



The Salute Report

Keeping Us Connected!

January 2021



Who We Are and What We Do

The program centers on a personal relationship between the Soldier, who is leaving the military, and a Sponsor, who is trained and certified, and perhaps equally important, empathetic and dedicated to helping the Soldier and family members.

ETS -Expiration of Term of Service- should be an exciting opportunity for the Soldier who is opening the door to the next chapter of life. Yet, often, the stresses associated with walking through this door are challenging. The ETS Sponsorship Program ensures that the Soldier - and the Family - do not walk alone. Our Sponsors, who live in the community, will not only walk through the door with the Soldier, but will continue to coach and guide throughout the process.

This program builds a much-needed bridge between the VA and the U.S. Army. Our program provides the Soldier a real relationship with a Sponsor that is personal, connected, and meaningful.

For more information, please visit:

<https://etssponsorship.com/>

For questions, please contact:

Phlip Chaidez: 213-842-8874 or pchaidez@dmh.lacounty.gov

Liza Rodriguez: 213-264-2039 or lzrodriguez@dmh.lacounty.gov



WHAT IS ETS SPONSORSHIP?

When a service member conducts a permanent change of station (PCS), they receive a 'PCS sponsor' from their new military installation. ETS sponsors strive to fill a similar role for service members as the service member prepares to exit the military and move to their post-military hometown. Sponsors possess a unique understanding of their hometown and are connected to resources. They conduct virtual sponsor sessions until the service member exits the military, focusing on specific transition goals. Post transition, sponsors meet face-to-face with the transitioned service member at coffee stores (free coffee and meal) or convenient locations to refine their goals.

Who Should Volunteer: Anyone willing to give their time to assist transitioning service members.

Civilians: Becoming a sponsor provides an opportunity to serve your country and have a significant impact upon a transitioning service member and their family.

Veterans: Becoming a sponsor allows you to continue to serve your fellow comrades and their families.



Get Certified



Connect



Assist With Transition

Enroll online by visiting our website at etssponsorship.com. Complete three virtual training sessions as part of a cohort.

You will be matched with a transitioning service member moving to your community.

Assist your transitioning service member with identified goals as they transition to the community.



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
VISN 2 MIRECC
Transitioning Servicemember/Veteran
And Suicide Prevention Center (TASC)

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

Homelessness Prevention Program focuses on preventing new case of homelessness by stabilizing housing and working with the household to build a more financially secure future.

How to qualify:

- It is strongly recommended you make an appointment with our Housing Stability Advisor for a pre-screening and interview
- Valid ID is required
- Proof of income
- Proof of tenancy

For appointments and information, call:
PF Bresee Foundation Front Desk at
(213) 387-2822 ext. 113

184 Bimini Place, Los Angeles CA 90004



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School of Public Health

\$50 Thank you card for participants!

To learn more, go to:
[Tinyurl.com/accessstudy15](https://tinyurl.com/accessstudy15)

For questions, please call:
(213) 915-6410 or
Email: reach.access.study@gmail.com



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TELACU

Veterans Upward Bound

About this Event:

Hello Potential TELACU Veterans Upward Bound Student:

During this time, we continue to serve our veteran/reservist students. Our mission is still to motivate and assist veterans in academic development. Remember that the program is funded through the US Department of Education and is Free for all Military Veterans and Reservist.

New Updated Student Orientation will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2021. There will be two Orientation Sessions: 9:00 AM or 5:30 PM, online!

Join today by filling out the program application by emailing us at vetinfo@telacu.com.

New Student Orientation: January 13, 2021 @
9:00 AM or 5:30 PM
TELACU Veterans Upward Bound

[Click here](#) to register!

TELACU Veterans Upward Bound



Veterans Upward Bound

Provided FREE of Charge

- College & Financial Aid Application Assistance
- GI Bill / Work Study Information
- Classes & Services (Day / Evening)
- Academic Counseling
- College Advisement

CLASS SESSION SCHEDULE

Fall 2020

October 12, 2020 – November 20, 2020

Winter 2021

January 25, 2021 – March 5, 2021

Spring 2021

April 19, 2021 – May 28, 2021



Call us to enroll into one of our Class Sessions TODAY!

All new students must attend orientation. You will receive an overview of the Program, meet fellow VUB participants, complete the application process, and receive one-on-one educational counseling. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and receive an assessment of your current academic standing. Remember—all of these services are FREE!

