

El Dorado American Legion Family

El Dorado Post 119

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FOR GOD, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

October 2020

Visit our Website at <http://www.legionpost119.org/>



Another month has passed with Covid restrictions affecting us all in one way or another. For the Post of course we have not had any meetings. The Post has lost much of its operating income because of the restrictions for this year and has had to make an effort to reduce the out going cash on hand. One item that is going to be put on hold will be the mailing of hard copies of this Newsletter. It will always be on the website for download and home printing. As a help to some members you may know that do not or are not able to download this newsletter please do so for them. Not sure there will always be something of interest for all but we shall do the best we can.

With that said it would be of great help for some input as to what you all would like to see.

VOTE!! - Rich B.

Pin-Ups For Vets

Mission Statement:

Pin-Ups For Vets raises funds to improve Veterans' healthcare, donates funds to VA hospitals for medical equipment and program expansion, improves quality of life for ill Veterans across the United States through personal bedside visits to deliver gifts, promotes volunteerism at Veterans Hospitals, supports homeless Veterans with clothing and calendar gifts delivered to shelters, boosts morale for military wives and female Veterans with makeovers and clothing, and boosts morale for deployed troops through delivery of care packages.

A Note From Gina Elise and a "Thank You" For Supporting America's Hospitalized Veterans!

People ask me all the time how the "Pin-Ups For Vets" calendar project came to be...

In 2006, I started seeing news articles about under-funded Veterans' healthcare programs. Then, there were stories about older Veterans who lay in bed day after day, never receiving any visitors. Reports started surfacing on TV about the severe injuries sustained by our troops fighting in Iraq.

The more I heard about the uphill battles of our Wounded Warriors, the more convinced I was of the need to produce a project that would bring in funds to support all of our hospitalized Veterans.

My late Grandpa Lou served in the Army for 4 years during World War II. I wanted to do something to honor his name. I always loved the romance of those bygone eras - especially the 1940's - and I drew inspiration from the World War II pin-up girls, whose photos and paintings boosted morale for our soldiers fighting overseas.

I came up with the idea to recreate a nostalgic pin-up calendar that would serve three purposes:

1. The calendars would be sold to raise funds for our hospitalized Veterans.
2. The calendars would be delivered as gifts to our ill and injured Veterans with messages of appreciation from the donors.
3. The calendars would be sent to our deployed troops to help boost morale and to let them know that Americans back home are thinking of them.

<https://www.pinupsforvets.com/home>

Service Officer Corner

Tales from the Front

Tale 1:

The Veteran Justice Outreach social worker at Mather worked hard on the discharge plan. A bed in rehab was ready. The Inmate Services Officers in Placerville jail facilitated communication with the young, incarcerated Marine. She agreed to the plan.

Discharge day, she was escorted by inmate services out to wait for the Uber driver for her ride to Mather.

Boy friend of the month showed up.

She made the wrong choice. Back to drugs and homelessness.

Tale 2:

My phone was blowing up with collect calls from Yolo County jail. No, I do not accept collect calls, but I could hear the name of the Veteran.

You can learn a lot by Googling a name. Contacted the Veteran Justice Outreach Social worker at Mather for Yolo county. She will do what she can to facilitate discharge planning.

Talked to the Inmate Services Officer. She said the Veteran was a good worker. She will make sure that he stops calling me, and assure him that the right person is on the case. Found out he gets out next year.

Tale 3:

I get an email from an Air Force reservist in custody in Placerville jail.

After two years, she has a chance to get out of custody and into a residential program. Hopefully, she can raise her young child there too.

Turns out there is such a program. Turns out a bed is available. Turns out funding depends on getting her Medical-Cal transferred from Sacramento.

Fortunately, I had just worked with a county behavioral health worker on another case, that went from suicidal on the street to residential treatment, thanks to the VA. So, we sort of already knew each other.

Hopefully, working with Inmate Services, all the paperwork can be completed to get the benefits transferred here in time to grab the open bed.

