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Resources and information for Veterans impacted by Camp Fire (Butte County)

CHICO, Calif. – Thousands of residents in the Paradise area (near Chico) along the Feather River Canyon are evacuating because of the rapidly growing Camp Fire. The fire started about 6:30 a.m. today near Camp Creek Road near Pulga and has moved toward nearby Paradise. It is presently more than 5,000 acres with no containment, according to [CAL FIRE reports](#). At present, an estimated 217 Veterans have been impacted by Camp Fire evacuations.

RESOURCES FOR VETERANS:

- VA Pharmacy line for patients: (866) 600-8279
- Emergency number for fire: please call CAL FIRE at 530-533-6363
- [Evacuation Zone Map](#)
- Evacuation Centers: **Oroville Nazarene Church** located at 2238 Monte Vista Ave., in Oroville, and **The Neighborhood Church**, at 28012 Notre Dame Blvd., in Chico.
- Small animal shelter at 2279 Del Oro Ave., in Oroville.

Despite some Chico VA employees having been impacted by the fire, the [Chico VA Clinic remains open to serve local Veterans](#), including those impacted by the fire. [Adventist Health Feather River in Paradise has been forced to close by the fire](#), but patients have been transferred to [Oroville Hospital](#) and the [Enloe Medical Center](#).

To **ensure air quality** inside its clinics, VA NorCal has [placed HEPA filters](#) across its facilities in Chico and Yuba City. HEPA air purifiers force the clinic's interior air through a fine mesh, preventing Veterans and staff from breathing in harmful particles. VA NorCal is also transporting **air-filtration masks** to the Chico VA Clinic for distribution to staff and Veterans. To further serve displaced Veterans, VA NorCal [mobilized a Dual-Use Vehicle](#), equipped with HEPA filters and wheelchair access, to transport Veterans to and from VA health care facilities.

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