Eligibility Criteria

- Low-income or first-generation college-bound
- Other than a dishonorable discharge
- Completed a minimum of 180 days of active service
- Reservist having completed a minimum of 30 days of active service

Courses Offered

Beginner, Intermediate
& Advanced Levels

English

- Grammar
- Composition
- College-Level Writing

Mathematics

- Basic/ Practical
- Pre-Algebra/Geometry/
Pre-Calculus
- College Prep

Computer Science

- Microsoft Operating Systems
- Microsoft Office 2019 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Internet Research

- Typing (Self-Paced)
- Foreign Languages (Self-Paced/Web Based)
*Must enroll in English, Math or Computers to qualify for this class
- Science (Web Based)

TELACU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

5400 E Olympic Blvd.
Suite 210
Los Angeles, Ca. 90022
(323) 723-2801

www.TELACU.com





AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

TO JOIN THE MEETING:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

DIAL-IN NUMBER: (323) 776-6996; CONFERENCE ID: 108860781

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1. Call to Order, 1:30 P.M.: Hector Elizalde, 5th District
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Patricia Jackson-Kelley
3. Roll Call: Stephanie Guerrero, Secretary
4. Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2020
5. Chairman Report: Hector Elizalde
 - Homelessness in San Gabriel Valley
 - Strategic Plan Updates Goal 2
 - Objective 1: Identify Individuals/Organizations that address Mental Health and wellbeing and provide information – Patricia Jackson-Kelley
 - Objective 2: Collaborate with Individuals/Organizations that focus on the underserved Veteran communities – Patricia Jackson-Kelley
6. Public Comments: Comments from the Audience on items Not on Agenda (TIME LIMIT – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
7. Veterans Identifier: Tess Banko (10)
8. Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Report: Ruth Wong
9. Items for Next Month's Agenda (The next Regular Meeting will be held on February 10, 2021)
10. Good of the Order: At this time, members of the Veterans Advisory Commission may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give directions to staff.
11. Adjournment
In memory of Brigadier General Chuck Yeager, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Ted Lumpkin, Tuskegee Airman.

This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. To speak on a matter not appearing in the agenda, but under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission, you may do so during Public Comments. When addressing the Commission, it is requested that you state your name for the record. Address the Commission as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Members or staff are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify the Chair and/or the Secretary 72 hours prior to the meeting at (213) 765-9679.

**LOBBYISTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST BE
REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 92-0071**

All meetings are tape-recorded, any requests for copies of an audio tape should be requested within 10 days after the meeting, thereafter all tapes are destroyed.

2020-2021 WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM



Operating dates: October 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

LAST UPDATED DECEMBER 7, 2020

ARE YOU IN NEED OF SHELTER?

The Winter Shelter Program is held annually to protect people experiencing homelessness during Los Angeles's colder months. Winter Shelters are located all across the County, and will be **operating 24 hours a day this year due to COVID-19**.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM?

To have access to the winter shelter program, you must be:

- At least 18 years old or older
- Experiencing homelessness

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A WINTER SHELTER SITE?

- Shelters will follow new "Safer at Home" guidelines to keep everyone healthy and safe indoors. This includes daily temperature checks and staff conducting a COVID19 screening questionnaire.
- Shelters welcome pets and emotional support animals.
- Shelters serve 3 meals a day.

For any inquiries, please email us at wintershelter@lahsa.org

ACCESSING A WINTER SHELTER

1 FIND A SHELTER

On page 2 is a list of shelter locations and their addresses. Pick one that is close to you.

2 CALL TO CHECK AVAILABILITY

All shelters require you to call first before coming. There are a limited amount of beds at each site.

3 PACK YOUR BAGS

All shelters have a **two (2) bag restriction**. Anything more will not be allowed into the site.

4 FIND TRANSPORT

Transportation is limited - refer to page 2 for sites that offer transportation.

For more information, please call the Winter Shelter Hotline **1 (800) 548-6047** or visit LAHSA.ORG/WINTER-SHELTER

Winter Shelter Program Sites

SPA	Location	Service Provider	Address	# of Beds	Phone Number	Population Served
1	High Desert MACC	Volunteers of America LA	45150 60th St., W. Lancaster, 93536	67	(661) 723-4873	Coed
1	AV YouthBuild	Volunteers of America LA	38636 9th St., E. Palmdale, 93550	27	(661) 723-4873	Coed
2	Pacoima Church	Hope of the Valley*	Confidential (please call for location)	57	(818) 257-8521	Coed
3	Basset Park	Volunteers of America LA	510 Vineland Ave. La Puente, 91746	75	(213) 503-3821	Coed
3	Steinmetz Park	Volunteers of America LA	1545 S. Stimson Ave. Hacienda Heights, 91745	15	(213) 503-3821	Women
4	Weingart Center	Weingart Association	566 S. San Pedro St. Los Angeles, 90013	49	(213) 689-2152	Coed
4	Echo Park Community Center	First To Serve	313 Patton Street, Los Angeles, 90026	27	(323) 758-4670	Coed
4	Pan Pacific Park	First To Serve**	7600 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, 90036	73	(323) 939-8874	Coed
Transportation services are subject to bed availability, must call 2-1-1 to confirm. Transporations Pick Up Locations: 1) West LA-Bus Stop (near the Gas Station) - Cadillac Ave/La Cienega Blvd, LA 90034 Time: 3:30p.m. to 4:15p.m. and Venice Skate Park at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice 90291 Time: 5:00p.m.						
6	Bryant Temple Women's Shelter	Bryant Temple CDC	2514 W. Vernon Ave. Los Angeles, 90047	20	(323) 792-4162	Women
6	Athens Park	Home At Last	12603 S. Broadway Los Angeles, 90061	63	(323) 787-7241	Coed
6	HAL Men's Facility	Home at Last	5171 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, 90037	20	(323) 305-6999	Males
6	HAL Women's Facility	Home at Last	8311 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, 90047	30	(323) 305-3414	Women
6	2nd AME Church	Home At Last	5500 S. Hoover Ave. Los Angeles, 90037	30	(323) 455-0056	TAY
8	Former Library	Volunteers of America LA*	5571 Orange Ave. Long Beach, 90805	80	(213) 328-9928	Coed
No walk-ins allowed. Transportation services are subject to bed availability, must call 2-1-1 to confirm. Pick up point at Long Beach Multi-Service Center (1301 W. 12th Street, Long Beach 90813) to access the site. Transportation by bus.						

