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## PRESS RELEASE

### CITY ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW VETERANS CENTER AT DOWNEY CITY LIBRARY

**Downey, CA, April 13, 2022:**

The City of Downey, in partnership with the Center for Military Veterans Reintegration and the Veteran Peer Access Network, is pleased to announce the launch of a new veteran support center. The new Veteran Center will be based inside the Downey City Library and will serve as a community-led veteran reintegration initiative designed to provide a range of support services to veterans living in Los Angeles County. It will provide veterans services in education, employment, entrepreneurship, wellness, and family support.

A special grand opening ceremony is scheduled for **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**, with City officials and various local veteran service organizations present. The public is invited to attend.

“We are honored to be able to open our very own Veterans Center here in our City,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. “We value our veteran community and hope this new center will provide them with the services and support they need to succeed after their military service.”

Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez added, “Veterans will now have a place here in Downey where they can seek the help they need and feel supported along the way. We encourage all local veterans to take advantage of all of the services this new Veterans Center will offer.”

“The Downey Veterans Center will enable us to meet our full potential in reintegrating veterans and their families back into the Los Angeles community by integrating government, non-profits, veteran-serving organizations, and private partners around a mutual agenda that holistically addresses the challenges veterans face in reintegration,” said Maurice D. Wilson, MCPO USN, (Ret), President/Executive Director for National Veterans Transition Services Inc. (also known as REBOOT Program).

The Veterans Center will be open Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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