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Veterans Find Assistance at Local Resource Event



JOSHUA TREE, CA – On President’s Day, San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos along with Twentynine Palms Mayor Pro-Tem McArthur Wright held a Veterans Resource Day at the Joshua Tree Community Center. The purpose of this event was to honor veterans for their service as well as connect them to resources and services available to them.

The Third District Supervisor opened up the event with remarks on how the County of San Bernardino cares for its veterans population. “Ending veteran homelessness remains a top priority in the County of San Bernardino,” stated Supervisor Ramos. “Through collaboration with various County agencies and community partners, we have seen great success with these projects.” Last year, nearly 400 identified homeless veterans within the county were successfully housed. In 2015, 476 homeless veterans were also permanently housed.

San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs participated in the event by providing veterans with valuable information and resources about educational, housing and medical benefits. “We are committed to meeting the needs of those who have served our country, including visiting all areas of our county to meet with our veterans”, stated Frank Guevara, Director of Veterans Affairs. “On Monday, we had the honor of meeting with more than 100 veterans in the Joshua Tree area and let them know the many ways that San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs can assist them.”

“We must always recognize and respect the service of those who keep us safe, not just on specific dates but throughout the 365 days a year”, comments Supervisor Ramos who is a strong advocate for veterans. “We must keep in mind that our veterans often face a different battle when reclaiming their civilian lives.”

“It was very encouraging to see the community come together in support of our veterans”, states Mayor Pro-Tem McArthur Wright. “I truly believe this was the beginning of even more resources coming our way. It does my heart good to know that we have a person like James Ramos as the County Supervisor who cares about the people. I cannot say thank you enough to all the participants and staff members who made this possible.”

In addition to the programs and services focused on veteran outreach, those in attendance had the opportunity of getting haircuts and manicures while enjoying hot meals served by Supervisor Ramos himself.

Many veterans qualify for local, state or federal benefits and are not aware. The variety of benefits available to many veterans are numerous and range from monetary benefits to college tuition waivers for their children. Supervisor Ramos encourages all veterans to contact the County’s Veterans Affairs at (909) 387-5516 or via email at inquiry@va.sbcounty.gov to apply for these benefits. All services are free-of-charge and if eligible for benefits, the County’s Department of Veterans Affairs will help veterans complete and submit applications.

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