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As with the entire community, the City of Irvine supports its veterans, specifically through information, community events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and through the administration of the country's only memorial dedicated to those servicemen and servicewomen who have died in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts – the Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial at Northwood Community Park. The City also supports veterans through annual holiday toy and food drives, and has adopted the 2/11 Camp Pendleton 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

Resources the City provides as well as referrals to agencies/organizations are varied and address many veteran needs. The following links will provide you with information and resources focusing on veterans.



City Services

The City of Irvine offers a variety of services including housing referrals, transportation service for senior and disabled veterans, senior services, counseling services through its FOR Families organization, and referrals to nonprofit organizations serving veterans. Affordable rental housing located in Irvine:

<http://cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cd/housing/housing/affordablehse/default.asp>

For senior and disabled veteran transportation services: [TRIPS \(City transportation program for seniors and persons with disabilities\)](#)

Counseling services: [FOR Families \(City services and resources\)](#)

Senior services: [Irvine Senior Services and Senior Centers](#)



Housing

Veteran housing programs are administered through the Veterans Administration, CalVet and the Orange County Housing Authority. For information on ownership, homeless, and rental housing programs:

[Homeless Veterans Outreach and Support \(state Department of Veterans Affairs\)](#)

[California Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Veteran Benefits \(state Department of Veterans Affairs\)](#)

<http://ochousing.org/special/vash>



Employment Services

The state and Veterans Administration offer employment referral services and for information please visit:

[California Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Employment services \(state Employment Development Department](#)

[\(EDD\)](#)

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[Veteran Benefits \(state Department of Veterans Affairs\)](#)



Education

Educational resources are available through local colleges. Many have established special departments to create a one-stop center to welcome veterans and to assist veterans obtain education benefits to which you are entitled. Local educational institutions include:

[Veterans Services Center \(Irvine Valley College\)](#)

[Veteran Services \(UC Irvine\)](#)

[Veterans Student Services \(Cal State Fullerton\)](#)



Counseling Services

Veterans in need of counseling for drug abuse, alcohol abuse, depression can access services through the Orange County Health Care Agency and through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline organization. For information on these organizations please visit their websites at:

[Services for alcohol and drug abuse \(Orange County Health Care Agency\)](#)

[Agency\)](#)

[Veterans Crisis Line \(800.273.8255, Press 1\)](#)



Resource Guides

Looking for information on private and public resources? Many local nonprofit agencies in Orange County provide a wide range of services for Orange County residents, including veterans. The links below are a resource provided by nonprofits and the County of Orange focused on

veteran needs.

[Service Directory \(82 links for veterans assistance\)](#)

[Wide Range of Nonprofit Services \(American Red Cross of Orange County\)](#)

[Orange County Veterans Resource Directory 2015](#)