

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

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MISSION

The Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs serves Veterans, current service members and their families by opening doors to benefits, education and jobs.

We advocate for Utah's military installations and defense sector.

POPULATION



3,716

World War II Veterans



8,999

Korean War Veterans



43,246

Vietnam War Veterans



25,572

Cold War/Peacetime Veterans



62,482

Current Conflict Veterans

138,527

Total Veterans

~15,000

Currently Serving



91%



9%

(Source: National Center for Veterans Analysis, 2018)

VA BENEFITS & HEALTHCARE

HEALTHCARE



37,254

Unique Patients
VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

324,950

Outpatient visits (FY2020)



COMPENSATION & PENSION

\$654M

Compensation & Benefits

31,529

Utah Veterans w/ a Service
Connected Disability

30%

Increase in
Veterans'
compensation
from 2018-2020



(Source: National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, FY2018-2020; VA Salt Lake City Health Care, FY2020)

ECONOMIC IMPACT



TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$19.3B

Economic Activity

211,000

Supported Jobs

VETERANS ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$3.2B

Economic Activity

36,140

Supported Jobs

MILITARY ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$6.7B

Hill Air
Force Base

\$266M

Dugway Proving Ground

\$151M

Tooele Army Depot

\$1.3B

Utah National
Guard

\$466M

Reserve, Recruiting,
ROTC

\$6.2B

Contracts

(Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2021)

COVID-19 IMPACTS

VACCINATIONS

30K

Veterans received
vaccines from VA*

CLAIMS

3,641

Claims processed by UDVMA
FY 2021.

75:25

Virtual claims ratio

VIRTUAL EVENTS

15%

Increase in social media
followings over the past 3

75K

E-newsletter subscribers

VETERANS HOMES

SLC, OGDEN, PAYSON & IVINS HOMES UPDATE

- Vaccine Distribution began Jan 2021
- 96% of residents have been vaccinated.
- Monoclonal Antibody treatment is available.
- Family visitation allowed when not in outbreak status.

15.5K+

Happiness for Heroes
Video Views

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Active Duty Reserves & National Guard have transitioned back to their pre-pandemic posture and operations. In addition, the National Guard continues to support COVID testing and vaccinations.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

ENACTED MILITARY RETIREE TAX ADJUSTMENTS

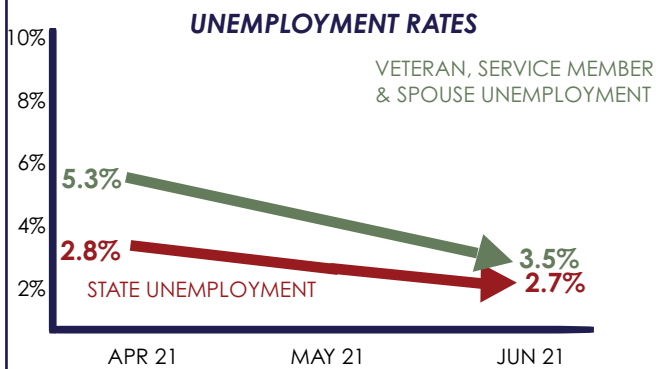
VETERANS AUDITING COLLEGE COURSES

U.S. SPACE FORCE IN UTAH CODE

FOCUSED ON DoD PRIORITIES

- Purple Star Schools
- Military Spouse Licensure

EMPLOYMENT



ACCELERATED CREDENTIALING TO EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (ACE)

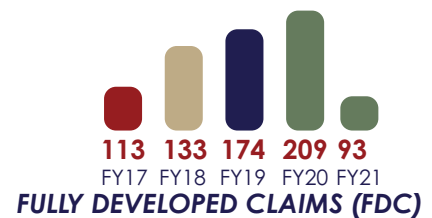
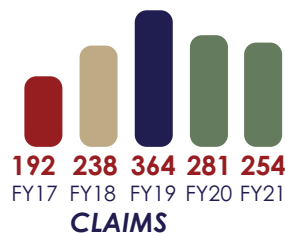
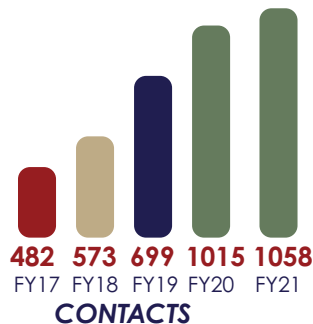


2,760

Utah Patriot Partners (2020)

(Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, FY21)

VETERANS OUTREACH & SERVICES



VETERAN BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER



(Calendar Year 2021)

370 Veterans Mentored
38 Business Startups

VETERAN FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM



(Fiscal Year 2020)

\$500k Funding
203 Grants Awarded

VETERAN PRO BONO LEGAL SUPPORT

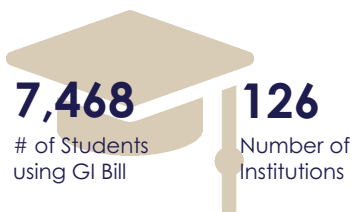


(Fiscal Years 2021)

603 Veterans Inquired
349 Supported by Program
64 Attorneys in Program

(Sources: Salt Lake Community College, UDVMA & Utah Attorney General's Office, FY21)

EDUCATION



VETERAN STUDENT SUPPORT CENTERS

Located at DSU, SLCC, SUU, UofU, USU, UVU, WC, WSU

3,345 Veterans Supported

Veteran Student Support Centers provide orientation, counseling and other services.

NURSING HOMES & CEMETERY

VETERANS HOMES

90% Occupancy
353 Veterans
23 Family Member
376 Total Residents
846 Employees
\$45.5M Expenditures

CMS 5-Star Rating ★

CEMETERY

FY21 **573**
FY20 **461**
FY19 **499**
Casket to Cremains **54:46**
Veterans to Spouses **73:27**

