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**MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS HONOR NATIVE AMERICANS WITH VETDAYLA 2022 OPEN HOUSE**

*LA County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs to recognize Native American Veterans during VETDAYLA event on November 5th.*

LOS ANGELES, CA – On Saturday, November 5th, the Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA) will host *VetDayLA 2022*, a day of information, food and fun for veterans and their families at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall. MVA will honor all Native Americans during Native American Heritage Month who’ve served in the U.S. Military with keynote speaker Dawn “Dusty” Napier, 20-Year U.S. Navy Retiree (1974-1994).

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| **WHAT:** | Day of information and special programming, including Native American welcome, prayer, Color Guard, food and speakers. |
| **WHO:** | * **Jim Zenner, USA,** MVA Director. * **Holly J. Mitchell,** LA County Supervisor, 2nd District. * **Commander Dawn “Dusty” Napier,** USN (Ret), 1974-1994. Former Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California State Commander. * **Melanie J. Cain, USAF,** LACDMH Clinical Program Head, American Indian Counseling Center. |
| **WHY:** | MVA honors all veterans during the month of November with a special acknowledgement of the many Native Americans who have served in the US Armed Forces. All veterans and their families should be aware of the services and benefits they are entitled to. If you are a veteran, family member or friend who would like to be contacted about the services available to you, reach out at [youservedyouearned.com](https://www.youservedyouearned.com/), fill out the form, and a Veteran Service Officer will contact you. |
| **WHEN:** | **Saturday, November 5, 2022,** from10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| **WHERE:** | Bob Hope Patriotic Hall  1816 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, California, 90015 |
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The LA County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) provides assistance to LA County veterans, active service members and their families with resources, programs, services and state and federal benefits, including: compensation and pension claims, burial benefits and services, medical and mental health referral, education and vocational rehabilitation, home loans and grants applications, employment and job placement assistance, DMV veteran designation, legal service referrals, appeal processes, incarcerated veterans and aid and attendance.

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