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CalVet, California State Library Announce Tulare Public Library Veteran Resource Center Opening

Sacramento – The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and the California State Library announce the grand opening of a Veterans Resource Center in the Tulare Public Library, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The library is located at 475 North M Street, Tulare, CA 93274, and the public is invited to attend the event.

“The expansion of the Veteran Resource Centers throughout California’s libraries creates additional locations where our Veterans and their families learn about the state and Federal benefits earned through their military service,” said Keith Boylan, CalVet Deputy Secretary for Veterans Services. “Making benefits information and assistance available in local libraries is a great way to reach our Veterans close to where they live and work.”

“This is just another of the innovative partnerships that libraries like Tulare are creating all over California,” said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. “We at the State Library are proud to be a partner with Tulare and CalVet in this investment, which is going to pay incredible dividends for everyone involved.”

The grand opening in Tulare brings to 20 the number of grant-funded “Veterans Connect @ the Library” locations in the Golden State. Future resource centers are planned for Lancaster, Oakland, and Sacramento-Central libraries.

Veteran Resource Centers offer basic information and in depth support related to Federal and state Veterans benefits and local services available. The goal of the CalVet – State Library partnership is to increase the number of Veterans and family members aware of and obtaining services.

The program is funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through the California State Library with direction and volunteer staff training provided by CalVet and program administration provided by Pacific Library Partnership, an organization that works to consolidate library systems throughout the state to achieve efficiencies and economies of scale. For more information and a full list of partner library locations, go to <http://www.calibrariesforveterans.org/index.html>.

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