



PATRIOTIC HALL

**1816 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles,
CA 90015**

- Department of Mental Health — 6th Floor
 - ◆ Veterans and Loved Ones Recovery (VALOR) Provides mental health intervention and prevention services, regardless of discharge status.
- County Department of Military Affairs – 2nd Floor:
<http://mva.lacounty.gov> - Help with obtaining VA benefits & a host of resources
- U.S. Vets – 4th Floor: Offers a wide range of programs designed specifically to address the unique needs of veterans including housing, counseling, legal, career development and comprehensive support.
- Patriotic Hall Legal Clinic – 4th Floor:
<http://bobhopepatrioticall.lacounty.gov>
Walk-ins: Mon. - Fri. 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Los Angeles Bar Association 4th Floor – Provides pro bono legal services for veterans (tickets, warrants and expungements).
- Department of Public Social Services – 2nd Floor:
Helps with MediCal: Wed. 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Department of Human Resources – 2nd Floor:
Helps veterans navigate employment opportunities in the County, such as the Veteran Intern Program
- Family Law Services — Clinic offered one evening every third month. Reservations required:
(213)-896-6537 / Helps with issues of child support one afternoon per month. Reservation required:
(213)-765-9225

VA Vet Justice Outreach (VJO) **Jail Outreach Worker (JOW)**

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VJOs and JOWs can visit veterans in jail. They can verify veteran status & benefits, get records, arrange treatment, and provide other services. Attorneys, family members, and others, can also contact them for assistance with veteran cases.

CRIMINAL STATUTES THAT BENEFIT VETERANS



Currently Facing Criminal Charges?

These veterans' statutes may help you with receiving alternative sentencing, diversion or mitigation for your case.

- Penal Code 1170.9 - Felonies
- Penal Code 1001.80 - Misdemeanor
- Penal Code 1170.91

Resources available for veterans in L.A. County discussed include

- Patriotic Hall
- Veteran Legal Resources
- Non-Legal Support Services
- VA Veterans Justice Outreach Workers.

**LA Veteran Collaborative
Legal and ReEntry Group**

Veterans & Criminal Law

Penal Codes For Veterans

Veteran Legal Resources

WHAT ARE VETERAN STATUTES?

Certain statutes and case laws can help veterans and military personnel receive alternative sentencing taking into account their military service and mental health conditions.

The U.S. Supreme Court has stated that our country has "a long tradition of according leniency to veterans in recognition of their service, especially for those who fought on the front lines . . ." A re-hearing on sentencing in a death penalty case was granted. See *Porter v. McCollum*, 558 U.S. 30, 130 S.Ct. 447, 455-56 (2009)

Tell your attorney you are a veteran or a member of the military. Make sure to speak with your attorney about the criminal statutes which apply to veterans and military personnel. Get the MIL100 form available online at the web address below, which discusses the statutes, and learn about them. The MIL 100 form does not need to be completed to use the statutes.

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/mil100.pdf>

The court will appoint an attorney to represent you at your first court appearance if you can't afford an attorney. This is the only system for pro bono representation in criminal cases.

Disclaimer: You must consult with your criminal defense attorney for all legal advice on your criminal case. This brochure cannot be relied on as legal advice, and is intended to provide information only.

Penal Code Section 1170.9 Alternative Sentencing

This statute allows for treatment instead of incarceration. Options include different kinds of restorative relief including reducing felonies to misdemeanors, dismissing of fees and fines, and the sealing of records.

Penal Code Section 1170.91 PTSD

This statute allows for conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to be used for mitigation in sentencing.

Penal Code Section 1001.80 Misdemeanor Pre Plea Military Diversion

This statute allows some veterans & military to do treatment programs instead of incarceration. If successfully completed, cases will be dismissed.

Penal Code 858 Court notification

This statute mandates the court to notify veterans about all veteran statutes. Courts are required to provide an MIL 100 form upon request.

Prop 47

Proposition 47 helps to reduce some felonies to misdemeanors. In Los Angeles County, public defenders and others help people with this process. <http://myprop47.org>

Veteran Legal Resources

(The non-profit organizations below do not handle criminal cases. They do help with veteran benefits, and other legal issues.)

Legal Aid Foundation LA - LAFLA
800-399-4529

Neighborhood Legal Services
800-433-6251 M-W-F 9:00am to 1:00pm

Veteran Legal Services - VLI
714-852-3492 / www.vetslegal.com

Public Counsel - 213-385-2977

Patriotic Hall Legal Clinic
<http://bobhopepatriotichall.lacounty.gov>
Walk-ins from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Veteran Project
<http://www.lacba.org> Handles traffic tickets, warrants and expungements.

WLA VA Welcome Center Legal Clinic
Second Tuesday of each month in building 257. Walk-ins from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Non-Legal Support:

VA Transitional Housing - 310-867-5084
Available 24/7, Leave a message

Battle Buddy
Battlebuddybridge@voala.org
323-872-0271

National Veterans Foundation
888-777-4443

LA 211 referral for any resource in LA county. <https://www.211la.org>
<https://www.211la.org/veteran-services>

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