

# Veterans Services Ex-officio Report

## Sept. 2023

### 1. EDC Veteran Services Staffing Updates:

- We completed interviews to fill the vacant Admin Tech position and are hoping to make an offer soon. Our vacant Fiscal Assistant position reclass to Sr Office Assistant has been approved by the BOS and we will be posting that shortly.
- We have posted our open VSR I/II Position it will close on 09-20-2023. We will conduct interviews shortly after.

### 2. VSO Summary:

- The Pact Act rush has slowed down now that the deadline to receive benefits with an effective date of 08/10/2022 has passed. Unfortunately, a large number of veterans misunderstood the deadline to mean they could no longer apply for benefits relating to the Pact Act once it passed. We are now trying to educate veterans and their family members to make sure all veterans effected by the Pact Act apply for and receive the benefits they deserve.
- Attached to my report is a flier that explains a class provided by the VA on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. every month called Wellness Wednesday that is Financial Education. It is geared towards veterans and transitioning servicemembers to help them gain financial literacy to better use financial tools available to them.

### 3. Month Contact Report Aug. 2023:

- 229- Phone Calls
- 76- Scheduled appointments.
- 225- Walk-in visitors

### 4. South Lake Tahoe Updates:

- I continue to staff the South Lake Tahoe office on the second and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. every month. I assist between 4 to 6 veterans each time I am in the Tahoe office.

## **5. Key Legislation, AB 46.**

- The Senate Appropriations Committee announced on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> that AB 46 has become a 2-year bill. Which means, the bill can continue to be worked. Ab 46 is the bill by Assemblyman J. Ramos, that is attempting to make retirement pay received by taxpayer from the federal government for service in the uniformed services, and annuity payments received pursuant to a DoD Survivor Benefit Plan tax exempt. Ramos has attempted something similar in the past session and the bill did not make it past the Appropriations Committee. Please see attached press release.

**This concludes my report**