

## Our Mission

CVJP is dedicated to supporting all current and former service members and ensuring they receive the information, guidance, and services they need to utilize the California Veteran Criminal Statutes to obtain alternative sentencing and diversion, and greater well-being and success.

## Walk-in Locations

### WEST LA VA

Bldg. 257, Rm. 107

11303 Wilshire Blvd,

Los Angeles, CA 90073-1003

**Mon; 12 pm - 2 pm**

**Tues, Thurs and Fri; 9 am - 1 pm**

### BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL

1816 S. Figueroa St., Floor 4

Los Angeles, CA 90015

**Wednesday; 9 am - 1 pm**

### VETERANS ADM. SEPULVEDA

16111 Plummer St, Bldg. 4

North Hills, CA 91343

**Monday & Friday; 9 am - 1 pm**

## Contact Us

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www.cvjp.org

## Military, Veteran, Reservist & National Guard:



### IF YOU'VE BEEN ARRESTED:

**STEP 1:** Contact CVJP as soon as possible to meet with a CVJP worker.

(Contact us through our website at [www.cvjp.org](http://www.cvjp.org) OR come in to one of our walk-in locations listed on our website or brochure)

**STEP 2:** Fill out our forms.

(download our forms from our website and email them to [office.cvjp@gmail.com](mailto:office.cvjp@gmail.com) OR come into one of our sites and work with a CVJP worker)

**STEP 3:** CVJP will provide you with one-one-one support to guide you in meeting the CA veteran criminal statute requirements.

**STEP 4:** CVJP will help connect you with the resources & services you need in a comprehensive and holistic way at **NO COST TO YOU.**

## Community Veteran Justice Project (CVJP)



**Are you a current or former service member facing criminal charges?**

CVJP is here to serve you.

[office.cvjp@gmail.com](mailto:office.cvjp@gmail.com)

[www.cvjp.org](http://www.cvjp.org)

# PENAL CODES

# For Help:

# If VA Eligible contact:

CA law includes several statutes that can aid current and former service members (regardless of discharge status and including National Guard and Reservists) in receiving alternative sentencing:

**The statutes are on the back of the MIL100 form:**

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/mil100.pdf>

**Penal Code Section 1170.9  
Alternative Sentencing**

Allows for treatment instead of incarceration. Options include reducing felonies to misdemeanors, dismissing of fees and fines and sealing of records.

**Penal Code Section 1170.91  
PTSD**

Allows for conditions such as PTSD to be used for mitigation in sentencing

**Penal Code Section 1001.80**

**Misdemeanor Pre-Plea Military Diversion**

Allows some veterans and service members to do treatment programs instead of incarceration. If successfully completed, cases will be dismissed.

**Penal Code 858  
Court Notification**

Mandates the court to notify veterans about all veteran statutes.

**Penal Code 1001.36  
Mental Health Diversion for Felonies and Misdemeanors**

Military Service Not Required (murder, sex crimes excluded)

CVJP supports current and former service members with criminal charges.

If you would like to receive **FREE** assistance you must complete the Statute In-take and Release of Information forms at:

[www.cvjp.org/get-help](http://www.cvjp.org/get-help)

**The 3 requirements of the California  
Veteran Criminal Statutes are:**

1. Verify military service
2. Verify substance abuse/ mental health problem as a result of military service
3. Set up a mental health treatment plan

**The court will appoint an attorney to represent you at your first court appearance. This the only low-cost representation available for criminal cases.**

The **U.S. Supreme Court** stated that our country has “a long tradition of according leniency to veterans in recognition of their service, especially for those who fought on the front lines...”

[See **Porter v. McCollum**, 558 U.S. 30, 130 S.Ct. 447, 455-56 (2009)]

**Disclaimer:** *You must consult with your criminal defense attorney for all legal advice on your criminal case. This brochure cannot be relied on as legal advice, and is intended to provide information only*

**VA Vet Justice Outreach (VJO)  
Jail Outreach Worker (JOW)**

VJOs and JOWs can visit veterans in jail. They can verify veteran status, benefits, get records, arrange treatment, and provide other services. Attorneys and family members can also contact them for assistance with veteran cases.

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