Inmate Services says this reservist is a good worker. Hopefully, this reservist will soon be an outstanding civilian.

Tale 4:

In a case management conference call, more than one person used the word “psychotic” on a homeless Marine.

That pushed my alarm bell. Psychosis is the big one for predicting violence, against oneself, or others.

Please try to get him conserved. Here is the referral form for Public Guardian.

No one wants to fill it out. Does not meet criteria.

Please contact Adult Protective Services. No one wants to.

I know this Marine, but have not dealt with him in a few years. Veteran Court graduate. Drugs since high school. Now, presumably, base line, untreated psychosis, whether on drugs or not.

I cowboied up and called APS.

Does not meet criteria. I mentioned self neglect a few times. Fine, but nothing we can do. Try calling the Homeless Outreach Team.

The Deputy returned my call the next day.

Yeah, we know him. He’s a tough one, to help.

The law has us hamstrung.

All I want to do is suck his civil rights out of his nostrils, and save his life. The law prioritizes his right to make bad choices all the way to the morgue.

Even when he is psychotic.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer
530-919-8488



“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.”
— Abraham Lincoln

Every citizen of this country should be guaranteed that their vote matters, that their vote is counted, and that in the voting booth, their vote has a much weight as that of any CEO, any member of Congress, or any President.— Barbara Boxer

Disaster Resources Available to Veterans

“Veterans and their families should be focused on their health and safety during the natural disasters,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “VA is taking action to give those with pending debts greater flexibility during these challenging times.”

Health Care Assistance

If you have questions such as where to go for care or how to receive **prescribed medications**, VA has established a toll-free number for assistance in areas that have been impacted by disasters. Veterans or their families can call the VA Veterans Disaster Response line **24 hours, seven days a week at 1-800-507-4571**.

Debt Relief

If you are affected by a natural disaster, have a **VBA benefit debt and need temporary financial relief**, please contact VA's Debt Management Center at **1-800-827-0648** to request assistance.

If you have questions on **Compensation or Pension benefits**: Call toll-free **1-800-827-1000 Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST**.

Other Resources

Find a VA Vet Center near you 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387) or <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>

o Mobile Vet Centers and Vet Center teams are actively responding to disaster-affected areas to offer counseling and grief support as well as connection and referral services to other VA and community resources.

Find a VA facility near you <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>

o Call the **White House VA Hotline** 24 hours a day, seven days a week at **1-855-948-2311**.

Apply for \$500 grant for your damaged primary residence (on a first come, first serve basis subject to funding) from PenFed Foundation.

National Resource Directory - Search for local resources for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

FEMA - FEMA helps with temporary housing, repair or replacement of existing homes.

American Red Cross - The American Red Cross offers emergency financial assistance to the most impacted counties. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to see if you qualify.

Disaster Assistance – An easy way to determine if your zip code has been declared a disaster and eligible for assistance. The website also allows users to complete an online application and the ability to check FEMA application status.

Disaster Distress Helpline - The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

Free Help for Homeless Veterans

Dial 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) for 24/7 access to VA services for homeless, displaced and at-risk Veterans

Homeless Veteran Chat Confidential, 24/7 online support for homeless Veterans and friends

Visit <https://www.va.gov/homeless/> for more information

California Specific Resources:

State of Texas Hurricane Center

Texas Division of Emergency Management Resource Page

Houston Combined Arms

Whether you're just getting out of the service or you've been a civilian for years now, the VA Welcome Kit can help guide you to the benefits and services you've earned.

