

Colorado

Division of Veterans Affairs



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State of Colorado Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA)

<https://dmva.colorado.gov/>

- Division of Veterans Affairs
- Colorado National Guard
- Civil Air Patrol



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Division of Veterans Affairs (DVA)

What we do:

Further *prompt* and *efficient* service to all Veterans on a *uniformed* basis

How we do it:

- Maintain liaison with and assist all Veteran Service Officers
- Maintain liaison with VA and appropriate agencies of the federal government
- Provide county VSOs with pertinent information, suggestions, forms, and rulings
- Hold conferences to assist VSOs in their duties and keep them properly advised
- Assist Veterans in the preparation and filing for Veterans benefits claims
- Cooperate with and assist veteran service organizations and advisory groups
- Establish a training and certification program for VSOs
- Maintain a state military veterans cemetery
- Operate a One Source facility
- Administer Veteran Trust Fund & Veteran Assistance Grant programs



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Veteran Service Officers

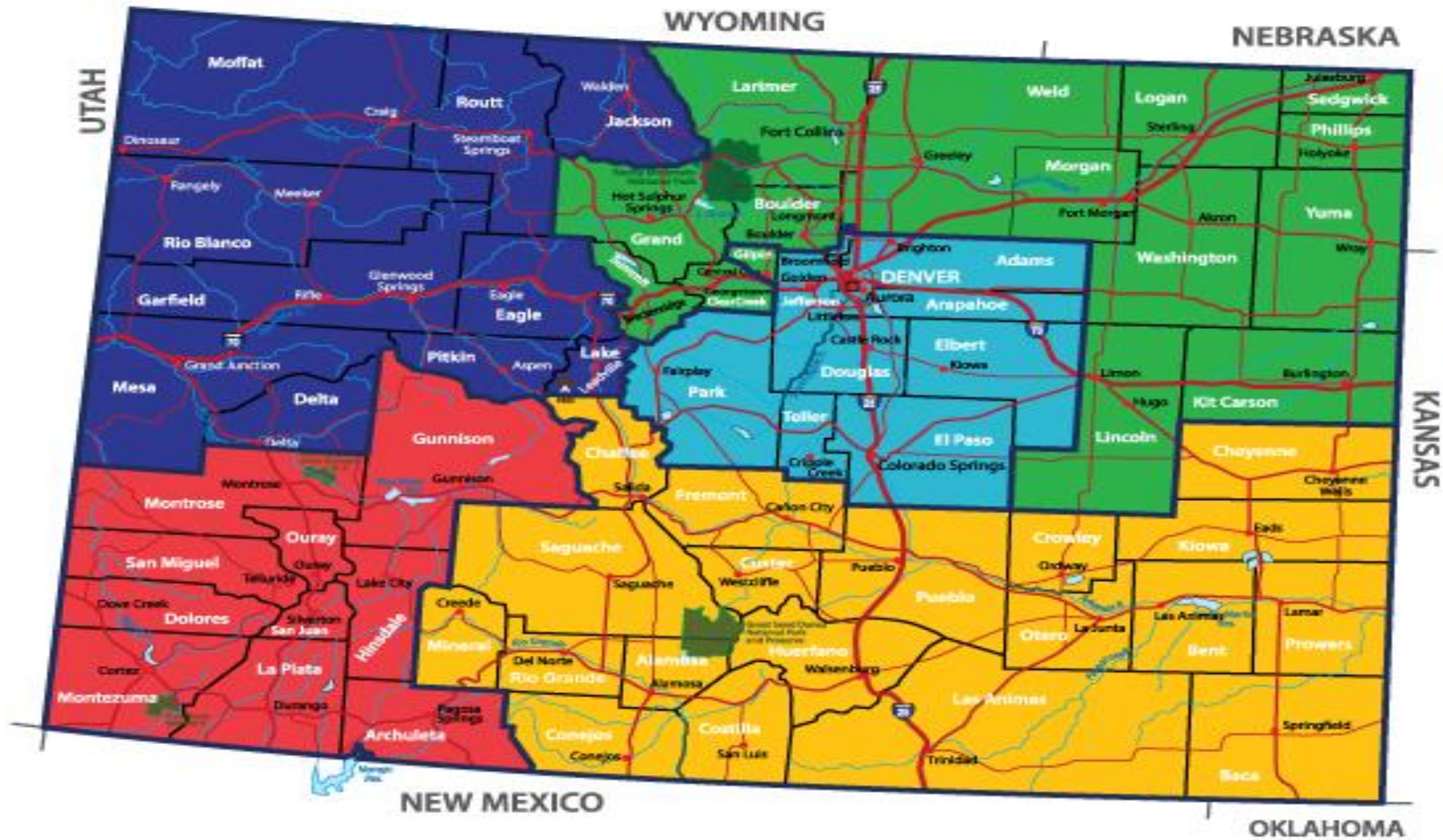
Framework & Way Ahead

- "One Team - One Fight"
- A VSO is a VSO is a VSO
- Five region concept of support (Central, NE, SE, SW, NW)
- Full-time/Part-Time County vouchers
- Counties appoint, State certifies, VA accredits
- Accreditation & access to VA systems (i.e. VBMS)
- Continuing education & certification
- National Association County Veteran Service Officer (NACVSO) certification model
- Two conferences (Spring Training & Annual Conference)
- National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP)
- Hosting 2024 NACVSO Conference



