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County honored for support to military community

The County of San Bernardino has been named the most supportive county in California to the state's military members and their families by the Yellow Ribbon America Campaign and the California State Legislature.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary C. Ovitt will accept the honor during a ceremony in the State Capitol on June 10.

The county operates numerous programs to support members of the military and their families, including providing full pay and benefits to county employees who also serve as active-duty members of the military while they are away from work serving in the military.

The county also provides special health care services to active-duty military personnel and veterans, and has operated food and supply drives for troops stationed overseas. This Friday, June 5, the county will host a ceremony for men and women whose high school education was interrupted due to their military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or by their internment in a Japanese-American relocation camp during World War II. The participants will receive their long-awaited high school diplomas.

"San Bernardino County is proud of all we do for our military members and their families because they do so much for us and our country," Chairman Ovitt said. "We are especially proud to be singled out as the best among the state's 58 counties for the work we do for our military community."

The county's work for military members and veterans is largely the work of the county's Department of Veterans Affairs.

Irvine-based Yellow Ribbon America unites Americans, motivating and assisting America's communities to give direct support to their local military members and their families. Yellow Ribbon America provides the national framework to organize America's cities and towns, delivering immediate and direct support to America's deployed and returning military personnel, and their families.