



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR (VFW). POST 10125  
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August 12, 2021

TO: Post Commander

FROM: Service Officer

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

I. Mather VA Volunteer hours July:

- Five volunteers from Post 10125
- 4200 contacts/21 days=**200 contacts/day**

II. Veteran Services

- VBA at Mather (Mon, Wed 9-3PM)/916 364-6565 or call Nat'l 800-827-1000
- AMVETS (Mel Posey) (Mon, Tues 8-2PM full time) (Thurs, Fri intermittently)
- DAV drivers only on Tues, Thurs (need drivers)
- <https://www.va.gov> will replace ebenefits in 2022

III. COVID 19 updates

- Masks: Regardless of your vaccination status, masks are mandatory for all staff, patients and visitors inside all VA NorCal facilities. While on facility grounds, all must wear a personal face mask or cloth covering and switch to one of the **FDA-approved face masks** provided at a screening station before entering facilities.
- Inpatient Visitors—allowed on a case-by-case basis:
  - ✓ Seriously ill patients (non-COVID-19 or person under investigation patients) who are expected to die within a short period (i.e., expected to pass during this hospitalization).
  - ✓ Presence of visitors is thought to be important to care for the Veteran by his/her clinical team.
  - ✓ Must not be under the age of 18
- Outpatient visitors--allowed on a case-by-case basis:
  - ✓ Patients with physical and/or cognitive conditions, disruptive behavior, altered mental status or developmental delays (where the caregiver provides safety) when a companion is necessary to ensure the veteran can engage with care.
  - ✓ One visitor per patient.
  - ✓ Veterans without scheduled appointments, cannot enter VA to visit Canteen or Retail Store.

- Vaccinations:
  - ✓ Available to veterans, spouses, caregivers and CHAMPVA recipients.
  - ✓ At all VA NorCal locations by appointment or on a walk-in basis.
  - ✓ Please visit <https://www.va.gov/northern-california-health-care/health-services/covid-19-vaccines/> or 1-800-382-8387 option 8/TTY 800-877-8339

#### IV. Committees/Meetings:

- Voices of the Veteran Group
  - ✓ Our local Voice of the Veteran members partner with VA NorCal Employees to improve quality of care and services at VANCHCS.
  - ✓ An effective member is someone who:
    - ❖ can give constructive feedback
    - ❖ is excited to look at change, beyond personal need
    - ❖ will help find solutions to bring about meaningful change
    - ❖ can commit to monthly meetings
  - ✓ If interested in joining, please contact the Patient Advocate:

Redding OPC	530-226-7508
Martinez OPC	925-372-2883
<b>Sacramento VAMC</b>	<b>916-843-7034 / 4<sup>th</sup> Weds</b>
Fairfield OPC	707-437-1803
Yuba City OPC	530-751-4560
Chico OPC	530-879-5009
Oakland OPC	510-267-7810
Mare Island OPC	707-562-8391
Yreka RHC	530-226-7508
McClellan OPC	916-561-7540
Sierra Foothills OPC	530-889-0872

#### V. Construction

- Relocations:
  - ✓ Occupational Health has moved into their new trailer, 809 (next door). This will also be the future home of Audiology—stay tuned.
- Parking:
  - ✓ The gravel lot project continues, ETOC mid-late September.
  - ✓ Shuttle that is picking up/dropping off for the far lot across Femoyer-signage in the parking lot coming soon

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