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RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVED

Large Scale Multi-Generational Veterans Resource Fair at Cabrillo College

The Santa Cruz County Veterans Services Office (VSO), Cabrillo College Veterans Information Center, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are partnering to host a Veterans Resource Fair on Friday, October 2, 2026, at Cabrillo College in Aptos. The free event connects veterans of all eras, their families, and caregivers to essential local, state, and federal support. The event will inform attendees about VA benefits, healthcare and mental health services, housing resources, employment supports, community programs, legal supports and other valuable services. Cabrillo College Veterans Information Center will also be offering higher education opportunities for Veterans.

The VA Palo Alto is returning to Santa Cruz County for this day-long resource event, giving local veterans a chance to apply for and enroll in disability or medical benefits they may be eligible for without leaving the county. Veterans can also learn about California State Veterans Benefits, environmental medicine services for Veterans, accessing VA and other support programs for seniors, and the PACT Act, which expands health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances. Attendees can also take advantage of free face-to-face medical visits and toxic exposure screenings, connect with the Whole Health program and meet caregiver support coordinators.

"This resource fair is a way to connect our Veterans and their families to benefits that they have earned through their sacrifice and service to our nation," said JuanDiego (JD) Alvarez, Veterans Program Coordinator for the Cabrillo College Veterans Information Center. "Cabrillo College is proud to serve as a centralized hub for higher education and veteran resources."

"We are excited to continue making this level of support as easy to access as possible for our local Veterans, to help them be meaningfully connected to the benefits and resources they have earned, right in their backyard," said Andre Samayoa, Veterans Services Officer for the County of Santa Cruz. "All Veterans, their families, and those who care for veterans are encouraged to attend this day-long, large-scale resource fair at Cabrillo College."

Veterans Resource Fair

Friday, October 2, 2026, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, VAPA Lawn, Parking Lot L, Aptos, CA 95003

This resource fair is **free** to all attendees. For more information, contact the VSO at veteransservicesoffice@santacruzcountyca.gov or (831) 454-7276. You can also reach the Cabrillo College Veterans Information Center at vetcenter@cabrillo.edu or (831) 479-6110.

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