. Trevor Hughes, Gunner  
Sgt. Burton Moseley, Radio Operator

The crew hailed from New York, Washington, Alabama, Massachusetts, Ohio and Arkansas.



Air Force photograph

A B-24 Liberator at Muroc Army Air Field in the early 1940s.



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Many restaurants and businesses offer special Veterans Day discounts. Here, we list some of those special offers and discounts. Locally-owned businesses may also offer discounts and free meals.

Deals may vary depending on location, so it is always advisable to check with the businesses first.

## **7-Eleven — Nov. 11, 2022**

Get a free Quarter-Pound Big Bite 100 percent all-beef hot dog on Veterans Day. Available in-store and via delivery through the 7NOW app. Download the app and sign in or register.

## **Applebee's — Nov. 11, 2022**

Veterans and active-duty military can select a free meal from a limited menu on Veterans Day. Proof of service required.

## **Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii — November 11, 2022**

A free cup of coffee for Veterans and active-duty military.

## **Bar Louie — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, Louie Nation is offering a free craft burger or flatbread of your choice to all active-duty military and Veterans.

## **Big Boy — Nov. 11, 2022**

Veterans can come in on Veterans Day with a valid ID and pick up a voucher for a free future meal. Participating locations only. Limit 200 per store.

## **Black Angus Steakhouse — Nov. 11, 2022**

Participating restaurants will offer Veterans and active-duty military an all-American steak plate, plus all the fixings and a nonalcoholic beverage, for \$10.99 on Veterans Day. Must show military ID.

## **Bruegger's Bagels — Nov. 11, 2022**

Veterans can grab a free medium fresh-brewed hot or iced coffee with their breakfast on Veterans Day.

## **Buffalo Wild Wings Free Wings — Nov. 11, 2022**

All day on Veterans Day, Veterans and active-duty military who dine in or call for takeout at their local B-Dubs can receive a free order of boneless wings and a side of fries. At participating U.S. locations only.

## **Carrows Restaurants — Nov. 11, 2022**

Military members and Veterans with a valid ID can buy one entree and get another one free on Nov. 11, along with a free slice of pie. California.

## **Charley's Philly Steaks — Nov. 11, 2022**

Offering a small or regular-size cheesesteak on Veterans Day. Please note that this promotion is at domestic non-AAFES locations only.

## **Chick-fil-A — Nov. 11, 2022**

Some participating Chick-fil-A locations may offer specials or discounts. Check your local Chick-fil-A to confirm.

## **Chili's Grill & Bar — Nov. 11, 2022**

All Veterans and active-duty military personnel can choose a complimentary meal from a select menu on Veterans Day.

## **Claim Jumper — Nov. 11, 2022**

On November 11, Veterans who show valid ID may receive a free entrée from a special menu and a \$5 bounce-back card for the next visit. This offer is valid for dine-in only at participating restaurants.

## **Coco's Bakery & Restaurant — Nov. 11, 2022**

All Veterans and active-duty military receive a free slice of pie with proof of service. Plus, buy one, get one free entrée for breakfast, lunch or dinner on Veterans Day.

## **Cracker Barrel Old Country Store — Nov. 11, 2022**

During military family appreciation month, Cracker Barrel will offer in-store specials on Veterans Day for Veterans and promotions throughout November to support military families in partnership with Operation Homefront. On Veterans Day, Veterans can receive a free slice of double fudge Coca-Cola cake with their meal.

## **Denny's — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Nov. 11, Denny's will be offering any Veterans or active-duty military with a valid ID a free Build Your Own Grand Slam breakfast from 5 a.m. until noon.

## **Dickey's Barbecue Pit — Nov. 11, 2022**

Free pulled pork classic sandwich is available this Veterans Day. To redeem in-store, Veterans and current military personnel must present a military ID or valid proof of service.

## **Dunkin' Donuts — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, Veterans and active-duty military can enjoy a free donut at Dunkin' Donuts restaurants nationwide, no purchase necessary.

## **Exchange — Nov. 11, 2022**

The Exchange will feature one-day-only specials on Veterans Day, including a free coffee for all shoppers at Express and participating Exchange restaurant locations. From Nov. 8-14, the Exchange will also

feature deals in stores and online at ShopMyExchange.com.

## **Farmer Boys — Nov. 11, 2022**

Veterans and active-duty military with valid proof of service get a free big cheese cheeseburger on Veterans Day.

