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Arizona Veterans’ Memorial Cemeteries

• Arizona’s 11 National Cemetery Districts offer burial at 11 eligible cemeteries
• For more on eligibility, visit azvets.gov

Arizona Department of 'Veterans' Services

For Arizona veterans and those who care for them.

ADVS Role in Prevention and Treatment

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About ADVS

• The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is a state agency that services and provides advocacy to service members, veterans, and their families.
• Our Mission: To be the catalyst in response to the evolving needs of Arizona's veterans and their families.

Veteran Benefits Counselors (VBCs)

• VBCs are accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and advocate for Arizona’s service members, veterans
• VBCs assist claimants by:
  - Requesting military service records and certifying DD 214s (discharge paperwork)
  - Filing for survivor's benefits
  - Representing claimants at VA hearings
  - Processing VA compensation and pension applications
  - Educating them on eligibility requirements for benefits

Arizona State Veteran Homes

• Arizona State Veteran Homes serve the long-term care needs of veterans
• The homes will offer services and amenities similar to those at the current homes, like
  - Room, a gift shop, a barber/beauty shop and more
• The homes will be on 10 acres of land donated by local cities of Flagstaff and Yuma
• Each home will be a 120-bed facility (under construction)
• Each resident room will be furnished and private

New State Veteran Homes

• In June 2019, we broke ground on new State Veteran Homes in Yuma and Flagstaff
• Estimated construction completion: Summer 2021
• The new homes will serve veterans with evolving needs of Arizona’s veterans and their families

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund

• Provides financial assistance to service members and veterans who meet the following criteria:

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Veteran Toolkit

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1. Claimed Arizona as home of record while in service
2. Deployed with an Arizona National Guard or Reserve unit
3. Deployed from an Arizona military installation or its territories.

Qualifying veteran must:

- Have a job offer and are in need of tangible items to start employment
- Have a current deployment that is causing their current financial hardship
- For surviving families: For family members of a service member who died in the line of duty and family members need financial assistance with travel and burial expenses
- For veterans: If a widow, widower or dependent child of a deceased service member is applying for financial assistance, the service member must have died in the line of duty and family members need financial assistance with travel and burial expenses

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Personalized items given include:

- Edible items
- Clothing
- Home items
- Personal items

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The Highway Patrol Division (HPD) is comprised of troopers assigned throughout the state who help fulfill the Arizona Department of Public Safety’s mission of protecting human life and property by enforcing criminal and traffic law. Troopers patrol over 6,800 linear miles along Arizona’s highways.

Be Connected

The Be Connected program is a statewide effort to strengthen access to support and resources for the service members, veterans, and their families who call Arizona home.

State Opioid Response Grant

- Three Opioid Use Disorder resource navigators and a team lead
- Three dedicated SOR VBGs
- Increased outreach to ease warm handoffs between ADVS, Be Connected and community partners

Office of the Director
- Agency Support Division
- Criminal Investigation Division
- Highway Patrol Division
- Technical Services Division

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Thursday, December 3, 2020

Last year Highway Patrol officers conducted 535,184 traffic stops and made 17,000 arrests with over 9,000 being drug related.
The Criminal Investigations Division provides statewide criminal investigations, specialized enforcement activities, and high-risk investigative support to federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies. The Division's primary investigative responsibilities are narcotic trafficking, fugitive apprehension, organized crime, intelligence, vehicle theft, gang, human smuggling, computer and financial crimes as well as major criminal investigations and sensitive special investigations when requested by other criminal justice agencies. The Division is responsible for the protection of the Governor and provides tactical high-risk responses to acts of extraordinary violence and domestic preparedness incidents.

In 2019 CID seized:

- Marijuana: 4,119 lbs
- Heroin: 171 lbs
- Meth: 4,485 lbs
- Fentanyl Powder: 109 lbs
- Fentanyl Pills: 13 lbs

In 2020, Fentanyl Seizures doubled.

- Fentanyl Powder: 405 lbs
- Fentanyl Pills: 137 lbs

Additional Prevention Efforts

- Community Outreach Manager
- Arizona Drug Overdose Fatality Review
- Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
- Community Outreach Panels