NEW ADDITIONS TO THE VRC FAMILY

Please help us welcome these new libraries that have opened Veteran Resource Centers this year: Alameda County branches in Dublin and Fremont, Azusa, Corona, Huntington Beach (above picture), San Mateo County-Half Moon Bay, Santa Barbara-Central, and Sonoma-Central. We also saved enough on expenditures to bring Inglewood on soon.

Interest in and the understanding of how libraries can connect veterans with their benefits continues to grow - and with good reason. Want to learn more? Be sure to check out our Five Year Evaluation paper available here:


Remember, your monthly statistics are due by May 7th. Input them here with this easy-to-use link:

https://bit.ly/2O5ru4T
Two Minute Tips
FROM VRC STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

1. Set up a Referral Box on your Veterans Connect Desk so that visitors can leave their name and contact information to be contacted by volunteers when the VRC is open next. This will get used!
2. Get to know your local military Recruiting office. They often talk with veterans and want to know about your VRC. Plus they have SWAG which you might be able to pick up and use as handouts at the your desk!

3. Put the Veterans Crisis Line phone number into your cell phone. Yes, right now. You never know when you might need to use this out in your community. (And remember, it’s okay to ask someone if they are feeling suicidal). Courtesy of CalVet LINCs.

1-800-273-8255 and press 1

4. Share this newsletter with your library staff, director, and all library volunteers. Really, a simple email blast with the link or print out a few copies and place one in your staff room.

5. Keep copies of the NEW 2019 Veterans Resource Book at your public service desks. If a patron seems interested in the book, ask if they have served. Thank them for their service and offer them a handbook - this is a great icebreaker!

Thanks to Tina Zdilor, Riverside Public Library

Coming in June:
Blue Star Mothers
Book Reviews
Why I Loved being a Work-Study Student

"A veteran had emergency surgery that their medical insurance did not cover 100%. This was discussed with the VRC volunteer who referred the veteran to the CVSO. The veteran was enrolled in Veterans Healthcare, and the VA paid for the surgery."

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The new 2019 Veterans Resource Book is now available for bulk ordering here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJMP8G