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**VA Loma Linda to Offer Patient Orientation Sessions**

LOMA LINDA, Calif. – The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System will begin hosting Veteran Orientation sessions on the third Friday of the month from January to April 2014.

The first informational session will take place Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. in the auditorium at the Jerry L. Memorial VA Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif. Additional meetings will be held Feb. 21, March 21 and April 18, also at 1 p.m. in the Medical Center Auditorium. Each presentation will be the same, so interested Veterans need only attend one session.

The Veteran Orientations will provide all interested Veterans – whether they are enrolled in VA health care or not – with information about benefits eligibility, health care, housing, mental health, and many other programs offered by VA.

No RSVP is required. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans who are not currently enrolled in VA health care can apply for enrollment at any time. Applications are accepted online at [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll), by phone at 877-222-VETS, by mail, or in person at a VA medical facility. If enrolled in VA health care, a Veteran does not need to take additional steps to meet the health care coverage standards of the Affordable Care Act.

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The Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center is the centerpiece of the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. Opened in 1977, it is located ½ mile from its major affiliate, Loma Linda University. The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is one of the top 25 employers in the Inland Empire. With approximately 2,500 employees and more than 1,000 volunteers, it serves more than 67,000 Veterans who entrust their health care needs to VA for a wide variety of services through inpatient and outpatient care. VA provides primary care and mental health at outpatient clinics located in Blythe, Corona, Palm Desert, Murrieta, Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville.