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Veterans Services Division BULLETIN

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TO: ALL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FALL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE (October 3 – 7, 2016)

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 to be held on the following dates:

Starting: Monday, October 3, 2016
Continuing: Tuesday, October 4, Wednesday, October 5, Thursday, October 6, 2016
Ending: Friday, October 7, 2016

In order to obtain funding, your county must be represented on Monday, October 3 (**starting at 1:00 p.m.**), Tuesday, October 4, Wednesday, October 5, and Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Failure to attend and/or sign the attendance sheet(s) for both morning and afternoon training sessions on these days (starting Monday at 1:00pm) will result in a reduction in your 2016-2017 State Subvention and Veterans Service Office Fund (VSOF) as follows:

Up to \$12,000 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.**

Up to \$1,500 will be disbursed for training purposes under (VSOFF).

- Each CVSO will receive \$500 for the CVSO to attend each of the three CalVet-sanctioned conference trainings.

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.

If you have any questions regarding the sanctioned trainings, please contact Angela Yamamoto at angela.yamamoto@calvet.ca.gov or (916) 651-3068.



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Deputy Secretary
Veteran Services Division

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

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

AGENDA

Fall Professional Training Conference
October 3-7, 2016
Flamingo Resort
2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Monday, October 3, 2016

- 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**
1:15 P.M. **CalVet Welcome – Dr. Vito Imbasciani, Secretary**
1:30 P.M. **CalVet Update – Deputy Secretary Keith Boylan**
1:45 P.M. **Common Mistakes Seen in Audit and Changes to Procedures Manual – Jesus Lopez, Subvention Claims Auditor – CalVet**
2:45 P.M. **Break**
3:00 P.M. **College Fee Waiver Training – Nancy Noriega, Veterans Services Division Analyst – CalVet**
4:00 P.M. **Minority Veterans Affairs – Deputy Secretary for Minority Veteran Affairs - CalVet**
4:30 P.M. **CalVet Home Loans - TBD**
5:00 P.M. **Adjourn**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. **VetPro Updates and Training** – Updates and training. *Jeff von Waldburg and Dave Steer – Panoramic*
- 9:30 A.M. **Break**
- 9:45 A.M. **Improving the Quality of Incoming Claims** – Opportunities for improving the quality of incoming claims as well as other reminders of policy and training. *Alberto Alpasan - Manager, CalVet Los Angeles District Office; Melaina Anker-Youngberg – CalVet San Diego District Office.*
- 10:15 A.M. **Continuing Education Unit - VA Forms** – *Alberto Alpasan, Los Angeles District Office Manager - CalVet*
- 11:00 A.M. **Military Culture** – *TBD*
- 11:30 A.M. **Lunch**
- 1:00 P.M. **Veterans Benefits Administration Update** – *TBD*
- 3:00 P.M. **Break**
- 3:15 P.M. **Vocational Rehabilitation** - *TBD*
- 4:30 P.M. **Parents DIC** - *TBD*
- 5:00 P.M. **Adjourn**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. **Volunteers of America** - *TBD*
- 9:00 A.M. **Grants for Stand Down** - *CalVet Staff*
- 9:45 A.M. **Break**
- 10:00 A.M. **Veterans Treatment Court** - *TBD*
- 11:30 P.M. **Lunch**
- 1:00 P.M. **USDVA Healthcare System** – *TBD*
- 2:30 P.M. **Break**
- 2:45 P.M. **Interviewing Techniques** – *Ted Puntillo, President CVSO Association*
- 4:00 P.M. **Adjourn**
- 6:00 P.M. **Banquet**

Thursday, October 6, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. **Sonoma CVSO Veterans Services** - *Chris Bingham*
- 9:00 A.M. **Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)** - *Diana Laux, Western Region Marketing Representative*
- 10:00 A.M. **Break**
- 10:15 A.M. **Phoenix VA Home Loan Department** - *TBD*
- 11:30 A.M. **Lunch**
- 1:00 P.M. **VBMS Training** - *Chris Bingham*
- 2:00 P.M. **Veteran Tribal Organizations** - *TBD*
- 3:30 P.M. **Break**
- 3:45 P.M. **Principles for Service Connection** – *Norm Gillett*
- 5:00 P.M. **Adjourn**

Friday, October 7, 2016

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

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