* Indicates the site does not allow walk ups and requires transportation

** Indicates the site is walk up and has transportation services

Long Beach BLAST

(Better Learning for All Students Today)

All Long Beach residents with young children, as well as Long Beach based childcare and education providers, are eligible to receive supplies.

Distribution for families are scheduled each Friday and are expected to continue into the first few months of 2021.

For more information, contact City's Resource Line at (562) 570-4636, option 5



Infant and Toddler Supplies Distribution

Infant care supplies, including diapers, formula, baby wipes and more are being made available at weekly distributions to support families that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, residents can contact the City's Resource Line at 562.570.INFO (4636), option 5.

Dream Center

Drive-Thru Meal Service

Free meals available!

2301 Bellevue Avenue
Los Angeles CA 90026

WHEN: Monday - Friday

TIME: 11:00am – 2:00pm



THE SALVATION ARMY-COMMUNITY INTEGRATION SERVICES

Shallow Subsidy Rental Assistance Program

Who is Eligible for Shallow Subsidy?

LA County or neighboring County Leaseholders:

- Currently active in a rapid-rehousing program or 62yrs of age and active in a homeless prevention program
- Income Under 50% AMI
- Monthly income plus Subsidy must be at least equal to monthly rent
- Experiencing severe rent burden (60% or more of income towards rent)
- On a wait list for affordable, senior, subsidized or tax credit housing resources, or in an employment or educational program
- Stable as a Tenant - does not need case management / no lease violations
- Have been contributing towards their rent for at least 3 months
- Landlord is willing to work with the Shallow Subsidy

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

Jorge Garcia / Supportive Housing Manager
Email: jorge.garcia@usw.salvationarmy.org
Phone: (562) 936-8000

Crystina Leyva / Shallow Subsidy Supervisor
Email: Crystina.Leyva@usw.salvationarmy.org
Phone: (323) 629-7277

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) offers several forms of support, resources, tools, and services that the community can access, especially during these challenging or difficult times. Please reference the various resources and/or platforms listed here:

DMH VPAN Support Line: In June 2020, DMH launched the LA County VPAN Support Line that any veteran or military-related family member can call Monday-Friday 9a-5p to get peer support or help getting connected to resources. The Veteran Support Line is confidential and free of cost. To get connected, please call **(800) 854-7771**, option '3'.

DMH Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN): To make a referral or get information on VPAN, please visit: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/veterans>

Headspace: [Headspace](#) is an added resource you can access for self-care and/or use for coping.

We Rise 2020: You can also visit the [Why We Rise website](#) to learn more about the ongoing movement to transform the mental health care system.

Coping with COVID 19 resources: Visit our DMH website for resources and information at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/covid-19-information/>

LIFE (Low-Income Fare Easy) PROGRAM

To sign up

1. Visit metro.net/life to fill out an application.
2. Gather your copies of:
 - ☐ Your valid photo ID
 - ☐ The back of your TAP card
 - ☐ One of the following as proof of income: check stub, SSA/SSI award letter, tax return, EBT or Medi-Cal
 - ☐ Completed application form
3. Submit applications and eligibility documents via email, mail or drop off at your administrator: FAME Assistance Corporation (FAME) or International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA). Check chart at right.

LIFE (Low-Income Fare is Easy) Program

metro.net/LIFE

The LIFE program provides discounts on transit passes or free rides to qualifying low-income LA County residents.

To qualify

Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$39,450 or less
2	\$45,050 or less
3	\$50,700 or less
4	\$56,300 or less
5	\$60,850 or less
6	\$65,350 or less

To save on Metro fares

Metro Fare Product	LIFE Subsidy	Final Cost
Regular 30-Day/Monthly Pass	\$24	\$76
Regular 7-Day/Weekly Pass (up to four/month)	\$6	\$19
Senior/Disabled 30-Day/Monthly Pass	\$8	\$12
College/Vocational 30-Day/Monthly Pass	\$13	\$30
Student K-12 30-Day/Monthly Pass	\$10	\$14
Regular EZ Monthly Pass	\$24	\$86
Senior/Disabled EZ Monthly Pass	\$8	\$34
20 Regional Rides: Base fare only. Interagency transfers are additional cost.	Free for LIFE participants	\$0

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 - ☐ The back of your TAP card
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Do I contact FAME or IILA?

