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Veterans Services Division BULLETIN

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TO: ALL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FALL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE (October 12 – 16, 2015)

THIS BULLETIN IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES AND TO OBTAIN APPROVAL TO ATTEND THIS SANCTIONED TRAINING.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) is sanctioning the Fall Professional Training Conference.

Starting:	Monday, October 12, 2015
Continuing:	Tuesday, October 13, Wednesday, October 14, Thursday, October 15
Ending:	Friday, October 16, 2015

In order to obtain funding, your county must be represented on Monday, October 12 (starting at 1:00 p.m.), Tuesday, October 13, Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15. Failure to attend both **morning and afternoon** training sessions on these days (starting Monday afternoon) will result in a reduction in your 2015-2016 State Subvention and Veterans Service Office Fund (VSOF) as follows:

Up to $12,500 will be disbursed to each CVSO for training purposes under the Subvention Program.

- Each CVSO will receive $1,500 for the CVSO and one **supervisor or lead VSR** to attend each of the three CalVet-sanctioned conference trainings (up to $9,000 per CVSO per year). For example: If one CVSO staff person attends this CalVet-sanctioned conference, $1,500 will be allocated; if two CVSO staff attend the conference, $3,000 will be allocated; if no CVSO staff attend, then no training funds will be received for this conference.

- Each CVSO will receive $1,000 for each new staff person (up to three per year) to attend the California Veterans Service Representative Academy (CVSRA). If no CVSO staff attends the CVSRA, then the CVSO does not receive funding for this training purpose. **However, if you do not have a new employee to send to the CVSRA, your county can use the additional funds to send designated staff to the training conference at $1,500 each.**

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Per Section 453 (b) (5) of Title 12, California Code of Regulations, a proportional reduction in training funds will be applied to those counties that did not attend training. Training funds not utilized for that purpose by other CVSOs throughout the year, will be reallocated and distributed through the workload unit funds at the end of the fiscal year.

KEITH BOYLAN
Deputy Secretary
Veteran Services Division

cc: Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles D.O's

This bulletin format will be used by the CDVA Veterans Services Division as a standard way of communicating information to County Veterans Service Officers. The objective is to provide a format that can be easily maintained by the CVSO. The first two digits in number of each Bulletin will show the year of issue, the following number indicates the consecutive number of the issue during the year.

California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc. and CalVet Training Conference

AGENDA

Fall Professional Training Conference
October 12-16, 2015
Embassy Suites
1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside, CA 93955
(831) 393-1115

Monday, October 12, 2015

8:00 A.M.	**Registration**
8:30 A.M.	**Committee Meetings**
10:00 A.M.	**General Business Meeting (CACVSO Members only)**
12:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 P.M.	**Opening Ceremony**
1:45 P.M.	**CalVet Overview** – *Keith Boylan, Deputy Secretary, CalVet Veteran Services Division*
2:00 P.M.	**County Payments -** *Nancy Noriega, CVSO Support Analyst, CalVet Veterans Services Division*
2:15 P.M	**Common Mistakes Seen in Audit and Changes to Procedures Manual** – *Jerry Rucker, Consultant and Jesus Lopez, CalVet Subvention Claims Auditor, and Ted Puntillo, Solano CVSO.*
3:00 P.M.	Break
3:15 P.M.	**College Fee Waiver Training** – *Nancy Noriega, CVSO Analyst, CalVet Veterans Services Division and Jerry Rucker, Consultant and Jesus Lopez, CalVet Subvention Claims Auditor*
4:00 P.M.	**California State University** – College Fee Waiver, In-State Tuition, CSU information for CVSOs. *Patrick C. O'Rourke, Ed.D., Director, Active Duty and Veterans Affairs Office of the Chancellor California State University*
5:00 P.M.	Adjourn

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

8:00 A.M.	**VetPro Updates and Training** – Updates and training. *Jeff von Waldburg and Dave Steer – Panoramic*
9:00 A.M.	**Drivers License Veteran Designation Form** – Training and demonstration. *Joe Wright, CVSO, and George Dixon, CVSO.*
9:30 A.M.	**Local Interagency Network Coordinators (LINC)** – *John Kraft, Outreach Manager, CalVet Veteran Services Division. George Dixon, CVSO* • Basic overview of LINC mission • Introduction of LINC in each region • How CVSOs and LINCs can collaborate to enhance services to veterans. • Explanation of partnership with CVSOs in which they reside along with testimony from CVSOs working with LINCs.
10:30 A.M.	**Break**
10:45 A.M.	**Death Benefits** – *Burial and survivors benefits. TBD*
11:30 A.M.	**California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery** – Overview and history. *CCCVC Manager, and Central Coast Veterans Foundation members.*
12:00 P.M.	**Lunch**
1:00 P.M.	**Improving the Quality of Incoming Claims** – Using examples from each District Office, going over opportunities for improving the quality of incoming claims. *Los Angeles, San Diego, and Oakland CalVet District Offices.*
2:00 P.M	**Veterans Benefits Administration Update** – *Oakland VBA Regional Office Staff*
3:15 P.M.	Break
3:30 P.M.	**Individual Unemployability** – *Oakland VBA Regional Office Staff*
5:00 P.M.	Adjourn

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

8:00 A.M.	**Veteran Employment** – Employment Development Department. *Local DVOP/LVER.*
9:00 A.M.	**Environmental Exposure** – Gulf War Protocol exam, Agent Orange protocol exam, fire pit registry, how to get a veteran in the program, program requirements, process. *TBD VHA*
10:00 A.M.	**Break**
10:15 A.M.	**Veteran Mental Health** – Suicide Prevention or Emerging issues and best practices in California. *VHA, Santa Cruz Vet Center, TBD.*
12:00 P.M.	**Lunch**
1:00 P.M.	**Veteran Justice Outreach** – How the Federal, State, and County Governments can work together to assist veterans involved in the justice system. • VA Assistance - *George Kennedy, VA Re-Entry Specialist* • How to start a veteran justice outreach program - *Roberto Herrera, Manager for CalVet Veteran Justice Outreach; Pernell Sullivan, CalVet Analyst* • CVSO Best Practices - *George Dixon*
2:30 P.M.	Break
2:45 P.M.	**Veteran Homelessness Assistance** Veterans Transition Center of Monterey County, SSVF Coordinator in Palo Alto, HUD VASH program overview, *TBD*
5:00 P.M.	Adjourn
6:00 P.M.	Banquet

Thursday, October 15, 2015

8:00 A.M.	**SHA Grants –** Prosthetics. SAA, HISA, Vehicles. *TBD VHA*
9:15A.M.	Break
9:30 A.M.	**Ratings SMC –** *Paralyzed Veterans of America*
10:30 A.M.	**SOAR Program** - *Social Security Administration*
12:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 P.M.	**VA Life Insurance** - *TBD*
2:30 P.M.	**Service Animals –** *Mary Cortani, Founder/Executive Director, Operation Freedom Paws*
3:30 P.M.	Break
3:45 P.M.	**CVSO Self-Help Session/Best Practices -** Activities in Your Community. This will allow us to inform each other county activities and programs started. Idea to help in outreach programs, networking etc. *CVSO Staff*
5:00 P.M.	Adjourn

Friday, October 16, 2015

8:30 A.M.	General Business Meeting (Members Only)
9:30 A.M.	CVSO Self-Help Session
12:00 P.M.	Adjournment