

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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2022 – 2023

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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Quartermaster's Corner

IMPORTANT

**Arizona's minimum wage will increase
from \$12.80 to \$13.85 effective Jan 1, 2023**

***Trustee Audits for the quarter ending September
30 are due November 15.***

***Winter Conference Hotel booking link and Voice
of Democracy Patriot's Pen Banquet Order Link
are on the Department Website***

<https://www.vfwaz.com>

Please send all email for
Department Quartermaster to **azvfw3@gmail.com**
not misshope@gmail.com

Save the Date for Our Special Events

LUNG FORCE Walk & Festival

Saturday, November 5, 2022 | 2-5:30pm

SRP PERA Club

1 E Continental Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281

Learn more online: www.lungforce.org/Arizona



Fight For Air Climb

Spring 2023 | 6-9pm

ASU Sun Devil Stadium

500 E Veterans Way, Tempe, AZ 85287

Learn more online: www.climbphoenix.org



Community Connections Webinars

Monthly 2022-2023 | 12-1pm

Free Webinar

Learn more online: <https://bit.ly/FY23CCaz>



Questions?

Email: Kristen.Miraglia@Lung.org Phone: 602-429-0016

THANK YOU VETERANS

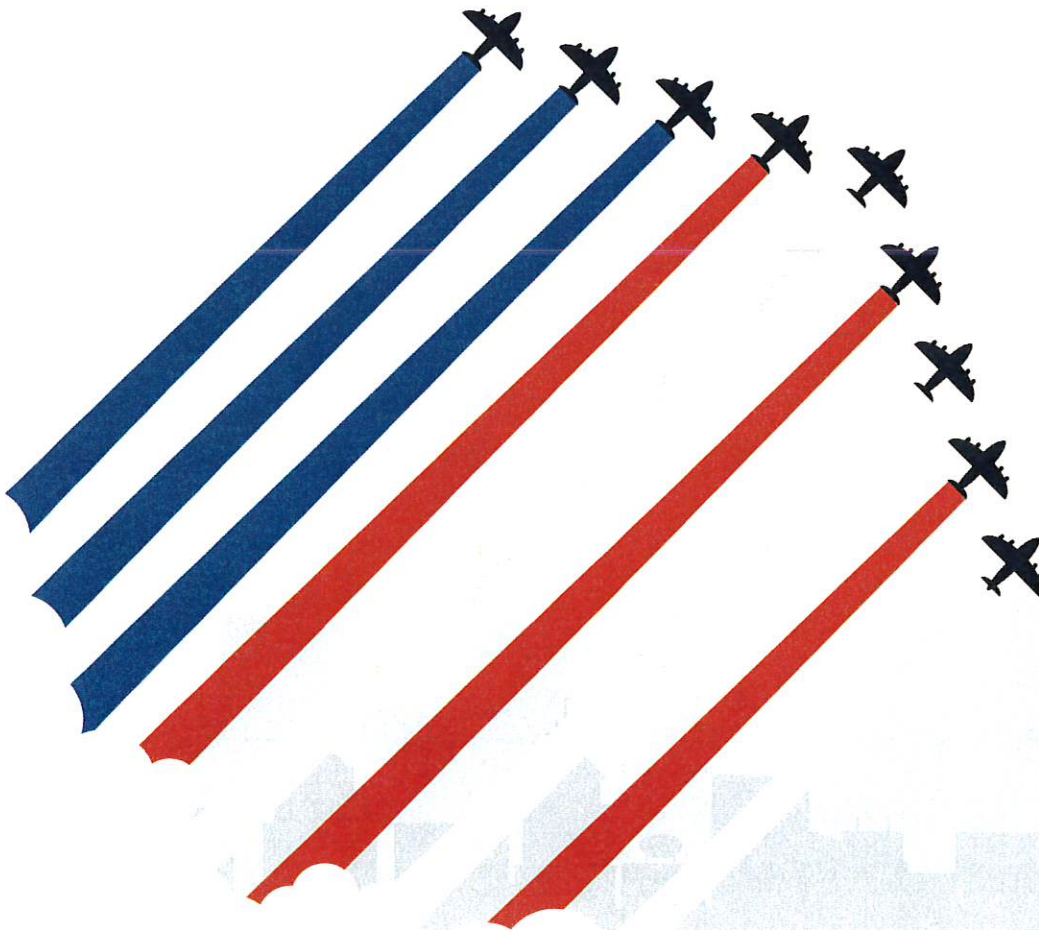


Wednesday, November 9th, at 8:30 AM

Blue Ridge Junior High is excited to invite our local veterans for our flag-raising ceremony.



Following the flag-raising, veterans are invited to stay for coffee and donuts in the junior high commons.





VETERANS DAY
REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION
VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE

will conduct a
Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
Nov 11, 2022
11:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Park
Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929

Honoring Our Veterans

3rd Annual Veteran's Day Dinner
November 12, 2022 - 5 PM



Free of charge All veterans are welcome

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MUSIC BY "FLYING HIGH" USAF VET BAND

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For reservations call: or scan QR code
480.612.1669 - John Johnson (USAF vet)
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16TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF VETERANS COMMUNITY IS INVITED!

We will be honoring our Vietnam era veterans in a Pinning Ceremony

Sunday, November 13th at 2:00pm

(Doors open at 1:15pm)

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd. (1 block north of U.S. Hwy 60)

MUSIC

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

MountainBrook Village Voices

Agape Brass

PARTICIPANTS

USA Vietnam War 50th Commemoration from Washington D.C.

