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VETERANS SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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CALVET NEW APPOINTEE



Pedro (Pete) Molina, of Fresno, has been appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as the first in the nation **Assistant Secretary for Native American Veterans Affairs** in the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet). Pete is a member of the Yaqui Nation from Tucson, Arizona. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1973.

Were you on Stop Loss ?



The Defense Department announced on Jan. 5, 2010 the services' implementation plans to provide retroactive stop loss special pay. Active, reserve and former service members who had their enlistment extended or retirement suspended due to stop loss are eligible for this special pay, if they served on active duty between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009.

Service members must provide documented proof they were stop loss with their claim. Family members of deceased service members should contact the appropriate military service for assistance in filing their claim.

Information on how to contact each of the services is listed below:

Army: Go to www.stoplosspay.army.mil or email retrostoplosspay@conus.army.mil

Navy: Email NXAG_N132C@navy.mil

Marine Corps: Go to www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss or email stoploss@usmc.mil

Air Force: Go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss/

Green Job Training



Green Job Training For Veterans

Swords to Plowshares is currently enrolling students for the San Jose City College Green Job Training Program for veterans. You will acquire the skills needed to launch into a career in one of the fastest growing industries. If you qualify, the training is available to you at no cost.

Dates: March 29 -May 28, 2010

Time: Mondays & Wednesdays / 9am - 2 pm & Fridays 9am - 3 pm

Location: San Jose City College, Room TBD

Contact: Anthony Chandler

Email: achandler@stp-sf.org **Phone:** (415) 558-8870 ext. 202

Military Foxhole Guard & Reserve News

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Appoints New Adjutant General of the California National Guard

February 2, 2010, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed the first woman to head the California National Guard, the nation's largest guard unit. Brigadier General Mary Kight also will be the first black woman to become Adjutant General of any state's National Guard. General Kight replaces General William Wade leading 16,600 Army National Guard and nearly 4,800 Air National Guard members in our great State of California.

What you may not know about VA Voc Rehab

ATTN: Service-Connected Vets VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) will send people to graduate school, to include law school, medical school, dental school, and airline pilot training. It can also pay for starting small businesses and allocating in excess of \$100,000 for the start up, according to participating SBA Veteran Business Counselors working with the program. Communicate with your VR&E Counselor and express your employment needs. For more information visit www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/.

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