

## Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2018

Happy New Year! It truly was a pleasure to serve you and your family this last year and we look forward to seeing and working with you in 2018.

Here are just a few highlights of 2017:

From January 1st to December 31, 2017, total benefits claims awarded were 770, of which a total of **\$5,646,760.00** was issued to county veterans. From these, **\$299,668.71** will continue to be issued on a monthly basis. Additionally, sixty-eight State College Fee waivers were issued with an estimated **\$383,124.00** in savings to student dependent of service connected disabled veterans.

Also in 2017, we took thirty-two different approaches to connect or reconnect with veterans such as emails, letters (as this one), and or physical events. From these, we linked with 13,410 veterans and as a result, we saw 2,831 veterans or family members in our office. Of these, 1212 were first time clients. Additionally, 178 County Veteran IDs were issued in 2017.

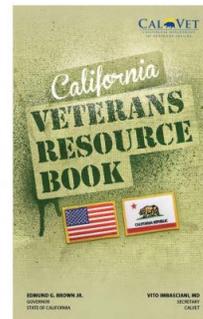
As we welcome the New Year, I want you to know our staff is fully dedicated to assist you in any way we can. If you served, you earned! Let us help you connect with and receive the benefits you deserve. Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family.

Respcetfully,

Your CVSO Office

The San Mateo County Veterans Services Office (CVSO) can help you and your family submit claims for benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs and provide follow up services to ensure that you receive the benefits to which you are entitled. All our services are free and confidential.

Contact us today at (650) 802-6598 or visit us at 550 Quarry Road in San Carlos.



**Get the Book! The CalVet Resource Book has great information on all VA and State benefits:**

<http://hsa.smcgov.org/veterans>

### WHERE TO CONNECT WITH US:

Tuesdays, 8:30am to 3pm, VA Menlo Park Building #348

January 19th - 8am-3:30pm, Peninsula Vet Center 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

January 4th, 11th, 18, and 25th - 8:00am-3:30pm, VA Palo Alto Building #4, Room #B210

December 14th - San Bruno VA Clinic 8am-3:30pm

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255 and Press 1**, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available. <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>



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