Honor Guard from Apache Junction Navy Junior ROTC

Patriot Guard Riders

SPEAKER

Major General Michael T. McGuire, Arizona National Guard (Retired)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER CEREMONY

Questions... Call Gold Canyon UMC at (480)982-3776

Donation Checks Payable to:

*"Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #2560"
or "MOPH"*

*Please bring a non-perishable food item
for the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank*



*Benefits the "Military Order
of the Purple Heart—Chapter #2560"*



Please join us on National Wreaths Across America Day for the

2nd Annual

NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Saturday, December 17th, 2022

9:30 am—Program

10:00 am—Laying of Wreaths on Veteran Graves (*Laid at the same time Nationally*)



Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery

7900 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85207



CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE:

Honor Guard from Apache Junction Navy JROTC

National Anthem to be performed by Debbie Kent

Chip Wilson, Mayor of Apache Junction

Playing of Bagpipes by Piper Ford

Honor Wreaths representing all Branches of Service

Trumpeters: Ailish Murphy and Rodrigo Moreno



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all.....but we OWE them
all!!

If you would like to help lay a wreath on a Veteran's Grave, please
call Nancy Fassbender (520)280-4715. It is a rewarding experience
that you and your family can share together!



Save The Date



50th Anniversary Welcome Home! Vietnam Veterans Day

Everyone
is Welcome
to Attend!!

Saturday, March 25, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mountain View Cemetery and Funeral Home

7900 E. Main Street

Mesa, AZ 85207



What is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day?

More than 8 million U.S. Troops served in Vietnam. The last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the end of March 1973. These veterans came home to a country divided on their feelings about the war. Many who returned did not receive recognition for their service.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am - 11:30 am - We are honored to have Major General Peter Alyward and his staff from Washington, DC, several guest speakers, Veterans Heritage Project Students, Presentation of Colors by the Navy JROTC Color Guard, 6th Grade Students from Patterson Elementary School, Native American Blessing, Veterans Pinning Ceremony performed by the Dept. of Defense USA Vietnam War Commemoration, Bagpipes, USA Army Field Band (Six-String Soldiers), and White Dove Release.

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Enjoy fun and entertainment for the whole family:

Informational booths for Veterans
Free haircuts for Veterans
Military Equipment
Wreaths Across America Educational Trailer
Bands
Dunk Tank, Food trucks and much, much more!

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2023 ARIZONA
VFW & VFW AUXILIARY
**WINTER
CONFERENCE**

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
& PATRIOT'S PEN
AWARDS BANQUET**

**FOOD DRIVE TO
SUPPORT FIREBALL
FOUNDATION**



**Sheraton Phoenix
Crescent**
2620 Dunlap Ave,
Phoenix 85021
January, 14 - 15, 2023
(602) 943-8200

**DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY
WINTER CONFERENCE 2023**

**Saturday, January 14 — Sunday January, 15
Sheraton Phoenix Crescent**

**Voice of Democracy
Patriot's Pen
Banquet
Saturday, January 14, 2022**

Choice of Beef or Chicken
Salad, Starch, Vegetable,
Dessert
Coffee, Water, Iced Tea

\$45 until
December 23, 2022
then
\$50 Until Jan 3, 23

**After Jan 3
Wait List Only**

Deadline for \$45 Price is Fri, Dec 23, 2022.

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6423 S Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85283

How many Chicken? _____
How many Beef? _____
Special Diet? _____
Who is paying? _____
Who is picking up? _____
Check # _____
Post/Auxiliary # _____

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Department of Arizona VFW
State Youth Program

Pre-Christmas Raffle

2nd

3rd

4th

1st



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Tickets:
Only 600 tickets will be sold

~ 1 - \$5
~ 3 - \$10
~ 7 - \$20

Drawings will be held when tickets
are all sold or before Christmas.

Whichever comes first.

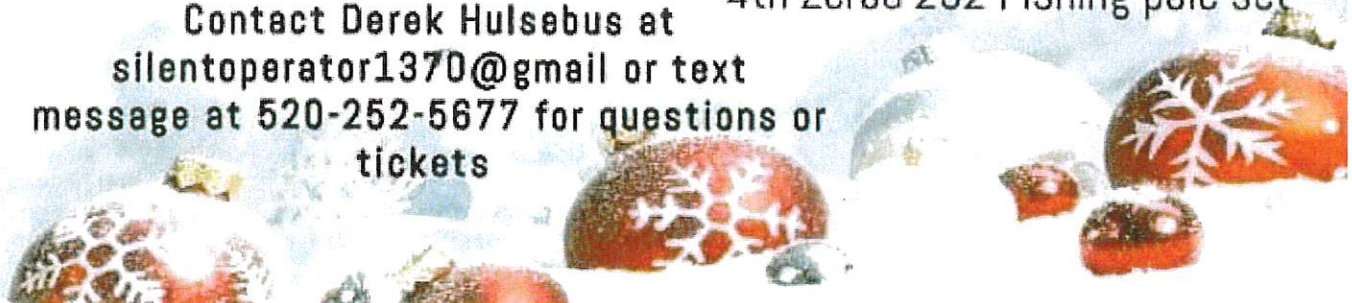
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2nd Envision Spy Drone

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Contact Derek Hulsebus at
silentoperator1370@gmail or text
message at 520-252-5677 for questions or
tickets



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PACT ACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



..... VIETNAM GULF WAR POST-9/11

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

The Act **(1)** expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and **(2)** expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

VETERANS AND SURVIVORS CAN FILE CLAIMS FOR ALL CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE PACT ACT IMMEDIATELY.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

Brain cancer, *Glioblastoma*, Respiratory (*breathing-related*) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphatic cancer of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma (*diagnosed after service*), Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis,

Emphysema, *Granulomatous* disease, Interstitial lung disease (*ILD*), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (*COPD*).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (*MGUS*), High blood pressure (*hypertension*).