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DVA Regional Structure





County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs)

- Each county in Colorado has a Veterans Service Office that offers free assistance to veterans.
- Honorably discharged Veteran appointed by the county commissioners for a two-year term.
- County VSOs specialize in assisting veterans, and their family members, with claims, applications, and appeals to the VA.
- Encourage Veterans to utilize their County Veterans Service Office for assistance and to submit claims.

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|--------------------|--------------|
| ▼ Adams | ▼ Alamosa |
| ▼ Arapahoe | ▼ Archuleta |
| ▼ Baca | ▼ Bent |
| ▼ Boulder/Longmont | ▼ Broomfield |
| ▼ Chaffee | ▼ Chrysalis |
| ▼ Clear Creek | ▼ Conejos |
| ▼ Comanche | ▼ Crowley |
| ▼ Custer | ▼ Delta |
| ▼ Denver | ▼ Dolores |
| ▼ Douglas | ▼ Eagle |
| ▼ Elbert | ▼ El Paso |
| ▼ Fremont | ▼ Garfield |
| ▼ Gilpin | ▼ Grand |
| ▼ Gunnison | ▼ Hinsdale |
| ▼ Huerfano | ▼ Jackson |
| ▼ Jefferson | ▼ Kiowa |
| ▼ Kit Carson | ▼ La Plata |
| ▼ Lake | ▼ Larimer |
| ▼ Las Animas | ▼ Lincoln |
| ▼ Logan | ▼ Mesa |
| ▼ Mineral | ▼ Moffat |
| ▼ Montezuma | ▼ Montrose |
| ▼ Morgan | ▼ Otero |
| ▼ Ouray | ▼ Park |
| ▼ Phillips | ▼ Pitkin |
| ▼ Pitkin | ▼ Pueblo |
| ▼ Prowers | ▼ Rio Grande |
| ▼ Rio Blanco | ▼ Saguache |
| ▼ Routt | ▼ San Miguel |
| ▼ San Juan | ▼ Summit |
| ▼ Sedgwick | ▼ Washington |
| ▼ Teller | ▼ Yuma |
| ▼ Weld | |

County VSOs Directory

<https://vets.colorado.gov/county-veterans-service-offices>

^ Boulder/Longmont

Service Officer

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Adam Sutton - asutton@bouldercounty.org

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Phone

Adam Sutton - 303-441-3890, 720-535-1511 (fax)

Karen Townsend - 720-864-6663, 720-864-6503, 303-834-8312 (fax)

