WHAT WE DO
VBA

- Compensation and Pension
- Education
- Home Loans
- Life Insurance
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Dependents and Survivors
VHA

- EIGHT PRIORITY GROUPS
- FIVE YEARS FOR RECENTLY DISCHARGED VETERANS
- TWO MEDICAL CENTERS
- 14 CLINICS ACROSS THE STATE
NCA

- FT LOGAN AND FT LYON
- FEDERAL AND STATE CAPITAL CONVICTIONS AND SEX CRIMES
- HEAD STONES AND MARKERS
- BURIAL FLAGS
- PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES
- BURIAL ALLOWANCE
- PLOT ALLOWANCE
390,824 Veterans live and work throughout Colorado
COLORADO VETERAN POPULATION

Men- 344,024  Women 56,799
Wartime-320,382
• Gulf War-133,330
• Peacetime-86,563
• Vietnam-135,909
• Korea-32,873
• WWII-18,270

US CENSUS ESTIMATE
WHAT STATE BENEFITS DO WE OFFER THESE VETERANS?
Colorado Property Tax Exemption is designed to eliminate up to the first $200,000 valued up to $200,000.

100% Permanent and Totally Disabled Veterans qualify for this benefit.
Disabled Veteran Plate for individuals rated by the VA as having service connected disabilities at 50% or greater.

Disabled Veteran Handicap Plate for individuals rated 50% or greater and a physical impairment verified by a physician. This must be a mobility disability and this is at no cost to the veteran.

Other Specialized License Plates available at a nominal cost are:

- US Air Force
- US Army 4th Infantry Division
- Bronze Star Medal
- US Coast Guard
- Former Prisoner of War
- Korean War Veteran
- Medal of Valor
- Purple Heart
- US Navy
- US Army Plate
- US Army Special Forces
- Bronze Star with the “V”
- Fallen Service
- Honorably Discharged Veteran
- Medal of Honor
- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- US Marine Corps
- Vietnam Veterans
- North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command
Under the direction of the Colorado Department of Human Services, the mission of the Division of Community Living Centers is to honor and serve our nations' veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents by creating opportunities for meaningful activity, continued growth and feeling of self-worth in resident-centered long term care and supportive living environments.
Department of Labor and Employment

- 79 State and County One Stop Workforce Centers
- 31 full time Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP)
- 6 full-time Local Veteran Employee Specialists (LVER) assigned to Workforce Regions throughout the State
Federal-State-Municipal Employment and Civil Service Preference

- 5 point employment preference for honorably discharged veterans
- 10 point employment for Service Connected disabled veterans
Colorado State Parks

Disabled Veterans License Plate (50%) will give free admission to any state park or recreation area.

Columbine Pass ($14.00) Allows those whom are rated 50% service connected to access campgrounds and obtain discounts
Division of Wildlife

Hunting and Fishing Privileges

**Fishing License**: No fee for:
1) Member of the armed forces stationed as a resident patient at a military hospital or convalescent station,
2) any resident patient at a USDVA hospital located within the State,
3) any veteran who is permanently and totally disabled.

**Small Game Hunting and Fishing License Eligibility**
Free lifetime combination small-game hunting and fishing license.
Resident veteran with a service-connected disability of 60% or more.
Colorado National Guard State Tuition Assistance

- State TA is a program designed to assist CO National Guard members (Army & Air) with the expense of tuition (up to 100%) at any CO State Funded Institution.

- Annually the State TA program awards over a million dollars in tuition assistance to CO National Guard members.

**Active Program makeup by Branch in 2014**
- 57% of State TA applicants - Air National Guard Members
- 43% of State TA applicants - Army National Guard Members
INTERMENTS IN VETERAN MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF WESTERN COLORADO as of 05/28/15

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COLORADO COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

• CFR 28-5-801 (1) Establishes the CVSO Program; allows for the Board of County Commissioners (BOC) to appoint a CVSO. Establish a county funding source for office or place of work, travel and other expenses. They may share a CVSO between two neighboring counties.

• CFR 28-5-804, In cooperation and assistance of the State, the CVSO is required to assist the veteran and his family in the filing of claims. This directly impacts county budgets because any federal monies brought into the county would offset money the county would have to utilize for social services to assist the veteran.
Compensation and Pension Expended Dollars by VA into Colorado's Economy

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Veterans Trust Fund

In fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) $836,000

Currently being used for such items as:

Transportation include; vehicle purchases, homeless stand downs, support of the Community Living Centers, support services to work programs, as well as veteran employment programs.

Other direct benefits include; bus passes, grocery cards, work clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and transportation to VA medical facilities numbered 33,555 trips throughout the state.
VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT

- TARGETS 501c3 ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
- $970,000 USED FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH, COUNSELING, HOMELESS AND JOB TRAINING
- COUNTIES
  - ALAMOSA, ARCHULETA, CHAFFEE
  - DOLORES AND GRAND
- 501c3
- PROJECT SANCTUARY, CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND PARK COUNTY
- SENIOR COALITION
Our website is designed to provide one-stop information on:

- Veterans resources
- Pension and Compensation Benefits
- VA Health Care including mental health
- Education
- Survivor Benefits
- Colorado Nursing Homes
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Women Veterans
- And much more
THE END