



ANNUAL PRESENTATION

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Presented by Nevada County Veterans Services Officer

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MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK
NOVEMBER 8TH -16TH



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 \$845,072
- Fully staffed with four full-time employees
- Veterans receive over \$48.5 million in benefits annually
- \$5.4 million in federal benefits were generated in 2024
- Receive \$49,000 annually for two fiscal years for mental health services from CalVet Prop63 funding
- Become a model of providing quality & diverse services for other rural counties



FORECAST

- California SB 694 – Protection from predatory companies
- HR 1
- Prop 1
- Federal Reduction in Workforce
- Impact of Federal Government Shutdown

FOCUSED ON HIGHLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF NEVADA COUNTY

1. Reducing Veterans Homelessness
 - Housing for the holidays
2. CSAC 2025 Conference
 - Will be presenting on impact of CVSO's, SB 694, and fellowship program
3. Impacts of Leadership
 - February 2024, VSO was elected President by peers
 - Vice Chair of CA State Commanders Veterans Council
 - NACVSO eBoard Member
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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