If you live in:

Antelope Valley	FAME
Santa Clarita	FAME
Central Los Angeles	FAME
Gateway Cities	IILA
San Fernando Valley	FAME
San Gabriel Valley	IILA
South Bay	FAME
Westside Cities	FAME

International Institute of Los Angeles (IILA)
3800 La Crescenta Av
Suite #207
Glendale, CA 91214

Call 818.244.2550
Email
lifeinfo@iilosangeles.org
Learn more at iilosangeles.org

FAME Assistance Corporation (FAME)
1968 W. Adams Bl
Los Angeles, CA 90018
Call 323.870.8567
Email
lifeinfo@famecorporations.org
Learn more at famecorporations.org

To use your LIFE benefits

Ways to purchase your discounted pass or load 20 free rides:

- > By phone at 866.827.8646
- > Online at taptogo.net.
- > In-person at a TAP vendor location. Visit taptogo.net/vendors.

Additional transit systems participating in the LIFE program:



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT EVICTION (EAPE) PROGRAM

To submit an application, access the form by [clicking here](#) and contact the Customer Service Center for further assistance by [clicking here](#)

Open to 1st time eligible EAPE applicants only. Need more info? Call the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777

GOOD NEWS for CalWORKs Families



If you owe back rent and/or utilities, the DPSS
**Emergency Assistance
to Prevent Eviction**
(EAPE) Program may be able to help.

As of October 1st, a new change has taken affect that allows first-time eligible EAPE applicants to **receive up to \$5,000 to pay back rent and/or utilities.**

To submit an application, access the form by visiting <https://bit.ly/34EvYJt> and contact the Customer Service Center for further assistance <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/customer-service.html>.

dpss.lacounty.gov



Open to 1st time eligible EAPE applicants only.

Need more info? Call the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777.

**Do you know a senior who can use our help?
Are you looking for a job? Helping Hands is hiring.**

We have:

- **Volunteers ready and waiting to assist with errands/ grocery delivery program**
- **Resources for temporary / respite support may be available**
- **Turn around time for senior facility placement, with qualified/ willing participants, typically 3-21 days.**
- **Mobile COVID testing available at any location in SoCal for qualified seniors**
- **Cleaning supplies and hygiene products available while supplies last**

**Please call: (818) 279-6580 or
visit www.helpinghandsla.org**

Do you know a senior who is HOMELESS or about to be?

LEARN ABOUT THESE GREAT RESOURCES:



This program is for seniors 65 or older or those with a qualified disability.
Our simple process: 1. Complete Intake over the phone 2. Wait for a call back from a Care Coordinator in a few business days 3. Connect to the resources you want!

Call us now for help!

(818) 279-6580
Serving Most of So Cal



info@helpinghandsla.org ▪ www.helpinghandsla.org

Are you a Veteran and want to become a volunteer with the Department of Mental Health Veteran Support Line?

For questions or more information send us an email at:

veterans@dmh.lacounty.gov

Or please visit our website at

<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/veterans>

You Matter.

▶▶ Veterans Support Line






Be there for other Veterans and Military family members by volunteering as a Peer Support Specialist!

If you...

- are a veteran or military family member
- want to make a difference in someone's life
- are searching for a new mission
- can dedicate 2 days a week, 8 hours a day
- want to gain valuable Peer Support work experience
- want 1:1 training with experienced consultants
- want to get access to ongoing high quality online trainings provided by UCLA/DMH Center of Excellence

Then we are looking for you!

To apply, click [here](#) and fill out the questionnaire today!




THE VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK

If you have additional questions please visit our FAQs page or by emailing us at veterans@dmh.lacounty.gov

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- ▶ LA County DMH Veterans Helpline
1.800.854.7771
1.562.651.2549 (toll-free)
- ▶ Military/Veterans Crisis Line
1.800.273.8255 ext. 1
Confidential chat at MilitaryCrisisLine.net or text 838255
- ▶ National Suicide Prevention
1.800.273 (TALK) (8255)
1.888.628.9454 (spanish)
- ▶ Didi Hirsch's Suicide Prevention Center
1.877.7.CRISIS
1.877.727.4747
- ▶ California Youth Crisis Line
1.800.852.8336
Teen Line
1.310.855.4673
- ▶ The Trevor Project (LGBTQ Youth)
1.866.4.U.TREVOR
1.866.488.7386



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ESSENTIAL WORKERS

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO/FROM
WORK BETWEEN 7AM – 3PM

