

A variety of resources to evaluate.

Please keep in mind that some URLs may have aged-out and no longer work.

Veteran-Specific Programs

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Veterans in Transition from Military Service

Veterans Affairs Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

1. VA Benefits and Services Participant Guides

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/transition/tap.asp>

2. VA TAP Course Catalog

TAP Courses

<https://benefits.va.gov/transition/VA-TAP-Course-Catalog.asp>

3. California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP)

California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) is a program designed to inform and connect veterans of all eras to their earned federal and state benefits as well as provide continued support and assistance as their needs change over time through five unique pathways:

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/California-Transition-Assistance-Program.aspx>

Veterans with Job Challenges &/or Significant Barriers to Employment

4. Compensated Work Therapy

Veterans Affairs program to help with health and re-employmentHow to qualify for CWT as a Veteran. Contact VA Palo Alto and request a referral to the CWT program from a social worker or Primary Care Physician.

<https://www.va.gov/health/cwt/>

Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) Consult Process

Thank you for your interest in the Compensated Work Therapy Program. The CWT Program serves the San Francisco Peninsula and South Bay regions and is dedicated to helping participants improve the quality of their lives through vocational rehabilitation. Its sub-programs include:

- **The Transitional Work (TW) Program:** A transitional work therapy program that emphasizes employment planning, coordination, and development. TW provides qualifying Veteran patients a time-limited, therapeutic work assignment with a goal of obtaining competitive employment.
- **The Community-Based Employment Services (CBES) Program:** Veterans who have a medical/mental health diagnosis, are homeless, or have other barriers to employment are assisted in obtaining competitive employment and are provided with support services.
- **The Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Program:** Veterans who are diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) are assisted in obtaining competitive employment and are provided with individualized support services to maintain employment.

In order to submit a completed consult, please ensure the following can be accounted for:

- 1) The CWT Medical Clearance template is completed by the Veteran's PCP or NP. This can be found in CPRS under the "Notes" tab as a "New note" titled, "CWT Medical Clearance 22685." The note documents any limitations that may impact the selection of a work assignment.
 - The CWT Medical Clearance note needs to be completed PRIOR to the consult being placed.
 - If Veterans do not have a PCP, Social Workers can facilitate a connection to one. During this time, they can contact CWT Psychologist/Clinical Coordinator Nana Dawson-Andoh, Ph.D, at ext. 27821 or nana.dawson-andoh@va.gov. Dr. Dawson-Andoh will triage Veterans for vocational assistance and a brief orientation with a CWT staff member while they await assignment of a PCP and consult completion.
- 2) Complete a new consult entitled "Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) Outpt." Any VA provider can place his/her name under "Entered by," but a provider with medical privileges MUST be the "Responsible Person," so their signature is required. Providers with medical privileges include Primary Care Physicians (PCPs), Psychiatrists, Psychologists, LICENSED Clinical Social Workers and select Nurse Practitioners (NPs).
- 3) Veteran has a Mental Health Treatment Coordinator, if being followed for mental health treatment. If Veteran does not have one, Social Workers are encouraged to help arrange for Veteran to meet with one before referring them to CWT.

Once a completed consult is received, Dr. Dawson-Andoh will review the chart and triage the Veteran for assignment to a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist.

If it is unclear which program may be most appropriate for the Veteran, he/she will be triaged to the treatment team for further review and discussion of clinically appropriate programs or community resources.



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5. Non-Competitive Special Hiring Authorities for Vets - Schedule A

Schedule A letters can be obtained from VA representatives, including Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) and others. Used with USA jobs.

<https://www.vaforvets.va.gov/vaforvets/JobSeekers/Pages/Non-CompetitiveSpecialHiringAuthoritiesforVeterans.pdf>

6. **Chapter 31 - Veteran Readiness and Employment**

If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, Veteran Readiness and Employment (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) can help. This program—also known as Chapter 31 or VR&E—helps you explore employment options and address education or training needs. In some cases, your family members may also qualify for certain benefits.

<https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>

Veterans with Discharge Challenges & Justice-Involved Veterans

7. **Upgrading a Discharge**

County VSO may be able to help with this process.

<https://www.va.gov/discharge-upgrade-instructions/guidance>

8. **Justice-Involved Challenges**

JOBS, HOUSING, AND REENTRY PROGRAMS FOR those with Felony Records.

<https://www.felonyrecordhub.com/>

9. **Fair Chance Act**

The Fair Chance Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2018, is a California law that aims to reduce undue barriers to employment for individuals with criminal histories. This law generally prohibits employers with five or more employees from asking a job candidate about conviction history before making a job offer, among other requirements.

