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Veterans Services Division BULLETIN

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TO: ALL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: SPRING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE (JUNE 6 - 10, 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 Spring Professional Training Conference.

Starting:	Monday, June 6, 2016
Continuing:	Tuesday, June 7, Wednesday, June 8, Thursday, June 9
Ending:	Friday, June 10, 2016

In order to obtain funding, your county must be represented on Monday, June 6 **(starting at 1:00 p.m.),** Tuesday, June 7, Wednesday, June 8, and Thursday, June 9.

Failure to attend both morning and afternoon training sessions on these days (starting Monday at 1:00pm) will result in a reduction in your 2015-2016 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.**

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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.

for Keith Boylan

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

Spring Professional Training Conference
June 6-10, 2016
Double Tree Hotel
3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Monday, June 6, 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 –** *Secretary Vito Imbasciani, MD*
1:30 P.M.	**CalVet Update** – *Deputy Secretary Keith Boylan*
1:45 P.M.	**County Payments and College Fee Waiver Information** - *Nancy Noriega, CVSO Support Analyst, CalVet Veterans Services Division*
2:00 P.M.	**Veteran Designation on Drivers Licenses and ID Cards (DMV Forms) –**
2:15 P.M	Update on metrics, Media Relations, and Q&A. Angela Yamamoto, Chief of Operations
	Common Mistakes Seen in Audit and Changes to Procedures Manual – *Jerry Rucker, Consultant and Jesus Lopez, CalVet Subvention Claims Auditor.*
3:15 P.M.	**Break**
3:30 P.M.	**Women Veterans** – Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs, CalVet
4:00 P.M	**California Veterans Board-***Carla Thornton, rights and benefits of California Veterans and their dependents.*
5:00 P.M.	**Adjourn**

Tuesday, June 7, 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. *Los Angeles, San Diego, and Oakland CalVet District Offices.*
10:15 A.M.	**Veterans Benefits Administration Update** – *VBA Regional Staff.*
11:30 P.M.	**Lunch**
1:00 P.M	**USDVA Healthcare System** – *Ann Brown-Los Angeles, Donna Fischer-San Diego, Barbara Fallen-Loma Linda, Lisa Freeman-Bonnie Graham-San Francisco, and David Stockwell-Mather*
2:30 P.M.	**Break**
2:45 P.M.	**Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program** – *Update on MC-05 forms and overview of the program. Manuel Urbina, Chief, Program Integrity and Security, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division, California Department of Healthcare Services*
5:00 P.M.	**Adjourn**

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

8:00 A.M.	**Office of Tribal Government Relations**-*Terry Bentley-Connecting CVSOs to the Tribal Community*
9:30 A.M.	**Pension Management Center** – *St. Paul Pension Management Center Staff*
11:30 A.M.	**Lunch**
1:00 P.M.	**Appeals Process** - *Kimberly Dickerson, VBA Decision Review Officer*
2:00 P.M.	**Case Studies** - *Kimberly Dickerson, VBA Decision Review Officer*
3:00 P.M.	**Break**
3:15 P.M.	**Veterans Assistance Foundation Overview** – *Deborah Johnson, CEO*
4:00 P.M.	**Adjourn**
6:00 P.M.	

Thursday, June 9, 2016

8:00 A.M.	**Tour DVA National Cemetery Bakersfield** – *Dick Taylor, Kern CVSO*
11:30 A.M.	**Lunch**
1:00 P.M.	**VA Life Insurance** - *Skype Training*
2:00 P.M	**Principles for Service Connection** – *Norm Gillett*
3:30 P.M.	**Break**
3:45 P.M.	**CA National Guard** – *Horst Laube, Transition Assistance Program Advisor*
5:00 P.M.	**Adjourn**

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Friday, June 10, 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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