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California Veteran Reintegration Program Fact Sheet Minority Veterans

MINORITY VETERANS

California is a richly diverse state with an equally diverse veteran population. While minority veterans comprise approximately 33 percent of the total California veteran population, as a group they are less likely to access their VA benefits than non-minority veterans. Therefore, outreach efforts have been implemented at the federal and state levels to identify barriers to services and healthcare access and to develop strategies for improving minority participation in existing VA benefit programs. The Minority Veterans Division is the California Department of Veterans Affairs model for inter- and intra-agency cooperation to ensure all veterans receive equal service regardless of race, origin, religion, or gender. CalVet is process improvement-oriented and both internal and external customer-centric. CalVet assists VA in executing its mission in the most equitable, efficient and humane way possible.

MINORITY VETERANS SUPPORT

Additional minority veteran information and/or resources can be found on the following websites:

- Center for Minority Veterans
www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/
- VA Center for Veterans Enterprise & Business
www.vetbiz.gov
- VA Benefits for Veterans of Enduring Freedom-Iraqi Freedom
www.oefoif.va.gov/
- Swords to Plowshares, Veterans Rights Organization
www.stp-sf.org
- National Native American Veterans Association
www.nnava.org
- African-American Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Association
www.aaptsdassn.org
- National Japanese-American Veterans Council
www.veteranscouncil.com
- American G.I. Forum
www.agif.org
- National Native American Veterans Association
www.manataka.org
- Jewish War Veterans of the USA

- www.jvw.org
- National Association for Black Veterans, Inc,
www.nabvets.org
- National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW)
www.nabmw.com

To view the comprehensive Directory of Veterans Service Organizations for 2012-2013 go to: www.va.gov/vso/VSO-Directory_2012-2013.pdf. This is published as an informational service by the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Inclusion of an organization in the directory does not constitute approval or endorsement by VA or the United States Government of the organization or its activities. Some veteran service organizations are "chartered", which means they are federally chartered and/or recognized or approved by the VA Secretary for purposes of preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims under laws administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Inclusion of non-chartered organizations does not constitute or reflect VA recognition of said organization and its representatives for purposes of representation of VA claimants.

For assistance, call the Minority Veterans line at (916) 653-1402 or the Deputy Secretary for Minority Veterans at (916) 651-5040 any time.