<https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/fair-chance-act/>

10. **Vet Court**

PDF available here has info on Vet Court contacts

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Veterans-Treatment-Court.aspx>

11. **State of California Veterans Legal Assistance**

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

12. **State of California Incarcerated Veterans**
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Incarcerated-Veterans.aspx>
13. **American Bar Association Veterans Legal Services**
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/veterans_benefits/
14. **Justice for Vets**
<https://justiceforvets.org/>
15. **National Veterans Legal Services Program**
<https://www.lawyersservingwarriors.com/>
16. **National Organization of Veterans' Advocates**
<https://www.vetadvocates.org/cpages/home>
17. **Santa Clara County Probation Department Record Clearance**
A Record Clearance or Expungement of your conviction does help with employment, housing, student aid and other opportunities, however it does not completely erase the conviction.
<https://probation.sccgov.org/adult-services/record-clearance>
18. **Santa Clara County Probation Department Resources & Links**
Federal, State, Local government links
<https://probation.sccgov.org/resources-links>
19. **Justice-Involved Employment**
JOBS, HOUSING, AND REENTRY PROGRAMS FOR those with Felony Records. Changing the way people with felony records find work.
<https://www.felonyrecordhub.com/>
20. **Veterans Treatment Courts**
<https://www.courts.ca.gov/11181.htm>

Veterans Employment & Job Training Resources

21. **O*NET OnLine**
Use military MOS to see potential civilian career options. Scroll down on this page and select the Military Crosswalk.

<https://www.onetonline.org/>

22. Veterans Career One Stop

Veteran and Military Transition Center is a one-stop website for employment, training, and financial help after military service. Family members also. <https://www.careeronestop.org/Veterans/default.aspx>

23. My Next Move - Career Guidance for Veterans

Search careers with keywords. Browse careers by industry. Find careers like your military job. <https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>

24. Veterans Employment and Training Service

Our Vision: To enable all veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses to reach their full potential in the workplace.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets>

25. Veterans Curation Program

The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) was created for two purposes: (1) to provide veterans a bridging experience from military service into the public sector and (2) to process at-risk archaeological collections belonging to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

<https://veteranscurationprogram.org/how-to-apply/>

26. Hire Vets

Hire Veterans is the World's #1 Most Trusted Marketplace to Search and Find Top Jobs for Veterans.

<https://hireveterans.com>

27. National Labor Exchange

Employment departments for California and other states. Sign up here for emails with job listings.

<https://veterans.usnlx.com/>

28. US Dept of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service

The U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) assists veterans, reservists, and National Guard members in securing employment.

<https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/hiring/veterans>

29. Employment Development Department (EDD)

Services for Veterans While in the military, a veteran gains valuable skills and experience and the EDD is here to help maximize on those

gains. We offer resources for veterans to meet their career and employment goals to successfully transition from military service to a civilian career.

https://edd.ca.gov/en/jobs_and_training/services_for_veterans

30. ETP: State of California Employment Training Panel

Companies offering Veterans Training Programs

https://etp.ca.gov/all-news-posts/veterans_projects/

31. National Labor Exchange

Find Services for Veterans by State. Powerful daily emails with fresh job listings.

<https://veterans.usnlx.com/>

32. Veteran Social Interactions Training

Free courses for Anger Management, Student Academic Success, Parenting, etc.

<https://www.veterantraining.va.gov/index.asp>

33. Linked-In Veterans Free Premium Account Info

LinkedIn is a professional networking site respected nationwide and worldwide

<https://www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin/answer/a518653/linkedin-for-veterans-free-premium-career-subscription-and-eligibility?lang=en>

34. Veterati

AMERICA'S MENTORING NETWORK FOR THE MILITARY

<https://www.veterati.com/>

35. State of California & Counties' Veterans Services

Education, Employment, Healthcare, Home Loans, Housing, Advocacy, VA Claims

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/>

36. California Veterans Resource Book

This book assists you in learning about and accessing the wide variety of (many are free) services and benefits available to California veterans and family members. Our goal is to provide information about all of the programs offered, plus how to find out if you qualify, who to contact, and how to apply.

[https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Documents/Veteran %20Resource %20Book.pdf](https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Documents/Veteran_%20Resource_%20Book.pdf)

37. California Veteran Service Office Locations

Contact the VSO for help with service-connected disability filing. Our primary mission is to assist our Veteran community in applying for and obtaining compensation benefits through the US Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA).

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/CVSO-Locations.aspx>

Veterans Essential Needs - Housing, Health, Human Services

38. 10 Kirk Veterans Housing Facility (VHF)

VHF is committed to providing a community-based residential setting and support services for homeless Veterans in order to assist their efforts in returning to optimal independent living. Connections to Veterans health care and employment services.

<http://veteranshousingfacility.org/>

39. HomeFirst Housing Services

HomeFirst is a leading provider of services, shelter, and housing opportunities to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in Santa Clara County and beyond. <https://www.homefirstscc.org/>

40. Nation's Finest Housing and Transitional Services

Transitional housing, Permanent supportive housing, case management, mental health, employment services, homelessness prevention, Art Therapy, The Vietnam Project.