## **Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhouses — Nov. 11-30, 2022**

On Veterans Day, receive a card for a free Freddy's Original Double combo meal. Card is valid through Nov. 30.

## **Hard Rock Café — Nov. 11, 2022**

On November 11, both active-duty and retired military can receive a free Legendary Steak Burger at the Hard Rock Cafe. They can also take advantage of the Hard Rock Cafe's military discount of 15 percent off other items.

## **IHOP — Nov. 11, 2022**

Veterans and active-duty military can get free Red, White and Blueberry pancakes at any IHOP on Nov. 11. This offer is only valid if you dine in with proof of service.

## **Ikea — Nov. 11, 2022**

Enjoy a free meal at Ikea on Veterans Day. Military ID required.

## **Krispy Kreme — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, a doughnut and coffee will be on the house.

## **Little Caesars — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, Veterans and active-duty military can get a free Lunch Combo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Little Caesars. Only select Little Caesars are participating, so make sure you call ahead to your local one before you head over.

## **Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, active and former military can enjoy a complimentary dessert and a 20 percent discount with proof of service. Veterans receive 20 percent off the entire month of November for military family month.

## **Macaroni Grill — Nov. 11, 2022**

This Veterans Day, all Veterans and active military receive a free Mom's Ricotta Meatballs plus spaghetti with military ID.

## **Olive Garden — Nov. 11, 2022**

This Veterans Day, Olive Garden is offering Veterans and active-duty service members a free entree from a special menu. All entrees include Olive Garden's famous breadsticks and choice of soup or salad.

## **Outback Steakhouse — Nov. 11, 2022**

This Veterans Day, all military Veterans and active service members can enjoy a free Bloomin' Onion and Coca-Cola.

## **Red Lobster — Nov. 11, 2022**

In honor of Veterans Day, and to thank veterans, active-duty military and reservists for their service, Red Lobster is offering guests a free Walt's Favorite Shrimp, Fries, and Coleslaw, featuring six hand-breaded, butterflied and lightly fried shrimp, served with cocktail sauce, as well as crispy French Fries and Coleslaw.

The offer is available for dine-in and To Go orders placed in-restaurant between 11:00am and 4:00pm local time on Nov. 11, 2022. Guests only need to show a valid military ID or proof of service to redeem this offer.

## **Red Robin — Nov. 11, 2022**

One free Red's Tavern Double with Bottomless Steak Fries for Veterans and active duty military on Nov. 11. Dine-in only.

## **Starbucks — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, active-duty service members, Reservists, Veterans and military spouses are invited to enjoy a free tall (12-ounce) hot brewed coffee at participating Starbucks stores.

And new this year, Starbucks is expanding this offer to include a free tall (12-ounce) iced coffee.

## **Wendy's — Nov. 11, 2022**

Wendy's nationwide are offering a free small breakfast combo with a valid military ID on Veterans Day. No purchase is necessary.

## **Wienerschnitzel — Nov. 11, 2022**

On Veterans Day, Wienerschnitzel is offering a free chili dog with a small fry and a small Pepsi to Veterans and active-duty service members. Bring your military ID or dress in a uniform.





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# Dog tag history:

## How the tradition, nickname started

by Katie Lange  
DOD News

We all know what dog tags are — those little oval disks on a chain that service members wear to identify themselves in combat. But have you ever wondered how and when that tradition started, and why they're called dog tags?

We did some research to find the answers.

### Origins of the 'Dog Tag' nickname

According to the Army Historical Foundation, the term "dog tag" was first coined by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst. In 1936, Hearst wanted to undermine support for President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. He had heard the newly formed Social Security Administration was considering giving out nameplates for personal identification. According to the SSA, Hearst referred to them as "dog tags" similar to those used in the military.

Other rumored origins of the nickname include World War II draftees calling them dog tags because they claimed they were treated like dogs. Another rumor said it was because the tags looked similar to the metal tag on a dog's collar.

Regardless of where the nickname started, the concept of an identification tag originated long before that.

### Civil War concerns

Unofficially, identification tags came about during the Civil War because soldiers were afraid no one would be able to identify them if they died. They were terrified of being buried in unmarked graves, so they found various ways to prevent that. Some marked their clothing with stencils or pinned-on paper tags. Others used old coins or bits of round lead or copper. According to the Marine Corps, some men carved their names into chunks of wood strung around their necks.

