

Veterans Services Ex-Officio Report

June 2026

1. EDC Veteran Services Update:

As reported last month, the Veterans Services Office has been attending training with the CACVSO (CA Association of County Veteran Service Officers). I want to say thank you to everyone that helped get the word out. There are still 2 Tues. of training remaining. We will return to normal walk-in services on Tue. 06-30-2026.

2. Legislative update: H.R. 2102 AKA Maj. Richard Star Act

Those who served their country were injured in combat and forced to retire due to medical issues currently pay what is known as the warrior tax. They lose all or part of their retirement pay when they receive VA Disability Compensation. Their VA disability award reduces their medical retirement pay dollar for dollar. However, if they retire after 20 years of service, they are able to receive their full retirement along with their full compensation award concurrently as long as they have a rating of 50% or higher under CRDP (Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments). Also, there is another benefit known as CRSC (Combat Related Special Compensation) which is a DoD program that reimburses some or all of the retirement pay forfeited when a veteran receives VA disability compensation.

The Maj Richard Star Act if enacted will be law. It will give Retired Veterans with less than 20 years of service a choice to continue with CRSC or switch to the Maj. R. Star Act and receive their full retirement and compensation award concurrently without offset. Please let your lawmakers know you support H.R. 2102

3. Monthly Contact Report May 2026:

- 296 - Phone calls
- 72 - Scheduled appointments
- 108 - Walk-in visitors
- Approved Cal-Vet College Fee Waiver applications

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- 4.** South Lake Tahoe services were also impacted by the training the VSR's are attending. However, the days were changed to Thursdays during the weeks we are training and have to operate the SLT office. So there is no loss of coverage.

That concludes my report.