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**FEBRUARY 2026
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NEWSLETTER**

FEBRUARY 2026 VET CENTER OUTREACH NEWSLETTER



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Lake Havasu



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 February 2026!

February 3, 2026 – 9am – 12pm - Needles, CA APS Office - 1090 E. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

February 5, 2026 – 9am – 12pm - Parker, AZ Regional Center for Border Health – 601 Riverside Dr, Parker AZ 85344

February 9, 2026 – 12-1 pm – The Views 2110 Swanson Ave Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

February 10, 2026 – 10am – 4pm – American Legion – 181 Paseo Del Sol, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

February 11, 2026 – 8am – 3pm – Veterans of Foreign Wars – 266 London Bridge Rd. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

February 16, 2026 – 12-1pm – Mohave College – 1977 Acoma Blvd S Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

February 19, 2026 – 9am – 3pm – Quartzsite VFW – 305 N Central Blvd Quartzsite, AZ 85346

February 20, 2026 – 9am – 3pm – Parker VFW – 516 Hopi Ave Parker, AZ 85344

February 26, 2026 – 9am – 12pm Nation's Finest 1343 Hancock Rd Bullhead City, AZ 86442

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Our Vet Center Monthly Groups!

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WELLNESS GROUP

**Mondays & Wednesdays
0630-0730hrs
40 London Bridge Rd. LHC
Meet Gwendolyn, @ the Fountain!**

**For Veterans & Family
Members!**

**Call for Information/Questions
928-505-0394**

Reminder: No Pets allowed at Rotary Park per City Ordinance

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Women's Group

**Weekly on Thursdays
1530 to 1700**

**Call 928-505-0394
Must be registered with the Vet Center**

**VA S.A.V.E. TRAINING AVAILABLE
FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF ON
VETERAN SPECIFIC SUICIDE
AWARENESS & PREVENTION!**

**CONTACT STACY LEE TO HAVE THIS
SCHEDULED AT 928-273-2522**

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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.

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

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

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VETERAN RESOURCE EVENTS IN FEBRUARY!



Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and American Legion Post 81

Date: February 10th 10 am - 4 pm
Location: 181 Paseo Del Sol Ave
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

- Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event.
- Enroll for Veteran benefits.
- Medical appointment/services for eligible veterans.

POC: Rural Health Coordinator Joshua Wear 928-458-8713



Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and VFW Post 9401

Date: February 11th, 2026 8 am-3 pm
Location: 266 London Bridge Rd, Lake Havasu City
Arizona 864043

- Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event.
- Enroll for Veteran benefits.

Medical Appointments for Eligible veterans

POC: Joshua Wear, RHC 928-458-8713 / Andrew Taylor, RHC 928-237-8310

*******QUARTZSITE VFW VETERANS SERVICE EVENT*******
FEBRUARY 19, 2026
9AM – 3PM
305 N. CENTRAL BLVD
*******QUARTZSITE, AZ 86346*******



THE JERRY AMBROSE VETERANS COUNCIL
OF MOHAVE COUNTY, INC.
and
REGIONAL CENTER FOR BORDER HEALTH, INC.
present the

**VETERAN
STAND DOWN**



VFW Post 7061, 516 S. Hopi Avenue, Parker, AZ
Friday, February 20, 2026 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Get help with housing, employment & benefit issues!
Free Food!

Call (928) 323-4401 for More Information.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:





Presented by
**JERRY AMBROSE
VETERANS COUNCIL**

GRAND OPENING JAVC Veterans Center

Friday, February 27th ★ 4:30 to 6:30 PM
315 E. Oak St., Kingman, AZ 86409

- ★ Tours of the New Center
- ★ Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- ★ Catered Reception

Join Us as We Launch the Next Phase of Impact for Veterans

Home to *Operation 6* and other veteran support programs

Community support helps fuel our \$250,000 impact goal for veterans.

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A Veteran's guide to navigating property taxes and insurance costs

A cornerstone of the American Dream is homeownership, symbolizing stability and financial achievement. However, homeownership's increasing costs pose affordability challenges for homeowners nationwide, including Veterans seeking a VA-guaranteed home loan.

Anecdotal evidence suggests the rising cost of homeowners insurance and property is making homeownership less affordable. VA is committed to doing everything possible to keep military families fully informed about the associated costs of owning a home and helping your family obtain, and stay, in your home.

What are the reasons for the rising costs?

As more frequent and intense natural disasters occur, insurance companies have responded with sharply increasing the cost of insurance in many areas or eliminating the availability altogether to reduce perceived risks. On average, insurance premiums have gone up an estimated 61% over the past five years. As losses related to natural disasters continue to increase, so does the costs of home construction, as builders add design improvements to withstand the effects of extreme weather. It's not just single-family homes that are impacted; condominium fees are also increasing to cover the rising costs of homeowners insurance. To make matters worse, high insurance costs can reduce the amount of the home loan you can borrow.

Due to increased home values, property taxes have increased in many areas, too. Since 2019, [home prices nationwide have risen by more than 50%, while homeowners' property taxes are up by an average of 27%](#). Property taxes and homeowners insurance are what make up your [homebuyer's escrow](#), which the mortgage servicer is required to pay on your behalf each month as part of the monthly mortgage payment. Every year, the servicer will reevaluate your escrow payment, and as home prices continue to gain value, property taxes go up, likely resulting in an overall higher monthly mortgage payment.

What resources are available to you?

Fortunately, there are options for Veterans to preserve the peace of mind, security and legacy that come with owning a home.

- Shop around for homeowners insurance: There are several companies that offer exclusive rates, discounts and other unique benefits for the Veteran community. Explore your options to determine what is available and what best meets your needs. Also, many insurance companies offer a discount if you bundle multiple insurance products together, like car insurance, life insurance and homeowners insurance. This can lead to considerable cost savings.

- State-level insurance relief options: In some states that often experience disasters, homeowners can receive lower insurance premiums if they make their homes better protected from disasters. Check the state you live in to see what is available to you.
- State Insurance Pools: Some states have designated high-risk areas where private insurers are not allowed to operate. These “pools” offer insurance coverage at more affordable rates. Check the state you live in to see what is available to you.
- State-level property tax exemptions: [Many states offer property tax exemptions or reductions for disabled Veterans and their surviving spouses](#). Check the state you live in to see what is available, and if you meet the eligibility requirements.
- Local tax relief programs: Check with your local tax assessor’s office for programs like tax freezes or deferrals. Tax freeze programs allow qualifying homeowners to keep their tax rates at a certain level, even if property tax rates increase. Tax deferral programs enable eligible homeowners to postpone payment of their property taxes until a designated later date.

Need help or more information?

VA is dedicated to keeping you fully informed about the costs of homeownership, and helping your family obtain and stay in your home. By using these resources, you can tackle the challenge of homeownership. Exploring these options can ease financial burdens and build a stronger foundation to preserve what matters most. If you need additional support, you can always contact VA directly by calling 877-827-3702 or visiting the [VA home loans webpage](#) at va.gov/homeloans. Whether it’s buying a home or maintaining your home, VA is committed to helping Veterans purchase or keep their homes.

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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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