Looking to purchase a Home in California?
We’ve got just the information for you! myCalVet provides veterans and their families the opportunity to create a customized profile which targets the benefits, resources, and services available in their community and throughout the State. Register today at www.calvet.ca.gov

Scholarships are available!
The Marines’ Memorial Association asked us to send you this important announcement for current and prospective students. These scholarships are for Veterans of any military branch.

Hammer Family Scholarships are available in the amount of $5,000 each. All eligible U.S. Veterans who wish to study in the fields of Math, Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering (Aerospace, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, Manufacturing, Materials, or Mechanical) are welcome to apply. James and Linda Hammer are Benefactor Members of the Marines' Memorial Association and are eager to assist student Veterans committed to advancing their education.

Memorial Tribute Scholarships are available in the amount of $2,500 each. The Memorial Tribute Scholarship is available for military personnel leaving full time service and entering an undergraduate college program. All US military personnel who have transitioned from Active Duty to reserve or civilian status within the past 3 years may apply.

The link to the Hammer Family Scholarship online Application and the Marines Memorial Tribute Scholarship online Application is: http://mmanetcom.marineclub.com/scholarships/vets
Assistance in Job-Seeking!

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) assists Veterans and their eligible spouses to maximize their employment and training opportunities. Veterans are entitled to many resources designed to help in their search for employment. The EDD Veterans’ representatives specialize in assisting Veterans in their efforts to return to work and are located in many local EDD offices. Services provided include a veteran 24-hour priority hold on all job listings, customized job search assistance, job fairs, employer recruitments, and other events and resources. Two important resources are the Job Fairs and workshops that they provide as well as the “O*Net Online” tool for career exploration and job analysis.

For more information: http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Services_for_Veterans.htm

Sonoma County Jobs & Interns Link-Santa Rosa

Jobs and internships are posted by a federal contractor in your area. The details of the Federal Contractor Job Listing (FCJL) are available online by following the link on the job title(s) below. These jobs are provided to your center to allow you to provide priority referrals to Veterans under the provisions of the Jobs for Veterans Act of 2002 (38 USC 4212(a)).

You may view a full set of the daily job announcements at any time from the following URL: http://vetjobcentral.com/OS/jobs.aspx?OS=52289
**Please click the different days to find more listings. Look for the Internships by Orcale.

Do you want to be Ranch Hand?

There is a part time job opportunity at the Nicasio Valley Ranch. Job Responsibilities include: Feeding horses, mowing, fence repairs, and use of major equipment (truck tractor, ATV). Must provide valid driver’s license. Applicants must be a Veteran. For more information please send all questions to 415-225-9790 or corey@ranchinvents.org

Sonoma County Transit Service for Veterans

On September 30, 2014, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved a Pilot-Program that will permit Veterans and Sonoma County College Students to ride Sonoma County Transit free during 2015. The program is funded by Sonoma County and will assist the Supervisors and Sonoma County Transit in determining the affect a free fare program has on ridership, traffic reduction near college campuses and community response to the program. To benefit from the Pilot-Program, Veterans and College students are required to have appropriate identification. Veterans who present a Veterans Administration (VA) identification card or a Sonoma County Veterans identification card can ride Sonoma County Transit free by presenting their ID card upon boarding.
Request to use pictures for the SSU VA Website
We are in the midst of updating the VA website to make it easier to navigate. Here’s where you can help. We would like any Military photos you may have from either training or service. Please email them to us at veterans@sonoma.edu for posting on the web site.

Also if you attended the luncheon with Congressman Mike Thompson in November and were in the picture after, we would like your permission to post it to the website. All we ask is you send an email giving us permission to post the photo. Thank you.

Congressman Mike Thompson (CA 5th District) attending Women’s Basketball Game
The Congressman attended last November’s Veterans luncheon. He’ll be courtside at the Cal State LA game at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 23rd. Whether you met him at the luncheon or not, you are invited to stop by to say hi. Mr. Thompson’s district includes all or parts of Contra Costa, Lake, Solano, and Sonoma Counties. He is an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam and he is a Purple Heart recipient. He is co-chair of the Congressional Veterans Caucus. He attended college on the GI Bill and received his Master’s Degree from CSU Chico.

Veterans Affairs Office
• Thursday afternoon Drop-In Hours begin on January 22 -- 3:00-4:30 p.m., 3rd floor of Student Center.
• Student Assistant office hours:
  o Monday, 12noon-3pm
  o Tuesday, 11am-2:30pm
  o Wednesday, 12noon-3pm
  Student Assistant: Christopher Graham, USMC

• Don’t forget to turn in your Spring Certification. If you haven’t already, here’s a link. http://www.sonoma.edu/veterans/VA_vet_certification_form.pdf

FOCUS GROUPS—Will you help us identify ways to improve SSU Veterans Affairs?
Attend a 60-minute Focus Group to share suggestions and concerns. This will be a very informal event designed to gauge interest as well as voice concerns. If you wish to participate, send an email to Peter Neville indicating which of the two programs you will attend. You’ll receive a confirmation and location. The times are:

  Tuesday, February 10, 4:30 p.m.
  Wednesday, February 11, 12noon