



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Katherine Smith, Community Resources Department Director

**Prepared By:**  
Joshua Medina, County Veteran Services Director

**Subject:**  
Veterans Service Officer 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 month of August 2022.

**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.

**Reviewed By:**

Joshua Medina, County Veteran Service Officer

Linda Haley, Senior Resources Division Manager

Katherine Smith, Community Resources Department Director