Hours

Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm

Please call or email for appointment



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OPM Funds

\$442,000,000,000

va.gov.expenditures



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Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX)

Source National Center for Veteran Analysis and Statistics 2021 Expenditures Data:
https://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/GDX/GDX_FY21.xlsx

| FY21 Summary of Expenditures by State Expenditures in \$000s | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| State | Veteran Population* | Total Expenditure | Compensation & Pension | Construction | Education & Vocational Rehabilitation | Loan Guaranty# | General Operating Expenses | Insurance & Indemnities | Medical Care | Unique Patients** |
| Totals | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** | \$ 873,991 | ***** | ***** | ***** | ***** |
| Alabama | 357,520 | \$ 4,532,007 | \$ 2,792,683 | \$ 1,461 | \$ 193,092 | \$ - | \$ 19,995 | \$ 21,607 | \$ 1,503,169 | 122,475 |
| Alaska | 67,388 | \$ 777,283 | \$ 330,436 | \$ 3,735 | \$ 53,620 | \$ - | \$ 23,751 | \$ 1,686 | \$ 364,054 | 22,290 |
| Arizona | 493,453 | \$ 5,359,926 | \$ 2,684,560 | \$ 35,196 | \$ 276,519 | \$ - | \$ 50,156 | \$ 26,818 | \$ 2,286,677 | 171,362 |
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| California | 1,615,957 | \$ 19,338,544 | \$ 9,448,657 | \$ 271,557 | \$ 1,588,603 | \$ - | \$ 92,612 | \$ 108,022 | \$ 7,823,093 | 470,788 |
| Colorado | 387,618 | \$ 4,214,341 | \$ 2,294,329 | \$ 14,666 | \$ 384,279 | \$ - | \$ 30,974 | \$ 24,697 | \$ 1,465,396 | 114,878 |
| Connecticut | 157 | | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware | 68 | | | | | | | | | |
| District of Columbia | 28 | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida | 1,432 | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia | 689 | | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | 112 | | | | | | | | | |
| Idaho | 122 | | | | | | | | | |
| Illinois | 531 | | | | | | | | | |
| Indiana | 402 | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | 194 | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas | 192 | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | 284 | | | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | 282 | | | | | | | | | |
| Maine | 106 | | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | 377 | | | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | 305 | | | | | | | | | |
| Michigan | 554 | | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 304 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi | 182 | | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri | 413 | | | | | | | | | |
| Montana | 88 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | 124 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | 218 | | | | | | | | | |
| New Hampshire | 91 | | | | | | | | | |
| New Jersey | 328 | | | | | | | | | |
| New Mexico | 148 | | | | | | | | | |
| New York | 714 | | | | | | | | | |

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| State | Veteran Population* | Total Expenditure | Compensation & Pension | Construction | Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment | Loan Guaranty# | General Operating Expenses | Insurance & Indemnities | Medical Care | Unique Patients** |
| Totals | 19,088,805 | \$ 224,121,985 | \$ 111,805,034 | \$ 1,677,464 | \$ 11,583,465 | \$ 873,991 | \$ 8,750,909 | \$ 1,213,601 | \$ 88,217,521 | 6,322,423 |
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National Data by State

Example: State of Colorado

Total Veteran Population = **387,618**

Total Expenditures: **\$4,214,341 billion**

30% of Veterans in Colorado are enrolled in health care services (Unique Patients / Veteran Population)

Source National Center for Veteran Analysis and Statistics 2021 Expenditures Data:
https://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/GDX/GDX_FY21.xlsx

