



SEPTEMBER 2026

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

**Supervising Veterans
Claims Representative**

**\$70,220.80 - \$94,660.80
Annually**


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Supervising Veterans Claims Representative Position Available

The Orange County Veterans Service Office (VSO) is seeking a Supervising Veterans Claims Representative to provide leadership, supervision, and technical direction to Veterans Claims Representatives and office support staff. Applications are due by Monday, October 26, 2026.

The position serves as a consultant on claims matters and handles complex claims for benefits. Responsibilities may include advising claimants, resolving differences with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, reviewing changes to state and federal

legislation, supporting workflow and process updates, and assisting with contracts and community service locations.

The position primarily works in an office environment but may also represent the VSO at community events and alternate work locations, including occasional weekends and holidays.

Apply by Oct. 26: [View the full job posting](#)

NEW RESOURCE GUIDES AVAILABLE



New Resource Guides Connect Residents With Local Support

The County of Orange has released the Older Adults Resource Guide and Caregiver Resource Guide, two essential community tools designed to make it easier for residents to find local programs, services, and support.

The Older Adults Resource Guide provides information on social services, health resources, safety programs, housing options, and more. The Caregiver Resource Guide helps caregivers locate respite support, educational resources, financial assistance, and practical help for navigating care responsibilities.

Access both guides at ocnavigator.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) Meeting

- **When:** October 14, 2026, at 2 p.m.
 - **Where:** 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, Santa Ana, CA 92705
 - **Please note:** Meeting location is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [OCVAC webpage](#), or check our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) before attending.
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The poster features a collage of images at the top: a woman in a lab coat, a man in a blue cap, a man in a green shirt with 'VETERAN' on the back, a woman hugging him, and a group of men in caps. Below the collage is a dark red banner with the event title and subtitle. The main content area is white with a subtle star pattern. It lists featured speakers with their photos and titles, a panel discussion with four participants and their logos, a moderator, a veteran lived experience speaker, and event details including date, time, and location. Logos for Orange County Veterans & Military Families Collaborative, UCI, and OC Health Care Agency are at the bottom left, and a QR code with registration instructions is at the bottom right.

OCVMFC GENERAL MEETING

Impact and Outcomes
of BHSA and the
California Veterans
Health Initiative (CVHI)

FEATURED SPEAKERS



ORANGE COUNTY AND PROPOSITION 1
Michelle Smith
Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services,
OC Health Care Agency



**CALIFORNIA VETERANS HEALTH
INITIATIVE (CVHI)**
Roberto C. Herrera Jr.
Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services,
CalVet

CVHI PANEL DISCUSSION

Lori Pack CEO, Child Guidance Center	Rubi Lopez Becerra Clinical Program Director, Child Guidance Center	Robert Stohr Executive Director LA & OC, U.S. Vets	Robin Taylor Executive Director, Veterans Legal Institute
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Moderated by Roberto C. Herrera Jr., Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services, CalVet

VETERAN LIVED EXPERIENCE SPEAKER
U.S. Army Veteran

THURSDAY
October 8, 2026

9:30 AM–11:30 AM

Coastline College
Garden Grove Campus
12901 Euclid Street,
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Orange County Veterans
& Military Families Collaborative
ORANGE COUNTY
health
CARE AGENCY

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REGISTER:



OCVMFC General Meeting

- **About:** Join the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative for an opportunity to connect, learn and discuss issues affecting Veterans and military families across Orange County. Attendees will hear from leaders in behavioral health, family support, Veteran services and legal advocacy during the California Veterans Health Initiatives (CVHI) panel discussion.
- **When:** October 8, 2026, from 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Coastline College; Garden Grove Campus
12901 Euclid St., Garden Grove, CA 92840
- **Register:** [BHSA and the CA Veterans Health Initiative](#)

CROSSLINE VETERANS
23331 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills



VETERANS STAND DOWN

Welcoming Veterans in Need



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



EVENT OVERVIEW

A day of support, services, and community for veterans and their families.



SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Housing Assistance
- Legal Services
- Medical Care
- Haircuts & Hygiene
- Hot Meals & Food
- Clothing & Supplies
- Showers
- And more...



VA SUPPORT ON SITE

VA counselors will be available to assist with benefits, resources, and ID updates.



DONATION SUPPORT

Accepting donations of goods, supplies, services, and financial support.



VENDORS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS NEEDED

Help us serve those who served. Together, we can make a difference.



Veterans Stand Down

- **About:** Veterans and their families are invited to a day offering housing support, legal services, medical care, hot meals, clothing, supplies, showers, haircuts, and on-site VA assistance.
- **When:** October 24, 2026, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Where:** Crossline Community Church
23331 Moulton Pkwy., Laguna Hills, CA 92653
- **More information:** [Crossline Veterans – Veterans Stand Down](#)

Event information is provided for informational purposes only. The County makes no guarantee as to the accuracy of the event content and assumes no responsibility or liability.

NEWS



Unemployment Rate Drops for Post-9/11 Veterans

The job market added 162,000 positions nationwide in August, helping drive the unemployment rate for post-9/11 Veterans down from 4.7% in July to 3.5%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Unemployment among all Veterans also declined from 4.2% to 3.4%, compared with a national rate of 4.1%.

Read more about [unemployment among post-9/11 Veterans](#)

VA



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

VA Modernizes Electronic Health Records

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is transitioning to a new electronic health record system designed to securely store health information and streamline patient care. The modernized system connects VA medical facilities with the Department of War, U.S. Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and participating community care providers, giving clinicians access to a Veteran's medical history in one place.

Learn more about [VA Electronic Health Record Modernization](#)

DID YOU KNOW



Veterans whose service-connected disabilities affect their ability to work may be eligible for support through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) program, also known as Chapter 31. VR&E can help eligible Veterans explore employment options, receive training and address other employment needs.

Learn more: [Veteran Readiness and Employment \(VR&E\)](#)

BY THE NUMBERS MONTHLY

Numbers are based on August 2026 service data.

**Veterans Served (includes emails,
calls, and appointments):**
3,482

**Benefits Granted by Veterans
Administration:**
\$254,375

Claims Filed:
1,262

College Tuition Savings:
\$2,561,295

For more information, contact the VSO at (714) 480-6555 or ocvso@occr.oc.gov.



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