An election is coming. Universal peace is declared and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry.-T. S. Eliot

<p>Post 119 Officers Commander, Al Stone 916/690-2835 Adjutant, Joe Rendon 530/672-1161 1st Vice - OPEN 2nd Vice -James Leadbetter 916/ 254-7529 Finance - Mike Schiacone 530-409-2710 Sgt. At Arms, Milt Bandera 530/677-4423 Chaplain, Edgar “Bud” Brown 530/677-4135 Judge Advocate — OPEN Veterans Services, David Zelinsky 530/919-8488 Membership, Joe Rendon 530/672-1161 Historian, Mike Raffety 530/626-8020 Bar Manager, Barbara Riley 530/409-7746 Building Manager, James Leadbetter 916/ 254-7529</p>	<p>Chapter 119 American Legion Riders President, Joe Rendon 530-672-1161 Vice President, Carlos Navarette 916/204-6038 Secretary, Gary Coverdale 707/339-2362 Treasurer, Jane Fergason 530/409-7487 Sgt. At Arms, Mike Ross 916/747-7637 Membership, Critter Springer-Maxey 530/622-1961 Chaplain, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802 Run Coordinator, Sam Fergason 530/409-7489 Safety Officer - OPEN Historian — OPEN</p> <p>Legion Riders meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>40 & 8 Chef de Gare, John Krahn 530/677-6356 Commissaire Intendant, Al Rawlin 530/903-6768 Correspondent, Bud Brown 530/677-4135 Conducteur, Bob Russell 530/676-5533 Garde de LaPorte, Leo Cooper 530/306-3969 Chef de Train, Milt Bandera 530/677-4423 Lampiste - Open</p> <p>40 & 8 meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Executive Committee (1) Jim Ayers 916/739-9421 (2) Bud Brown 530/677-4135 (3) Sam Bradley 530/626-3956 (4) John Krahn 530/677-6356 (5) Bob Russell 530/626-5533 (6) Lauralee Flannery 530/903-1965</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>A fool and his money are soon elected. Will Rogers</p> </div>	<p>Unit 119 Sons of the American Legion Commander, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802 1st Vice, Bill Bryant 530/409-8414 Adjutant, Bill Bryant Treasurer, Bill Bryant Membership, Bill Bryant Sgt. At Arms, Mike Ross 916/747-7637 Historian — OPEN Chaplain, Robert Flowers 530/417-5802</p> <p>Squadron meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Unit 119 American Legion Auxiliary President, Janie Bandera 530/677-4423 1st Vice, Rebecca Marty 530/677-4423 2nd Vice, Carol McLaughlin 530/642-2153 Secretary, Carol Mueller 530/622-0674 Treasurer, Judy Muetz 530/622-9133 Chaplain, Dolores Wadsworth 530/677-1255 Sgt. At Arms, Joy Krahn 530/677-6356 Marshall, Joyce Reynolds 530/350-7740</p> <p>Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>American Legion Post 119 meets the first Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Meetings: 8:00 p.m</p>	<p>Website: http://www.legionpost119.org/ Email: eldoradopost119@att.net Telephone: 530/626-3956 Newsletter Editor: Dick Bergin Email: dick@mrj3s.com Tel: 530/409-8794</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>An election is a moral horror, as bad as a battle except for the blood; a mud bath for every soul concerned in it. George Bernard Shaw</p> </div>

Halloween

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2020 will occur on Saturday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

Celtic festival of Samhain

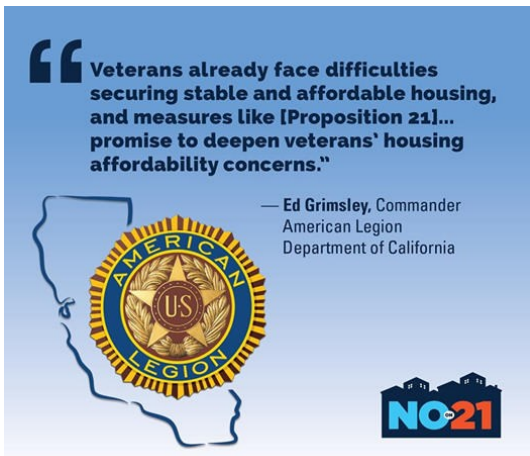
In the Druid tradition, Samhain celebrates the dead with a festival on October 31 and usually features a bonfire and communion with the dead. American pagans often hold music and **dance** celebrations called Witches' Balls in proximity to Samhain.