VISIT [FACTRANSIT.ORG](https://FACTransit.org) OR
CALL: (323) 643-1675

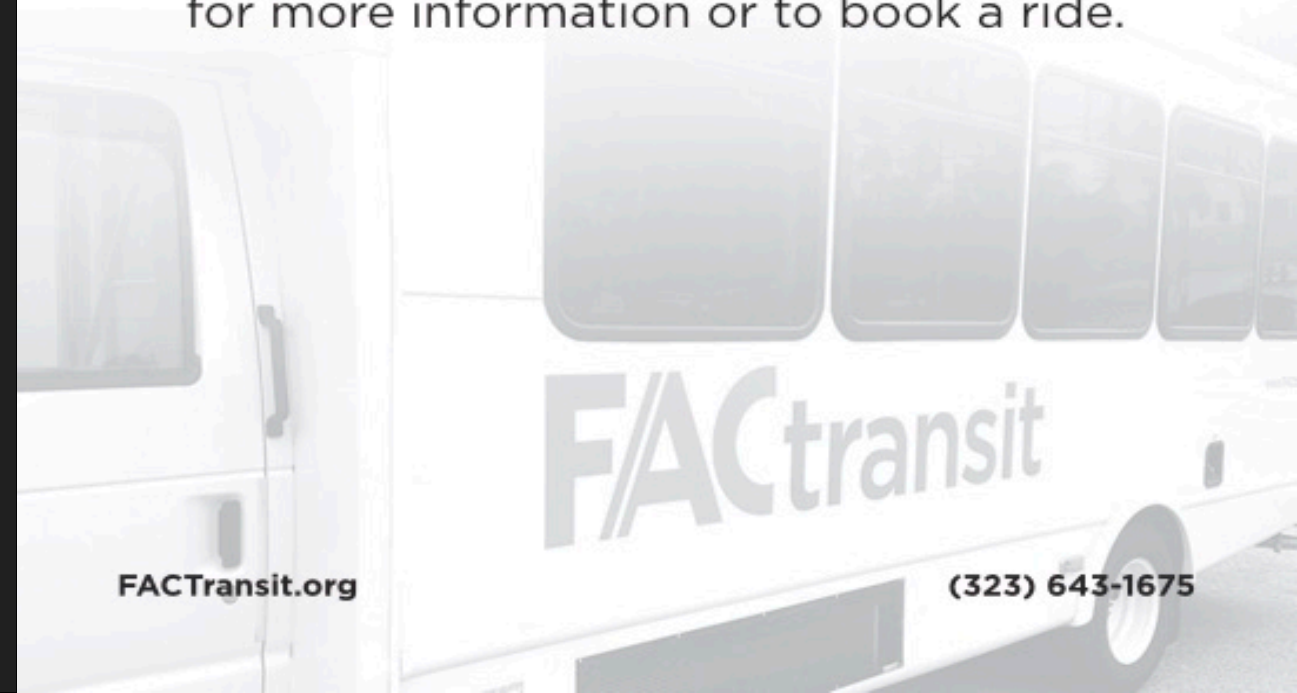
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Need a ride to or from work during the
hours of 7AM to 3PM?

Simply visit our website **FACTransit.org**
for more information or to book a ride.



FACTransit.org

(323) 643-1675

WESTLAKE SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

Offering woman and families:

- A safe place to stay overnight in a gated parking lot with a security guard on duty.
- Access to bathroom facilities, hygiene kits & other amenities
- Financial Assistance for program participants
- Access to a mobile laundry truck service

For more information, please contact
Christine at (424) 343-7752

LA COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO, LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY,
HOMELESS HEALTH CARE LOS ANGELES AND THE SHOWER OF HOPE
bring you the

Safe Parking Program

WESTLAKE



The program offers women and families:

- A **SAFE** place to stay overnight in a gated parking lot with a **SECURITY** guard on duty.
- Access to **BATHROOM** facilities, hygiene kits & other amenities.
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** for minor vehicle **REPAIRS**, registration/tags, insurance and driver's license renewal for program participants.
- Access to **MOBILE LAUNDRY TRUCK** service

For more information please contact:

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Gil Cedillo
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER, 11th DISTRICT

HOMELESS
HEALTH CARE
LOS ANGELES



DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

WHERE: Downtown Los Angeles
1815 S Flower Street, LA CA 90015

WHEN: Daily from 9pm – 6am

QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION

Contact Volunteers of America at
(213) 247-6261 or
dhampton@voala.org

SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

Downtown Los Angeles

1815 S. Flower St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

The County of Los Angeles Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will offer its parking lot for a Safe Parking Program. This program will provide a safe environment for 20 homeless veterans currently sleeping in their cars overnight.

Days and hours of operation:

7 Days a Week

from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

For more information, please contact Volunteers of America of Los Angeles at (213) 247-6261 or dhampton@voala.org.





