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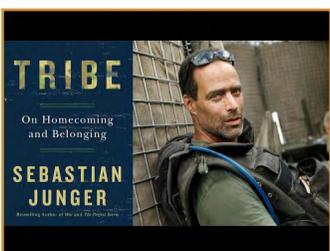
The Oceanside Public Library is now offering military veterans a new one-stop shop to help them find information about the services and resources available to them.

The Library has received a grant from the California State Library, in partnership with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), to set-up a Veterans' Resource Center **on the second floor of the Civic Center Library**. The Center offers books and pamphlets on topics of specific interest to veterans and their families such as state and federal benefits for veterans, health care, education and employment.

Trained volunteers will be available for walk-in appointments to answer questions and help fill out the My CalVet registration on Wednesdays from 12:00-4:00 p.m., or veterans can make an appointment by calling 760-435-5571.



BOOK DISCUSSION FEATURING "THE TRIBE"



In honor of Armed Forces month, and as part of the Oceanside Public Library's Veterans Connect program, the

Library will be hosting a special book discussion in May (date to be determined), featuring the title *Tribe* by Sebastian Junger. The purpose of the book discussion is to bring the community together to talk about the military experiences and returning to civilian life while providing an informal, supportive environment for dialogue.

Free copies of the book will be

available while supplies last. For more information, please visit the Library's website at www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org.

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A Collection of Letters Written by Veterans & Their Families

WAR COMES HOME THE LEGACY



Highlighting private correspondence from almost every major conflict in U.S. history, new exhibition *War Comes Home: The Legacy* will be on display at the Oceanside Public Library Civic Center Branch beginning in May. The traveling exhibition, rich with historic and contemporary letters, offers an intimate perspective into the thoughts and emotions of veterans and their families upon a soldier's homecoming.

War Comes Home: The Legacy is part of Cal Humanities' current War Comes Home initiative, a thematic program designed to promote greater understanding of veterans and explore how war shapes a community. The exhibition explores the joys and hardships that returning soldiers and their families face during homecoming, as expressed through private letters and email correspondence. Spanning conflicts from the Civil War through the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and displayed on thirteen interpretive panels, *War Comes Home: The Legacy* explores the shared themes of wartime separation, the adjustment to life back at home, and the costs of war.



The exhibition will run from the beginning of May through mid-June. An opening reception will be held during the first week in May.

Visit the Library's website at www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org for more information.

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