How can Veterans apply for VA health care?

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Call our toll-free hotline at 877-222-8387, M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET.

Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits ([VA Form 10-10EZ](#)).

Bring a completed, signed VA Form 10-10EZ with you to your [nearest medical center or clinic](#) or get help through your [state's Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer](#).

Get help filing your claim by working with an [accredited representative](#).

What are the PACT Act key components?



The Act **expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic-exposures** and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.



VA **will improve the decision-making process** for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.



Every enrolled Veteran will **receive an initial toxic exposure screening** and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.



VA health care staff and claims processors will receive **toxic exposure-related education and training**.



The Act requires **research studies** on mortality of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.



The Act will help VA **build a stronger, more skilled workforce** to meet the growing demand for benefits and services.



The Act authorizes **31 new medical facilities** across the country, providing greater access to VA health care.

How can a Veteran file a claim?



Veterans who would like to file a claim must complete [VA Form 21-526EZ](#) to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.



To learn about standard VA disability claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more visit: [VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file](https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file).

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, **Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim** are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.

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Find a VA at [VA.gov/find-locations/](https://www.va.gov/find-locations/)



2022 PACT ACT: UNDERSTANDING HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS



PACT ACT OVERVIEW

What is the PACT Act? Why is it important?

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The Act (1) expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and (2) expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What does the acronym, PACT, stand for?

Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our **Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics** (PACT) Act of 2022.

When does the law go into effect?

While some provisions take effect at different times, VA considers the presumptive conditions established in the PACT Act to be applicable on the date the PACT is signed into law. **All Veterans and survivors who believe they may be entitled to benefits are encouraged to apply today.**

What are the PACT act key components?

- » The Act **expands and extends eligibility for VA health care** for Veterans with toxic-exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.
- » VA **will improve the decision-making process** for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.
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PACT ACT KEY DATES



VHA



VBA



AUGUST 10, 2022:

PACT Act signed into law.



EFFECTIVE ON ENACTMENT:

Adds 20+ new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures and more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation.



OCTOBER 1, 2022:

Presumptions of service connection take effect for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, certain provinces in Cambodia, Guam, or American Samoa (or their territorial waters), or the Johnston Atoll (or a ship that called there) during specific time periods. Applies for health care eligibility.

Note: This will go into effect immediately for eligible Veterans who are terminally ill, homeless, under extreme financial hardship, are over 85 years old, or otherwise can demonstrate sufficient cause.



OCTOBER 1, 2022 - OCTOBER 1, 2023:

1-year period for care and enrollment for Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after 11/11/98, and who were discharged or released between 9/11/01–10/1/13.



NOVEMBER 8, 2022:

Begin incorporating toxic exposure screening for enrolled Veterans.



OCTOBER 1, 2024:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released August 2, 1990 - September 11, 2001.



OCTOBER 1, 2026:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released September 12, 2001 - December 31, 2006.



OCTOBER 1, 2028:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2012.



OCTOBER 1, 2030:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Categories 1 and 2 who were discharged or released January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2018.



OCTOBER 1, 2032:

Phase in enrollment for health care for Veterans identified in Category 3.



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PACT ACT OVERVIEW

What does toxic exposure mean?

As a general matter, there are several types of possible exposures or hazards Veterans may have experienced during their military service, including:

- » **AIR POLLUTANTS:** Burn pits, oil well fires, sulfur fire, sand, dust, and particulates
- » **CHEMICALS:** Agent Orange or other herbicides, burn pits, Camp Lejeune water supplies, pesticides, depleted uranium, chromium, or industrial solvents
- » **RADIATION:** Nuclear weapons testing, x-rays, or depleted uranium
- » **WARFARE AGENTS:** Chemical warfare agents, nerve agents, mustard gas, herbicide tests, and storage
- » **OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS:** Asbestos, lead, fuels, industrial solvents, radiation, vibration, noise, special paint on military vehicles, and some coolants or insulating fluids



HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

What are the new health care eligibility criteria?

The PACT Act helps advance a top VA priority: getting more Veterans into VA care by expanding eligibility for, and the availability of, health care services for Veterans. The law **expands health care eligibility** to several groups of Veterans who may not have been eligible before and requires VA to **phase in hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for any illness to three new categories** of Veterans.

- » **CATEGORY 1:** Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (as defined by law) while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training.
- » **CATEGORY 2:** Veterans who were assigned to a duty station in (including airspace above) certain locations during specific periods of time:
 - On or after August 2, 1990, in: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, or the United Arab Emirates
 - On or after September 11, 2001, in: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan, or any other country determined relevant by VA.
- » **CATEGORY 3:** Veterans who deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, or Resolute Support Mission.
- » **ON OCTOBER 1, 2022:** Presumptions of service connection take effect for Veterans who served in the **Republic of Vietnam** (from 1/9/62–5/7/75), **Thailand** at any US or Royal Thai base (from 1/9/62–6/30/76), **Laos** (from 12/1/65–9/30/69), certain provinces in **Cambodia** (from 4/16/69–4/30/69), **Guam**, or **American Samoa** or their territorial waters (from 1/9/62–7/31/80), or the **Johnston Atoll** or a ship that called there (from 1/1/72–9/30/77). **This applies for health care eligibility and will go into effect immediately for eligible Veterans who are terminally ill, homeless, under extreme financial hardship, are over 85 years old, or otherwise can demonstrate sufficient cause.**
- » **BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND OCTOBER 1, 2023:** Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war **after the Persian Gulf War** or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, may receive care and apply for enrollment for VA health care. Enrollment is free, there are no annual costs, and care may be free as well.