“The whole framework of the presidency is getting out of hand. It's come to the point where you almost can't run unless you can cause people to salivate and whip on each other with big sticks. You almost have to be a rock star to get the kind of fever you need to survive in American politics.”

— Hunter S. Thompson, [Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72](#)

American Legion supported Legislation.



Links

American Legion

<https://www.legion.org/>

CalVet

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/about-us/laws-regulations>

Department of California

<https://calegion.org/>

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION – THE FOUR PILLARS

<https://calegion.org/veterans-affairs-rehabilitation-the-four-pillars/>

American Legion Riders Department of California

<https://alrdoc.org/home.php>

https://noonprop21.vote/?fbclid=IwAR0za4tP_jmOAFBJCN8RDL6liv_QL4287XPv7V1OD4v5emaR9W608NiteOA

Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action
SB1177	Engross	Veterans' Home of California system. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-06-18 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB3104	Intro	Civil service: veterans' preference. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-03-09 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB3183	Intro	Veterans: education. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-03-09 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB2994	Intro	Veterans: discharge upgrades. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-03-05 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB2688	Intro	Veterans: veterans service officers. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-03-02 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB2281	Intro	State parks: veterans: free access. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-02-27 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB2349	Intro	Veterans' homes: leases. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-02-24 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB2128	Intro	Veterans: Medical Foster Home Pilot Program. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-02-20 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
AB1911	Intro	State agencies: veterans. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2020-01-17 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
SB725	Engross	Veterans rental housing. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2019-06-18 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
SB501	Engross	Armories: Reedley Armory. [Detail][Text][Discuss]	2019-06-18 To Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee



“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war or before an election.—Otto von Bismarck

“When one with honeyed words but evil mind Persuades the mob, great woes befall the state.” — Euripides, [Orestes](#)

CALVET

About Us

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) works to serve California veterans and their families. With nearly 1.6 million veterans living in the State, CalVet strives to ensure that its veterans of every era and their families get the state and federal benefits and services they have earned and deserve as a result of selfless and honorable military service. CalVet strives to serve veterans and their families with dignity and compassion and to help them achieve their highest quality of life.

Mission

To serve and honor all California veterans by connecting them and their families with their earned benefits through education, advocacy, and direct services.

Vision

CalVet provides innovative leadership in veteran advocacy and veteran services in California and sets the national standard for connecting veterans and their families with the rights and benefits they have earned through their military service.

Goals

1. Provide the highest quality care and services for our veterans and their families.
2. Enhance operational effectiveness to maximize service to California veterans.
3. Invest in our workforce to enhance services to veterans over the long term.

Provide excellent customer service to our veterans, colleagues, and partners.

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Song of the Witches: “Double, double toil and trouble”

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

(from Macbeth)

Double, double toil and trouble;

Fire burn and caldron bubble.

Fillet of a fenny snake,

In the caldron boil and bake;

Eye of newt and toe of frog,

Wool of bat and tongue of dog,

Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,

Lizard's leg and howlet's wing,

For a charm of powerful trouble,

Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

Double, double toil and trouble;

Fire burn and caldron bubble.

Cool it with a baboon's blood,

Then the charm is firm and good.



BOO!

Here you are, dressed up for the night,

You knock and knock hoping to fright,

Instead I am dressed up too.

I give you a fright when I yell BOO!

Word Search

I G R G L W N E C A I R F O R C E R O M
C A D W R K X A R W U I U D L U E O P J
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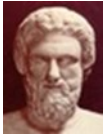
American Legion	Ground Pounder	National Guard	Purple Heart
United States	Leather Neck	Afghanistan	Placerville
Coast Guard	China Lake	Bubble Head	Auxiliary
El Dorado	Vietnam	Marines	Air Force
Grunt	Iraq	Sons	California
Retired	Post 119	Army	Navy

Vote: the instrument and symbol of a freeman's power to make a fool of himself and a wreck of his country.—Ambrose Bierce

