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VPAN Overview

The Veterans Peer Access Network (VPAN) is a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health program designed to connect veterans and their families with the services available to them. Program goals are to reduce homelessness, suicide, under-employment, and dramatically increase ease of access to resources and services for the veteran and MilVet communities.

Who Can Use VPAN?

VPAN's services and resources are available to all Veterans and MilVet members of every age countywide.

- No specific criteria for time-in-service, service era or discharge status
- Regardless of VA disability rating
- No specific or exclusionary criteria for level of need/care
- No income level requirements

VPAN Services

VPAN is staffed by veterans and military family members who provide peer support and linkage to services to their fellow veterans and their family members. Callers are connected with housing, health care, financial, legal and employment advice & assistance resources, and clinical professionals are also available to assist those struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues.

Did You Know?

VPAN serves all Veterans and MilVet family members, regardless of time-in-service, discharge status or disability rating.

What is a MilVet?

MilVet refers to those family members connected not only to veterans, but also to those still serving in the military (active duty/ Guard/Reserves).

Department of Mental Health VPAN Rally Points

A VPAN rally point is a walk-in site where any veteran or family member can receive support or connection to services and benefits. They are also locations where events and trainings will take place for the veteran community.

Sup. District	Rally Points	Veteran Benefits Navigator*	Location
1	JVS SoCal vpan@jvs-socal.org	Alex Figueroa afigueroa@mva.lacounty.gov	1180 Durfee Ave. South El Monte, CA 91733
2	VOALA vpan@voala.org	Michele Felix mfelix@mva.lacounty.gov	700 N. Bullis Road Compton, CA 90221
3	Goodwill SoCal vpangoodwill@goodwillsocal.org	Hector Castillo hcastillo@mva.lacounty.gov	10324 Balboa Blvd. Granada Hills, CA 91344
4	Battleship Iowa vpan@veteranswest.org	Kenneth Gonzales, Jr. kgonzalesjr@mva.lacounty.gov	250 S. Harbor Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90731
5	JVS SoCal vpan@jvs-socal.org	Keith Niesen kniesen2@mva.lacounty.gov	237 E. Columbia Way Lancaster, CA 93535
VPAN HQ – Bob Hope Patriotic Hall		vpan@dmh.lacounty.gov	1816 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90015

***Veteran Benefits Navigators**, Department of Military & Veteran Affairs staff, are stationed at each Rally Point to assist veterans and their families with compensation claims, education fee waivers, housing vouchers, burial benefits and more. Feel free to visit or contact them if you have any questions.

LACDMH Veteran Support Line: (800) 854-7771, option *3

For mental health support and resources for veterans and military family members, available 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, including holidays. *This support line is staffed by L.A. County staff and volunteers who are veterans or military family members who have received training in empathetic listening and crisis support.*