

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services



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“Serving Arizona’s Veterans as they have served us”





Governor - Doug Ducey



Director - Wanda Wright

ADVS Deputy Director – John Scott

ADVS Assistant Deputy Director – Scott Fincher

www.azdvs.gov

State organization established as a cabinet position in 1998

Mission Statement:

“To be the catalyst in response to the evolving needs of Arizona's veterans and their families”

Arizona State Benefits

- Veterans License Plates
 - \$17 of the \$25 special plate fee from each plate goes to the Arizona Veterans Donation Fund to benefit the Veterans of Arizona.
 - Health care
 - Education
 - Memorial Cemeteries Maintenance
 - State Veteran's Home

Veterans License Plates cont.



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- A Veteran Plate with Handicap symbol is available with the disability symbol added to qualified applicants at no additional charge
- Form #96-0104 is available on line at www.azdot.gov and must be attached to the application.

ATTENTION VETERANS



**VETERAN
DESIGNATION IS
NOW AVAILABLE FOR
ARIZONA DRIVER LICENSES
AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Available to qualifying veterans who are on active duty or who have served in the U.S. military. Documents accepted for designation are listed at azdot.gov/mvd/driver-services/MilitaryPersonnel.

ADOT
Motor Vehicle Division

azdot.gov/mvd

AZ Driver License/ID Card application (40-5122) or Commercial Driver License application (40-5124), Standard transaction fees apply.

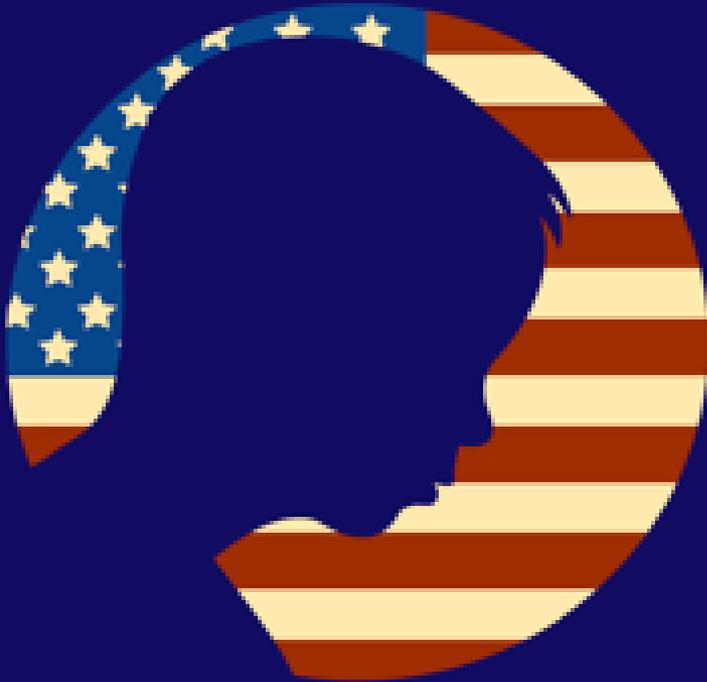
Veteran Designation Documentation:

- Original or copy of DD Form 214 or DD Form 215, DD Form 2 (Retired), DD Form 2 (Reserve)
- Original Statement of Honorable Service from the Department of Veterans Affairs or Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
- Certificate of Honorable Discharge
- Service Organization Card
- Active Duty Military ID Card
- Inactive Duty Military ID card

Homeless Veterans

- If someone you know is homeless or at risk of homelessness, there is immediate help available.
 - 24/7 assistance – National Call Center for Homeless Veterans 1 877 424-3888
 - For assistance locating services in your area, call the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans at 1 800 838-4357
 - For emotional crises 1 800 273-8255 ext. 1
 - For domestic violence issues, 1 800 799-7233

ARIZONA MILITARY
FAMILY RELIEF FUND



**SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S MILITARY:
ONE FAMILY AT A TIME**

- The Arizona Military Family Relief Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2007 to provide financial assistance to the families of currently deployed Service Members and post-9/11 Military and Veteran families for hardships caused by the Service Member's deployment to a combat zone.
- Assistance is determined by an Advisory Committee that is comprised of twelve members appointed by the Governor as well as the Director of Veterans' Services.

Veterans' Employment

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Veterans Programs

- Primary objective – to develop and support programs that increase opportunities for veterans to obtain employment and job training in Arizona.

Veterans' Employment cont.

- Eligible Veterans are entitled to receive priority service in job referrals and training by DES staff
- Will also provide:
 - Unemployment Insurance claimants with early intervention and immediate referrals to suitable job openings
 - Unemployment services customized to their job finding needs
 - Job search workshops

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services launches new program for unemployed veterans

The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is proud to launch the Veteran Tool Kit Program. It was created to help unemployed veterans get the supplies they need to start working.



"It could be something as simple as I could start work tomorrow, but I need transportation and my alternator went out. I found a place that will fix it for \$500. Can you pay for that?" My answer is sure. If you're going to start work on Monday, let's make it happen," ADVS Assistant Deputy Director, John Scott says.



ADVS Director, Wanda Wright, and Scott toured the state asking veterans how they could help them become gainfully employed. Veterans repeatedly said they were ready to work, but needed things to get them there, ranging from boots and tools to bicycles. 62-percent of veterans polled said if they had this program, they would have a job immediately.



"The program isn't confined to just one industry or need. People think because it's called the toolkit, it's just for construction. If your application shows you've done the leg work looking for employment, you have a potential employer, and you just need a few things to start that job, we can help," Scott adds.



