**LOCATIONS**

* **Kern County Veteran Service Office**

Phone number: [(661) 868-7300](https://www.google.com/search?q=kern+county+veteran+service+office&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS969US969&oq=kern+County+Veteran+Service+Office&aqs=chrome.0.0i512.2453j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

**Toll-free Phone**: (866) 218-5367

**Fax**: (661) 631-0519

Address: 1120 Golden State Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Office hours: Monday to Thursday from 8AM – 5PM, Friday from 8AM – 12noon

**Email**: kernvets@kerncounty.com

Website: <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/veterans-service>

* **Bakersfield Community Based Outpatient Clinic**

1801 Westwind Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Phone: 661-632-1800
Fax: 661-632-1888

Office hours: Monday to Friday from 8AM- 4:30PM

* **Veterans Affairs Vet Center**

Address: 1110 Golden State Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Phone: [(661) 323-8387](https://www.google.com/search?q=VA%20medical%20center-%20kern%20county&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS969US969&oq=VA+medical+center-+kern+county&aqs=chrome..69i57j33i22i29i30.8127j0j9&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&tbs=lrf:!1m4!1u3!2m2!3m1!1e1!1m4!1u16!2m2!16m1!1e1!1m4!1u16!2m2!16m1!1e2!2m1!1e16!2m1!1e3!3sIAE,lf:1,lf_ui:4&tbm=lcl&sxsrf=AOaemvLpTH8Mrdiv_x7ylg9HjIIVhb3MxQ:1640803594832&rflfq=1&num=10&rldimm=3024878504620767603&lqi=Ch5WQSBtZWRpY2FsIGNlbnRlci0ga2VybiBjb3VudHkiA4gBAUiBk7XC5YCAgAhaMRAAEAEQAhgAGAIiHXZhIG1lZGljYWwgY2VudGVyIGtlcm4gY291bnR5KgYIAxABEAKSAQ92ZXRlcmFuc19jZW50ZXKaASRDaGREU1VoTk1HOW5TMFZKUTBGblNVTnBhbVZFYW1wUlJSQUKqARkQASoVIhF2YSBtZWRpY2FsIGNlbnRlcigA&ved=2ahUKEwjvr6nb1Yn1AhXsGDQIHZ4VAnoQvS56BAgDECM&rlst=f)

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8AM – 5:30PM

* **Lancaster VA Clinic**

Address: 340 E Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93535

Phone: [(661) 729-8655](https://www.google.com/search?q=VA%20medical%20center-%20kern%20county&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS969US969&oq=VA+medical+center-+kern+county&aqs=chrome..69i57j33i22i29i30.8127j0j9&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&tbs=lrf:!1m4!1u3!2m2!3m1!1e1!1m4!1u16!2m2!16m1!1e1!1m4!1u16!2m2!16m1!1e2!2m1!1e16!2m1!1e3!3sIAE,lf:1,lf_ui:4&tbm=lcl&sxsrf=AOaemvLpTH8Mrdiv_x7ylg9HjIIVhb3MxQ:1640803594832&rflfq=1&num=10&rldimm=3024878504620767603&lqi=Ch5WQSBtZWRpY2FsIGNlbnRlci0ga2VybiBjb3VudHkiA4gBAUiBk7XC5YCAgAhaMRAAEAEQAhgAGAIiHXZhIG1lZGljYWwgY2VudGVyIGtlcm4gY291bnR5KgYIAxABEAKSAQ92ZXRlcmFuc19jZW50ZXKaASRDaGREU1VoTk1HOW5TMFZKUTBGblNVTnBhbVZFYW1wUlJSQUKqARkQASoVIhF2YSBtZWRpY2FsIGNlbnRlcigA&ved=2ahUKEwjvr6nb1Yn1AhXsGDQIHZ4VAnoQvS56BAgDECM&rlst=f)

Office hours: 8AM – 4:30PM

* **Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

Address: 2615 E Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA 93703

Phone number: 559-225-6100

Hours of operation: 24-hours

* **Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing**

Phone number: 559-627-3700 Ext. 125

Physical Address: 5140 West Cypress Avenue

Mailing Address: PO Box 791, Visalia CA 93279

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8AM – 5PM

Eligibility: Must be a veteran and homeless.

**Disability Compensation**

Disability compensation is a benefit paid to Veterans because of injuries or disease that happened during active duty. In some cases, an existing disease or injury was worsened due to active military service. This benefit is also paid to certain Veterans disabled from VA health care. The benefits are tax-free.

**Who is eligible?**

 You may be eligible for disability compensation if:

• You have a service-related disability or illness.

• Your discharge was not dishonorable.

**How much does VA pay?**

The amount of benefit pay varies depending on your disability. You may be paid additional amounts if:

• You have very severe disability(ies) or loss of limb(s).

• You have a spouse, child(ren) or dependent parent(s).

**What documentation to bring with you to your meeting with your Veteran Service Representative:**

* DD214 and/or discharge paperwork
* Social security number for both Veteran and Spouse
* If married, a copy of current marriage certificate; plus, all past divorce papers and/or death certificates.
* Dependents under 18 or attending college - Copy of Birth Certificates and Social Security Numbers
* All civilian medical records of all possible service-connected disabilities that you wish to file for.
* If you see any VA Clinic / Hospital - a copy of their diagnoses is needed.
* Direct Deposit Information to include routing number, account number, and Bank Name.

***\*\*\*Other Benefits/ Resources***

* Blue Water Navy: For Vietnam Blue Water Navy Veterans || <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/37596/637009548420100000>
* Survivor’s Benefits
* Burial Benefits and Headstones
* Veterans Homes
* National Veterans Cemeteries

**Patient Resources**

* Emergency: 911
* Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255, select 1
* 24-hour nurse: 888-826-2838, ext. 6933
* Change your appointment: 559-228-6913 or 559-228-5304
* Media inquiries: 559-228-5308
* National Veterans Helpline: 800-507-4571
* Patient locator: 559-225-6100 or 888-826-2838
* Pharmacy refill: 888-826-2838, ext. 5333
* Telephone care: 559-228-6933 or 888-826-2838, ext. 6933

\*\*\*California Veterans Resources Book: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/33479/636892973921530000>