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## Thursday: VA, Alameda Mayor to hold Veterans Town Hall

Women Veterans Alliance to host Women Veterans Mixer beforehand

**ALAMEDA, Calif.** — [Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the [Women Veterans Alliance](#) will hold a Veterans Town Hall, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Veterans Memorial Building at 2203 Central Avenue in Alameda. Veterans, service members and their families are encouraged to attend. Women Veterans are invited to also attend a 2:30 p.m. Women Veterans Mixer preceding the town hall.

"Ensuring Veterans receive the benefits and care they have earned is a team effort, one that requires strong partnerships between local and federal agencies," said Wendy Torres, Director of the VA Oakland Regional Benefits Office. "But it also requires investment from the Veteran community. The dialogue and relationships formed during Veteran town halls are critical to improving our service to Veterans."

**WHAT:** Veterans Town Hall and Women Veterans Mixer  
**WHEN:** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Women Veterans Mixer / 3:30-5:00 p.m. Town Hall  
**WHERE:** Veterans Memorial Building, 2203 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA  
**TOPICS:** VA modernization, construction and development at Alameda Point, VA health care and mental health services, vocational rehabilitation and employment, compensation and pension, and cemetery benefits

A town hall panel will take questions and discuss issues impacting local Veterans. Panel members include Mayor Ashcraft, local VA benefits, health care, and cemetery agency leaders, the Women Veterans Alliance, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

For more information about the Alameda Veterans Town Hall, please contact Sophia Lopez at 510-637-6000 or [Sophia.Lopez@va.gov](mailto:Sophia.Lopez@va.gov).