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Redding Area Bus Authority to Provide Free Rides for Veterans on Fixed Routes and Demand Response Services

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024, any veteran can ride free on the Redding Area Bus Authority's fixed route and Demand Response services throughout Shasta County.

For the past 14 years, the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) has collected donations for RABA Salute to the Veterans. The event provides local veterans with a punch pass valued at \$10.00 to use on any RABA service. The Shasta County Veterans Services Office and Nation's Finest distribute the passes. In an effort to make it easier for veterans to ride RABA services, veterans can show one of the following forms of ID cards to get a free ride on any RABA service:

1. An ID Card issued by RABA. This is available through an online application, via mail, or at the RABA Downtown Passenger Terminal and RABA Maintenance Facility in Redding. Applications are valid with approval from Nation's Finest or the Shasta County Veterans Service Office
2. A DD-214 or ID Card issued by the Veterans Administration (VA)
3. An ID Card issued by CalVet
4. An ID Card issued by VA Health
5. A Drivers License or ID Card issued by State DMV with a veteran's designation
6. An ID Card issued by the Department of Defense

Those with current punch passes can continue to use them until supply is depleted. After that, veterans can transition to using one of the forms of ID mentioned above. RABA Salute to Veterans will continue to run annually in November to raise funds for the transportation needs of veterans in Shasta County.

"RABA honors the sacrifices veterans and their families have made to protect our country. Making it easier for veterans to get around Shasta County to access quality-of-life needs is important," says John Andoh, Transit General Manager for RABA.

In addition, RABA's operations contractor, Transdev, is proud to employ veterans, active-duty military members, and military spouses while providing service for veterans throughout our community.

For additional RABA information, please call (530) 241-2877, TDD/TTY: 711 through the relay service, email: rabastaff@cityofredding.org, or visit www.RABARide.com. Find RABA on Facebook, Instagram and X @RABARide.

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