

# Veterans Homes of California

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The state of California has established state funded veterans' homes "to provide the state's aged or disabled veterans with rehabilitative, residential, and medical care and services in a home-like environment." The state provides the veterans' homes as a gesture of gratitude for the service the patients have given to our country.

The six California Veterans' Homes provide long term care to California residents including medical, dental and rehabilitative care. As the aging veteran population grows, so does the need for additional long term care facilities. There are additional homes under construction in Fresno and Redding. The six homes currently open are located in Yountville, Barstow, Chua Vista, Lancaster, Ventura and West Los Angeles.

Eligible veterans for acceptance into the Veterans' homes include those who are age 55 and above who have been discharged from active military service under honorable conditions. The age requirement may be waived for disabled or homeless veterans needing long-term care.

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