Qualifying veterans must:

- Live in Arizona
- Be enrolled in an Arizona Department of Economic Security employment program
- Identify the job they need supplies for

This pilot program will offer \$150,000 over the course of this fiscal year, with a limit of \$750 per veteran. We will use the results from this year to determine the program's next step.

Find your local DES employment office [here](#).
For more information, call 602-255-3373.



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Veterans' Home Tucson

120 Bed Skilled Facility

- Private rooms
- Full baths
- Selective dining in a home-like environment
- 555 East Ajo Way, Tucson, adjacent to the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (VA hospital) in Tucson.
- **Phoenix Home** – 200 Bed Facility
- **Future Sites** – Yuma and Flagstaff, AZ (60 Bed Facilities)

Admissions Coordinator:
Yovanna Robles
(520) 638-2159



Southern Arizona Veterans' Cemetery

- 145 acres previously part of Ft. Huachuca Military Reservation

1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail

Sierra Vista, AZ 85653

Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

- 35 acres in Marana, AZ (North West of Tucson)

15950 N Lockett Road

Marana, AZ 85653

Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

- 60 acres at Camp Navajo (Near Flagstaff)

14317 Veterans Dr.

Bellefont, AZ 86015

Veteran Cemetery's Cont.

Eligibility:

- Any veteran who has an other than dishonorable discharge
- Spouses and certain dependents
- No charge for interment for vets. Small administrative one time fee for eligible spouses and dependents



Veterans Services Division



Represent the American Legion and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Service Provided

- Provide a network of Veterans Benefits Counselors (VBC's)
- Provide counseling and assistance to veterans, their dependents, and survivors in matters pertaining to federal and state benefits earned by honorable service in the armed forces of the United States
- Travel to all 15 Counties of the state. For a schedule, call 1-800-852-VETS (8387).

VBC's will help you:

- Process compensation and pension applications
- Appeal VA decisions
- File for survivors death benefits
- Apply for aid and attendance and housebound benefits
- Certification of DD214s
- Request for military service records
- Upgrade military discharges
- Apply for Arizona veteran benefits
- Assist with any questions regarding veteran issues

Our VBC's are accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and certified proficient by the State of Arizona to assist the State's veteran population.

How To Obtain Your DD214

- Our office is happy to assist with records requests
- Complete and mail form SF 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records)
- Records could be at one of several different agencies depending on when the veteran was discharged
- The SF 180 contains instructions as to which agency to mail it to and the address
- Most records for veterans discharged prior to 1994 are located at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)
- The SF 180 can be obtained at www.archives.gov and requests to NPRC can also be submitted electronically at that website

Service Connected Disability Compensation

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- Current diagnosed disability
- Event, exposure, or treatment in service
- Chronicity since service (or other evidence of a link between the two)

Veterans Pension

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- 90 days active duty military service
- 1 day during a wartime period
- Be over the age of 65 or totally disabled
- Meet income and asset limitations

Survivors Pension

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- Same military service requirements for the veteran
- Meet income and asset limitations
- Does not have an age or disability requirement for the surviving spouse

Aid & Attendance and Housebound

- Not a stand-alone benefit
- Can be applied for as a way to increase either compensation or pension benefits
- Requires need for assistance with activities of daily living (preparing meals, eating, personal hygiene, medication management, etc)

VBC's are located at:

Southern Region:

Tucson	(520) 207-4960
Sierra Vista	(520) 458-7150
Tucson V.H.	(520) 638-2157
Yuma	(928) 726-2851
Safford	(928) 428-3403

Appointments and Walk-Ins Available

Office Locations and Staff Southern Region

Tucson: 1661 N Swan Suite 128



Gary



Samantha



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Gary



Carla



Bill



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Office Locations and Staff Southern Region Cont.

Tucson Veterans' Home: 555 E Ajo Way
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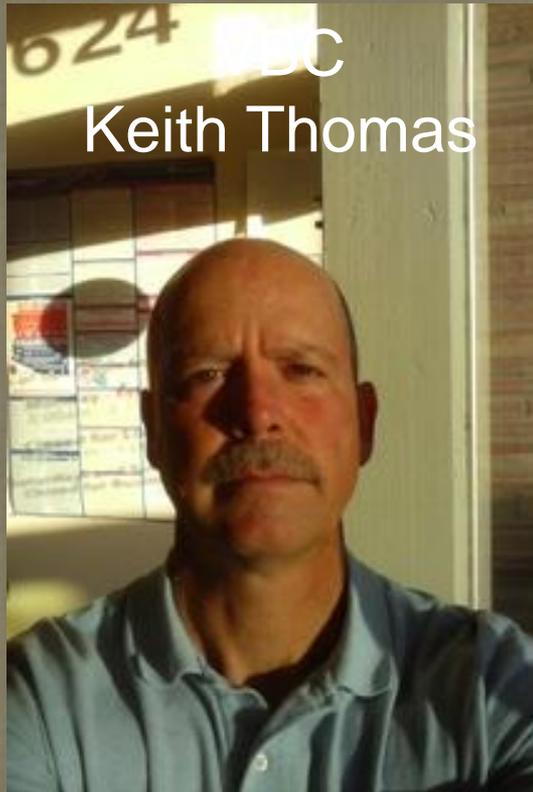


VBC
Nena Sanchez



Office Locations and Staff Southern Region Cont.

524 S 5th Ave. Safford, AZ 85546



Office Locations and Staff Southern Region Cont.

2811 S 4th Ave. Suite D
Yuma, AZ 85364



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1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail
Sierra Vista, AZ 85365



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Questions?

