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Mono County: Where we Honor Veterans

Upcoming Board presentation and one-time funding approval through AB 101

Mono County, Calif. – The Veterans Service Representative for Inyo & Mono Counties, Saul Sanabria, will be presenting information about services for veterans, their dependents and surviving spouses at the upcoming Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting on November 12. Saul will speak about the services and assistance offered through the local office as well as seek Board approval for one-time subvention funding made available through the recent passage of AB 101. The department plans to spend the \$12,228 of funding on implementing a veteran identification card system, signage at the office building, and outreach materials.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Byng Hunt commented, “Veterans Day isn’t just day off work, but a time to remember and honor those who have served our country. We provide these county services to ensure our veterans and their families are treated with the respect they deserve. Mono County is truly a place where we honor veterans.”

Veterans Service Representative for Inyo & Mono Counties, Saul Sanabria commented, “I look forward to presenting this information to the Board and spreading the word about our local veteran services. It is important and timely information with Veterans Day so close.”



Mono County entry signs, authorized in 2009 by the Board as a token of our continued gratitude, appreciation, and respect for the service of veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces.

Services offered through our local veterans service office include: comprehensive benefits counseling, claims preparation and submission, claims follow-up to ensure final decisions, initiate and develop appeals when appropriate, networking and advocacy with federal, state and local agencies. The department also offers filing assistance and referral information for a wide variety of veteran benefits.

For more information you may contact the Veterans Service Office in Bishop at (760) 873-7850 or visit their website: <http://www.inyocounty.us/vso/vso.htm>

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport.

Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.