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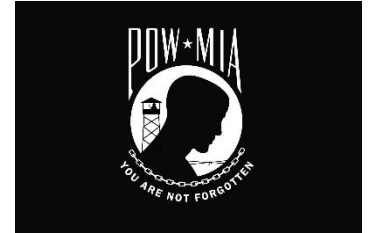


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Lake Havasu



We are amidst some staffing changes here at your Lake Havasu Vet Center.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate change, adapt & then overcome, to serve this amazing Veteran community our very best!

If you or your organization would like to be added to our monthly newsletter list, please contact us at [928-505-0394](tel:928-505-0394), and we will get you added!

To add or remove your name from our mailing list, please email stacy.lee2@va.gov

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Resource Assistance!

Your Veteran's Outreach Program Specialist will be in many places this month and ongoing monthly to assist you where you are! Vet Center VOPS will be in place to provide Vet Center Services information, VHA, VBA and NCA guidance, resources and assistance! Stop in, no appointment necessary!

Here are dates/times/locations for April 2026!

April 3, 2026 – 10am to 12pm – Clothes Closet 1968 Mesquite Ave Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

April 7, 2026 – 9am – 12pm - Needles, CA APS Office - 1090 E. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

April 8, 2026 – 11:45 am – 12:45 pm – The Views 2110 Swanson Ave Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

April 14, 2026 – 9am to 1pm – Jerry Ambrose Veteran's Council 325 E Oak St Kingman, AZ 86401

April 15 – 830 – 1030 am – Stonebridge Veterans Meeting – 266 London Bridge Rd Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

April 22 – 10am – 1pm - Jerry Ambrose Veteran's Council 325 E Oak St Kingman, AZ 86401

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Please join the Veterans Resource Team and Veteran's Treatment Court Programs this month, and every month! Come and support your community's justice involved Veteran's as well as celebrate their accomplishments in this outstanding and effective program!



**Lake Havasu City
Veterans Treatment Court
2026 COURT CALENDAR**

JANUARY 9, 2026	JULY 10, 2026 (GRADUATION)
JANUARY 23, 2026 (GRADUATION)	JULY 31, 2026
FEBRUARY 13, 2026	AUGUST 14, 2026
FEBRUARY 27, 2026	AUGUST 28, 2026
MARCH 6, 2026	SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
MARCH 20, 2026	SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
APRIL 10, 2026	OCTOBER 16, 2026 (GRADUATION)
APRIL 24, 2026 (GRADUATION)	OCTOBER 30, 2026
MAY 8, 2026	NOVEMBER 6, 2026
MAY 22, 2026	NOVEMBER 20, 2026
JUNE 5, 2026	DECEMBER 4, 2026
JUNE 26, 2026	DECEMBER 18, 2026

**STAFFING BEGINS AT 9:00AM
VETERANS COURT HEARINGS BEGIN AT 1:30PM**
REVISED 11/14/2025

**Address:
LHC Municipal Court
92 Acoma Blvd S
Lake Havasu City, AZ
86403**

**2026 DATES FOR KINGMAN VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT
HELD AT 1:30 P.M.
STAFFING WITH VTC TEAM MEMBERS IS HELD AT 8:30 A.M.**

**Address:
Kingman Municipal Court, 219 N. Fourth St, Kingman, AZ 86401**

JANUARY 21	FEBRUARY 18	MARCH 25
APRIL 22	MAY 20	JUNE 24
JULY 15	AUGUST 19	SEPTEMBER 16
OCTOBER 27	NOVEMBER 18	DECEMBER 16

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VA recently released the [National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#), which analyzes Veteran suicide from 2001 to 2023, the most recent year for which data is available.

The report shows there were 6,398 suicides among Veterans in 2023, down from 6,442 in 2022. The average number of Veteran suicides per day fell slightly, to 17.5 in 2023 from 17.6 in 2022.