**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO
ACCESS THE FULL PODCAST**
**[Blazing Battles with MVP
Episode 1](#)**

Stay Tuned for More

Please like and subscribe to our YouTube channel, so you don't miss a podcast! This is the first episode of many, and we cannot wait to continue sharing more on the unique experiences of military service members and their families in these ever-changing times. Also, be sure to follow us on social media using the links below.

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck

School of Social Work

Military and Veterans Programs

Blazing Battles with MVP Episode 1:

The Impacts of Covid-19 on the Military Community



Join USC MVP in a conversation with Dr. Carl A. Castro, professor and director of the Military and Veterans Programs, on the struggles veterans, military service members, and their families have faced during the coronavirus pandemic

Women Vets on Point are hosting a weekly Telehealth Support Group

Every Wednesday from
10:00 am to 11:00 am via zoom

For more information or to participate
please call/email Cristina Garcia at

Phone: 213-237-0009

Email: wwop@usvetsinc.org

Please visit our Website:

<https://womenvetsonpoint.org/newsletter/>



Women Veterans Telehealth Support Group

Feeling overwhelmed, isolated, uncertain amidst the
COVID-19 crisis?

Women Vets on Point is here to support you
during this difficult time.

Wednesdays 10am Telehealth Support Group via Zoom

If you are interested in participating,
please contact Cristina Garcia at:
(wwop@usvetsinc.org / 213-247-0009)

East LA (ELA) Vet Center is offering counseling and new groups via VA Video Connect

For questions or to schedule an
appointment please call:
323-728-9966

East Los Angeles (ELA) Vet Center
is offering
VA Video Connect and Phone Appointments
as well as

New groups via VA Video Connect
are being offered by
Esperansa Perez, MSW, Registered ASW
Readjustment Counseling Therapist

Call 323-728-9966

to schedule your counseling appointment for:

INDIVIDUAL

MARITAL AND FAMILY

MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

BEREAVEMENT

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VA BENEFITS

GROUPS



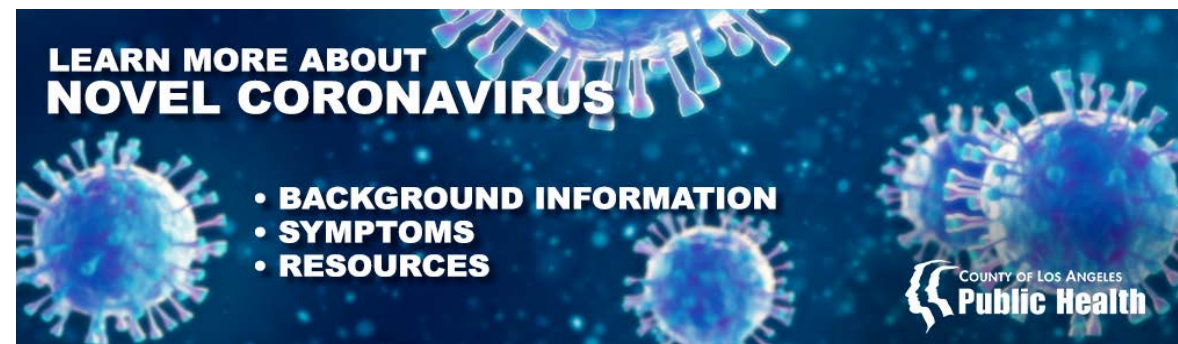
Los Angeles County Resources

To access resources regarding the below, please visit by [clicking here](#)

- Food
- Health
- Financial
- Shelter
- Housing
- Hot Lines

County of Los Angeles Covid-19 Resource Center

[Click here](#) for the latest information on immediate relief regarding traffic ticket relief.



County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (DPH)

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/index.htm>

Click on the above link to learn more about:

- LA County Road to Recovery information
- Learn more about COVID 19 in LA County
- LA County daily case counts & other data
- Safer at work and in the communities
- COVID-19 Racial, Ethnic, & Socioeconomic Data, strategy reports.

FREE LA County COVID-19 drive thru testing.

To schedule an appointment [click here](#) or dial 2-1-1

Free COVID-19 Testing

The City of Los Angeles, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort), is providing free COVID-19 testing to Los Angeles County residents.

At this time, testing is only for people with symptoms, such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms can now book a same or next day appointment.

Volunteers of America Los Angeles Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

VOALA received additional funding to help homeless veterans in LAC & OC with quick linkage to temporary shelters and homeless prevention services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For LA Screenings call: (323) 657-5550

For OC Screenings call: (714) 426-9834



Volunteers of America®

LOS ANGELES

Supportive Services for
Veteran Families (SSVF)

CARES Act

VOALA is excited to announce that we have received additional funding to expand services and provide additional assistance to homeless and at risk veterans in the community (LA & OC) to get veterans quickly off the streets and keep veterans from becoming homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is for a limited time only.