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HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

What is a toxic exposure screening? How will it help Veterans?

Veterans will be **asked questions about potential exposure** to an open burn pit or other hazards and symptoms commonly associated with military environmental exposure. These questions will help VA health care providers individualize health care services **to improve health outcomes and patient experience**. This will also help VA identify other potential risks for Veterans and inform future policy decisions.

How will a Gulf War or Post-9/11 Combat Veteran's eligibility be impacted?

The PACT Act extends and expands VA health care eligibility. **All Veterans are encouraged to apply for VA healthcare, regardless of separation date.** VA health care eligibility depends on service history and other factors.

Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998, and who were discharged or released:

- » Between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, will have a special enrollment period between October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023 (if not previously enrolled in VA health care). During this one-year period, Veterans will have another opportunity to receive care and apply for enrollment. We strongly encourage them to do so to ensure health care is available now or in the future. Enrollment is free, there are no annual costs, and care may be free as well.
- » After October 1, 2013, are eligible for free VA health care for any condition related to service, and to enroll in VA health care, for up to 10 years from the most recent discharge or separation date.

What is the Burn Pit Registry? How can a Veteran register?

The [VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#) aims to help VA **better understand potential health effects of exposures** and proactively identify health concerns Veterans can discuss with their health care providers for follow-up care.

Veterans deployed to **Southwest Asia or Egypt** after August 2, 1990, or **Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, or Uzbekistan** on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible to [participate in the registry](#).

Participation is voluntary and **cannot negatively impact VA health care access or compensation and benefits claims**. Exposure to specific airborne hazards or having related health concerns is not required to participate in the registry.



BENEFITS

What is a presumption of service connection?

VA assumes certain diseases or illnesses can be related to a Veteran's military service. **Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits and health care services** for these conditions.

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

Veterans and survivors can file claims for all conditions outlined in the PACT Act immediately.

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes:

Brain cancer, Glioblastoma, Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphatic cancer of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma that was diagnosed after service, Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (also called hypertension).

Can Veterans apply now?

VA is considering the presumptive conditions established in the PACT Act to be applicable on the date the bill becomes law. **We encourage all Veterans who believe they may be entitled to benefits to apply now.**

What evidence must Veterans submit when filing a claim?

Veterans should submit any supportive evidence along with their claims. The PACT Act states that in processing claims for compensation related to toxic exposure, VA may **consider any Veteran record in an exposure tracking record system**. If no record exists, VA may consider the totality of circumstances. Claims processors can also assist Veterans filing a claim by gathering any identified medical evidence and requesting an examination or medical opinion to substantiate the claim.

Veterans now eligible for benefits based on a presumption of service connection are encouraged to file a claim using [VA Form 21-526EZ](#), Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits, or a supplemental claim using [VA Form 20-0995](#), Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim.



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BENEFITS

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim for any of these conditions, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. **Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.**

What actions should Veterans take who have never filed a claim for one of these conditions?

Veterans who are diagnosed with one of the new presumptive conditions and meet eligibility requirements should **submit a new claim** for consideration using [VA Form 21-526EZ](#). Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.

Will family members or dependents—those who lost a loved one during the re-adjudication process or those who lost a loved one who was previously denied a claim—receive any benefits because of the PACT Act?

Family members or dependents of a deceased Veteran **may qualify for various VA benefits** due to the additional disabilities defined in the PACT Act if they meet eligibility requirements. Benefits available include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Accrued, and Burial benefits.

- » **DIC** is a monthly payment for the eligible surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or parent(s) of a deceased Veteran who died in the line of duty or from a service-connected disability or disabilities. Evidence must show the Veteran's death was caused by, or related to, the Veteran's time in service.
- » **Accrued benefits** are one-time payments to an eligible surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or dependent parent(s) of a deceased Veteran based on the relationship when the evidence of record shows benefits, such as disability compensation or Veterans pension, were due but unpaid prior to the Veteran's passing. A family member of the deceased Veteran may also qualify by providing evidence of payment for the Veteran's final expenses or burial.

» **Burial benefits** are a flat-rate payment to assist in covering eligible Veteran burial in a national cemetery and funeral costs. VA may provide burial benefits to a family member or dependent of a deceased Veteran who met the qualifications at the time of their passing. VA pays service-connected burial, non-service-connected burial, plot or interment allowance, and transportation reimbursement.

- » **Health care through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)** may also be available for survivors and dependents of Veterans who are now, or who would have been, eligible for a service-connected disability.

How can a Veteran apply for VA health care?



Apply online at [VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction](https://va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction)



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Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET



Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits [VA Form 10-10EZ](#)



Bring a completed, signed [VA Form 10-10EZ](#) to the nearest VA Medical Center or clinic.

How can a Veteran file a disability claim?

Veterans who wish to file a claim must complete [VA Form 21-526EZ](#) to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.