Those who could afford it bought engraved metal tags from nongovernment sellers and sutlers — vendors who followed the armies during the war. Historical resources show that in 1862, a New Yorker



North Carolina Museum of History photograph

These original World War I dog tags belonged to Navy and Army veteran Thomas R. Darden. The tags are tied with twill rope or tape. Darden served in the Navy from 1903-1908 and in the Army as an officer from 1917 through the end of the Great War.

named John Kennedy offered to make thousands of engraved disks for soldiers, but the War Department declined.

By the end of the Civil War, more than 40 percent of the Union Army's dead were unidentified. To bring that into perspective, consider this: Of the more than 17,000 troops buried in Vicksburg National Cemetery, the largest Union cemetery in the United States, nearly 13,000 of those graves are marked as unknown.

The outcome of the war showed that concerns about identification were valid, and the practice of making identification disks caught on.

### Making it official

The first official request to outfit service members with ID tags came in 1899 at the end of the Spanish-American war. Army Chaplain Charles C. Pierce — who was in charge of the Army Morgue and Office

of Identification in the Philippines — recommended the Army outfit all soldiers with the circular disks to identify those who were severely injured or killed in action.

It took a few years, but in December 1906, the Army put out a general order requiring aluminum disc-shaped ID tags be worn by soldiers. The half-dollar size tags were stamped with a soldier's name, rank, company and regiment or corps, and they were attached to a cord or chain that went around the neck. The tags were worn under the field uniform.

The order was modified in July 1916, when a second disc was required to be suspended from the first by a short string or chain. The first tag was to remain with the body, while the second was for burial service record keeping. The tags were given to enlisted men, but officers had to buy them.

The Navy didn't require ID tags until May 1917. By then, all U.S. combat troops were required to wear them. Exact size specifications were put in place, and the tags also included each man's Army-issued serial number. Toward the end of World War I, American Expeditionary Forces in Europe added religious symbols to the tags — C for Catholic, H for Hebrew and P for Protestant — but those markings didn't remain after the war.

### Slight differences

During World War I, Navy tags were a bit different than Army's.

Made of monel — a group of nickel alloys — they had the letters "U.S.N." etched on them using a specific process involving printer's ink, heat and nitric acid. If you were enlisted, the etching included your date of birth and enlistment, while officers' included their date of appointment. The biggest difference was the etched print of each sailor's right index finger on the back, which was meant to safeguard against fraud, an accident or misuse.

According to the Naval History and Heritage Command, the ID tags weren't used in between World War I and World War II. They were reinstated in May 1941, but by then, the etching process was replaced with mechanical stamping.

Meanwhile, the Marines had been required to wear ID tags since late 1916. Theirs were a mix of the Army and Navy styles.

### World War II

By World War II, military ID tags were considered an official part of the uniform and had evolved into the uniform size and shape they are today — a rounded rectangle made of nickel-copper alloy.

Each was mechanically stamped with your name, rank, service number, blood type and religion, if desired. An emergency notification name and address were initially included on these, but they were removed by the end of the war. They also included a "T" for those who had a tetanus vaccination, but by the 1950s that, too, was eliminated.

During World War II, Navy tags no longer included the fingerprint. By the war's end, they also



Library of Congress photograph

This dog tag belonged to Union Army Cpl. Alvin B. Williams of Company F, 11th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers. Hailing from New London, N.H., Williams enlisted on Aug. 11, 1862 at the age of 18. He was killed May 12, 1864, near Spotsylvania Court House in Virginia.

included the second chain that the Army had implemented decades before.

At this time, all military tags included a notch in one end. Historians say the notch was there due to the type of machine used to stamp the tags. By the 1970s, those machines were replaced, so the tags issued today are now smooth on both sides.

### Dog tags today

Regulations have gone back and forth regarding whether the two tags should stay together or be separated. In 1959, procedure was changed to keep both dog tags with the service member if they died. But by Vietnam, it was changed back to the original regulation of taking one tag and leaving the other.

For Marines, a person's gas mask size was eventually included on the tags.

By 1969, the Army began to transition from serial numbers to Social Security numbers. That lasted about 45 years until 2015, when the Army began removing Social Security numbers from the tags and replacing them with each soldier's Defense Department identification number. The move safeguarded soldiers' personally identifiable information and helped protect against identity theft.

