



## **Veterans-*For*-Change Special Release** *A Voice of the Veterans*

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### ***Happy Veterans Day***

Wednesday is a special day to honor our nation's veterans.

As the son of a veteran, I know how important it is to recognize the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform make for our freedom and peace in America, each and every day -- and not just one day a year.

In the coming days and few short weeks ahead of us we will be sending cards and letters to our troops and bringing cards and letters to our Veterans in VA Hospitals and I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to ask you for your participation so we can bring your thoughts and messages of thanks to them as well. I know from my own experiences with my dad that these messages can mean the world to a veteran and their family.

Thank a veteran today for their service and sacrifice! For more information on where to send the cards and letters, send me an E-mail as there are two different programs under Operation Mail Call.

Not only is tomorrow about thanking our veterans for their service, but it's also about recognizing and recommitting to the promises we have made to them as a country. Our veterans kept up their end of the bargain when they served -- and now it's up to us all to make sure we keep our promises to them when they come home.

It breaks my heart every time I hear about a veteran struggling in our country today. That is a failure -- and one that must be addressed. This isn't a political issue -- it's a moral one. We can do better. And I am going to keep fighting until we do and I'm also asking you to do the same thing by calling on your Reps in DC and asking them to please focus their attention and actions toward Veterans, today, tomorrow, and forever!

Toward the bottom of this Veterans Day release you will find telephone numbers that are TOLL FREE, and I am asking you to please make those calls, go on to their websites and send them a message, please help us to help you make your voices heard!

To all our Veterans, Welcome home, and thank you ever so much for your service, dedication, and sacrifices! YOU do matter, and you have made all the difference in the world!

To all our Marines, we wish you a happy 240<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Below you will find several listings of businesses offering Veterans Day specials, click on the blue headline to find out what they offer, and what it takes to qualify. And for more businesses who offer Veteran discounts, visit the Veterans-For-Change website in the [FAQ's](#) where you will find hundreds of businesses offering discounts not only on Veterans day, but every day!

I'd also like to ask a special favor of all who read this, please take a moment to say a silent prayer for all those who have given their all. Even though they have their own day, Veterans Day is theirs too!

A very happy Veterans Day to you all!

My best regards,  
Jim Davis



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## California Launches Veteran Driver License and ID Card

*Veterans can apply for "Veteran" designation beginning November 12*

**Sacramento** – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) announce a new program honoring our Veterans by allowing them to apply for a "Veteran" designation on California driver licenses and identification (ID) cards.

"California's new driver license and identification card program honors and recognizes the military service of our Veterans," said Dr. Vito Imbasciani, CalVet's Secretary. "I encourage our Veterans to contact a local CVSO and start the process and learn about their earned benefits, just as I have. As an added bonus, the new 'Veteran' designation means businesses can easily confirm Veteran status when offering discounts."

1. **Get Records.** Find your military discharge certificate (DD214). If you need assistance obtaining your military records, then contact any County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO).
2. **Visit Any CVSO.** Take your DD214 and government identification to any CVSO to obtain your Veteran Status Verification Form. For faster CVSO service, you can make an appointment with any CVSO by calling 844-737-8838 or finding your local CVSO at [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov).
3. **Visit Any DMV.** Go online or call DMV for an appointment. Then bring your Veteran Status Verification Form to any DMV field office. Pay any application fees in addition to a \$5.00 Veteran designation fee, and complete all application and testing requirements. To schedule an appointment at any DMV field office, visit [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or call 800-777-0133.

"The DMV is prepared to start helping veterans apply for the 'Veteran' designation on Thursday, November 12, 2015," said Frank Alvarez, DMV Investigations Deputy Director and Veteran. "To make sure veterans are prepared when they visit any of our 174 field offices, we set up a [webpage](#) specifically designed for Veterans, Active Military, and their families to help them in this process and with other military services at DMV."

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CalVet: Thora Chaves, [Thora.Chaves@CalVet.ca.gov](mailto:Thora.Chaves@CalVet.ca.gov) 916-651-2147

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***Chili's Spreads Holiday Cheer to One Deserving Veteran and Their Family***

This year, Chili's® Grill & Bar will recognize the contributions of veterans and active military personnel beyond a single day by sponsoring the holiday celebration for one lucky winner and their family. This is an opportunity for people across the country to show appreciation for the service of retired and current military personnel.

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### ***7-Eleven Car Wash Locations Offer Free Cleaning For Military On Veterans Day***

Come rain or shine, U.S. military personnel and veterans can spiff up their vehicles with a free scrub on Nov. 11 at participating 7-Eleven car-wash locations stores. The freebie is available from 12:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, when the country observes Veterans Day. Current and former military personnel will be treated.