Veterans can learn about standard VA disability, supplemental, and secondary claims by visiting: [VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file](https://va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file)

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Tanner Properties Inc. A HUD VASH Community Slated for 2023

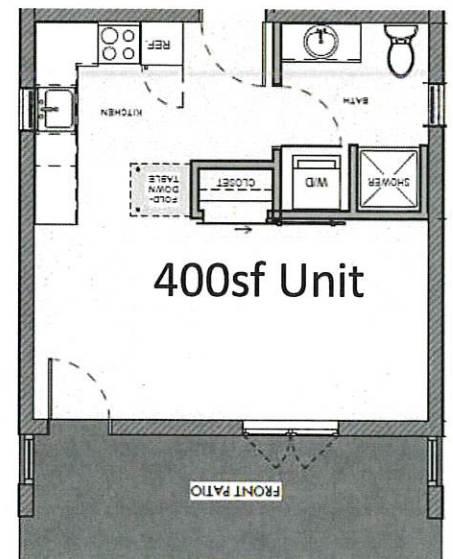
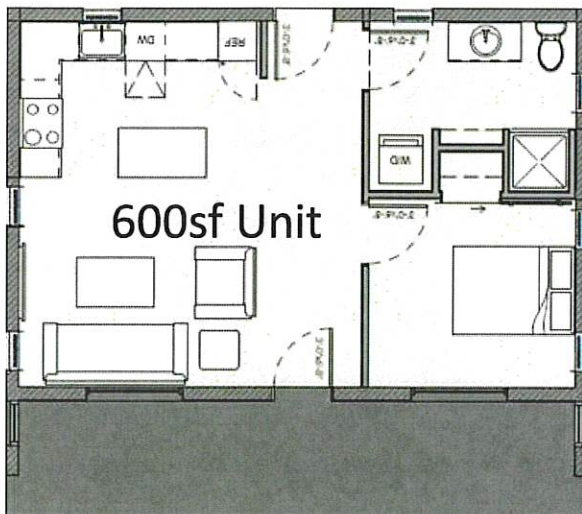
Tanner Properties Inc. is developing permanent housing using EF Block for disadvantaged Veterans and Seniors. This Tanner project location is at: 1803 E Broadway Road in Phoenix, Arizona.

The focus is on providing a sustainable, safe and secure place to live for residents, regardless of gender, race or orientation.

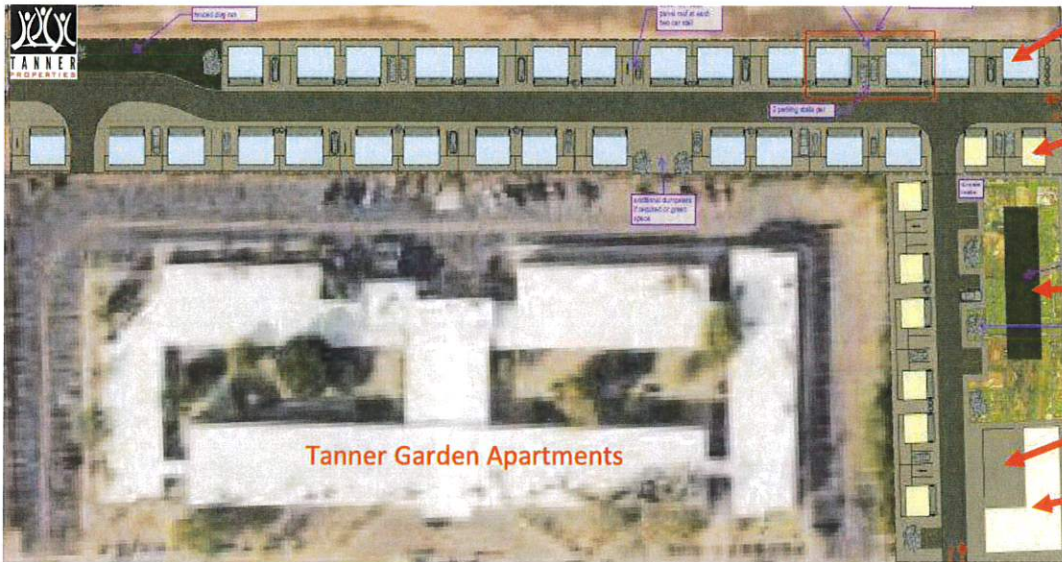


This maintenance free CICF EF Block project will include nine 400sf and twenty-seven 600sf 1 bed/1bath freestanding small Casitas, with living room, laundry and a fully functioning kitchen.

There will also be a multipurpose community center building, garden area, and a dog run.



1803 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040



600sf small home



400sf small home

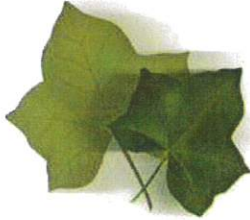
BROADWAY ROAD

Garden area

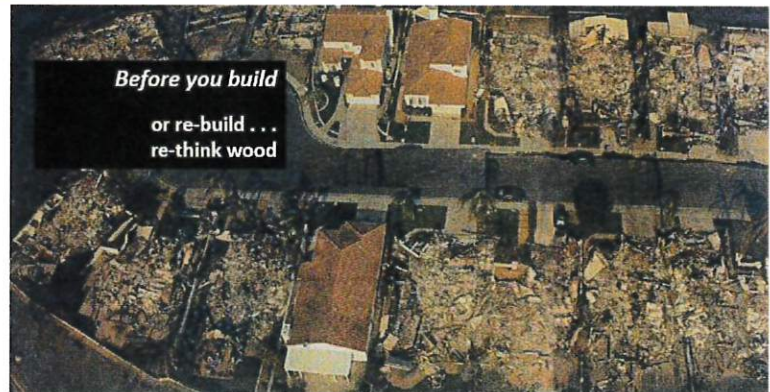
Open area for events

Multi purpose community center

The Definition of Insanity



Doing The Same Thing Over And Over And Expecting Different Results



Wood: In fires it's kindling; In tornadoes it's debris; In floods it's a float.

