

May is Military Appreciation Month!

May is National Military Appreciation month, a nice way to thank and honor all of our service men and women, past and currently serving.

This is a good chance to let you know about some of the County's services for veterans, and a couple of special events happening in West County.

May 5, 11 a.m. - Special Program by **"Their Angel's,"** a Richmond-based nonprofit that sends care packages to active military personnel. After the presentation, help fill 500 packages – I'll be there! **Church of Christ, 3000 Hilltop Road, Richmond.**
For more: **510-367-6083, 510-207-4340.** (www.theirangels.org)

May 19, 8 a.m. – **"Walk of Honor With Our Veterans"** across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge starting at the **Crockett Community Center, 805 Pomona Avenue, Crockett.** **Fundraiser** for the Vietnam Veterans of the Diablo Valley and the Crockett Community Center Foundation. Draws countywide participants.
For more: **925-935-4859.** (<http://sfrwalkofhonor.com/>)

Ongoing Assistance to Veterans: Contra Costa County Veteran's Services, **10 Douglas Drive, Suite 100, Martinez, 925-313-1481;** and Richmond Branch Office, Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m., **100 37th Street, Room 1033, Richmond.**
For more: **510-374-3241.** (www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1557)

Expanding Assistance to Homeless Veterans: SHELTER, Inc., a nonprofit housing assistance organization, in partnership with Contra Costa Homeless Programs, recently received a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs to expand services to veterans at risk for homelessness.
For more: **925-957-7579 or the Housing Hotline 800-799-6599.** (www.shelterincofccc.org)

I hope you'll join me in honoring the bravery and dedication of our military and our veterans this month,

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