Riddles, Puzzles & Brainteasers –2021 Farmers Almanac

1. What common 9-letter English word allows you to keep removing its letters one by one, leaving 8 words that are still valid?
2. What ancient invention still used today allows people to see through walls. What is it.
3. What makes this number unique: 8,549,176,320?
4. Which tire doesn't move when a car turns right?
5. If a cat can jump 5 feet high, then why can't it jump through a window that is 3 feet high?
6. What tree do we all carry in our hands?
7. What can you fill a room with that takes up no space?
8. What type of cheese is made backwards?
9. What nut has a hole and is squishy?
10. This five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is it?
11. A clerk at the butcher shop is six feet tall and wears size 10 shoes. What does he weigh?
12. A farmer has 19 sheep on his land. One day, a big storm hits and all but seven run away. How many sheep does the farmer have left?

Elections determine who is in power, but they do not determine how power is used. - Paul Collier



“To win the people, always cook them some savory that pleases them.”

— Aristophanes, [The Knights](#)



“[The American President] has to take all sorts of abuse from liars and demagogues. ... The people can never understand why the President does not use his supposedly great power to make 'em behave. Well, all the President is, is a glorified public relations man who spends his time flattering, kissing and kicking people to get them to do what they are supposed to do anyway.”

— Harry S. Truman

I just received the following wire from my generous Daddy; Dear Jack, Don't buy a single vote more than is necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.

John F. Kennedy

Word Search



American Legion	Ground Pounder	National Guard	Purple Heart
United States	Leather Neck	Afghanistan	Placerville
Coast Guard	China Lake	Bubble Head	Auxilliary
El Dorado	Vietnam	Marines	Air Force
Grunt	Iraq	Sons	California
Retired	Post 119	Army	Navy

Answers

1. Starting - starting - sting - stinging - stinging - sting - sing - sin-in - I
2. Window
3. When spelled out, the numbers are listed in alphabetical order.
4. Spare Tire
5. It's closed
6. Palm
7. Light or noise
8. Edam
9. Doughnut
10. Short
11. Meat
12. Seven

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Young At Heart 9:00am	2 Auxiliary Unit, Dinner, Social & Mtgs. 6PM	3	4 Happy Hour 5pm	5
6	7	8 Young At Heart 9:00am, State of Jefferson 4:45PM	9 Sons of AL meet- ing. Legion Rid- ers, 6PM	10 Quiet Birdmen Hanger 6PM	11	12
13	14 Voiture 1119 40 & 8	15 Young At Heart 9:00am Jr. Shooters 6pm	16 Bartenders: 5pm E-Board: 6pm	17 El Dorado Min- eral & Gem So- ciety 6pm	18 Happy Hour 5pm	19 HAM Radio Test 9am/ Youth Gun Safety 10am
20 El Dorado Gun Club 12pm	21	22 Young At Heart 9:00am Jr. Shooters 6pm	23	24 ,	25 Happy Hour 5pm	26
27	28	29 Young At Heart 9:00am Jr. Shooters 6pm	30			

ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID-10 RESTRICTIONS

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Happy, happy Halloween,
I'm here to take a treat,
You could choose a trick instead,
Like glue upon your seat.



When witches go riding
And black cats are seen,
The moon laughs and whispers
'Tis near Halloween

- Author Unknown

All Meetings At:

American Legion El Dorado Post 119

4561 Greenstone Rd, Placerville CA 95667

(530) 626-3956

MEMBERS' SPOUSES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR DINNERS ON MEETING NIGHT.

The office at the Post will have someone present between 9am and 11am, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. (Closed on Monday Holidays).

Veteran Updates on COVID-19

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the California Department of Veterans' Affairs (CalVet) continues to fulfill its mission to serve and honor all California veterans by connecting them and their families with their earned benefits through education, advocacy, and direct services.

In an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public and our staff, CalVet is temporarily changing the way we provide services.

CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani MD, expresses gratitude to the staff at our Headquarters Office for all of their hard work and support during this time.

What You Need to Know

Our services are still available and staff is working hard to continue to serve your needs.