Sustainable Building Materials

Advantages of EF Block Construction		
For Owners	For Occupants	For Communities
Speed of construction Faster sales and re-sales Lower operating costs Lower insurance costs Lower maintenance costs Lower energy costs Lowest life-cycle costs Higher appreciation Attracts quality oriented occupants Appeals to investors Proven performance Community acceptance Resistant to seismic and high wind damage, fire, infestations, mold and mildew	Lower maintenance costs Lower utility costs No infestations or mold or mildew Fire safe non-combustible construction Does not produce smoke, fumes or gases Does not add fuel to fires Provides minimum two-hour separation between units Serves passively for the life of the building Lower insurance costs No bouncy or creaky floors Superior acoustic qualities Security for occupants and contents	Lower risk and exposure for the fire/rescue services More efficient use of fire/rescue services Construction does not add fuel to the fire Fire is contained Adjacent units are protected Structural collapse is unlikely from fire and tornado Provides quality community asset for many decades Community recognized for its fire safe construction Provides a stable tax base for the community Attracts long term investors to the community.

Should be able to Sustain

\$5 each
5 for \$20

AZ VFW BOOZE & BUCKS RAFFLE



Travel isn't getting any cheaper!!
Help State Officers Cover the Cost
1st Prize: Booze Wagon worth at least \$700
Win multiple times
2nd & 3rd Prize \$100

***** Get tickets from any state officer *****

Drawing at Department Convention Banquet
June 3, 2023 - Scottsdale Plaza Resort

Two Early Bird Bonus Drawings
for \$100 at Winter Conference Banquet

VFW IS LOOKING TO SPONSOR

MTAC

MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Is for National Guard service members kids:

Camp is a week long and features :
fishing, hiking, shooting, sports, survival
skills, tracking classes, arts and crafts,
swimming and much more.

We would like the VFW to sponsor the whole
event this year in July but to get there we
are requesting \$150 from each Post
/Auxiliary around the state.

Funds can be mailed to Department of
Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars
Quartermaster Hope Blood and earmarked for
MTAC.

Thanks for your support.

PLANNING CALENDAR
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS
 (Subject to Change)

2022

Nov	3-6	Western Conference	Portland, OR
Dec	04 17	District 4 Meeting, 10am District 2 Meeting, 11am	Post 9400, Sunnyslope Post 7400, Cottonwood

2023

Jan	13-14 15 21 22 22 28 29 29 29	Winter Conference C of A District 6 Meeting, 11am District 1 Meeting, 11am District 7 Meeting, 10am District 5 Meeting, 10am District 4 Meeting, 10am District 8 Meeting, 11am District 10 Meeting 10am	Sheraton/Crescent, Phoenix Sheraton/Crescent, Phoenix Post 8807, Tonto Basin Post 769, Quartzsite Post 836, Bisbee Post 4903, Tucson Post 1760, Mesa Post 11014, Meadview Post 7401, Chandler
Feb	04	District 3 Meeting, 10am	Post 12098, Buckeye
Apr	08 16 16 16 22 22 23 23 29	District 6 Convention, 11am District 1 Convention, 11am District 8 Convention, 11am District 10 Convention, 10am District 2 Convention, 11am District 5 Convention, 10am District 4 Convention, 10am District 7 Convention, 10am District 3 Convention, 10am	Post 1704, Globe Post 2357, Bouse Post 10005, Bullhead City Post 3713, Coolidge Post 1709, Flagstaff Post 549, Tucson Post 720, Phoenix Post 9972, Sierra Vista Post 1433, Glendale
Jun	1-3 04	State Convention C of A	Scottsdale Plaza Scottsdale Plaza
July	22-27	National Convention	Phoenix, AZ

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior	Percent	Div	City	N/R LM	Need
40	3	95	0	0	2	97	122	79.50%	7	AVONDALE	0	25
285	3	74	0	0	9	83	94	88.29%	8	SURPRISE	2	11
404	8	97	0	0	4	101	114	88.59%	7	MOHAVE VALLEY	2	13
541	2	292	2	1	17	312	336	92.85%	4	PRESCOTT	0	24
549	5	1181	16	4	52	1253	1399	89.56%	1	TUCSON	8	146
720	4	311	5	3	14	333	391	85.16%	3	PHOENIX	1	58
769	1	207	2	1	26	236	273	86.44%	4	QUARTZSITE	0	37
836	7	84	1	15	15	115	158	72.78%	6	BISBEE	0	43
1433	3	563	6	1	31	601	701	85.73%	3	GLENDALE	8	100
1677	10	305	12	1	23	341	432	78.93%	3	CASA GRANDE	11	91
1704	6	71	0	0	6	77	89	86.51%	8	GLOBE	0	12
1709	2	158	0	0	13	171	203	84.23%	5	FLAGSTAFF	0	32
1760	4	211	2	1	21	235	302	77.81%	4	MESA	1	67
1763	1	198	0	0	8	206	234	88.03%	5	YUMA	0	28
1796	4	82	0	0	8	90	122	73.77%	7	BLACK CANYON CITY	0	32
2066	7	106	0	3	5	114	150	76.00%	6	NOGALES	0	36
2135	3	210	0	0	40	250	293	85.32%	4	PEORIA	0	43
2190	8	23	0	0	4	27	38	71.05%	11	CHLORIDE	0	11
2357	1	116	3	1	5	125	133	93.98%	7	BOUSE	2	8
2364	6	35	1	1	5	42	64	65.62%	10	PINETOP-LAKESIDE	0	22
2555	8	103	0	0	8	111	140	79.28%	7	GOLDEN VALLEY	0	29
2767	5	27	2	0	9	38	47	80.85%	11	MAMMOTH	1	9
3513	4	309	2	1	11	323	364	88.73%	3	SCOTTSDALE	1	41
3516	8	117	0	0	9	126	139	90.64%	7	KINGMAN	0	13
3584	10	32	0	0	5	37	53	69.81%	10	SUPERIOR	0	16
3632	4	202	2	0	15	219	263	83.26%	4	TEMPE	0	44
3708	1	39	0	0	0	39	42	92.85%	11	SALOME	0	3
3713	10	126	10	3	9	148	238	62.18%	5	COOLIDGE	0	90
4903	5	282	2	1	18	303	369	82.11%	3	TUCSON	1	66
5990	5	194	2	0	11	207	252	82.14%	4	MARANA	5	45
6271	7	150	3	1	6	160	185	86.48%	5	BENSON	0	25
6306	8	90	1	0	5	96	117	82.05%	7	GOLDEN SHORES	0	21
6310	3	306	2	1	13	322	358	89.94%	3	TOLLESON	0	36
6739	2	105	0	0	14	119	145	82.06%	6	CAMP VERDE	0	26
6789	2	18	0	0	1	19	28	67.85%	11	WINDOW ROCK	0	9
6790	1	208	2	0	8	218	245	88.97%	5	WELLTON	4	27
7061	1	128	3	0	6	137	156	87.82%	6	PARKER	0	19
7400	2	177	1	2	27	207	225	92.00%	5	COTTONWOOD	1	18
7401	10	417	11	0	25	453	556	81.47%	3	CHANDLER	7	103
7507	4	151	0	1	14	166	185	89.72%	5	FOUNTAIN HILLS	0	19
7968	10	815	12	6	91	924	1157	79.86%	1	APACHE JUNCTION	5	233
8242	1	396	8	1	15	420	482	87.13%	3	YUMA (Y.P.G.)	0	62
8807	6	124	0	1	6	131	163	80.36%	6	TONTO BASIN	1	32
8987	6	88	1	0	4	93	99	93.93%	8	EAGAR	0	6
9399	10	449	13	27	49	538	764	70.41%	2	APACHE JUNCTION	7	226
9400	4	623	47	6	23	699	849	82.33%	2	SUNNYSLOPE	4	150

