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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Katherine Smith, Director, Community Resources

Prepared By:
Joshua Medina, Director, County Veteran Services

Subject:
Veterans Service Office Summary Report

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this report is to communicate the services provided to veterans and their families by the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Officer during the months of January through March 2024.

Background and Discussion: The Colorado Department of Veterans Services requires assistance to veterans and their families in compliance with Sections 28-5-801 et seq., Colorado Revised Statutes, in receiving their benefits such as, but not limited to:

Burials:

- Provide veterans within Arapahoe County the information regarding their burial allowance
- Advise and assist family members of veterans collection of death pension

Health Services:

- Assist veterans in processing claims for medical benefits
- Assist and coordinate with veterans' Medicaid cases

Claims:

- Prepare, present and appeal claims for VA benefits on behalf of Arapahoe County veterans and their dependents

Alternatives: This document is a state form required by the State of Colorado to be submitted monthly as application for monetary benefits payable to the County General Fund in accordance with Section 28-5-707 Colorado Revised Statutes.

Fiscal Impact: The County receives \$29,400 annually from the State of Colorado for the services provided to veterans in Arapahoe County. There is also a positive fiscal impact to individual veterans and claimants through successful claims recoveries.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☒ Be fiscally sustainable
- ☒ Provide essential and mandated service
- ☒ Be community focused

Concurrence: This report was presented to Katherine Smith, Community Resources Department Director, who recommends approval and signature by the Board of County Commissioners.