



# Women and Minority Veterans Newsletter

August 09

## A Message from Deputy Secretary Barbara Ward



During the month of June, I had the pleasure of participating in the National State Women Veterans Program Coordinators' Conference and the Dallas VA Health Care System's site visit conducted by the Advisory Committee for Women Veterans. You will find a brief overview of some of the outcomes from the site visit as you read further articles in this issue of the newsletter.

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## Murray Introduces Amendment to Help Ensure Combat Experience in Iraq and Afghanistan is Being Recognized

*DD-214 change particularly critical to many women service members*

On July 22, 2009, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), a senior member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, announced that she has introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 that requires the Pentagon to begin studying ways to note on military records when service members who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan have been in combat situations. Senator Murray introduced the amendment to help ensure that service members in traditional support roles are not being denied benefits for combat-related ailments including TBI and PTSD. Senator Murray has been particularly concerned that women service members are not having their combat experiences noted and are then being denied care by providers who assume they have not been in combat situations. The Senate is currently debating the Defense Authorization bill.

"In Iraq and Afghanistan, where there are no designated front lines, many of our support troops have found themselves on the front lines," said Senator Murray. "Unfortunately, many of those combat experiences are not recognized on their military medical records.

Senator Murray is particularly concerned that many women service members who have seen combat experience are not having that combat recognized on military forms and are therefore being denied benefits for PTSD and TBI and other conditions by service providers who assume they have not seen combat.

<http://murray.senate.gov/news.cfm?id=316070>

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## **A Message from Deputy Secretary Barbara Ward cont:**

We are fast approaching our second annual CalVet Women Veterans Conference, which will be held next month on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel at LAX. This year, I have a wonderful group of women veterans, women commissioners and representatives from corporate sponsors, veteran service organizations and women veteran service providers assisting in the planning of the conference. You may register for the conference by visiting our website at: [www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov). The official announcement by CalVet is also included on pages 3 and 4 of this month's newsletter along with instructions on accessing our conference Facebook webpage. This year's 2-day conference will include workshops, outstanding speakers, varied topics of interest, an awards banquet and many other surprises. Each woman veteran who attends this conference will share in a phenomenal networking experience that offers valuable information regardless of age, service branch or dates of service. You are encouraged to register and make hotel room reservations online.

Conference attendees will also have access to onsite mental health counseling services, health care exams and some other treats as well. The Long Beach VA Health Care System will park their bus onsite to ensure that veterans can be immediately enrolled into the VA health care program, as well as be examined by health care providers. The Fresno Vet Center will have their mobile Mental Health van on site to assist women veterans as well. Conference vendors will include representatives from colleges and universities, along with women veteran service providers.

Many women veterans have never had the opportunity to visit the Women in Military Service

Memorial in Washington DC. However, at the conference you will be able to purchase items sold at this memorial and enjoy a presentation by General Wilma Vaught, president of the memorial's foundation. As you continue reading this issue of the newsletter, you will read about the plight of this wonderful memorial to keep from being closed. I hope to see you at the conference. Please join California's women veterans as we continue our legacy through telling our stories.

**Barbara Ward**

*Deputy Secretary for Women and Minority Veterans Affairs*

## **Marin Services for Women**

**Female Veteran Workforce Readiness Program**

**GET HER THE HELP SHE DESERVES**

- We treat PTSD, Dual Diagnosis and Sexual Trauma in conjunction with Substance Abuse Treatment
- We offer Residential and Outpatient Day and Evening programs and Transitional Sober Housing to those who qualify
- We are a Gender-Specific facility for women and offer Perinatal Care and a Child Development Center which accepts up to two children under the age of six per client.

We accept private payments, most private insurance, Medi-Cal and USDVA Authorized referrals.

For more information contact Paige Jenkins, Veterans Program Coordinator at [pjenkins@mswinc.org](mailto:pjenkins@mswinc.org) or 866-924-2220 x51.

**[www.marinservicesforwomen.org](http://www.marinservicesforwomen.org)**



**CalVet Women  
Veterans Conference  
2009**

***Continuing Our  
Legacy: Telling Our  
Stories***

**September 11-12**

**Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles  
Hotel (LAX Airport)  
6101 West Century Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90045  
Phone: (310) 642-1111  
Toll-free 888-716-8130**

- ✦ To provide a network forum for women veterans from all wars,
- ✦ To educate women veterans on their benefits and available health care programs,
- ✦ To provide assistance with employment opportunities, and
- ✦ To facilitate an open forum with legislative representatives and women commissions.



*Registration information available at  
[www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov)*

Access the conference Facebook page at  
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=99983803160&ref=ts>

You must register and create a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to access the conference page.