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior	Percent	Div	City	N/R LM	Need
9401	8	502	2	2	61	567	684	82.89%	3	LAKE HAVASU CITY	4	117
9632	2	67	0	0	0	67	68	98.52%	9	PAGE	2	1
9833	8	91	2	0	3	96	107	89.71%	8	DOLAN SPRINGS	0	11
9907	6	288	5	1	24	318	364	87.36%	3	SHOW LOW	3	46
9972	7	1951	39	55	54	2099	2325	90.27%	1	SIERRA VISTA	10	226
9977	7	85	0	0	4	89	93	95.69%	8	ARIZONA SUNSITES	1	4
10005	8	433	9	0	22	464	500	92.80%	3	BULLHEAD CITY	4	36
10015	5	50	0	0	3	53	70	75.71%	9	TUCSON	0	17
10227	2	315	2	0	26	343	374	91.71%	3	PRESCOTT VALLEY	6	31
10254	5	96	1	0	9	106	110	96.36%	8	THREE POINTS	0	4
10385	7	45	3	0	4	52	65	80.00%	10	THATCHER	3	13
10386	8	154	3	1	37	195	237	82.27%	5	KINGMAN	0	42
10726	8	102	0	0	7	109	120	90.83%	7	PARKER DAM	0	11
11014	8	94	0	0	6	100	131	76.33%	7	MEADVIEW	0	31
12031	4	56	0	0	5	61	72	84.72%	9	ANTHEM	0	11
12043	10	128	11	0	31	170	197	86.29%	5	MARICOPA	2	27
12098	3	70	2	1	2	75	86	87.20%	9	BUCKEYE	0	11
12128	2	36	0	0	4	40	46	86.95%	11	WILLIAMS	0	6
12210	4	13	0	0	10	23	22	104.54%	11	GLENDALE	0	-1
15003	99	2044	83	6	185	2318	2853	81.24%	1	SCOTTSDALE	31	535
State	100	16715	336	149	1207	18407	21793	84.46%		STATE	138	3386
Dist	1	1292	18	3	68	1381	1565	88.24%	4	DIST 1	6	184
Dist	2	1168	5	3	102	1278	1425	89.68%	5	DIST 2	9	147
Dist	3	1318	10	3	97	1428	1654	86.33%	4	DIST 3	10	226
Dist	4	1958	58	12	121	2149	2570	83.61%	3	DIST 4	7	421
Dist	5	1830	23	5	102	1960	2247	87.22%	3	DIST 5	15	287
Dist	6	606	7	3	45	661	779	84.85%	6	DIST 6	4	118
Dist	7	2421	46	74	88	2629	2976	88.34%	3	DIST 7	14	347
Dist	8	1806	17	3	166	1992	2327	85.60%	3	DIST 8	10	335
Dist	10	2272	69	37	233	2611	3397	76.86%	2	DIST 10	32	786
Dist	99	2044	83	6	185	2318	2853	81.24%	3	MAL	31	535
State	100	16715	336	149	1207	18407	21793	84.46%		STATE	138	3386

CHAPLAIN REPORTS AS OF 24 OCT 2022

POST	DIST	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
769	1	4	4	4	4								
1763	1												
2357	1	4	4	4	4								
3708	1		3	4									
6790	1		1	3	4								
7061	1	3	4	4	4								
8242	1	2	3										

541	2		4	4									
1709	2			4	4								
6739	2												
6789	2	1	1	1									
7400	2	4	4	4	4								
9632	2												
10227	2		4	4	4								
12128	2	4	4	4									