Considerable technological advances have come along since Vietnam, including the ability to use DNA to identify remains. But despite these advancements, dog tags are still issued to service members today. They're a reminder of America's efforts to honor all those who have served — especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Air Force photograph by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fowler

Dog tags hang from the Iraq/Afghanistan Dog Tag Memorial at the Museum of the Forgotten Warrior outside of Beale Air Force Base, Calif., Nov. 10, 2011. The memorial was built to honor all of the men and women who have been killed during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars as of Oct. 30, 2011. The memorial contains 6,296 individual dog tags.



Navy photograph

During World War I, Navy identification tags contained a fingerprint.



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# Antelope Valley Veterans' Resources

## Lawmakers

The offices of local lawmakers have staff available to assist veterans with expediting applications for benefits and assistance at the Federal and state levels. Constituents are invited to contact their field offices for additional information.

## U.S. Senators

### U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

Washington, D.C. Office  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510  
Phone: 202-224-3841  
TDD: 202-224-2501

San Francisco Office  
One Post St., Ste. 2450, San Francisco, CA 94104  
Phone: 415-393-0707  
Website: [www.feinstein.senate.gov](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov)

For Veterans Affairs or Academy Nominations call 415-393-0707 or email: [casework@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:casework@feinstein.senate.gov)

Also, visit the page: [academyapplications@feinstein.senate.gov](mailto:academyapplications@feinstein.senate.gov)

### U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

Washington D.C. Office  
112 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510  
Phone: 202-224-3553

San Francisco Office  
333 Bush St., Ste. 3225, San Francisco, CA 93721  
Phone: 415-981-9369

Website: [www.padilla.senate.ov](http://www.padilla.senate.ov)

For Academy Nominations visit the webpage [www.padilla.senate.gov/services/academies](http://www.padilla.senate.gov/services/academies)

### U.S. Congressman Mike Garcia, Calif., 25th District

Washington D.C. Office  
1535 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515  
Phone: 202-225-1956

Antelope Valley Office  
1008 West Avenue M-14, Suite E, Palmdale, CA 93551  
Phone: 661-839-0532

Website: <https://mikegarcia.house.gov>

Veteran's Affairs: Contact Christine Ward, 661-839-0532, email: [Christine.Ward@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christine.Ward@mail.house.gov)

Academy Nominations: Contact Tom Dierckman, 661-568-4855, email: [Thomas.Dierckman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Thomas.Dierckman@mail.house.gov)

### U.S. Congressman Kevin McCarthy, 23rd District

Washington, D.C. Office  
2468 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515  
Phone: 202-225-2915

Bakersfield Office  
4100 Empire Drive, STE. 150, Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Phone: 661-327-3611

Website: <https://kevinmccarthy.house.gov>

Veteran's Affairs and Academy Nominations call 661-327-3611 or email: [caseworkca23@mail.house.gov](mailto:caseworkca23@mail.house.gov)

### California State Senate, 21st District — Scott Wilk

Capitol Office  
State Capitol, Room 3063  
Sacramento CA 95814  
Phone: 916-651-4021

Santa Clarita Office  
23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 250  
Santa Clarita CA 91355  
Phone: 661-286-1471

Antelope Valley Office  
848 W. Lancaster Blvd., Suite 101  
Lancaster CA 93534

Phone: 661-729-6232  
Website: <https://wilk.cssrc.us>  
Email: [senator.wilk@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.wilk@senate.ca.gov)  
Veteran's Affairs: Brandon Roque, 661-729-6232 or email: [brandon.roque@senate.ca.gov](mailto:brandon.roque@senate.ca.gov) depending on the issue

### California State Senate, Shannon Grove, 16th District

Capitol Office  
State Capitol, Room 3048  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 916-651-4016

Bakersfield Office  
5701 Truxtun Ave., Ste. 150  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Phone: 661-323-0443  
Website: <https://grove.cssrc.us> or  
[Senate.ca.gov/grove](http://Senate.ca.gov/grove)

Assists veterans only with local issues such as access for food or homeless shelters, call 661-323-0443

Senator Gove is an army veteran, so is Field Rep Christopher Quinones

### California State Assembly, Tom Lackey, 36th District

Capitol Office  
Rooms are currently being assigned to assembly members  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249  
Phone: 916-319-2036

Antelope Valley Office  
41301 12th St. West, Ste. F  
Palmdale, CA 93551  
Phone: 661-267-7636

Website: <https://ad36.asmtc.org>

Assists veterans with ID cards for the DMV  
Office representatives attend all weekly veterans' meetings.