Services:

- Case Management Services
- Emergency housing placement and food assistance for homeless veterans
- Transportation Assistance
- Rental assistance for homeless prevention (eviction/3 day notice not required)

To receive services, veterans must meet general SSVF Requirements:

- Homeless or at risk of being homeless
- Under 50% Area Median Income
- Veteran status cannot be dishonorable or General Court Martial

Average Median Income Chart 50% or under

Orange County

(1 person) \$44,850 (2) \$51,250 (3) \$57,650 (4) \$64,050

Los Angeles County

(1) \$39,450 (2) \$45,050 (3) \$50,700 (4) \$56,300

OC Screening Line: (714) 426 - 9834

LA Screening Line: (323) 657 - 5550



Contact Information:

Phone Number | Email: (714) 719-3714 | jfajota@voala.org

Locations: 2100 N. Broadway Suite 300 Santa Ana, CA 92706

240 N. Breed St. Los Angeles, CA 90033

Division Manager: Jessica Fajota, MSW

FREE FOOD

When: Every Thursday

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00PM

Where: 501 S. Bixel St. LA 90017

Info Line: (213) 482-8618



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

501 S. Bixel St. Los Angeles, Ca 90017

(213) 482-8618

EVERY THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

*OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST

1 FREE GROCERY BAG

- Must be present to receive food
- 1 food bag per individual/family

Bags can include:

Tuna, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Oatmeal, Fruit, Meat, etc.





Updated COVID-19 Food Bank Guide



TO ACCESS FOOD BANK LIST:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Click Here for Updated Food Bank Guide



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Our mailing address is:

2121 S. Flower Street. Los Angeles, CA 90007

Tel: (213)741.1951 Fax: (213)741.1959

www.chirpla.org

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Free Grocery and Delivery Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities

County-Wide Program

Items may be delivered 24 hours a day,
seven days a week

No Application Process

Schedule Deliveries by calling :

1-888-863-7411

For additional details click [here](#)

A free grocery delivery program for seniors and people with disabilities was launched in Los Angeles County to help residents who are more vulnerable to the novel coronavirus.

The countywide program, called [Critical Delivery Service](#), will deliver groceries, household items and other vital necessities to those unable to leave their homes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here's what to know.

- Items may be delivered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- There is no delivery cost to the client.
- No application process is required, but items must be pre-paid and ready for pickup.
- Deliveries may be scheduled by calling [1-888-863-7411](#) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

**If you SEE something
SAY Something!**

**If you have any concerns
regarding any licensed care
facility. Please contact the
California Department of Social
Services! This includes Adult
and Senior living centers.**

1-844-538-8766

If You SEE Something, SAY Something

To report a complaint or concern
regarding any licensed care facility,
contact the Hotline at:

1-844-LET-US-NO
(1-844-538-8766)

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY
CALL 9-1-1**

You may also contact us at **LetUsNo@dss.ca.gov**
or by mail:



California Department of Social Services
Community Care Licensing Division
Centralized Complaint and Information Bureau
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

PUBLIC COUNSEL

Public Counsel's Center for Veterans' Advancement is providing FREE discharge upgrade assistance.

[Click here](#) for the required confidential online intake form

For more information contact the Center for Veterans' Advancement at 213-385-2977 ext. 304.



Attention Veterans

Do you need assistance with a discharge upgrade?

Public Counsel's Center for Veterans' Advancement
Is providing FREE discharge upgrade assistance.

Veterans will remotely (by phone or webcam)
work with a volunteer attorney who
will assist them pro per (self-represented) with
filling out the discharge upgrade application
and drafting a personal statement.

A confidential online intake is required at:
<https://form.jotform.com/200965124821047>

**For more information or intake help, please contact the
Center for Veterans' Advancement at 213-385-2977 ext. 304.**

*All legal services, provided by Public Counsel or Public Counsel-affiliated volunteer attorneys, are free of charge. Representation is not guaranteed.



Community Veteran Justice Project

CVJP is dedicated to helping all current and former military members regardless of discharge status by using California Penal Codes 1001.80, 1170.9, and 1001.36 to acquire alternative sentencing, diversions, and leniency for their misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. We also connect them with any other services they may need including but not limited to VA benefits, discharge upgrades, citizenship, housing, expungements, resolving tickets, and family law matters.

[Click here](#) or click on the flyer for more information

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OUR PROCESS:

Clients with pending criminal cases need to fill out our Statute Intake form [HERE](#) and our Release of Information form [HERE](#). Clients with all other concerns must fill out our General Intake Form [HERE](#) and our Release of Information Form [HERE](#). Clients must then email the Release of information form to office.cvjp@gmail.com and we will respond promptly. Please note: it is especially important on our end to have our clients' contact information, attorneys' information, charges, and scheduled court date and for the information to be legible.