**CalVet Women Veterans Conference 2009**

*Continuing Our Legacy: Telling Our Stories*

**September 11-12**

***Hotel Registration Card***

**Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel (Airport)**

**6101 West Century Boulevard**

**Los Angeles, CA 90045**

**Phone: (310) 642-1111 / Toll-free 888-716-8130**

**Group Name: Women and Minority Veterans Affairs**

**Group Code: MWVA**

**Check in: September 11, 2009**

**Check out: September 12, 2009**

Conference rate is available 3 days pre and 3 days post conference

Online hotel reservations can be made at:

[www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0907011223](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0907011223)

**CalVet Women Veterans Conference 2009**  
*Continuing Our Legacy: Telling Our Stories*

***Conference Registration Form***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration forms and **\$25.00** fee (*make checks out to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 500*) to:

**Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 500**

**Attention: Women Veterans Conference**

**P.O. Box 255484**

**Sacramento, CA 95865**

**Contact: 916-653-2331**



## Assistant Secretary Duckworth Honored with Women of Distinction Award



On June 5, 2009, the Department of Veterans Affairs Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, L. Tammy Duckworth, was honored by AAUW/NASPA along with four other women at the University of Maryland, College Park. She accepted the Women of Distinction Award during the 2009 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

“Today, we have women serving in combat and being recognized for their valor and fierceness in battle. And

when they return home, President Obama and Secretary Shinseki are committed to improving the care that our brave warriors receive,” Assistant Secretary L. Tammy Duckworth said. “I am honored to be here today in the company of such accomplished and talented women.”

Since 1985, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders has provided a platform to help thousands of college and university women to develop leadership skills, network with other student leaders, and interact with women who hold leadership positions. The 2009 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, June 4-6, drew more than 300 campus leaders to the University of Maryland, College Park. The conference is hosted by the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute and the NASPA Center for Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development for Women. AAUW is among the world’s leaders in philanthropic support for women’s higher education and is committed to ending the underrepresentation of women and girls in leadership and key professional positions. NASPA, the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy, and practice, affirms the commitment of student affairs to educating the whole student and integrating student life and learning.

This year’s Women of Distinction awardees also included Diane Rehm, host of The Diane Rehm Show; Anucha Browne Sanders, senior associate athletic director of marketing at the University at Buffalo; Martine Rothblatt, founder of United Therapeutics; and Melissa Poe Hood, founder of Kids for a Clean Environment. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, gave Saturday’s keynote address.

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1696>

# Mexican American Veterans Memorial

By John Ochoa  
California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Committee

Representatives of the California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Committee are visiting with Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) to share their goal of beautifying and enhancing the Memorial that stands on 10<sup>th</sup> street across from the State Capitol. Robert Ruiz, Committee Chairman, announced that Memorial representatives attended the Disabled American Veterans and American GI Forum of California State Conventions in Sacramento, and were guests at the First Annual Veteran Appreciation Dinner hosted by the American Legion Karl Ross Post #16 (Stockton). Visits are also planned with local VSO chapters and other community and business organizations across California to urge their support of the Memorial.

The Memorial honors and commemorates the memory of Latino Veterans who have valiantly served state and country since California entered the Union in 1850. In its present condition, the Memorial is rarely recognized or visited by the public. It has been described as a “homeless soldier” devoid of recognition and honor befitting the status of other State Capitol commemorations. Groundbreaking is expected in 2010.

The cost of beautifying and enhancing the Memorial is estimated at \$1.3 million, and will be funded through private tax deductible donations that can be securely made online via the Memorial’s web page: [www.mexicanamericanveteransmemorial.ca.gov](http://www.mexicanamericanveteransmemorial.ca.gov). Donations can also be made payable to: California Mexican American Veterans’ Memorial, and mailed c/o California Department of Veterans Affairs, 1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For additional information contact the Memorial Committee’s Executive Officer: John Ochoa, (916) 651-7759 or Email: [john.ochoa@cdva.ca.gov](mailto:john.ochoa@cdva.ca.gov).



## CALVET OFFICES CLOSED THREE FRIDAYS EACH MONTH

In compliance with Executive Order S-13-09, CalVet Headquarters and District Offices will be closed three Fridays each month through June 2010. The specific dates offices will be closed are as follows:

July 2009	10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	January 2010	8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
August 2009	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , & 21 <sup>st</sup>	February 2010	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
September 2009	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	March 2010	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
October 2009	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	April 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>
November 2009	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	May 2010	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
December 2009	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	June 2010	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>

We apologize for any inconvenience this causes our veterans, their families, and our other customers. CalVet will be open during normal business hours during the rest of each month’s workdays.