### California Department of Veteran's Affairs

The California Department of Veteran's Affairs (CalVet) offers benefits that could compensate veterans for a service-connected disability, college education and health care. They also offer assistance with job training and job search, buying a home, elder care, and much more.

### California Department of Veteran's Affairs (CalVet)

Los Angeles District Office  
11000 Wilshire Blvd., Room 5203.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
800-952-5626 to speak with a representative  
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/veteran-services-benefits>

### CalVet Women Veterans Affairs

[www.calvet.ca.gov/women](http://www.calvet.ca.gov/women)  
[womenveterans@calvet.ca.gov](mailto:womenveterans@calvet.ca.gov)  
916-653-2327

## Local Resources

### Antelope Valley College Veterans Affairs Program

The Antelope Valley College Veterans Affairs Program provides assistance through education, certification and guidance to military veterans and their dependents in achieving their educational objectives and works to promote the retention, graduation and transfer of military veteran students and their dependents.

### Antelope Valley College Veterans Resource Center

3041 W. Ave. K  
SSV Bldg, Room 126, Lancaster, CA 93536  
661- 722-6300 Ext. 6342  
<https://www.avc.edu/student-services/veterans>

### Operation Healthy Homecoming

Operation Healthy Homecoming is an outreach of

Mental Health America, with offices in Lancaster and Palmdale. The program serves very low-income veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Operation Healthy Homecoming offers benefits assistance and personal financial planning, housing counseling and placement, temporary financial assistance and employment assistance.

### Mental Health America — Operation Healthy Homecoming

Headquarters  
506 W. Jackman St., Lancaster, CA 93534

Palmdale Office  
1529 East Palmdale Blvd., Ste. 331  
Palmdale, CA 93550  
Phone: 661-947-1993  
Email: [dmarquez@mhala.org](mailto:dmarquez@mhala.org)  
They are working remotely now.

### Antelope Valley Vet Center

The Antelope Valley Vet Center is a community-based counseling program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. They offer a broad range of services, including readjustment counseling, counseling for PTSD, sexual trauma and bereavement, help for women veterans, referrals for VA benefits and employment referrals.

### Antelope Valley Vet Center — Readjustment Counseling Services

Sacha Gates, Readjustment Counselor  
38925 Trade Center Dr. Ste. J, Palmdale, CA 93551  
Phone: 661-267-1026  
Email: [Sacha.Gates@va.gov](mailto:Sacha.Gates@va.gov)

### Peter Knight Veterans Home of Lancaster

The William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home of Lancaster is a 60-bed residential care/assisted living facility, operated in partnership with the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. The home provides California veterans with a living environment that protects their dignity and contributes to their feeling of self-reliance and self-worth.

William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home — Lancaster  
45221 30th St. W., Lancaster, CA 93536  
Phone: 661-974-7035  
Visit <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetHomes/Pages/Lancaster.aspx>

### Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line is a quick, confidential phone resource for veterans who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, destructive thought patterns and substance abuse issues.

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255  
Confidential chat at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net) or text to 838255

### Department of Financial Protection and Innovation

The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation has a veterans Services division that focuses on consumer education regarding mortgages, annuities, payday loans, identity theft and other areas of personal finance. Fraud prevention is emphasized.

The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation  
Phone: 866-275-2677  
Website: [www.dfpi.ca.gov](http://www.dfpi.ca.gov)

### Los Angeles County Bar Association

The Los Angeles County Bar Association has legal services available to assist veterans in clearing outstanding tickets, warrants and criminal records.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Veterans Legal Service Project

<https://www.lacba.org/give-back/veterans-legal-services-project>

For more resources, see Page 13

# Antelope Valley Veterans' Resources – Continued

## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides healthcare services, including an outpatient clinic in the Antelope Valley and specialized programs that serve female veterans, veterans in need of mental health services, and former service members who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System  
Lancaster Outpatient Clinic  
340 E Avenue I Suite 108, Lancaster, CA 93535  
Phone: 661-729-8655

## Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center

16111 Plummer St. Bldg. 200, North Hills, CA 91343  
Phone: 818-891-7711

## West Los Angeles Medical Center

11301 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90073  
Phone: 310-478-3711

