

County of Ventura Veteran Services Office



On behalf of myself, Mike McManus, County of Ventura Veteran Services Officer and retired US Air Force Senior Master Sergeant (First Sergeant), and the dedicated staff of the Veteran Services Office, I'd like to call everyone's attention to the fact that May is

Military Appreciation Month, which includes five national observances to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform as well as their families.

May 1, **Loyalty Day**, kicks off military appreciation month and is a day set aside for the confirmation of loyalty to the United States and reflection on the proud heritage of our American freedom.

May 8, **Victory in Europe Day**, recognizes May 8, 1945 as the day Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allies, marking the end of World War II in Europe.

May 11 (this year), **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**, is traditionally set for the Friday before Mother's Day. It is a day to honor military spouses by recognizing the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong.

May 19 (this year), **Armed Forces Day**, celebrated the third Saturday in May, is a holiday for citizens to thank our military members for their service to our country by honoring those serving in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, whether active duty, National Guard, or Reserve.

May 28 (this year), **Memorial Day** is celebrated the last Monday in May. It is a remembrance of our veterans and especially commemorates the men and women who died while in military service to our great nation.

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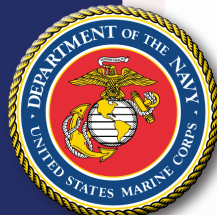
APPRECIATION MONTH

As we celebrate Military Appreciation Month it is time for every American to recognize those who have answered the call to service deserve our gratitude. They have endured the most difficult of conditions to protect America with many making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our Nation for generations to come.

Many who have worn this country's uniform are unaware of the benefits and programs available to them because of their service. One way to reach more veterans in order to connect them with earned federal and state benefits and local resources is through partnerships and outreach. It was an honor for the County Veteran Services Office to partner with Jannette Jauregui, Public Information Officer for Ventura County Area Agency on Aging in developing the outreach video titled: **Remembering Ventura County Veterans.**

To those county employees who are veterans and to family members of veterans, I'd like to thank you for your courage, sacrifice, and willingness to serve in our great nation's Armed Forces. If you have questions about federal and state VA benefits, please contact the County Veteran Services Office at (805) 477-5155 and visit our web site at:

www.vchsa.org/veterans



We are here to serve you!