The Governor's Executive Order may be viewed at <http://gov.ca.gov/executive-order/12634/>

# House Passes Advanced VA funding and \$\$ for Women's Programs/Construction/Homeless

By Kerri Childress  
Director of Communications and Congressional Liaison  
VA Palo Alto Health Care System and VISN 21

**House Approves Advance Funding For VA.** In continuing coverage, [CQ](#) (6/24, Johnson) says that by a vote of 409-1, the House "passed a bill Tuesday that would authorize advance appropriations for the Veterans Affairs Department." The measure -- HR 1016 -- "would require the Office of Management and Budget to request the advance funding a year ahead of time and make the VA submit to Congress detailed explanations of those advance-funding figures. The VA then would have to update Congress each July on whether the advance appropriations due in six months would be sufficient to meet the department's needs."

The [New York Times](#) (6/24, A20, Dao, 1.06M) reports, "The House approved legislation on Tuesday that is intended to prevent delays" in Federal "financing for veterans' health care programs, a problem that has disrupted services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for decades, officials say." The Times adds, "President Obama has endorsed the idea of advance appropriations for veterans' health care," and in congressional testimony, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki has "said: 'The care our veterans receive should never be hindered by budget delays. I share the president's concern as well as his support for advance appropriations as a way to provide uninterrupted care.'"

**Bill Passed By House Would Study Barriers To VA Care For Female Vets.** In continuing coverage, [CQ](#) (6/24, Johnson) notes that on Tuesday, the "House...passed a bill to authorize \$4 million to study the barriers women face in accessing medical care at the Department of Veterans Affairs and \$5 million to assess VA health services and programs for female veterans. The legislation (HR 1211)," which "passed by a 408-0 vote," would "create a new program to offer graduate medical education, training and certification to health professionals who give counseling, care and services to veterans suffering from sexual trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder. In addition, the legislation would authorize \$1.5 million in each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for a pilot program to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving mental health services at VA hospitals, as well as seven days of medical care to newborns of female vets who give birth at the hospitals."

**House Committee Approves Boost In VA Funding.** In continuing coverage, [CQ](#) (6/24, Johnson) reports, "The House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday approved by voice vote a \$133.7 billion spending measure to fund military construction projects and the Department of Veterans Affairs in fiscal 2010." Under the bill, the VA "would receive \$108.9 billion, about 15 percent more than in fiscal 2009." [CQ](#) adds that the bill "would...break new political ground by reserving \$48.2 billion for three veterans' medical accounts in fiscal 2011, a move that would put the politically sensitive programs on a two-year budget cycle, making their funding more predictable." Similarly, the [New York Times](#) (6/24, A20, Dao, 1.06M) says the committee "approved a bill that appropriates \$48.2 billion for veterans' medical care in...2011."

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## **House Passes Advanced VA funding and \$\$ for Women's Programs/Construction/Homeless cont:**

CongressDaily (6/24, Leonatti), which notes that the bill "allocates \$56 billion" for the Veterans Benefits Administration, \$45 billion for the Veterans Health Administration, "\$4.6 billion for mental health care, \$3.2 billion for homeless veterans' assistance and \$440 million for rural health," reports, "House Military Construction-VA Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Chet Edwards, D-Texas, said the bill also includes \$48.2 billion in advance appropriations for FY11 for three VA medical accounts: medical services, medical support and compliance, and medical facilities." CongressDaily adds, "The bill also allocates \$1.9 billion for VA construction projects."

## **VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans Visits Dallas**

July 9, 2009 – As part of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) upgrade of programs and services for women Veterans, the Department's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, an expert panel that advises USDVA on issues and programs affecting women Veterans, recently traveled to the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas.

Intent on improving USDVA programs and services for women Veterans, the advisory committee heard views on facets of physical and mental health care, benefits, access, processing military sexual trauma claims, women-specific health needs, and services for returning troops. In addition, Carl E. Lowe II, director of VA's Waco Regional Office, gave an overview of new benefits programs.

Members also had the opportunity to tour the Dallas USDVA Medical Center, Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center and the State Veterans Home in Bonham. The visit concluded with a town hall meeting at the Dallas Hilton Anatole that was open to the community.

VA accomplishments for women Veterans already in place include:

- More than \$32.5 million in Fiscal Year 2008 supplemental funding was sent to facilities for women's health equipment, training and supplies (including DEXA scans, mammography machines, ultra-sound and biopsy equipment).
- Women Veterans' program managers, advocates and advisors for women Veterans were made full-time positions at every VA facility, as of Dec. 1, 2008, to improve women Veterans' access, to coordinate necessary services and to assist in planning for comprehensive primary care at each VA facility.