<https://nationsfinest.org/>

41. Know a Vet

KnowAVet? is a FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONYMOUS service. Our mission is to help make veterans, our families, and caregivers aware of more than 90 topics and issues we have Earned help for (through our service), available from the VA and/or community and private providers, in every zip code. <https://www.knowavet.org/>

42. **Goodwill of Silicon Valley**
Veterans Employment Program
<https://goodwillsv.org/vip-program/>
43. **Goodwill Mission Services**
<https://goodwillsv.org/mission-services/>
44. **Salvation Army Veterans Services**
<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/serve-veterans/>
45. **Health Care for Homeless Veterans**
The central goal of HCHV programs is to reduce homelessness among Veterans by engaging and connecting homeless Veterans with healthcare and other needed services.
<https://www.va.gov/homeless/hchv.asp>
46. **Bay Area Health and Human Services**
Food, Housing, Income & Expenses, Crisis Services, Transportation, Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Children & Family, Youth, Seniors, Education, Legal Services, Post-incarceration Reentry
<https://www.211bayarea.org/santaclara/>
47. **Luke's Wings**
Flights for families during Veterans Hospital Recovery and Rehab
Luke's Wings provides emergency travel planning services and airplane tickets for the families and loved ones of wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, and fallen officers, during hospital recovery and rehabilitation.
<https://lukeswings.org/>
48. **Open Doors to Future Possibilities**
Free services for Veterans and reduced-cost counseling services for general population. Counseling, homeless outreach,
<https://opendoorstofuturepossibilities.org/>

Essential Needs - Veterans Transportation

Veteran Transportation Options

- These change often and may/may-not remain in place.
- Many of these options require pre-registration.
- For the most part, travel to and from Medical appointments is easier.
- Travel to and from job interviews and/or the job is tougher to come by.
- Travel for individuals over age 65 is easier to come by.
- I'd contact Goodwill to get into their Veterans case management system to get VTA access.
- CWT at the Palo Alto VA can issue Clipper Cards when needed. Clipper Cards work on more transportation agencies across the Bay Area.

49. Free Transportation to/from Palo Alto VA Medical Center

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) provides free van rides to and from Palo Alto VA Medical Center for Veterans who don't have other transportation options.

<https://www.va.gov/palo-alto-health-care/dav-vans-transportation-for-veterans/>

50. Clipper Card - Bay Area Transit Card

- Confirm these systems at the Clipper site:
- AC Transit
- BART
- Caltrain
- City Coach
- County Connection
- Dumbarton Express
- FAST
- Golden Gate Ferry
- Golden Gate Transit
- Marin Transit
- Muni
- Petaluma Transit
- SamTrans
- San Francisco Bay Ferry

- Santa Rosa CityBus
- SMART
- SolTrans
- Sonoma County Transit
- Tri Delta Transit
- Union City Transit
- Vine
- VTA
- WestCAT
- Wheels

<https://www.clippercard.com/ClipperWeb/>

51. Transportation to/from Palo Alto VA

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) provides free van rides to and from Palo Alto VA Medical Center for Veterans who don't have other transportation options.

<https://www.va.gov/palo-alto-health-care/dav-vans-transportation-for-veterans/>

52. Community Cycles of California

Our mission is to strengthen our community by promoting economic independence for individuals facing barriers to employment through our nonprofit bicycle shop, charitable bike programs, and vocational training. Close to San Jose Diridon Caltrain/VTA station

<https://www.communitycyclesca.org/>

53. Good Karma Bikes

Provides bicycles to those who volunteer their time - including Veterans and others <https://goodkarmabikes.org/>

54. Lyft for Jobs Access

<https://www.lyft.com/lyftup/jobs-access/get-help>

55. Transportation for Veterans: HUD/VASH recipients

If Veterans are in housing supported by HUD/VASH, Ryan Bacon at the VA can help schedule rides 650-862-1369

56. County of Santa Clara Veteran Service Office

Contact the Santa Clara County Office of Veterans Services for potential options:

<https://veterans.sccgov.org/home>

57. Veterans Affairs CWT

CWT (Compensated Work Therapy) veterans can get Clipper Cards. Clipper Cards work on VTA, CalTrain, SamTrans and many other Bay Area transportation services

<https://www.va.gov/HEALTH/cwt/veterans.asp>

58. Uber/Lyft with VA Homeless Veterans

VA Partners with UBER and LYFT for rides – must enroll in VHA Homeless Program;

<https://www.usich.gov/news/va-partners-with-uber-and-lyft-to-offer-rides-to-veterans-experiencing-homelessness/>

Veteran-Focused Technical Training

59. Vet Tec

Possible stipend for veteran IT learning.

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/vettec-high-tech-program/>

60. Vets in Tech

Technical offerings from major corporations in the following and possibly more:

- Cybersecurity
- Web Dev
- Data Science
- AI/ML
- Cloud
- Sales
- Entrepreneurship
- PLATFORMS
- AWS Cloud
- Google Cloud

<https://vetsintech.co/>