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Fresno VA and Clergy Partnership for Veterans Spiritual Well-Being

FRESNO, Calif. – Central Valley Clergy and Spiritual Leaders will join VA Central California Health Care System (VACCHCS) Chaplain Service at a special event to strengthen partnerships and incorporate the spiritual element into Veterans health care on Oct. 21, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Clovis Memorial District, located on 808 Fourth St., Clovis, CA 93612.

Many Veterans experience a sense of brokenness and alienation from God, self and society – particularly after combat. The subsequent loss of hope gives evidence of a deep spiritual wound that cannot be healed by medication alone. The *Spiritual Well-Being* event will promote open communication and sharing of information, methodologies and best practices to meet the unique needs of Veterans.

“VA Chaplains and staff can never impose spirituality upon Veterans,” said Terry Rommereim, VACCHCS Lead Chaplain. “Yet, when offered and accepted, we must do all we can to meet their spiritual needs.”

The event is open to the media. For further information, please contact Cenethea Lofbom at 559-228-5308 or cenethea.lofbom@va.gov.

WHAT: Spiritual Well-Being, VACCHCS Veteran’s Community Outreach Initiative

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. to noon.

WHERE: Clovis Memorial District, 808 Fourth St., Clovis, CA 93612

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