



ANNUAL PRESENTATION

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Presented by Nevada County Veterans Services Officer

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MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK
NOVEMBER 4TH - 12TH



OUR MISSION

- The Veterans Services Office Advocates for the Veterans of Nevada County
- 10% of Nevada County's Population Consists of Veterans
- Assist with Filing Claims for Compensation
- Pension Program for Low-Income Wartime Veterans
- Benefits Available to Surviving Spouses
- To Connect Every Eligible Veteran to His or Her Earned Benefits



ABOUT US

Who We Are

- Operate on a Budget of \$642,908
- Fully staffed with three full-time employees and one part-time/temporary office assistant
- Veterans receive over \$45 million in benefits annually
- \$6.6 in federal benefits have been granted in 2023
- Awarded \$49,000 annually for two fiscal years for mental health services from CalVet Prop63 funding
- Traci Hart – Underserved Veterans Population Outreach Coordinator



ANTICIPATED DELAYS IN 2023

- On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed into Public Law the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 – Or the Honoring our Pact Act
- Most comprehensive bill to impact the VA in generations
- Entitled multiple generations of veterans to receive compensation for diseases due to toxic exposure
- Agent Orange
- Burn Pits
- Nevada County Veterans Services Office is synonymous with VA amongst the public

FOCUSED ON HIGHLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF NEVADA COUNTY

1. Reducing Veterans Homelessness
 - Currently eight veterans on by-name list
2. CWDA 2023 Fall Conference
 - Presented on the Integration & Innovation of our services
3. NACVSO eBoard
 - June 2023, VSO was elected for leadership by peers
4. Veterans Outreach & Wellness (VOW)
 - New partnership & collaborations to diversify how we engage
5. University of Southern California
 - Invited by LACVSO to participate in study of connecting veterans to benefits
6. Focused on Eastern Nevada County
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