

## ***Veterans Corner***

### ***Employment Development Department Veteran Services***

The Employment Development Department, located at 124 N. Irwin Street in Hanford has a Veteran Services department dedicated to assisting veterans in gaining employment. In addition to employment services, they offer assistance applying for Unemployment Insurance, assistance with veteran benefits and referrals to veteran services.

Office hours for the Employment Development Department are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. There are two Veteran Representatives to assist you. Jessica Rangel, the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist, assists veterans in gaining employment, case management, referrals, and veteran benefits. She can be reached at (559) 852-2128. The other Veteran Representative is Adam Bode, who is a Local Veteran Employment Representative who assists veterans, by contacting employers to gain jobs for veterans. His number is (559) 852-2151. Jessica is the main point of contact and Adam is the alternate, but either one can give you information regarding your benefits and job referrals.

The Kings County Veterans Service Office can complete the DMV Veteran Status Verification Form for the new California Veteran Designation on your driver's license and also issues Veteran I.D. cards to honorably discharged veterans. Contact Scott Holwell if you would like to receive periodic veteran's information by email. There are many state and federal benefits and programs available to veterans and their dependents. To determine if you are eligible for any of these benefits, call or visit our office. We can and will assist you in completing all required application forms. You can get information on the Web from the Kings County Veterans Service Office webpage at [www.countyofkings.com/vets](http://www.countyofkings.com/vets).

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