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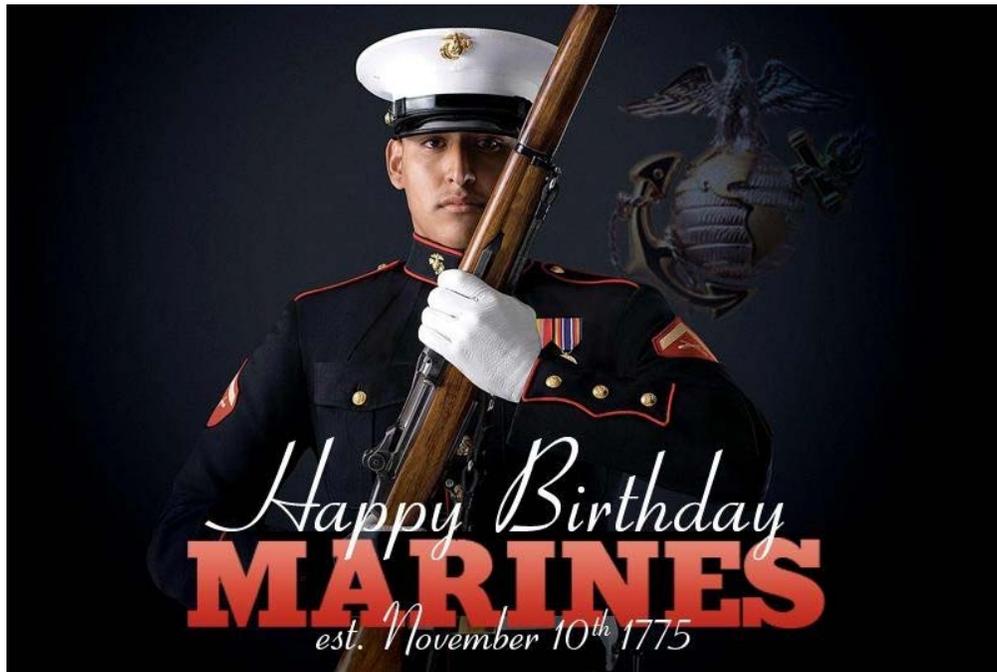
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### ***Outback Steakhouse® Honors Military Mates This Veterans Day And Offers Rain Check For Deployed Service Members***

To recognize all that military service members do for our country, this Veterans Day Outback Steakhouse is again honoring all active and retired military members on Nov. 11 with a free Bloomin' Onion and a Beverage. To express continued support for our troops beyond Veterans Day, Outback is also offering all Military Mates, including active.

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### ***Coffee Beanery Honors Veterans and Active Duty Military with Free Tall Coffee on Veterans Day***

In honor of those who serve in the U.S. Military, Coffee Beanery wants to salute our country's veterans and active duty military this Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th with free coffee. Participating Coffee Beanery locations across the country will offer a free tall cup of fresh brewed coffee all day on November 11th.

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### ***Chicken Salad Chick Salutes Veterans With Free Meal On Veteran's Day***

Chicken Salad Chick, the nation's only southern inspired, fast casual chicken salad restaurant concept, is saluting US service men and women this Veteran's Day by offering a free Original Chick at all 43 locations. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, veterans who present proof of service in the form of ID Card\* will receive one sandwich.

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### ***Sheetz celebrates Veterans Day with free meal***

Sheetz, one of America's fastest growing family-owned and operated convenience store chains is showing its gratitude for veterans and active duty military personnel this Veterans Day. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Sheetz invites all veterans and current servicemen and women to enjoy a free 6 inch turkey sub, regular size fountain drink and a carwash.

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### ***Free Car Wash For Veterans On Veterans Day At All Quick Quack Car Wash Locations***

Quick Quack Car Wash, a growing chain of exterior-only, express car washes, has announced that it will be offering a free car wash to all veterans and active military personnel on Veteran's Day in conjunction with the nationwide "Grace for Vets" program. Quick Quack Car Wash is "drought-friendly" by conserving and recycling water.

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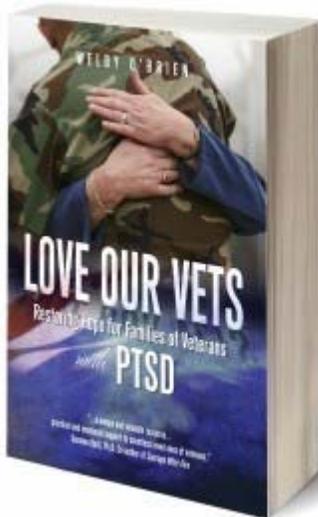
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### ***Red Robin Thanks Military Members for Their Service with Free Tavern Double Burger on Veterans Day***

In honor of those who have served, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (Red Robin) is giving back to veterans and active duty military personnel again this Veterans Day. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Gourmet Burger Authority invites all veterans and current servicemen and women to enjoy a FREE Red's Tavern Double burger with Bottomless Steak fries.

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### ***Love Our Vets: Restoring Hope for Families of Veterans with PTSD***

by Welby O'Brien

Chances are that if your loved one has seen war, he or she has PTSD at some level, and you who love your vet will also be deeply and profoundly affected.

PTSD can affect ANYONE, not just veterans. In the U.S. alone it affects millions, along with all those who live with them and care about them. "LOVE OUR VETS" is devoted to addressing the unique needs of that special nucleus of friends and family surrounding the PTSD survivor.

You may not have PTSD, but if you are living with someone who does, you are suffering from it as well.

AVAILABLE WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD  
Paperback or electronic versions (Kindle and Nook)  
Buy the book from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) today!

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### ***Adopt a Pet***

Many animals shelters across the country are giving Veterans a chance to adopt a pet for no charge at all.

Those who have PTSD and have tried or are trying to get a service dog, been denied or tired of waiting, please, seriously consider just calling shelters in your area and see if they are participating in the free Adopt-A-Pet campaign for Veterans.

Seriously, once you adopt one, you will see the difference in your attitude, mood, emotions and more. Dogs can detect how their owner is feeling and almost always immediately respond by being by your side, loving on you and only asking for love in return. This alone could seriously make the world of difference for you, and for them!

Not only will you be saving a life, but, think about this: You not only save one life, but you're saving two lives! Yours and theirs!

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## ***Veterans-For-Change, Inc.***

Riverside County, CA

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[www.veterans-for-change.org](http://www.veterans-for-change.org)

*Serving those who served!*

***Please pass to all your Veteran friends and family!***