## West Los Angeles Women's Clinic

Phone: 310-478-3711, Ext. 40285

## Comprehensive Homeless Center

Angela K. Russell  
11301 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90073  
Phone: 310-478-3711, ext. 48716  
Email: Angela.Russell3@va.gov

## National Resources

### Veterans Administration

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

VA Benefits:

Burial, Death Pension, Dependency Indemnity Compensation, Direct Deposit, Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices, Disability Compensation, Disability Pension, Education, Home Loan Guaranty, Medical Care,

### Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

1-800-827-1000

### Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits

1-877-294-6380

### Debt Management Center

1-800-827-0648

(Collection of Non-Medical Debts)

### Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)

877-345-8179

### Foreign Medical Program (FMP)

1-888-820-1756

### Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)

CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative  
1-800-733-8387

### Education (GI Bill)

1-888-442-4551

### Health Care Benefits

1-877-222-8387

### Smoking Cessation Counselors

1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838)

### Combat Call Center

1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)

### Life Insurance

Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program  
1-800-419-1473

## All other VA Life Insurance Programs

1-800-669-8477

## Mammography Helpline

1-888-492-7844

## Women Veterans Hotline

855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)

## CHAMPVA Meds by Mail

1-888-385-0235 (or)

1-866-229-7389

## Special Issues — Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation

1-800-749-8387

## Status of Headstones and Markers

1-800-697-6947

## Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)

Dial 711

## The American Legion

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)  
National Headquarters  
700 N. Pennsylvania Street, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206  
Telephone: 317-630-1200

### Washington Office

1608 K St. N.W., Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: 202-861-2700

## Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

National Headquarters

406 West 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111

Telephone: 816-756-3390

### Washington Office

200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

Telephone: 202-543-2239

## Disabled American Veterans

[www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

National Headquarters

3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

Telephone: 1-877 I AM A VET (877-426-2838)

859-441-7300

### Washington Office

807 Maine Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20024

Telephone: 202-554-3501

## Vietnam Veterans of America

[www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

National Headquarters

8719 Colesville Rd., Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Telephone: 301-585-4000

Toll Free: 1-800-882-1316

## Organizations of the People, By the People, for the Vets

### Vets4Veterans Antelope Valley

The grassroots, nonprofit, organization, founded by the late Tom Hilzendeger together with other Vietnam combat veterans was intended to help veterans suffering the physical and psychological wounds of war.

Jack Wolbert is the current president. Nayda Figueroa, the Community Relations Director, in mid-July of this year, organized an event called Veteran Resource Networking, which brought together experts in various fields to provide information about employment, benefits, education and other factors.

Through the organization's Art Therapy Program, veterans can utilize their creative abilities to draw, sketch or paint the unspoken thoughts and feelings, the emotions they keep inside. The program is conducted under the therapeutic supervision of Gerry Rice, LMFT.

Group leaders are currently seeking a new location for the art sessions.

For details call 661-943-5100. Check online at [www.avvets4veterans.org](http://www.avvets4veterans.org) for the time, date and location of art sessions.

## Coffee4Vets

A cup of Joe might please the soul of a downhearted service member, but there's some sense of cheer when the masses appear for breakfast from now until December.

Generally aging veterans gather for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday like clockwork in the side room at Crazy Otto's Diner, 1228 West Avenue I in Lancaster, Calif. They might order eggs and toast or something as simple as a bowl of oatmeal, but they really look forward to a conversation with others who can relate to similar past experiences in the military. Regardless of the branch they served in or the location where they were deployed, they share a brotherhood or sisterhood that many of their friends and relatives will never understand. Aside from their personal conversations, a guest speaker usually attends to talk on a variety of topics. It could be someone from local law enforcement, or the field representative of an elected official who can connect veterans with military benefits.

The idea: it's the veterans' hour or two, time dedicated to them, when too often the rest of the world passes them by. At these breakfasts, they are in a somewhat sheltered environment. Juan Blanco, also a veteran, is president of Coffee4Vets.

The organization can be contacted via email on the following website: <https://coffee4vets.org>. The organization also maintains a Facebook page.

## Veteran Peer Access Network

VPAN, as it is commonly called, is a community-driven, peer outreach program, which aims to solve challenges facing veterans, including homelessness, unemployment, substance abuse, incarceration and suicide – conditions that often afflict service members transitioning from military to civilian life. The network deploys trained veteran and military family peers to locate veterans in need of support and intervene before a crisis erupts, connecting vets to benefits and services.

