

ANNUAL PRESENTATION

October 25, 2022

Presented by Nevada County Veterans Services Officer

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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

- Operates on a Budget of \$611,080
- Fully staffed with three full-time employees and one parttime/temporary office assistant
- Veterans receive over \$45 million in benefits annually
- \$5.3 in federal benefits have been granted in 2022
- Awarded \$49,000 annually for two fiscal years for mental health services from CalVet Prop 63 funding
- Traci Hart Underserved Veterans Population Outreach Coordinator
- Tera Ireland Senior Veteran Outreach Coordinator

Focused on Highlighting the Needs of Nevada County





Reducing Veteran Homelessness

Currently eight veterans are identified on county's by-name list



CACVSO 2022 Fall Conference

Nevada County hosted the CACVSO 2022 Fall Conference at the Gold Miner's Inn



NACVSO Training Team

June 2022, VSO was invited to audition for the NACVSO Training Team



Bringing Programs to Our Veterans

Ease of access is necessary for success and bringing programs such as Guitars 4 Vets to our office promotes participation

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



