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Governor Brown Approves One-Time \$3 million Augmentation In Support of California's Network of 56 County Veterans Service Offices

In signing the 2014-15 State Budget today Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. also approved a one-time augmentation of \$3 million in support of California's network of 56 County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs). Working closely with CalVet, the CVSOs work to connect veterans and their families with the education, employment, housing, health and other state and federal benefits they have earned through military service.

"We are very pleased to see that the Governor recognized the efforts of the County Veteran Services Officers and include this additional money to the state's support for their operations," said Peter J. Gravett, Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. "The CVSOs are a valuable asset in the state's effort to increase veterans' awareness of services available and to assist in connecting them with their earned benefits."

The Budget also provides continued support to the Veterans Homes of California in Fresno and Redding as they continue their ramp-up efforts and admit residents to these two new facilities. The Fresno Home first admitted Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) residents on October 17, 2013 and its first Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) resident on May 1, 2014. The Redding Home admitted its first RCFE residents on October 22, 2013 and will admit its first SNF resident on June 23, 2014.

The Governor signed the budget today in a ceremony in San Diego. The budget is balanced, on time, pays down the state debt, builds a solid Rainy Day Fund and directs additional funding for local schools and health care. Additional details on the 2014-15 budget, including line-item vetoes, can be found at www.ebudget.ca.gov.

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