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## Are you a Veteran?



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

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

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

### *Did you Know?*

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

### *Who may Benefit?*

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

### *What do I do?*

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

### *Questions Commonly Asked*

Q: Will my personal identifiable information be jeopardized?

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

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

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

Q: How soon will I receive the information?

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

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

A: Yes. You can request benefits information by registering on the CalVet website at [calvet.ca.gov](http://calvet.ca.gov)

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

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

## Resources

### CalVet

To locate a CalVet office near you, please refer to government listing in your local telephone book or visit the CalVet website at [calvet.ca.gov](http://calvet.ca.gov).

Questions? Call CalVet at 1-877-741-8532.

### California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)

Veterans Services Division  
1227 O Street, Room 105  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 1-800-952-5626  
[calvet.ca.gov](http://calvet.ca.gov)

### California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO)

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

#### Alameda County

Phone (510) 577-3547

#### Amador County

Phone (209) 267-5764

#### Butte County

Phone (530) 891-2759

#### Calaveras County

Phone (209) 754-6624

#### Colusa County

Phone (530) 458-0494

#### Contra Costa County

Phone (925) 313-1481

#### Del Norte County

Phone (707) 464-2154

#### El Dorado County

Phone (530) 621-5892

#### Fresno County

Phone (559) 454-5436

#### Glenn County

Phone (530) 934-6524

#### Humboldt County

Phone (707) 445-7341

#### Imperial County

Phone (760) 337-5012

#### Inyo County

Phone (760) 873-7850

#### Kern County

Phone (661) 868-7300 ext 1-3

#### Kings County

Phone (559) 582-3211 ext 2659

#### Lake County

Phone (707) 263-2384

#### Lassen County

Phone (530) 251-8192

#### Los Angeles County

Phone (213) 744-4825

#### Madera County

Phone (559) 675-7766

#### Marin County

Phone (415) 499-6193

#### Mariposa County

Phone (209) 966-3696

#### Mendocino County

Phone (707) 463-4226

#### Merced County

Phone (209) 385-7588

#### Modoc County

Phone (530) 233-6209

#### Monterey County

Phone (831) 647-7613

#### Napa County

Phone (707) 253-6072

#### Nevada County

Phone (530) 273-3396

#### Orange County

Phone (714) 567-7450

#### Placer County

Phone (916) 780-3290

#### Plumas County

Phone (530) 283-6275

#### Riverside County

Phone (951) 955-6050

#### Sacramento County

Phone (916) 874-6811

#### San Benito County

Phone (831) 637-4846

#### San Bernardino County

Phone (909) 382-3290

#### San Diego County

Phone (858) 694-3222

#### San Francisco County

Phone (800) 807-5799

#### San Joaquin County

Phone (209) 468-2916

#### San Luis Obispo County

Phone (805) 781-5766

#### San Mateo County

Phone (650) 802-6598

#### Santa Barbara County

Phone (805) 737-7900

#### Santa Clara County

Phone (408) 553-6000

#### Santa Cruz County

Phone (831) 454-4761

#### Shasta County

Phone (530) 225-5846

#### Siskiyou County

Phone (530) 842-8010

#### Solano County

Phone (707) 784-6590

#### Sonoma County

Phone (707) 565-5960

#### Stanislaus County

Phone (209) 558-7380

#### Sutter and Yuba

Phone (530) 749-4967

#### Tehama County

Phone (530) 529-3664

#### Trinity County

Phone (530) 623-3975

#### Tulare County

Phone (559) 684-4960

#### Tuolumne County

Phone (209) 533-6280

#### Ventura County

Phone (805) 477-5155

#### Yolo County

Phone (530) 406-4850