



Sonoma County-Based Nonprofit Taking Steps to Ensure Safety and Well-being of Local Veterans and Their Families

SANTA ROSA, Calif. – October 28, 2019 – Employees of Veterans Resource Centers of America (“VRC”), a Santa Rosa-based nonprofit founded in 1972 that provides housing, clinical services, case management, and more to thousands of veterans each year at 14 locations across Northern California, Arizona, and Nevada, are taking steps to ensure the safety and well-being of local veterans and their families in response to the ongoing power outages and evacuations affecting Sonoma County.

- The agency’s corporate headquarters, located at 2455 Bennett Valley Rd. in Santa Rosa, remains open and can be reached during business hours by dialing 707-578-2785.
- VRC’s local resource center, located at 444 10th St. in downtown Santa Rosa, is without power and remains closed until further notice.
- Hearn House, a 16-bed residential treatment program located on Hearn Avenue in Santa Rosa, has been evacuated. All residents have been accounted for and those in need of assistance have been transported by VRC staff to one of the designated evacuation shelters in Sonoma and Marin counties or to another VRC facility in Sacramento.
- Rocca House, a sober living facility for veterans located off Payran St. near the Petaluma fairgrounds, remains open and all residents have been accounted for.

Veterans who are experiencing a crisis, or family members of a veteran in crisis, should contact the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 1-800-273-8255 or by sending a text message to 838255 to connect with a VA responder.

Despite the heroic efforts of first responders to contain the fires and reports that PG&E could soon restore power to the area, authorities are warning that additional high wind events could continue on Tuesday and pose additional, prolonged challenges to residents in and around Sonoma County.

Unanticipated, catastrophic events like the Kincade Fire pose a significant burden on agency resources and are not supported through VA funding and other federal grant programs. If you are interested in volunteering, donating goods, or making a secure online donation to support these efforts to assist veterans who have been impacted by the wildfires, please visit www.vetsresource.org. Please specify in the comments section that the donation is for the Kincade Fire.

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About Veterans Resource Centers of America

Veterans Resource Centers of America is a community-based nonprofit focused on the overall wellness and reintegration of American military veterans from all eras. Founded in 1972 by a group of Vietnam veterans, we have 14 resource centers embedded in local communities across California, Arizona, and Nevada. With a primary focus on housing assistance, behavioral health treatment and case management, we take a holistic approach to addressing the individual needs of each veteran and pride ourselves on helping veterans help themselves. We are certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and we provide the highest standard of care. Find out more by visiting www.vetsresource.org or reviewing our [GuideStar](#) profile.