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**Statement from Board Chairman Miguel Villapudua on the
Opening of the Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic in French Camp**

Stockton, CA – San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chairman Miguel Villapudua issued the following statement today on the occasion of the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic in French Camp:

“On behalf of the entire San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, I want to say thank you to the veterans of our community, who have tirelessly advocated for this facility over the past twenty years; we have been a proud partner with you and consider it an honor to have stood behind you in relentless pursuit of this goal. With approximately 32,000 veterans in San Joaquin County, with many more in surrounding areas, French Camp is an ideal location of this new clinic, which will allow our veterans, who have honorably and nobly served our nation, to be treated close to home.

Veterans like Tino Adame, Cary Martin, and Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sergeant Richard Pittman took their oaths and their commitment to our nation seriously, and they continued to serve their fellow veterans and our community over the past two decades to hold the VA accountable in providing quality, local care. Our community and our nation remain in their debt, and I want to honor them especially today.

Finally, I want to say thank you to the former elected officials, County Supervisors, and staff who laid the groundwork for today’s accomplishment in quiet dedication to their work, we hope this is just the start of better care for our veterans, throughout the Valley and Foothills.”

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