

# VETS QUARTERLY

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VSO Quarterly Newsletter

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# Veterans Services Team Member

## Veterans Services Officer 2023

Wesley Tucker was born in Apple Valley California, just outside of San Bernadino. At the age of 4, he and his family relocated to Shingletown allowing him to grow up nestled in the mountains of Shasta County. As a young man, Wesley moved to Redding, attended Foothill Highschool and worked at the local pizza parlor in Palo Cedro. After graduating high school, Wesley said he “felt the pull” to serve his country and joined the U.S Army in 2008.

Wesley has served in Ft. Gordon Georgia, Afghanistan, Bamber Germany and Baumholder Germany. After his honorable service, Wesley moved back to Redding California and began his career with Shasta County HHSA in 2014.

In February of 2020, Wesley became the new Commander of the Redding VFW. This would become the first step in enhancing the life of local Veterans and making Shasta County the best possible place for Veterans to live.

When Wesley is not at the VFW, or at the VSO, he, his wife Ayla, and their 3 dogs enjoy hiking, camping, golfing, and whiskey.

**Wesley Tucker**  
Veterans Services Officer



**\*Employee**

**Spotlight\***

TO: ALL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM (CFW)

In accordance with the provisions of the California Education Code, Section 66025.3 (d), the new income limit for otherwise eligible students under Plan B, for the school academic year (AY) 2023-2024 is \$15,225. (Income threshold attached to this email).

Although AY 2023-2024 does not start until Summer or Fall 2023, some students apply for the waiver early in the year. Before students can apply for the CFW under Plan B, awards for AY 2023-2024 MUST accompany a SIGNED copy of the student's income tax return for calendar year 2022 OR a non-filing letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Franchise Tax Board (FTB) that verifies that a return was not filed for tax/calendar year 2022. Non-Filing letters will not be accepted until after this year's tax deadline of Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Remember that many IRS and/or FTB offices do not issue non-filing letters until after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

As you know, CalVet introduced a new process for CalVet College Fee Waivers, beginning with the 2023-24 Academic Year. This new process requires you, the CVSO, to issue a new approval letter for Plan A and B recipients that contains an approval code. Attached to this e-mail is the CalVet College Fee Waiver System – CVSO Users/VetPro Web Guide. This guide outlines the steps to create the new Plan A and Plan B Fee Waiver Letters. Please note, requirements to qualify for this benefit remain unchanged.



TUITION FEE  
WAIVER

# April

- April 5, 2023 - Gold Star Spouses Day**
- April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday**
- April 14, 2023 - Air Force Reserve Birthday**
- April 23, 2023 - Army Reserve Birthday**

# May

## **National Military Appreciation Month**

A month to recognize and show appreciation to the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

### **May 1, 2023- Loyalty Day**

A day set aside for American citizens to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.

### **May 1, 2023 - Silver Star Service Banner Day**

A day set aside to honor our wounded, ill, and dying military personnel by participating in flying a Silver Star Banner.

### **May 4, 2023 - National Day of Prayer**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

*How can you pray for the military community?*

### **May 8, 2023 - VE (Victory in Europe) Day**

**(Celebrated May 7 in commonwealth countries)**

A day which marks the anniversary of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II on May 8, 1945.

### **May 12, 2023 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

A day set aside to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of

### **May 13, 2023 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day**

A day to honor the families our Fallen Heroes have left behind – especially their children. It's a reminder to the community that we have an obligation to support the families of our Fallen Patriots.

### **May 14, 2023 - Mother's Day**

### **May 20, 2023 - Armed Forces Day**

A day set aside to pay tribute to men and women who serve in the United States' Armed Forces.

### **May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day (Decoration Day)**

A day set aside to commemorate all who have died in military service for the United States.

# June

**June 6, 2023 - Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, know as D-Day (1944)**

**June 12, 2023 - Women Veterans Day**

**June 14, 2023 - Flag Day**

A day to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag

**June 14, 2023 - Army Birthday**

**June 18, 2023 - Father's Day**

**June 23, 2023 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday**

**June 25, 2023 - Anniversary of the start of the Korean War (1950)**

**June 27, 2023 - National PTSD Awareness Day**

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# VA



# U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced its 2023 goals for preventing and ending Veteran homelessness. Specifically, in 2023, VA will:

- Place at least 38,000 Veterans experiencing homelessness into permanent housing.
- Ensure that at least 95% of the Veterans housed in 2023 do not return to homelessness during the year. And of those who return to homelessness, VA will ensure that at least 90% are rehoused or on a path to rehousing by the end of 2023.
- Engage with at least 28,000 unsheltered Veterans to help them obtain housing and other wraparound services. This goal represents a more than 10% increase in the number of unsheltered Veterans reached during 2022.

The number of Veterans experiencing homelessness has fallen by 11% since early 2020 and by more than 55% since 2010. Additionally, during 2022, VA placed more than 40,000 homeless Veterans into permanent housing — exceeding VA’s 2022 goal by more than 6%.

“We are making real progress in the fight to end Veteran homelessness, but even one Veteran experiencing homelessness is one too many,” **said VA Secretary Denis McDonough.** “We will not rest until every Veteran has a safe, stable place to call home in this country they fought to defend.”

VA’s efforts to combat Veteran homelessness are grounded in reaching out to homeless Veterans, understanding their unique needs, and addressing them. These efforts are built upon the evidence-based “Housing First” approach, which prioritizes getting a Veteran into housing, then provides the Veteran with the wraparound support they need to stay housed — including health care, job training, legal and education assistance, and more.

Of the 40,401 Veterans housed by VA in 2022, 2,443 returned to homelessness at some point last year. With the help of VA staff and community partners, 86% of those Veterans were rehoused or on a path to rehousing by the end of the year. There are several reasons why Veterans may return to homelessness after being placed into permanent housing, such as financial hardship and illness — and VA works to return them to stable housing as quickly and sustainably as possible.



Our second meeting  
will be held  
**April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**  
Inside the  
Shasta County  
BOS Chamber

# TOWN HALL MEETING

2023 Dates: April 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>

The Shasta County  
**V**eterans **S**ervices **O**ffice  
announces

**Quarterly TOWN HALL Meetings**  
to be held in the BOS Chambers as a way  
for Veterans to have their voice heard.

# COMING SOON!

Speak with your  
Veterans  
Representative on  
YOUR time frame



The Shasta County  
Veterans Services Office

*YOUR VSO WORKING FOR YOU*  
*Questions, call or email today!*

530-225-5616 Option #1  
vso@co.shasta.ca.us

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023  
Our office will  
be offering  
appointments  
*1 day a week per  
representative*  
upon request

In person- by  
Appointment  
only visits-  
1 day a week

Virtual Office  
Appointments

Shasta County  
Virtual  
Veterans Services  
Appointments





Please feel free to email questions or concerns to us at

[vso@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:vso@co.shasta.ca.us)

Dates for Town Halls in 2023  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>

## Shasta County Veteran Services Office

Phone: 530-225-5616 Option #1

Visit our webpage for printable checklists.

*Under Our Benefits- at the bottom!*

[www.shastacounty.gov/veterans](http://www.shastacounty.gov/veterans)

Monday – Friday

8:30am -11:30 am & 1:00pm – 4:00pm