Other key findings from the report include:

- 61% of Veterans who died by suicide in 2023 were not receiving VA health care in the last year of their life.
- The suicide rate per 100,000 Veterans rose for both male and female Veterans in 2023. For women, the rate rose from 13.7 to 13.9, and for men, it rose from 37.3 to 37.8.
- Suicide rates are elevated for Veterans aged 18 to 34 years, and those with certain risk characteristics, including homelessness, health problems and pain. Among Veterans who died by suicide from 2021 to 2023 and whose deaths were reported by VA suicide prevention teams, the most frequently identified risk factor was pain.

Suicide prevention is VA's top clinical priority, and all VA health care facilities provide Veterans same-day emergency mental health care access if they need it. Under President Trump and Secretary Collins, VA is conducting a review of its suicide prevention programs to better measure their impact, expand on efforts that are delivering results and refine programs that need improvement.

This approach has already resulted in several improvements in the first year of the Trump Administration, including many aimed at helping Veterans at risk of suicide:

- Since January 2025, VA has conducted a new outreach campaign that has led more than 33,000 unenrolled Veterans to sign up for VA care.
- VA teamed with several large civilian health care providers in February 2025 to launch the Veterans Interoperability Pledge to identify at-risk Veterans and help them get the care they've earned at VA. This effort has helped VA identify and contact 140,000 at-risk Veterans, 40% of whom had not recently been to VA.
- In May 2025, VA and the Department of War signed a memorandum of understanding committing both agencies to improving the transition process for Veterans exiting the military.

- For the first time in history, VA is now tracking how effective its staff and partners are at getting Veterans into VA care, so we can see what's working and where we need to improve.

In the meantime, VA is pursuing a host of other suicide prevention efforts across the country:

- In fiscal year 2025, VA offered 1.3 million calls, chats and texts to Veterans in need through the Veterans Crisis Line, a 39% increase over the prior year, with a Veteran satisfaction rate of 97%.
- VA continues to expand suicide prevention training with health care professionals both at VA and in the community.
- In 2018, the first Trump Administration launched RISK ID, a comprehensive suicide risk evaluation screening that helps VA flag and care for at-risk Veterans. In calendar year 2025, VA completed more than 5.3 million suicide risk screenings, approximately 200,000 more Veterans screened than in calendar year 2024.
- VA administers the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants Program, which has provided grants to 95 community organizations across the country since 2022.
 - Together, these organizations have made more than 24,400 referrals for suicide prevention supports, including life-saving emergency service connections for 854 Veterans at high risk for suicide.
 - In May 2025, VA [announced the availability](#) of another \$52 million in grants under this program.
- In November, VA announced it housed the [largest number of homeless Veterans](#) in seven years, a critical improvement as homelessness looms as a major factor in Veteran suicide.

“Veteran suicide has been a scourge on our nation for far too long,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins. “Most Veterans who die by suicide were not in recent VA care, so making it easier for those who have worn the uniform to access the VA benefits they have earned is key. Under President Trump, we are totally revamping the department’s approach to suicide prevention, with new leadership, a fresh focus on reaching those who need our help and—for the first time in VA history—a serious effort to track the efficacy of the hundreds of millions the department spends per year in this area to ensure we have real solutions, not just rhetoric.”

If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. To reach responders, dial 988 then press 1. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to call.

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We welcome you to reach out to us or refer any Veteran or their family members to us for resources, assistance and/or guidance.

We are your central hub for all things Veteran, and we CAN help!

If you aren't sure what questions to ask, call us or come in. If you aren't sure what your benefits are, call us or come in!

Khristina from Nation's Finest is in our office to serve you on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Friday from 0800-1630! If you need a place to live, please come in and ask for her, see if you are eligible for their services!

We have a state-employed Veterans Service Officer in our office weekly (AZDVS); they are here to help you file a disability claim!

You can Schedule your OWN appointment! (We cannot schedule appointments for you, and no walk-ins.) Click/follow this link or type it in to your browser:

<https://calendly.com/d/5bs-yvv-ky7>

Todd Baldwin from Arizona DES is in our offices once a week, Thursdays from 0800-1630. No appt. needed! He can help you find work!

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