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## VETERANS PRO BONO ASSISTANCE

LOS ANGELES TIMES PHIL WILLON ARTICLE 12 NOV 09

A Los Angeles-based law organization on 11 NOV launched a program to provide free legal assistance to veterans who hit bureaucratic roadblocks when filing claims for federal medical and mental health benefits. Public Counsel, a pro bono law firm, will offer the free service throughout Southern California and in partnership with other volunteer attorneys in more than 25 states. Public Counsel President Hernan D. Vera said the effort would help the 1.7 million troops deployed to Afghanistan and Iran, many of whom have been denied benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder depression, traumatic brain injury, and other combat-related injuries. The program also will help the tens of thousands of homeless veterans living on the nation's streets to collect government assistance. "The veterans' homeless population is skyrocketing. Nearly one out of every four homeless individuals we see on the streets of Los Angeles wore the uniform protecting our country. But only one in 10 receive the government services that they're entitled to," Vera said. The legal program, called the Center for Veterans Advancement (CVA), will provide free legal representation in court as well as for administrative proceedings with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration, all branches of the military, and with other local and national agencies. For additional info refer to [www.publiccounsel.org](http://www.publiccounsel.org). Veterans seeking assistance can contact Public Counsel at:

• Mailing Address: P.O. Box 76900, Los Angeles, CA 90076 Tel: (213) 385-2977

• Office Address: 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005 Fax: (213) 385-9089

Marine Corps veteran Aaron Huffman 27, who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan from 2000 to 2004, said he was forced to turn to Public Counsel last year when the Veterans Administration denied his claim for medical coverage after he injured his back when his Humvee hit a roadside bomb in Iraq. The Humvee flipped and loads of gear landed on Huffman, pinning him against the windshield. Huffman said he underwent spinal surgery for three herniated disks in his lower back. He said the Veterans Administration immediately denied his claim for compensation, telling him that he needed to provide more documentation that showed the injuries were suffered in combat. "When you're in the middle of combat, you don't always have time to pull over and say, 'Time out, I just got hurt, can you record this,'" Huffman said. "That's not the way combat works. That's some of the issues veterans are facing."

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## Special Points of Interest:

- Unit Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:00PM
- Post Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:00PM
- SAL Meeting 3rd Wednesday 7PM
- Post Website—[www.calegionpost650.org](http://www.calegionpost650.org)
- Christmas Party Dec 19
- New Years Party Dec 31

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**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

**STEVE THOMAS**

Comrades

Veterans Day was a big success at Jenny Davis Park. Post 650, Post 106 and the city of Redlands hosted the event. Alma Fornal spoke on her experiences with the Women Air Force Service Pilots during World War II. There were over 200 people in attendance, it was the best turn out we've had in years. I also attended the District 25 Veterans Day Ceremony, there, I talked to the District 2nd Vice Commander Chris Corchado, he also attended both ceremonies. He told me the Redlands ceremony was great and that is the way Legionnaires are suppose to conduct ceremonies.

We are now in the holiday season. The Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion will hold a Christmas party for all our members and families on Dec 19 the cost is only \$10 per person so come out and celebrate the holidays with us.

The next big event is the New Years Party, tickets are on sale at the lounge they are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. There will be a live band and plenty of entertainment to bring in the New Year. Bring family and friends and celebrate with us.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may your blessing be many.

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**2ND VICE COMMANDR  
RON SEPULVIDA**

Comrades,

As you know the New Year is just around the corner.

The Month of December we are having our Christmas Party for all members and friends. And December 31 our New Years Dance. The place is right, the price is better, so let's make this date a night we won't forget, so lets have fun on this night the last of this year with members and friends.

I need the support of all our comrades to make this happen. Tickets for New Years will be available at our Post Bar or Post officers and me, call me at 909 583-3458. \$200.00 single—\$30.00 Couple.

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**



**Members Transferred  
to Post Everlasting**

**Tony Garcia  
(Former Member  
and  
Past Commander)**



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**Mammograms**  
**RAO Bulletin Dec 1, 2009**

A government panel's recommendation 16 NOV that women under the age of 50 do not need regular mammograms set off a furious debate about the importance of the routine screening tool, leaving many women confused about how best to protect their health. In issuing its guidelines, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force concluded that risk of breast cancer is very low in women age 40 to 50 and that the risk of false positives and complications from biopsies and other invasive procedures is too high for the procedure to be used routinely. The current standard is mammograms every year or two for women 40 and older. Oncologists were nearly uniform in their disparagement of the guidelines, fearing the loss of a valuable cancer-prevention tool. Women in their 40s account for at least a quarter of breast cancer diagnoses. "I think it is unfortunate that they came to this conclusion," said Dr. Angela Sie, director of imaging at the Breast Center at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. "It would be a huge step backwards for women's health in this country." And other groups that issue guidelines about screening and prevention, such as the American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute and the American

College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, immediately attacked the federal panel's conclusion, saying that they would not change their guidelines and would continue to urge women to undergo the tests. Insurance companies and Medicare administrators, which normally follow the panel's guidelines closely, said they would continue to pay for the procedure -- although it is not clear how long they can resist the panel's influence.

**AUXILIARY 1ST VICEPRESIDENT**  
**Shannon Mendez**

**Membership.**

Thank you all who have sent in your membership dues, we are down to our last 10 members. I know with your help we can be a 100% by December 28th. Don't forget, to mail your dues to Sylvia Alcantar her address is 1011 N. University St, Redlands, CA 92374. Wishing all of you blessed holidays, good health and joy for the coming year.

Shannon Mendez

District 25 and Unit 650 Membership Chairman

## Newsletter Club



Acero, Daniel	2013	Macias, Victor	2009
Acosta, Joe	2010	Madsen, Norman	2009
Alzano, Richard	2009	Ortega, Gilbert	2010
Araujo, Marcos	2016	Padilla, John	2011
Bour, Joe	2010	Ramirez, Lorenzo	2010
Chacon, Ed	2011	Ramos, Daniel	2013
Chavez, Manuel	2010	Rivera, Ernesto	2013
Cosme, Christopher	2009	Rowles, Mike	2010
Cosme, Norm	2009	Salazar , Joe	2012
Cosme, Robert	2009	Serrano, Ralph	2010
Cosme, Chris	2009	Serrano, Ralph Jr	2010
Eisenauer, George	2009	Thomas, Steve	2011
Dixon, Ennis	2010	Torres, Tony, CM	2010
Garcia, Alex	2011	Henry Wilson	2010
Frank Gonzalez	2010	Venegas, Freddie	2010
Gonzales, Nellie	2010	Villapando, Ben	2010
Habant, John	2013	Vindiola, John	2010
Holguin, Larry	2011	West, Richard	2010
Hietala, Howard	2011	Wild, Ruben	2010
Leivas, Richard	2010	Zavala, Pete	2010
Lopez, Fred	2010		
Lozano, Rudy	2010		

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## December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Auxiliary Meeting 7PM	3	4	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor 1941	8	9 Post Meeting	10 Human Rights Day	11 SAL Dinner 5:30 Patriot Day	12 Hanukkah
13	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16 SAL Meeting 7PM	17	18	19 Post, Aux, SAL Christmas Party
20 Operation Just Cause 1989	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 Post Meeting 7PM	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 Post New Years Party End of WWII 1946		

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