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MOBILE VETERAN OUTREACH

**Gold Coast Veterans Foundation** is a private non-profit organization providing critical services to US military veterans. GCVF receives no government funding and yet has grown to become the largest non-profit serving veterans and their families in Ventura County. As the hub of a county-wide network of public & private partner organizations, volunteers, and professionals, GCVF is a comprehensive “one-stop” center that improves the lives of over 3,000 veterans a year.

Our programs were specifically designed to meet critically important needs that are often not addressed or integrated into existing large government systems. These un-met needs leave gaps in the quality and integrity of care for our veterans, which eventually lead to homelessness, untreated physical and mental illness, PTSD, substance abuse, and recidivism.

*We intervene at the critical moments in time...*

*to catch the veterans that “fall through the cracks” in the system...*

*before lives are damaged or lost.*

Our core programs create a safety net and a pathway to successful outcomes. Veterans Connection is the service gateway providing 1 on 1 assistance with benefits & claims, comprehensive support, equipment, etc. Mobile Veteran Outreach saves lives by engaging homeless or home-bound veterans, followed by direct hands-on intervention to address the root causes of veteran homelessness. Financial Coaching gives veterans the knowledge and tools to improve, control, & protect their financial well-being. Small Business Training leverages military skill sets to empower new entrepreneurs, executives, and business owners. Specialized Counseling & Wellness programs address the unique service-related emotional/behavioral difficulties that affect civilian re-integration. Housing Resources include shelter, emergency & short-term housing and voucher assistance for veterans who are at-risk of homelessness.

GCVF’s relentless pursuit of quality services for veterans profoundly improves the lives of those who have protected our country and our way of life. We cannot shy away from this obligation. But these efforts also greatly enrich the health and success of our entire community.

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## Gold Coast Veterans Foundation - Executive Overview

**Vision & Mission:** To reduce or eliminate suffering, lowered quality of life, re-integration difficulties, and negative lifetime outcomes of American military veterans.

**Methodology:** We catch the veterans who “fall through the cracks” in larger systems of care, using direct intervention to disrupt the chain of events that leads to negative outcomes. We address and resolve the root causes of problems before lives are damaged or lost, using a proprietary cross-sector integrated care model not offered elsewhere:

**Veterans Connection** is a comprehensive one-stop service center for veterans. Personalized 1 on 1 care, support, and case management is provided at no charge.

**Benefit Navigation** provides a licensed Veteran Services Officer and support staff to expedite, troubleshoot, and connect veterans with all available benefits (VA, CalVet, etc.)

**Mobile Veteran Outreach (MVO)** engages the most difficult-to-serve of all veterans, the homeless. 90%+ have additional mental/physical/substance issues, and are at the highest risk. MVO puts someone at the right place, at the right time, to save that life.

**Housing Assistance** including VASH subsidized housing assistance, shelter, low-income / veteran-friendly housing advocacy, landlord mediation, housing placement.

**Job/Career Resources** including veteran-specific job readiness, training & education for high paying jobs, small business and entrepreneurship, and veteran-friendly employers.

**Financial Coaching** for veterans to be in control of their financial health. Self-sufficiency is a primary factor in positive outcomes and preventing veteran homelessness

**Behavioral Health** programs address veteran-specific emotional wellness, PTSD, MST, and mental health needs.

*These components create a robust and effective integrated model, creating a viable method to end veteran homelessness in Ventura County, and is replicable elsewhere.*