CalVet's Local Interagency Network Coordinators (LINC) bridge the gap between veterans and the federal, state, county, and non-governmental agencies that provide services to our state's nearly 1.6 million veterans. Service members, veterans, and their families seeking benefit information, status updates, claims assistance, and other community-based resources are encouraged to contact their LINC for more information on benefits and services in their area:

North Valley LINC

Cole Wagenaar

Cell: (916) 708-2942

NVLINC@calvet.ca.gov

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SDLINC@calvet.ca.gov

CalVet Veterans Services

Veterans Services is responsible for administering a number of special programs, benefits and services for California veterans and their families. For information on programs call (800) 952-5626 or visit; <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/calvet-programs/veteran-services>. Follow veterans' trends and programs at <https://www.facebook.com/CalVetServices>.

CalVet Home Loans

If you are ready to buy a home, CalVet Home Loans is here, working to meet our veterans home financing needs.

1. Apply online; or
2. Complete a Contact Us form and one of our CalVet Loan Originators will contact you based on your schedule; or

Call one of our CalVet Loan Originators at 866-653-2510 (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)

If you are facing financial hardship related to COVID-19 and you have a CalVet mortgage, please contact us at (800) 700-2127 or borrower.care@calvet.ca.gov. We will work with you to create a solution tailored to your particular situation.

CalVet Home Loans

[Facebook post regarding Home Loans and COVID-19](#)



It is difficult to understand these people who democratically take part in elections and a referendum, but are then incapable of democratically accepting the will of the people.—**Jose Saramago**

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CalVet Veterans Homes

All admissions to the Veterans Homes have been temporarily suspended during this emergency period. Interested veterans and families may continue to submit applications for admission. Any applications received will be processed after admissions resume. We apologize for the inconvenience. Applications can be submitted [here](#).

On March 15, 2020 CalVet began restricting all visitation to the homes except to those in hospice care. Prior to that, group events both on and off the campuses were postponed, communal dining for most residents was halted, every employee is screened before entering the home, and the department has increased the cleaning and sanitizing of all spaces.

As of September 24, 2020, there is one employee and zero residents who are positive for COVID-19. CalVet has isolation areas in every home and have a full spectrum of Personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks, gloves, gowns, and other supplies.

Each of CalVet's eight homes has a dedicated phone line to address calls from family members and to make sure they can check on their loved one and get up-to-date information. The homes can assist with video calls between residents and their loved ones. If you have a family member in one of the homes and need assistance in reaching out to them use one of the numbers below, if you would like regular update on the residents in a particular home follow that home on Facebook.

Minority and Women Veterans

CalVet's Divisions for Minority and Underrepresented Veterans and Women Veterans would like to stay connected with veterans and their families during this pandemic. It is important that all veterans have access to the basic necessities that help them and their families stay safe, healthy and nourished.

We want to encourage you to take advantage of the resources provided to you by the state. Our divisions can help you navigate those services and benefits.

Minority and Underrepresented Veterans Division

Minorityveterans@calvet.ca.gov or (916) 651-3054.

Women Veterans Division

womenveterans@calvet.ca.gov or (916) 653-1402.

Upcoming Webinars

For up-to-date information on webinars and to participate [visit here](#).

Visit your local [Food Bank](#) website to obtain information on their Emergency Food Box Home Delivery program. The program delivers food weekly and gives priority to low-income seniors and vulnerable populations.

Women Veterans Call Center

Call or text anytime, 1-855-829-6636, for any general health care or mental support you might need. They are a one stop resource through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

California Women Veterans Program Managers

Women Veterans Health Care: Postpartum Depression, Substance Abuse Suicide Prevention, Disordered Eating, Depression, PTSD, etc.

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: Information about Coronavirus and Prevention.

Women Veterans Health Care: Intimate Partner Violence

A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.—Bill Vaughan

An election is a moral horror, as bad as a battle except for the blood; a mud bath for every soul concerned in it.
George Bernard Shaw