OUR WEBSITE: www.cvjp.org

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES:

- [Help for veterans](#)
- [Food](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Mental Health Youth Services](#)

VFWC UCLA/VA Veteran Family Wellness Center

VFWC has provided us an updated Veteran and Family resources list including financial resources, a self care guide from VFWC and a resource guide from TELACU. To gain access to these resources, click on the links below:

[UCLA VA VFWC Virtual Resources 4-3](#)

[UCLA-VAVFWC Provider Caregiver Child Adult Resources](#)

[COVID-19 Resources Guide TELACU](#)

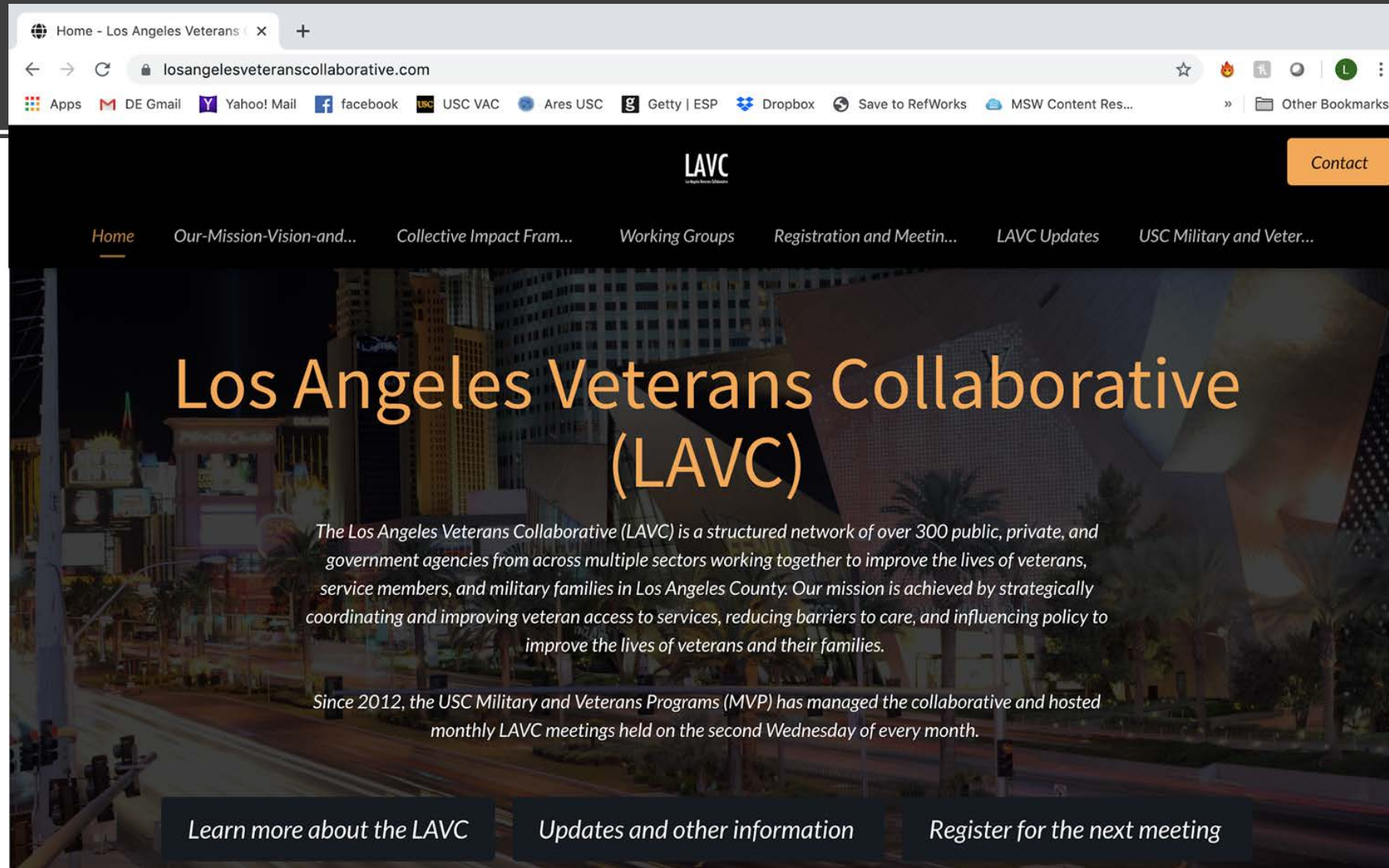


Although we are facing a challenging time, Metro Veterans Program continues with its recruitment efforts and seeking qualified Veteran candidates; currently serving all branches including Army Reservist & National Guard men and women, and their spouses on our current employment opportunities. <https://www.metro.net/about/careers/>

Please keep in mind that we DO NOT have a HIRING freeze at Metro, so please email those Veteran Candidate resumes to Veteranspgm@metro.net. We offer assistance to military service members and their spouses on creating their profile, resume and interview preparations.

- Dennis Tucker, Veterans Program Manager

Introducing the LAVC new website: www.losangelesveteranscollaborative.com



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lavetscollab@gmail.com



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- **Tag us in your posts regarding veteran events or relevant services.**