40	3	4											
285	3	4	4	4	4								
1433	3		1										
2135	3	3	2	1	4								
6310	3	4	4	4	4								
12128	3												

720	4	3	4	4									
1760	4												
1796	4	4	4	4	4								
3513	4		4	2	4								
3632	4		4	4	4								
7507	4	4	4	4	2								
9400	4	4			4								
12031	4	4	4		4								
12210	4	4	3	2									

549	5	4	3										
2767	5	4	4	4	2								
4903	5			2									
5990	5	4		4	4								
10015	5	4	4	4	4								
10254	5	4	4										

POST	DIST	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
1704	6	4	4	4									
2364	6	4	4	4	4								
8807	6	4	4	4	4								
8987	6	4	4	4	4								
9907	6		4	4	4								

836	7												
2066	7	1	3	1	2								
6271	7			4	4								
9972	7	4	3	4	4								
9977	7	1	2	4									
10385	7												

404	8	4	4	4	4								
2190	8	4	3	2									
2555	8	3	4		4								
3516	8	4	4	2	4								
6306	8												
9401	8	2	4	4	2								
9833	8		2	4	4								
10005	8	4	4	4	4								
10386	8		3	4	4								
10726	8		4	4	4								
11014	8	2	4	4	4								

1677	10	4	4	4	4								
3584	10	4	4	4	4								
3713	10				2								
7401	10	4	4	4	4								
7968	10	4	4	4	4								
9399	10	4	4	4	4								
12043	10	4	4	4	2								

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 2: On Time w/o Data
 3: Past due w/ Data
 4: On Time w/Data

VETERAN AND MILITARY SUPPORT -2022-23

Post	District	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
769	1	O	O	O	O	O							
1763	1												
2357	1	X	O	X	X	X							
3708	1			O	O								
6790	1				O								
7061	1					X							
8242	1	O	O			L							

541	2												
1709	2	X											
6739	2		O										
6789	2	X	X										
7400	2	O	O	O	O	O							
9632	2			O									
10227	2	X	X	X	X	X							
12128	2	O			O	O							

40	3	X	X										
285	3	O	X	X	X	X							
1433	3												
2135	3	O	O	O	O	X							
6310	3	X	X	X	O	O							
12098	3	O	O	L	O	O							

720	4	X	X	X	X	X							
1760	4												
1796	4		O	O	O	O							
3513	4			X		X							
3632	4	O	O	L	O	O							
7507	4	X	X	X	X	X							
9400	4												
12031	4	O	O	O	O	O							
12210	4		L	L		O							

549	5	X	X	X	X	X							
2767	5	X	X	X	X	X							
4903	5	X	X	O	X	X							
5990	5	X	X	X		X							
10015	5	O	O	X	O	X							
10254	5	L	L	O	O								

Post	District	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1704	6		X	O	O	O							
2364	6	X	X	X	X	X							
8807	6		X	X	X	X							
8987	6	L	X	X	X	X							
9907	6	X	X	X	O	O							

836	7												
2066	7												
6271	7	X	X		X	X							
9972	7	X	X	X	X	X							
9977	7	O	O	O	O								
10385	7					O							

404	8	X	X	X	X	X							
2190	8	X	X	X	X	X							
2555	8	O	L			O							
3516	8	O	O	X	O	X							
6306	8												
9401	8	O	O	O	O	O							
9833	8	O	L	O	O	X							
10005	8	X		X	X	X							
10386	8	X	X	X	X								
10726	8	X	O	O	O	O							
11014	8	O	O	O	O								

1677	10	X	X	X	X	X							
3584	10	X	X	X	X	X							
3713	10			L	L	X							
7401	10	X	O	O	O	O							
7968	10	X	X	X		X							
8053	10												
9399	10	X	X	X	X	X							
12043	10	X	X	X	X	X							

NOTE:

1. Block Empty = No Report
2. Block has O = Wrong Form/No Info/or No Activity BUT Report is Accepted
3. Block has X = Report is Accepted
4. Block has L = Report is after the 10th Not Accepted

Community Service Monthly Report :

November 1, 2022

Send reports to: aekruser@gmail.com Any Questions call Angela Kruse@ 830-237-4649

Q	City	Dist	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
769	QUARTZSITE	1						X						
1763	YUMA	1												
2357	BOUSE	1				X	X	X						
3708	SALOME	1				X	X							
6790	WELLTON	1					X							
7061	PARKER	1			X	X	X	X						
8242	YUMA (Y.P.G.)	1					X	X						
541	PRESCOTT	2												
1709	FLAGSTAFF	2					X	X						
6739	CAMP VERDE	2			X									
6789	WINDOW ROCK	2					X							
7400	COTTONWOOD	2				X	X	X						
9632	PAGE	2												
10227	PRESCOTT VALLEY	2			X	X	X	X						
12128	WILLIAMS	2				X	X	X						
40	AVONDALE	3			X									
285	SURPRISE	3			X	X	X	X						
1433	GLENDALE	3			X	X	X	X						
2135	PEORIA	3			X	X	X	X						
3715	PHOENIX	3												
6310	TOLLESON	3			X	X	X	X						
10695	SUN CITY WEST	3												
12098	BUCKEYE	3			X	X	X	X						
720	PHOENIX	4			X	X	X	X						
1760	MESA	4												
1796	BLACK CANYON CITY	4			X	X	X	X						
3513	SCOTTSDALE	4				X		X						
3632	TEMPE	4			X	X	X	X						
7507	FOUNTAIN HILLS	4			X	X	X	X						
9400	SUNNYSLOPE	4												
12210	PHOENIX	4						X						
12031	ANTHEM	4			X	X	X	X						

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Hospital Reports 2022-23

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