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Vet Center to Help Inland Empire Military Veterans Receive Care

Colton, Calif. — Vet Center located at 1325 E. Cooley Drive, Suite 101 in Colton will provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to combat veterans. An Open House with family events and refreshments will be held Saturday, June 5 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to showcase Vet Center services for veterans. Veterans can explore other veteran benefits with VA medical center and County Veteran Affairs staff who will be hosting information booths.

All vet centers are community-based. They provide counseling on mental health and employment, plus services on family issues, education, bereavement and outreach, to combat veterans and their families. They are staffed by small teams of counselors, outreach specialists and other specialists, many of whom are combat veterans themselves.

There are 232 Vet Centers located in all fifty states, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Since the first center opened, Vet Centers have assisted more than 1.6 million veterans.

The vet center program was established by Congress in 1979 in recognition that a significant number of Vietnam veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Today, all veterans who served in combat are eligible for care at a VA vet center at no cost, as are their families for military-related issues. Also eligible are veterans who were sexually assaulted or harassed while on active duty and the families of service members who die on active duty.

For more information call the Vet Center at (909) 801-5762

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