Women Veterans is one of the fastest growing segments of the Veteran population. There are approximately 1.8 million women Veterans. They comprise 7.5 percent of the total Veteran population and nearly 5.5 percent of all Veterans who use VA health care services.

The USDVA estimates women Veterans will constitute 10 percent of the Veteran population by 2020.

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1726>

## Women Vets Don't Always Get Privacy at Veterans Affairs Clinics

Medical News Today

16 Jul 2009

Veterans Affairs hospitals and outpatient clinics under review are not always complying fully with federal privacy requirements, often exposing women when they bathe or receive exams, according to government auditors, [The Associated Press](#) reports.

"GAO investigators found that many VA facilities had gynecological tables that faced the door - including one door that opened to a waiting room. It also found instances where women had to walk through a waiting area to use the restroom, instead of it being next to an exam room as required by VA policy. At four hospitals investigators visited, women were not guaranteed access to a private bathing facility. In two of those cases, there wasn't a lock on the door. Female veterans told the Senate Veterans' Affairs committee that VA workers need to be better educated about combat situations that women face in the two ongoing wars. Beyond privacy concerns, there are other issues as well, they said, such as a lack of child care at VA hospitals and difficulty in finding diaper-changing tables." Last year the VA provided care to more than 281,000 women veterans, a 12 percent increase from 2006 (Hefling, 7/14).

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/157723.php>

## WASP awarded Congressional Gold Medal for service

By Air force Military News

A dedicated group of patriotic female pilots were recognized by President Barack Obama July 1 at the White House for their invaluable service to the nation more than 60 years ago. Women's Airforce Service Pilots Elaine Danforth Harmon, Bernice Falk Haydu and Lorraine H. Rodgers were joined by five female current Air Force pilots in the White House Oval Office to witness the president sign into law a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the WASP.

"The Women Airforce Service Pilots courageously answered their country's call in a time of need while blazing a trail for the brave women who have given and continue to give so much in service to this nation since," President Obama said. "Every American should be grateful for their service, and I am honored to sign this bill to finally give them some of the hard-earned recognition they deserve."

## Women pilots gave their all for America

*This story appeared in the Antelope Valley Press*

*Saturday, July 4, 2009.*

What better way to honor America today than with a salute to the Women Airforce Service Pilots, who are finally receiving the recognition they deserve for their role in helping the Allied Forces prevail in World War II.

Congress has voted to award Congressional Gold Medals to the women, who flew thousands of stateside missions, freeing their male counterparts to cross the sea and engage in combat missions.

Thirty-eight women pilots gave their lives on these missions.



# USDVA Leaders Discuss Diversity and Benefits at LULAC Convention



*Assistant Secretary Sepulveda, Acting Under Secretary Muro Pledge Inclusion*

Joining other top administration officials addressing America's Hispanic leaders this week at the 80th annual convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) were two U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) executives with pledges of ethnic inclusion and outreach to Veterans from the nation's second largest government department.

The conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 14-16, featured John U. Sepulveda, USDVA's Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration, and Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs. Sepulveda emphasized USDVA's commitment to hiring and advancement of Veterans, including Latino and Latina Veterans.

LULAC is the nation's largest and oldest Hispanic organization. Its mission is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community programs.

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1735>



## **WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO MINORITY VETERANS**

American GI Forum, California -- <http://www.agif.org/>

CA Department of Veterans Affairs – [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov)

U.S. Department of Defense -- [www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/mil\\_strength.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/mil_strength.html)

Asian Pacific American Organizations – <http://www.oceanational.org/>

Center for Minority Veterans – <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>

Buffalo Soldiers – [www.buffalosoldiers.com](http://www.buffalosoldiers.com)

Military OneSource – [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

National Native American Veterans Association – [www.nnava.org](http://www.nnava.org)

VA Benefits for Veterans of Enduring Freedom / Iraqi Freedom – [www.vba.va.gov/EFIF](http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF)

State Veterans Homes – [www.nasvh.org](http://www.nasvh.org)

# CALVET



## H O M E L O A N S

**Veterans: You may be eligible for a 30-Year Home Loan.**

**Contact CalVet at 866-653-2510 or visit [www.calvet.ca.gov/calvetloans](http://www.calvet.ca.gov/calvetloans) for more information.**

### *The Coming Home Project* **FROM COMBAT TO CONNECTION A RETREAT FOR WOMEN VETERANS – 2009 OCTOBER 8-11, 2009**

During this four-day retreat we will focus on healing, connecting, and finding our strengths.

