

Veterans Services Available in Arizona

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Veterans Justice Outreach Initiative - The Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Initiative - created by the VA - links eligible veterans involved with the local justice systems to the needed mental-health and substance-abuse treatment services and other VA services and benefits as required.

What is a justice-involved veteran?

- A veteran who has had frequent, crisis contact with local law enforcement;
- A veteran in a local jail, for brief periods of time, for offenses that do not result in prison time;
- A veteran being monitored by the local court system.

VJO specialists provide direct outreach to justice-involved veterans. VA medical centers have VJO specialists. VJO specialists operate in the community and often are found working in local courts and jails.

According to the VA, VJO specialists are “responsible for direct outreach, assessment, and case management for justice-involved veterans in local courts and jails and liaison with local justice system partners.”

If the veteran for whom you provide care is involved with the local criminal justice system, contact the local VA medical center VJO specialist for assistance.

As a reminder, the VA cannot provide legal assistance.

Visit the VA's [VJO Initiative](#) page for more information or to locate a [VJO specialist](#).

Homeless Veterans Services provided at Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)

1500 E Thomas Road, Suite 106, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Phone: 602-248-6040

Hours: Monday – Friday 07:30AM – 4:00PM, Except for Federal Holidays

Services:

Peer Support specialist

Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Employment Specialist

Drug/Alcohol Addiction Therapist

Housing via Housing and Urban Development (HUD) VA Subsidized Housing (VASH)

Veterans StandDown Alliance

<https://www.azhousingcoalition.org/mcstanddown.html>

Next StandDown in Maricopa County is Thursday, January 23rd & Friday, January, 24th, 2020

Registration begins at 7:00am. Services end at 4:00pm

Veterans Memorial Coliseum Arizona State Fairgrounds

1826 W. McDowell Road

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Website link details all services provided.

Operation Restore Veterans Hope is a Non-Profit Organization started by Ray Perez, no direct VA affiliation except that VA Employees facilitate and organize. Privately funded and subsidized by local vendors and businesses.

Article in recent National Veterans Magazine

"On the morning of October 4, 2019, Operation Restoring Veteran Hope embarked on its second annual Veteran's Healing Retreat. The organization once again partnered with Knight of Columbus and St. Joseph's Youth Camp and received a generous donation from Graybar Phoenix in order to make this retreat a reality. 122 Veterans participated in this retreat. Veterans were transported by charter buses up to Mormon Lake, and escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders of Arizona, American Legion Riders Post 96 Surprise, AZ., and the Knights of Columbus Knights on Bikes.

During the 3-day retreat, veterans participated in various activities, including games, hiking, horseback riding, kayaking and making sugar scrubs. There was a campfire each night, where the veterans gathered around and told their stories. There was also a special dedication to the Vietnam veterans in attendance, where a flag was presented along with a "Welcome Home" tribute.

The retreat's purpose was to allow veterans to connect with one another in a safe, positive environment, and instill hope in any veteran that may be struggling in life. Veterans of various eras participated in this retreat (Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.) and all echoed sentiments of gratitude and feeling of belonging. Due to the great feedback received, Operation Restoring Veteran Hope considers this event a success and looks forward to hosting more retreats in the future. More info email: OperationRVH@gmail.com"