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# VETERANS SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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## U. S. Postal Service Stamp Unveiling Ceremony " **DISTINGUISHED SAILORS** "

With the issuance of the Distinguished Sailors stamps, the U.S. Postal Service honors four Sailors who served with bravery and distinction during the 20<sup>th</sup> century: **William S. Sims, Arleigh A. Burke, John McCloy, and Doris Miller.**

Commander of the U.S. Naval forces in European waters during World War I, **William S. Sims (1858-1936)**, was an outspoken reformer and innovator who helped shape the Navy into a modern fighting force.

After serving as one of the top destroyer squadron commanders of World War II, **Arleigh A. Burke (1901-1996)**, had an equally distinguished postwar career in which he played a major role in modernizing the Navy and guiding its response to the Cold War.

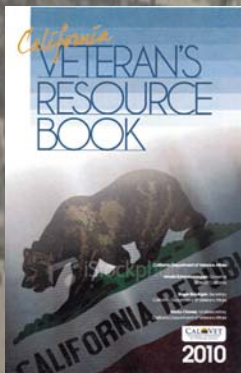


Described by a shipmate as "like a bull" who couldn't be stopped, **John McCloy (1876-1945)**, has the distinction of being one of the few men in the nation's history to earn two Medals of Honor for separate acts of heroism.

The first African-American hero of World War II, **Doris Miller (1919-1943)**, became an inspiration to generations of Americans for his actions of bravery at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The stamp unveiling will be held at  
the  
**CALIFORNIA'S ALL VETERANS WAR  
MEMORIAL**  
13<sup>TH</sup> & N Street - Capitol Park  
on **FEBRUARY 4, 2010** at 1:00PM

**Coming Soon:**



## California National Guard Liaison

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has partnered with the California National Guard (CNG) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) to make California's Operation Welcome Home a success. The goal of California's Operation Welcome Home is to capture the contact information of the 30,000 newly returning



# OPERATION WELCOME HOME

veterans to California and connect those qualified veterans to their VA benefits, GI Bill, Unemployment Insurance, and enroll them into a job placement program. The CNG has assigned Captain Peter Lewis as the Liaison Advisor to support CalVet and EDD in matters related to linking veterans to benefits and

resources by providing access to thousands of veterans leaving all branches of service and returning to California. Captain Lewis will assist in EDD's efforts to recruit and hire more than 300 new Employment Program Representatives (EPR). This partnership will make a significant impact on the progress of Operation Welcome Home.

Get Connected  
To Benefits!



[www.cdva.ca.gov/VetService/reintegration.aspx](http://www.cdva.ca.gov/VetService/reintegration.aspx)

**CALVET  
EVENT  
CALENDAR**

February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

[www.cdva.ca.gov/AboutUs/DocsAndImages/CalVet%20Events%20Calendar.pdf](http://www.cdva.ca.gov/AboutUs/DocsAndImages/CalVet%20Events%20Calendar.pdf)



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NETWORKS**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CVS0  
Conference**

California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO) will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento. This is a four day conference beginning Monday, February 1, 2010. On February 2, 2010 Pete Conaty, CACVSO Legislative Advocate will conduct his "Legislation 101" presentation. County Veterans Services Officers will perform a legislative advocacy visit to the State Capitol. The CACVSO conference will host the "Legislator of the Year" award ceremony at the Wednesday banquet.



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- Providers Retreat –** [www.cominghomeproject.net](http://www.cominghomeproject.net)
- Federal VA Jobs –** [www.va.gov/vecs](http://www.va.gov/vecs)
- Training & Job Placement –** [www.icsworks.com](http://www.icsworks.com)
- Recruit Military Expo –** [www2.recruitmilitary.com/expos/candidates](http://www2.recruitmilitary.com/expos/candidates)
- Art by Women Vets –** <http://swords-to-plowshares.org/eventDetails?id=16>
- VETERANS NEEDS SURVEY –** [http://www.veterans.ca.gov/veterans\\_assessment.htm](http://www.veterans.ca.gov/veterans_assessment.htm)



On January 21, 2010, the Advisory Council held its quarterly meeting in CalVet's Medal of Honor Hall. This was a ground breaking meeting because CalVet is updating the operating guidelines for the Council to include non-certified DVBE's. The Council will also raise the number of members from 20 to 25. This will allow the Council to add members from the business and veteran's community. They will bring new expertise and resources to the Council. As a result to this meeting a new committee was formed and they will select these members.

**Vet Services  
Welcomes the VETS  
Unit**

**What is the VETS Unit?**

The Veterans Education and Training Services (VETS) Unit also know as the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE) operates under contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) under the authority of federal law – **Title 38 U.S. Code** – to approve or disapprove veterans' education and training programs in California. VETS purpose is to prevent abuses and promote quality in veterans' education by evaluating and monitoring education and training programs in the state.



The VETS Unit is currently staffed with an Education Administrator, a Staff Analyst, ten Education Consultants (3 of whom are operating in Southern California), and one support staff person. During the FY 2010 and program year that began on October 1, 2009, the VETS Unit will oversee at least 654 approved schools, colleges and universities throughout the state. CalVet is ecstatic about VETS joining the team.

