



2,361 OC Veterans Apply for Veteran Driver License

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Veterans Day 2016 marked the first anniversary since the State of California began offering veterans the VETERAN designation on a California driver license or identification (ID) card, intended as a visible and official way of confirming military service.

During the first year of the program, 2,361 veterans visited the Orange County Veterans Service Office (OCVSO) to obtain the Veteran Status Verification form to apply for the special designation. Statewide, approximately 7,400 veterans applied for the special designation.

Orange County processed 32% of those issued statewide, which a remarkable achievement. The county has the fifth largest veteran population in the state.

“We are very proud of our military veterans and pleased by the overwhelming response from Orange County for obtaining this special designation, whose recognition is so richly deserved,” said Board of Supervisors [Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett](#), Fifth District.

To obtain the VETERAN designation:

STEP 1 – Locate a certified copy of your military discharge certificate (DD214). If you need assistance in obtaining military records/copies, visit www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel.

STEP 2 – Bring a certified DD214 and valid government identification to the OCVSO and obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form (form must be obtained in person and can't be downloaded).

STEP 3 – Visit www.dmv.ca.gov or call DMV at (800) 777-0133 to make an appointment. Bring your Veteran Status Verification Form to the DMV. Complete the application, pay any fees including the \$5 fee to add the Veteran Designation.

The Orange County Veterans Service Office is ready to assist you at 1300 South Grand Avenue, Building B, Room 247, Santa Ana 92705. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

For more information please visit us at www.veterans.ocgov.com.

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