

## **COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**

August 2023

**BENEFITS AWARDED** 

\$454,740

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

228

**WALK-IN CLIENTS** 

754

**CLAIMS FILED** 

249 Auditable 787 Total

MEDI-CAL VERIFICATIONS

15

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The SFCVSO released a new office flyer that features general office information, and a QR code to book a virftual appointment.

The SFCVSO is recruting VA Work Study Program participants

- ✓ Email your resume to sfcvso@sfgov.org
- ✓ Type "VA Work Study Applicant" in the email subject line.
- ✓ If you need help with your resume, let us know.

The SFCVSO welcomes new team member, Michelle Hill, who will serve as the CVSO Clerk. Ms. Hill was born and raised in San Francisco. She has four uncles and a grandfather who have served in the U.S. military. Prior to starting in the CVSO, Ms. Hill worked in customer service for banking as well as the U.S. Postal Service. Ms. Hill is excited to work for a department that helps people in our community, especially our veterans who have served for our country.









#### **SUCCESS STORIES**

#### Providing relief to a greiving spouse

The surviving spouse of a U.S. Marine Corps veteran visited the SFCVSO just under a year after the veteran passed to inquire about about financial aid. She stated that she was not living with the Veteran at his time of death and was told this disqualified her from VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC). However, after further questioning, Lead Claims Representative Elvie Flaviano, discovered the reason they were living separately was because the VA placed the veteran in hospice care. The wife planned to move in with the veteran as soon as possible but her husband passed due to serviceconnected disabilities prior to the couple reuniting. Elvie assured the surviving spouse that the separation was not her fault and that she may still be eligible for the benefit. Elvie's assistance resulted in the VA granting her claim awarding \$26,010 in retroactive pay and an additional \$2,000 for the veteran's burial expenses. Elvie is now helping the surviving spouse to enroll in CHAMPVA healthcare and get information on a VA home loan guarantee.

If you're the surviving spouse of a Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness, you may be able to get a tax-free monetary benefit called VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC). Contact your local CVSO today.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sep 12 The San Francisco VA and partners invite you to attend the Veteran Employment and Wellness Collegetive to learn about employment services and veteran benefits at the War Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA from 11 am to 2 pm. Open to the public. Flyer attached.

Sep 21 The Chinese Real Estate Association of America presents "Affordable Housing for Veterans" a charity event to raise awareness for veterans at the War Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA at 5 pm. Entry is free for veterans. Flyer attached.









#### **UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED**

Oct 13 The San Francisco VA Hospital is hosting "Afternoon Tea" at the Lovejoy Tea Room. There is a discounted \$20 fee. For more information, please reach out to Christian.Dillon@va.gov for more information.

Nov 9 One Vet One Voice presents the "Veteran's Community Awards Gala" at Herbst Theatre, Green Room, 401 Van Ness Avenura, San Francisco, CA at 5 pm. Flyer attached.











## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

## Get help applying for Veteran benefits now!

The San Francisco County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) assists Veterans and their family members with applying for federal, state, and local benefits.

#### CONTACT

Email is the best way to reach us: sfcvso@sfgov.org

Call **(415) 934-4200** to leave a message or appointment request.

Visit **SFHSA.org/cvso** to access services, resources, etc.

#### **HOURS**

Main Office County Veterans Service Office 2 Gough Street, SF, CA 94103 Monday - Friday

9 AM - 12 PM 1 PM - 4 PM

VA Medical Center (Located in the Veterans Experience Center)
4150 Clement Street, SF, CA 94121

Wednesdays Only 9 AM - 12 PM 1 PM - 4 PM



#### VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS

Scan the QR code to book your appointment.

#### MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR Code to learn more about our services.



Have you served in one of the six branches of the US military and are looking for a new job or new career? Interested in learning more about VA benefits?

The San Francisco VA and valued community partners invite you to attend the monthly

# **Vet Employment and Wellness Collective**

#### Learn about:

#### **Employment Services:**

- Resume Support
- Career Counseling
- In-demand jobs/careers
- Local training programs
- Interview preparation
- Market one's military experience to employers

#### **Veterans Benefits:**

- VA Health Care eligibility
- VA ID cards
- VA Disability Claims
- Education Benefits
- PACT Act
- VR&E program
- Transition Assistance
- Medicare and Medi-Cal

When: Every Month, Second Tuesday of each month

starting September 12, 2023

11AM until 2PM

Where: Second Floor, San Francisco War Memorial

**Veterans Building** 

401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

#### You'll leave with:

- ✓ Knowledge of in-demand jobs
- ✓ Connections to the local workforce ecosystem
- ✓ Health care, VA benefits and community resources
- Employment and supportive services available to those who served and their family members

Agencies Represented:

VA San Francisco Health Care System

San Francisco Vet Center

**Employment Development Department Vet Workforce Services** 

SFVA Mil2VA

America Works of SF

One Vet One Voice

Mission Hiring Hall/City Build

Goodwill

DoR

**RAMS Hire-Ability** 

Humanmade

Center for Medicare and Medi-Cal





CHINESE REAL ESTATE
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
PRESENTS

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING for veteraus

A charity event to help raise awareness for our veterans in need of support.

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Courtney Ellington - OneVetOneVoice

Steven Minchen - Compass Military Division

Tito Gargollo - Sucess Lending

VA Mortgage Specialist Panel

> 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

> > 5:00 PM

401 VAN NESS AVE, SF WAR MEMORIAL ROOM 210



Tickets are available at

CREAAUSA.ORG/EVENTS

FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED. ENTRY FREE FOR VETERANS





# LOVEJOY TEA ROOM

Cash Promptyly at

VERY Limited space
 First come First Served
 Must have cash
 payment

Interested? Please contact:

Christian Dillon @VA.gov (415)740-4098

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415.648.5895



PRESENTS...

**VETERAN'S COMMUNITY** 

# AWARDS GALA

#### **CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS!**

Thursday, November 9, 2023
Live Entertainment
Doors open at 5 P.M.
Formal Attire - Herbst Theatre
VIP Dinner in Green Room
401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco

Nominate a Veteran : SFvetsgala.org

**Sponsored by:** 



RSVP:









#### **ACCEPTING ARTWORK**

#### All Mediums

### FROM VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Artist can chose to sale or exhibit only

#### **REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

Applications available at CAC & MSB

#### SUBMISSION DROP OFF

September 21 & 22, 2022 | 10AM-4PM CAC, Veterans Home Yountville

#### **Opening Exhibit Day**

October, 2, 2023 War Memorial Veterans Building 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

#### Veterans Art Exhibit with SF's FleetWeek





