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Camp Fire: VA to continue health care support to shelter sites over weekend

VA NorCal partners with California Military Department to offer job-placement assistance to Veterans impacted by Camp Fire

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CHICO, Calif. – [VA Northern California Health Care System](#) will continue providing health care services to Veterans at Camp Fire evacuation shelters over the weekend. VA NorCal will deploy [Mobile Vet Centers](#), physician, nursing, and social worker teams, public health care, and [Dual-Use Vehicles](#) for transportation support to displaced Veterans at several sites.

“Our focus is on bringing care to the Veterans, wherever we might find them,” said Dr. Regina Godbout, VA NorCal deputy chief of staff. “We’re heading to the shelters and partnering with other agencies to locate Veterans and pinpoint their needs. We’re determined the Camp Fire won’t prevent us from delivering the high-quality, compassionate care our Veterans deserve.”

As of Friday morning, the Camp Fire had grown to more than 140,000 acres with 45 percent containment, having claimed 63 lives. Several hundred Veterans are estimated to have evacuated from the fire, each of whom VA NorCal personnel are attempting to contact to provide health care and resource assistance.

VA NorCal has also partnered with the [California Military Department](#)’s Work for Warriors employment program to offer job-placement assistance to Veterans displaced by the Camp Fire. The [Work for Warriors](#) program, which has placed nearly 7,000 California Veterans, reservists, and guardsmen in military-friendly jobs since 2012, has extended its services to any California resident impacted by recent wildfires. Veterans seeking job-placement assistance should call Work for Warriors representatives at 916-854-4426 or e-mail apply@workforwarriors.org.

Media seeking information about VA NorCal’s response to the Camp Fire should contact Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at 916-365-1509 or William.Martin6@va.gov.

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