

HOHP Mobile Veterans Center



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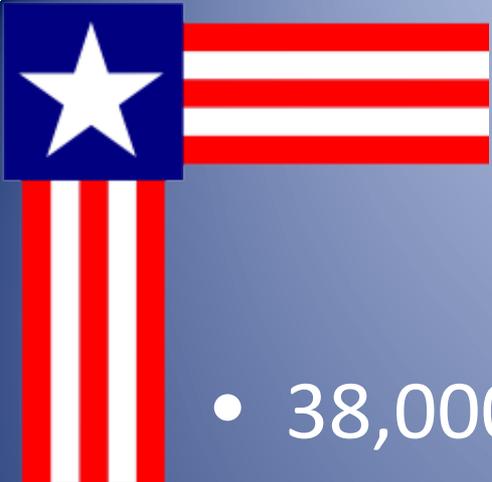
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# Pinal County Facts

- 38,000 to 40,000 Veterans
- During the winter months the Veteran population increases significantly
- Veterans have to leave the county for intensive services
- Many Veterans do not seek services
- One VA Service Officer
- No transportation



# Pinal County Veteran Population by City/Town

Apache Jct	5326	Maricopa	4503
Arizona City	738	Mammoth	133
Blackwater	95	Oracle	637
Casa Grande	4761	Sacaton	180
Coolidge	869	San Manuel	298
Dudleyville	66	San Tan Valley	4841
Eloy	1038	Superior	348
Florence	2865	Winkelman	60
Gold Canyon	1815		
Kearny	267		

Data from United States Census Bureau Website  
2010 – 2012 American Community Survey



# VA Services - Statewide

- VA Health Care System  
Phoenix/Northern Arizona/Southern Arizona
- VA Vet Centers  
Chinle \* Hotevilla \* Lake Havasu \* Mesa  
Peoria \* Phoenix \* Prescott \* Tucson \* Yuma
- VISN  
Gilbert



# Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC)

- 18 CBOC's Statewide which include:
  - Lake Havasu City \* Surprise \* Phoenix
  - Tucson (2) \* Gilbert \* Anthem \* Yuma
  - Casa Grande
- Casa Grande CBOC – 40,000 Pinal County Veterans + Winter Visitors



# Gilbert – 2<sup>nd</sup> Location

## Southeast Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic - Gilbert, Arizona (website introduction)

Our Southeast Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic is located in Gilbert, Arizona. The clinic serves Veterans on the east side of the valley including Ahwautukee, **Apache Junction, Casa Grande**, Chandler, **Coolidge, Florence**, Mesa, **Superior, and Queen Creek**, Arizona.

The clinic is based on a primary care model of health care that has physicians, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners who provide care. The clinic has several medical and psychiatric specialties available on site: for example, there is psychiatry, psychology, dermatology, gastroenterology and rheumatology. The clinic also has its own laboratory, social workers and dietitian. The clinic does not have a pharmacy onsite, prescriptions will be filled by mail through the main facility.



## Currently in Place

- Implemented the Pinal County Veterans Stand Down and Military Families Day of Service (2013 and 2014)
- Pinal County Veterans Services Directory
- Annual Pinal County Veterans Stakeholder Forum
- Launched HOHP4HEROES.org
- Vet Centers in Coolidge, Eloy and Maricopa
- Pinal County Veterans Food Pantry



# Future Vision for Improved Veteran Services

## 1) Mobile Veteran Center

- Ability to provide services across the county in each city/town
- Provide medical/mental healthcare without traveling out of their city unless necessary
- Access to a VA representative or Veterans Service Officer to assist with benefits/healthcare issues
- Connect with the local HOHP Veteran Military Family (VMF) Navigator



## Vision cont.

Access to services including:

- Housing Assistance
- Employment Opportunities
- Post-Secondary Education
- Readjustment Counseling
- Transportation Coordination
- Emergency Services
- Financial Counseling
- Referrals/Coordination to services



## Vision cont.

### 2) HOHP Veteran/Military Family (VMF) Navigators Countywide

- Navigator volunteers for each city/town
- Promote/support the Mobile Vet Center Visits
- Trained to assist Veterans/Military Families  
(First training scheduled January 21<sup>st</sup> in  
collaboration with Pinal Hispanic Council)
- Access to network of services/inventory of  
various supplies/equipment



## Vision cont.

- Develop the network to services/supplies/clothing/equipment, etc. that all Navigators have access to
- Move supplies/equipment to where the need is
- Make appointments and coordinate with support service providers
- Have access to gas cards and food boxes
- Provide services to homeless Veterans in a “safe” environment



# Mobile Vet Center Approval

Upon approval of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors HOHP will immediately begin to seek:

- Grant Opportunities
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Private Donations
- Connection to Federal and State funding



The warrior leaves the community to defend and protect the community.

It is the moral obligation of the community to wrap their arms around the warrior in a circle of protection upon their return.

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