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## **News Release**

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## **Operation of the Stanislaus Veterans Center**

Stanislaus County –In 2017, Stanislaus County in partnership with the Veterans Foundation of Stanislaus County (Veterans Foundation) opened the Stanislaus Veterans Center, located at 3500 Coffee Road in Modesto, California. The Center is a 37,000-square foot facility complete with a banquet hall and conference center.

The Veterans Foundation of Stanislaus County, the current Veteran's Center Operator, has requested that Stanislaus County assume the role of operating the Stanislaus Veterans Center due to challenges the Veterans Foundation has been experiencing. On December 18, 2018 the Board of Supervisors will consider this request, and if approved the County will begin managing the facility on January 1, 2019.

The County, Stanislaus County Veterans Advisory Commission and the Veterans Foundation are committed to working together to ensure the Veterans Center remains a valuable resource for all County Veterans. The Veteran's Foundation will continue to occupy space at the Veterans Center and operate the lounge during events. Additionally, the Foundation will continue to host fundraising events, with proceeds going towards supporting Veterans activities.

The Veterans Center was developed and envisioned for Stanislaus County Veterans as a place to socialize, meet, and host fundraising activities. The Veterans Hall and Conference Center also benefits from being adjacent to County Veterans programs and services. The Veterans Center remains available for Veteran Service Organization groups to use free of charge.

It is anticipated that Stanislaus County will seek Request of Proposals for a private operator to manage and market the Veterans Center in the future.

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