

## Veterans Should be Wary of Organizations Offering Services to Veterans

The Kern County Veterans Service Department recognizes that there are many organizations offering services to veterans, both locally and on a nationwide level. While many of these organizations operate honorably with the best intentions of assisting veterans and their families, that is not the case with all organizations. Some groups are quick to take advantage of under-informed veterans by using confusing, yet convincing, language. We urge Kern County's veteran families to exercise caution when utilizing services from any organization, especially if payment is required for services that our department may be able to provide free of charge; and we work hard to ensure that our clients fully understand the process and benefit for which they are applying. The Kern County Veterans Service Department may work with local and nationwide groups to provide our veterans with the most comprehensive assistance possible, but we do not endorse or recommend any third-party organizations. Please notify our Department on our complaint line if you encounter any organization attempting to take advantage of you; that number is 661-868-7323.