



## UCLA Veterans Initiatives & Partnerships May June Newsletter

**\*\*\*Construction Update; VLC Open\*\*\***

**Access to Building 218 is reduced due to construction; Parking Lot 7 specifically is most impacted. The UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic remains open. Please follow signs for building access.**

**Welcome to Jorge at the VFWC!**

### **Jorge Merlos joins the Veterans and Family Wellbeing Center**

The team at the VFWC expands with the addition of Jorge Merlos, the team's newest community engagement specialist.

The son of two U.S. Army Soldiers, Jorge spent most of his youth in Southern California where he developed a passion for helping others in need.

After volunteering to help Veterans at the West LA VA during high school, he committed himself to finding his way back to this community after school.

After earning his Bachelor's in psychology from the University of Oregon, and some odd jobs here and there, Jorge found his way back south towards Acton, Cali., working with a K9 therapy group.



Seeing the opportunity open up at the VFWC, Jorge quickly packed up and moved into the Westside to begin his adventure with the VFWC!

**We had a record turnout at this year's last BBQ!**



More than 90 Veterans came out to enjoy BBQ provided by Brentwood Schools and see our Bruins run-rule Northwestern in the 7th inning 11-1! The Bruins will continue into the playoffs as No. 15 National Seed.

**Check out What's Happening!**



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# YOU'RE *Invited!*



## GAME INFO:

GAME 1: UCLA BASEBALL VS. FRESNO STATE @ 1PM

GAME 2: ARIZONA STATE VS. UC IRVINE @ 6PM

FRIDAY, MAY. 30

JACKIE ROBINSON STADIUM

YOU ARE INVITED TO WATCH YOUR BRUINS  
THIS WEEKEND FOR NCAA REGIONALS  
AT JACKIE ROBINSON STADIUM!

DOORS OPEN 90 MINUTES  
PRIOR TO FIRST PITCH

FIRST 25 VETERANS  
WILL GET FREE ADMISSION  
TO THE UCLA BASEBALL ON FRIDAY  
& POTENTIAL GAMES FOR THE WEEKEND.  
PLEASE SHOW YOUR VETERAN ID CARD  
AT THE BOX OFFICE  
TO RECEIVE A TICKET.  
DUE TO THIS BEING AN NCAA EVENT,  
EVERYONE WILL NEED A TICKET.

## GAME SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, MAY 31

GAME 3: LOSER OF GAME 1 VS. LOSER OF GAME 2 - 12PM

GAME 4: WINNER OF GAME 1 VS. WINNER OF GAME 2 - 6PM

## SUNDAY, JUNE 1

GAME 5: WINNER OF GAME 3 VS. LOSER OF GAME 4 - 3PM

GAME 6: WINNER OF GAME 4 VS. WINNER OF GAME 5 - 7PM



## MONDAY, JUNE 2

GAME 7: IF NECESSARY - TIME TBD



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# SUMMER CAMPS

## AVAILABLE TO MILITARY FAMILIES!

### BOYS BASKETBALL

- YOUTH CAMP #1: JUNE 23-26
- YOUTH CAMP #2: JULY 14-17

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

- YOUTH CAMP #1: JUNE 16-19
- YOUTH CAMP #2: JULY 7-10

### BOYS SOCCER

- YOUTH CAMP #1: JULY 1-3
- YOUTH CAMP #2: JULY 28-30

### GIRLS SOCCER

- YOUTH CAMP #1: JULY 7-10
- YOUTH CAMP #2: JULY 14-17

### SWIMMING

- ADVANCED SESSION #1: JUNE 23-26
- ADVANCED SESSION #2: JULY 7-10
- ADVANCED SESSION #3: JULY 14-17
- YOUTH CAMP: JULY 21-24

### DIVING

- SESSION 1: JUNE 16-19
- SESSION 2: JUNE 23-26
- SESSION 3: JULY 7-10
- SESSION 4: JULY 14-17

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- YOUTH CAMP: JULY 8-11

### FOOTBALL

- YOUTH CAMP: JUNE 11



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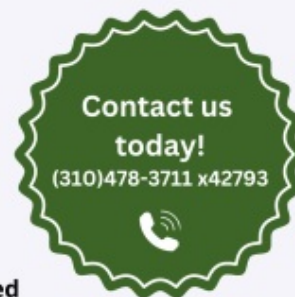
Take advantage of everything UCLA has to offer



# UCLA Veteran Family Wellbeing Center

# VFWC

The Veteran Family Wellbeing Center (VFWC) provides evidenced-based resilience building services to Veterans, Guard and Reserve members of all eras (regardless of discharge status) and their family members residing in California. Located on the West LA VA campus, appointments are available both in person and remotely using a computer or laptop.



The VFWC services help individuals, couples and families:

- Improve communication
- Express and respond to emotions
- Feel closer to loved ones
- Solve problems
- Plan for the future
- Increase overall wellbeing
- Overcome challenges of all kinds, including marital difficulties, parent-child relationships, grief and loss, reintegration, caregiving, feelings of isolation and many others

Services are free, confidential and offered regardless of military discharge status. Whether you have served or supported someone who has, we look forward to helping you achieve your wellbeing and relationship goals.

## Location:

**VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System  
West Los Angeles Medical Center  
11301 Wilshire Boulevard  
Building 220, 3rd Floor Room 316  
Los Angeles, CA 90073**

## Appointments available

**Monday-Friday 8:30am-7:00pm  
and Saturday mornings.**



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Veteran Family  
Wellbeing Center

**VA**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

For more information, contact our Family Services Coordinator  
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# UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic

## Need **legal** advice?

### What types of legal issues do we handle?

Veterans Benefits: Pension and service-connected compensation benefits.

Citations & Traffic Infractions: Violations in traffic court, not DUIs.

Criminal Record Clearing: Expungements and 290 removals  
Housing: Assistance for tenants in disputes with their landlord.

**(424) 248-9783**



**2nd & 4th Tuesdays**

**8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Located at Building 218, ground floor Room 5A.**

**Call or walk in.**

Any person who served in the U.S. military, regardless of discharge status, length of service, or era of service may be eligible for services. [The service is for low-income, Los Angeles-area Veterans.](#) Additional criteria apply. Services are not guaranteed. Referrals are available.





# Take ownership of your health care

**Operation Mend heals our nation's post-9/11 military service members, veterans and caregivers by providing innovative, comprehensive, world-class care for the physical and psychological wounds of war.**

Veterans who have gone through the in-person intensive outpatient program (IOP) have shown improvement in mental health symptoms within 3 months after program completion.



Scan, call **310-267-2110** or visit  
**[uclahealth.org/programs/operationmend](http://uclahealth.org/programs/operationmend)**  
to learn how you can get help today

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