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| | County/ Congressional District | Veteran Population* | Total Expenditure | Compens & Pens |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| DENVER | | | | |
| DOLORES | | | | |
| DOUGLAS | | | | |
| EAGLE | | | | |
| ELBERT | | | | |
| EL PASO | | | | |
| FREMONT | | | | |
| GARFIELD | | | | |
| GILPIN | | | | |
| GRAND | | | | |
| GUNNISON | | | | |
| HINSDALE | | | | |
| HUERFANO | | | | |
| JACKSON | | | | |
| JEFFERSON | | | | |
| KIOWA | | | | |
| KIT CARSON | | | | |
| LAKE | | | | |
| LAPLATA | | | | |
| LARIMER | | | | |
| LAS ANIMAS | | | | |
| LINCOLN | | | | |
| LOGAN | | | | |
| MESA | | | | |
| MINERAL | | | | |
| MOFFAT | | | | |
| MONTAGNA | | | | |
| MONTROSE | | | | |
| MORGAN | | | | |
| OTERO | | | | |
| OURAY | | | | |
| PARK | | | | |
| PHILLIPS | | | | |
| PITKIN | | | | |
| PROWERS | | | | |
| PUEBLO | | | | |
| RIO BLANCO | | | | |
| RIO GRANDE | | | | |
| ROUTT | | | | |
| SAGUACHE | | | | |
| SAH JUAN | | | | |
| SAH MIGUEL | | | | |
| SEDGWICK | | | | |
| SUMMIT | | | | |
| TELLER | | | | |
| WASHINGTON | | | | |
| WELD | | | | |
| YUMA | | | | |
| COLORADO TOTAL | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R1] | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R2] | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R3] | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R4] | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R5] | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R6] | | | | |
| CONG. DIST [R7] | | | | |
| COLORADO TOTAL | | | | |

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|-------|--------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------|----------|----------|------------|-------|
| ADAMS | 27,779 | \$ 273,932 | \$ 110,372 | \$ 5,125 | \$ 19,853 | \$ - | \$ 3,957 | \$ 1,626 | \$ 132,998 | 7,197 |
|-------|--------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------|----------|----------|------------|-------|

26% of veterans in Adams County are enrolled in health care services (Unique Patients / Veteran Population)



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Grants and Administrative Support

Veterans Trust Fund

Nationally Recognized Veterans Service
Organizations with a 501(c) 19 or 23 status.

2022/23 Allocation: \$822,045.00

Veterans Assistance Grants

Nonprofit organizations with a 501(c) status
other than 19 or 23 and governmental
entities.

2022/23 Allocation: \$957,000.00

Grantees use these funds to assist
veterans with emergency relief and
basic needs including:

- Housing & Utility Assistance
- Food drives
- Clothes
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Transportation
- Veteran Assistance & Stand Downs



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Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Burial Eligibility:

- Active duty, not for training
- Other than dishonorable discharge
- Retired from National Guard or eligible for retirement at time of death

There is no charge for:

- Gravesite/plot/niche, concrete vault for casket
- Use of committal shelter & other facilities
- Standard U.S. Government headstone or niche cover
- Perpetual care
- Active Duty/Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard
- Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Burial Flag



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Western Region One Source (WROS)

Western Region One Source connects Veterans, military members, and their families with service providers and resources in order to enhance their opportunities and quality of life. Permanent home to the Remembering our Fallen Memorial.

Services Include:

- Veteran Service Officer
- Veteran's Benefits/Claims
- VA Healthcare Enrollment
- DEERS/ ID Cards
- Housing Assistance
- Volunteers of America
- Community Care
- PEER Support
- Community Connection
- Yoga
- Weekly Coffee Clubs
- VA/Special Events
- Women Events
- Medicare Mentors



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DVA Admin & Contacts

Admin Team

- Division Operations
- Customer Service
- Appeals Assistance
- Property Tax

<https://vets.colorado.gov>

Administrative Office - Lakewood

303-914-5832 - cdvainfo@dmva.state.co.us

Administrative Office - Grand Junction

970-257-3760 - wros@dmva.state.co.us

Facebook: @Western Region One Source

DEERS Office

970-257-3762 - jessica.quackenbush@dmva.state.co.us

Veterans Memorial Cemetery

970-263-8986 - angela.ingalls@state.co.us



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