James Mumma oversees operations at the Antelope Valley office which opened its doors in early summer 2021.

Office location: 237 East Avenue M, Lancaster, CA 93535

Phone: 661-268-6739

## Homes4Families

Organization officials develop what they call "Veteran Enriched Neighborhoods" by constructing new housing tracts, with as many as 50-plus single-family, one-story houses for purchase by veterans and their families, with special financing arrangements and required sweat equity, meaning the veterans must volunteer to participate in the building of homes for other veteran families. The process involves the use of many volunteers who contribute their time in the construction phase.

Home ownership gives the veterans a sense of pride for their accomplishment and paying a mortgage means they are building equity from their own property as opposed to renting, which increases a landlord's equity.

Donna Deutchman is president and chief executive officer of the Woodland Hills, Calif., organization that is creating a community in Palmdale.

Phone: 818-884-8808



## Lancaster Baptist Church

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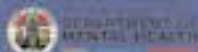
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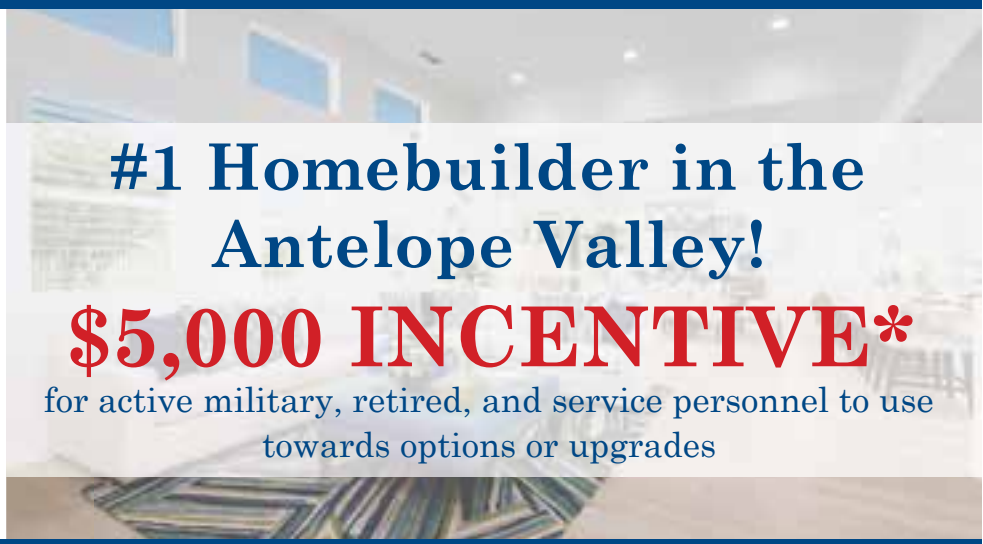


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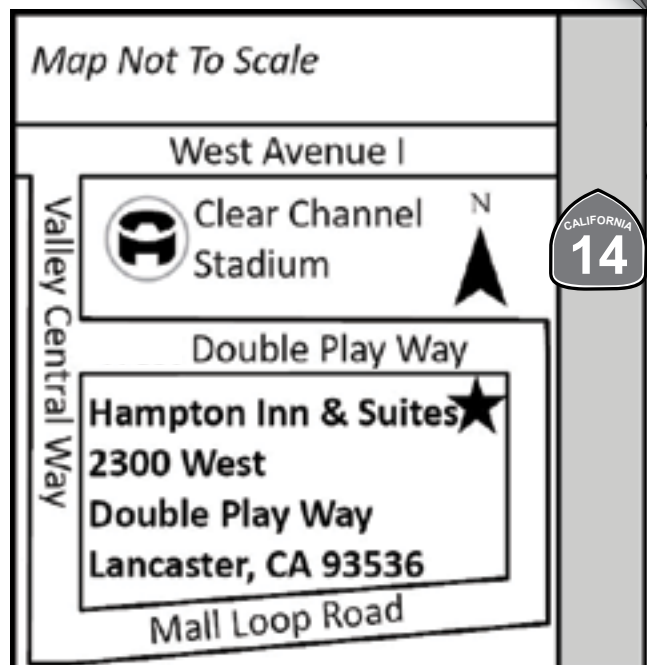
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