



## Perris News

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### Teen Volunteers Assist Veterans Business Resource Center

Volunteers from the Perris Teen Center descended on the Southwest Veterans Business Resource Center to help paint and spruce up the facility on the north end of the Perris City Hall Campus.

The teen-agers and young adults slapped on a new coat of cream-colored paint to brighten the interior of the center and added beige and brown to the exterior.

"What a great turnout," said former U.S. Marine Albert Renteria, who serves as the volunteer coordinator at the center. "We had the right momentum, the right excitement and the right amount of enthusiasm to get the job done. It's going to make a big difference. As a non-profit organization, it would have been a great burden to have to pay for the painting."

The City of Perris leases an office to the veterans' non-profit center for \$1 a year. Perris is home to many veterans, some who struggle with emotional and physical disabilities as a result of their military service. The center assists veterans in obtaining benefits due them and provides workshops and seminars about how they become business owners.

Renteria said that as word got out about the painting effort, other Perris Valley residents stepped forward to lend the center a hand. A March Air Reserve Base employee donated furniture, curtains and light bulbs, he said.

Perris City Councilman Al Landers thanked the Perris Youth Council for making a difference in the lives of veterans.

"Their work makes our veterans' center look top-notch and first-rate," he said. "The youth who volunteered their time are taking pride in our veterans and in our community."

Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans, a former Marine, also praised the young volunteers.

"It shows the community that someone cares," Evans said. "I think that's super."



A volunteer from the Perris Youth Council applies a new coat of paint recently at the Southwest Veterans Business Resource Center in Perris.