Connect with other women veterans by sharing stories, experiences, and community; learn stress management techniques; exercise your creative side; and enjoy a beautiful setting through hiking and kayaking in scenic Marshall, CA.

All women who served in the military since September 11, 2001 are eligible.

The program is completely free. There is no cost for lodging, meals, and workshops or air travel.

Applications will begin being accepted on August 10, 2009.

Contact The Coming Home Project at [cominghomeproject.net/cominghome/](http://cominghomeproject.net/cominghome/)

### **FREE COUNSELING** **For Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and Your Families**

Don't think for one minute, now that you are back in the USA, you need to tough things out alone. When you were on duty, you knew who you could turn to and who could help. Now that you are home, we can help open the doors to enjoying the freedoms you have fought for.

With all that you have given to others, it is time for you to find your way back to the peace and happiness you deserve. It is free and we offer our hand.

Contact a Soldiers Project Therapist today at 877-557-5888, [www.TheSoldiersProject.org](http://www.TheSoldiersProject.org)

**US Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Minority Veterans Program  
Coordinators**

**Sam Maze**, J.L. Pettis VA Medical Center  
(909) 583-6848

**Robert Valdez**, Los Angeles VA Medical Center  
(310) 268-3526

**Paul Burton**, Greater Los Angeles Health Care  
System (818) 895-9596

**Irene Wellington**, Mather VA Health Care  
System (916) 366-5343

**Charlie Lonan**, VA Long Beach Health Care  
System (562) 826-5405

**Johnny Lewis**, San Diego VA Medical Center  
(858) 642-3306

**Lynn Hart**, San Francisco VA Medical Center  
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**Beth Stovall**, Palo Alto VA Medical Center  
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**Marlene Carvajal**, San Diego VA Medical Center  
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**Maurice Turner**, Fresno VA Medical Center  
(559) 225-6100

**VA Northern CA Health Care System**  
(916) 366-5346

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Veterans Health Administration  
Women Veterans Program  
Coordinators**

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**Julie Laguardia**, Northern California Health Care  
System, (925) 372-2494

**Kelli Johnston**, Fresno Health Care System  
(559) 225-6100 ext. 5446

**Cheryl Wenell**, San Francisco Health Care System  
(415) 221-4810 ext. 3956

**Gina Gutierrez-Rawson**, Long Beach Health Care  
System, (562) 826-8000 ext. 2534

**Lisa Roybal**, Loma Linda Health Care System,  
(909) 825-7084 ext.2985

**Leslie Satz**, San Diego Health Care System  
(619) 400-5087

**Callie Wight**, Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center,  
(818) 895-9555



**WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO WOMEN VETERANS**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs -- [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

CA Department of Veterans Affairs -- [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov)

U.S. Department of Defense -- [www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/mil\\_strength.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/mil_strength.html)

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services -- [www.dtic.mil/dacowits](http://www.dtic.mil/dacowits)

Women Veterans Health Program -- [www.va.gov/vvhp](http://www.va.gov/vvhp)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Women's Health -- [www.4women.gov](http://www.4women.gov)

National Association of State Women Veterans Coordinators -- [www.naswvc.com](http://www.naswvc.com)

National Personnel Records Center (Military Records -- DD214) -- <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>

Military Women Veterans History -- <http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb/>

National Association of Child Care Resources & Referral Agencies -- <http://www.naccrra.org/>

## Upcoming Events

### August 2009

August 13 California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee Meeting, Sacramento, CA, Contact John Ochoa at 916-651-7759

August 21-23 Yuba-Sutter Stand Down, Marysville, CA, Contact: Marvin King at 530-749-4967

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 11-12 **CalVet Women Veterans Conference, Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel (LAX)**

Sept. 9 Missing In America Project For Veterans With No Next Of Kin, Redding, CA, Contact Steve Jorgensen at 530-396-2516

Sept. 18-20 Sacramento Homeless Veterans Stand Down, Contact Alex Briones at 916-641-7599

Sept 25 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Native American Day, Sacramento, CA, Contact Malinda Dumisani at 916-445-9840

### OCTOBER

Oct. 16 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women Veterans Information Conference, Los Angeles, Contact: Ann Reeder at 323-517-1145

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 4 Women Veterans Recognition Reception, Sacramento, CA, Contact: Ann Thrikill at [Ann.Thrikill@va.gov](mailto:Ann.Thrikill@va.gov)

*A complete CalVet Events Calendar can be viewed online at [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov).*

**Women and Minority Veterans Affairs  
CA Department of Veterans Affairs  
1227 O Street, Room 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

