

Veterans Services Ex-Officio Report

March. 2026

1. EDC Veteran Services Updates:

VSR Tisha Holy and VSO Jon Brown attended the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers Winter Training Conference at the end of Feb. 2026 in Wheatland CA. It was good training, and we celebrated the passing of SB694. Now it just needs to be enforced. One way we can all help is to be sure and educate others. If you hear about someone paying an individual or company to apply for their VA benefits, let them know that it is illegal for someone to charge a veteran or their dependent for assistance in the VA claims process, and anyone who does assist with the VA claims process must be accredited with Cal-Vet. With the passing of SB694 it doesn't mean we get a break. Now we join the fight for SB1407. This bill will remove the tax liability for Military retirement, and Survivors benefit payments. Facilities has started construction on the office buildout located in the Veteran Services Office last Mon. 03-09-2026. They expect to be finished with construction by Fri. 03-20-2026.

2. Monthly Contact Report FEB. 2026:

- 300- Phone calls
- 77- Scheduled appointments
- 86-Walk-in visitors

3. Semi Annual audit:

- We have received the Cal-Vet Semiannual audit report from the Jan. 2026 audit. It showed that other than an occasionally missed signature we have been doing a great job assisting the veterans in our community.

4. South Lake Tahoe Veterans Services office updates:

- No change to the SLT services provided to the areas veterans and their family members.

This concludes my report.