

American Legion Service Officer Report 8/26/22  
While walking.

1. "The county said the VA screwed it up so bad that I will need to hire an attorney."

I do not have any VA qualified attorneys that come to mind, but I was able to refer him to a VFW service Officer in Rancho Cordova that everyone raves over.

Hope she is still working.

The Legion used to be great, but since Covid they closed their Oakland office.

Now I am not so sure.

Also, asked him to check the Cal Vet website for info.

Here is a link:

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Legal-Assistance.aspx>

2. Criminal justice is sort of like opening escrow.

You can get into Vet court if you contingently offer a guilty plea, and the DA contingently offers diversion through Vet Court. Escrow is opened, but there are still contingencies to be removed, like are you VA qualified per the VA social worker?

In this case, per her attorney, she only gets released upon something happening, which has not happened yet, so, it is still premature to discuss the where and when of her release.

3. "I need help getting my car registered."

Watch out for that tip of the iceberg. Dive deep, and look at the iceberg.

Yep, he is homeless.

Referred him to Rene Evans of Only Kindness and a HUD-VASH(sort of Section 8 for Veterans) counselor.

4. "I need help with my teeth."

Getting dental care from the VA is challenging.

Referred him to the county veteran services for advice.

Told him there is a dental program with El Dorado Community Health.

Then he said the VA has given him dental services when he lived in Southern California.

So, he has already proven he is eligible.

Suggested a referral from his VA primary care, or call McClellan and see if he can just make an appointment.

Good luck to all of them.

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