

Veterans Corner Burn-pit Registry for Veterans By Joe Wright

In June of 2014, the VA opened the "Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry" for Veterans and Service members. In order to be eligible you had to have been deployed to contingency operations in the Southwest Asia theater of operations at any time on or after August 2, 1990 or Afghanistan or Djibouti on or after September 11, 2001. These regions include the following countries, bodies of water, and the air-space above these locations: Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait,

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea.

The questionnaire will ask you a series of questions to include deployment timeframes and bases to which you were stationed, conditions and health issues that cause difficulty with daily activities, current and past health symptoms, residential history, occupational history, dust, gas, vapors or fumes ex-

posures, home environment and hobbies, health care use, and contact preferences. The questionnaire takes about 40 minutes to complete. Please go to <https://veteran.mobile-health.va.gov/AHBurnPit-Registry> to get started.

Veterans do not need to be part of the registry to submit a claim for disability compensation. This registry will help the VA to collect, analyze, and report on health conditions that may be related to environmental exposures experienced during deployment.

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. We can also issue Veteran I.D. cards to honorably discharged veterans. Contact Joe Wright 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 find out if you are eligible for any of these benefits, visit or

call 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.

Joe Wright, retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer, is the Veterans Service Officer for Kings County. Send your questions to the Veterans Service Office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, CA 93230; call (559)852-2669; or e-mail joe.wright@co.kings.ca.us.

Adventist Health and Community Medical Centers to collaborate

Adventist Health and Community Medical Centers are collaborating to form a new healthcare network for Medi-Cal patients in Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties, the two healthcare systems announced today.

Adventist and Community this week reached agreement on a joint-venture health plan which, subject to state approval, should be ready for the four-county market by next fall. Within two years of launch, officials estimate, the health plan could deliver coordinated, clinically integrated care to as many as 200,000 managed Medi-Cal patients.

Adventist Health and Community have similar healthcare goals for the Central Valley, and complementary strengths to better manage the health of entire

families. Adventist Health's Central Valley Network has an extensive system of clinics, specialty outpatient facilities and rural-delivery expertise second to none. Community offers the region's highest level of acute, inpatient services, including the only burn and Level 1 trauma centers from the Bay Area to LA.

"The collaborative venture will deliver more comprehensive, efficient, lower-cost and high-quality healthcare to a population in need," said Tim Joslin, president and CEO of Community Medical Centers. "Clearly we're building on the strengths of both organizations."

Subject to approval by the California Department of Managed Health Care, Adventist Health and Commu-

nity will build upon the managed Medi-Cal enrollment with Adventist Health Plan that begins in Kings County on January 1. The two will remain independent organizations, but the joint-venture health plan will be equally financed, jointly owned and operated collaboratively.

"The focus of this relationship and others throughout our region is improving the health of our communities," said Wayne Ferch, president and CEO of Adventist Health / Central Valley Network, which operates four hospitals, 32 Community Care clinics and other services in Central California. "Our patients benefit when we work together."

Adventist Health's corporate board approved the joint venture on Dec. 15, said Jeff Conklin, Adventist Health

Plan president / CEO. "When we began building our health plan in 2014, we envisioned joining with other health systems and physicians that share a commitment to using population health tools to improve community health, and we're deeply grateful for Community's partnership."

The joint venture is the result of more than six months of discussions between two of central California's largest healthcare organizations and is consistent with the goals of the federal Affordable Care Act.

"Adventist Health and Community are responding

to the needs of the still-expanding Medi-Cal patient population in this region," said Aldo De La Torre, Community's senior vice president of managed care and strategic alliances. "We're committed to developing a network of healthcare resources to ensure access and coordinated care for the Medi-Cal patients we currently serve and the thousands of additional members expected over the next couple of years."

Among the next steps are to determine a name and staffing model for the joint-venture health plan.



SEEKING BOARD MEMBER IN AVENAL!!!

The representative will be elected for Avenal Target Area identified as Census Tract 17. Geographically, Census Tract 17 is identified as the area within the boundaries of West of Interstate 5 (I-5) within boundaries of Fresno and Monterey County lines to the West, and Kern County line to the South.

If you are interested in being a candidate for the vacant Board of Director's position please contact Irene Moreno, Executive Assistant at 559-415-7202.

KCAO is a private, nonprofit organization that has been serving the communities of Kings County since 1965. KCAO operates numerous programs in Kings County, including Head Start, Child Care Assistance, Nutrition Education, Food Assistance and Housing Assistance.

EN BUSCA MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO EN AVENAL!!!

El representante será elegido para el Área de Objetivo del Avenal identificado como el Censo 17. Geográficamente Censo 17 se identifica como el área dentro de los límites del oeste de la Interestatal 5 (I-5) y dentro de los límites de Fresno y del Condado de Monterey entre las líneas hacia el oeste, y el Condado de Kern la línea al Sur.

Si usted está interesado en ser un candidato para la posición vacante del Consejo. Favor de contactar a Irene Moreno, Asistente Ejecutivo al 559-415-7202.

KCAO es una organización privada, sin fines de lucro que ha estado sirviendo a las comunidades del Condado de Kings desde 1965. KCAO opera numerosos programas en el Condado de Kings incluyendo Head Start, Asistencia del Cuidado de Niños, Educación de Nutrición, Asistencia de Alimentación y Asistencia de Vivienda.

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PROPERTY NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NOTICE OF INTENDED FORFEITURE

Property was seized pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11470 et. seq. in the following case(s) and the District Attorney of Kings County has instituted proceedings to forfeit this property pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11488.4. The case number and property description of each case is set forth below.

You are instructed that, if you desire to contest the forfeiture of this property, pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 11488.5, you must file a verified claim with the Court Clerk in the Superior Court of the County of Kings, Courthouse, 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California 93230, within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this notice, or if you received personal or mailed notice, thirty (30) days from the date of which you received personal or mailed notice, whichever is earlier. You must serve an endorsed copy of your claim on the District Attorney of Kings County, 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230, within thirty (30) days of filing your claim in Superior Court.

The failure to timely file a verified claim stating an interest in the property in the Superior Court and timely serving an endorsed copy thereof on the District Attorney will result in the property being declared forfeit to the State of California and distributed pursuant to the provisions of Health & Safety Code Section 11489 without further notice of hearing.

The failure to timely file a verified claim stating an interest in the property in the Superior Court and timely serving an endorsed copy thereof on the District Attorney will result in the property being declared forfeit to the State of California and distributed pursuant to the provisions of Health & Safety Code Section 11489 without further notice of hearing. **Case 15A007484.** On September 21, 2015 at the intersection of Third Avenue and Monterey Street in Avenal, CA 93204, officers of the Avenal Police Department seized \$1,700.00 U.S. currency, in connection with a controlled substance violation of 11378 of the California Health & Safety Code.

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The following person is doing business as:
O'CONNOR PEST CONTROL

3905 State Street, Ste 7-196
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Registered Owner(s):

SIERRA WEST BUSINESS SERVICES INC.

3905 State Street, Ste 7-196
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by:
A Corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2015

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/ Kevin O'Connor, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of KINGS COUNTY on November 24, 2015.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS COPY IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT ON FILE IN MY OFFICE.

KRISTINE LEE,
KINGS COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

BY: Maryann Castro, Deputy

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