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TO: National Adjutant Barry Jesinoski
FROM: Dr. Carl Forkner, Department Adjutant
VIA: National Inspector General Ryan Burgos
SUBJ: DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA SPEND DOWN PLAN
DATE: June 1, 2026

Dear National Adjutant Jesinoski,

It is my privilege to present to you the revised two-year spend down plan for Department of Arizona, which will serve to expand enhanced free services and programs we provide to Arizona's Veterans, their families, and their survivors. While we have been working on being effective stewards of the money provided to the Department by both the National organization and donors from across the state, we have also been surprised at the level of donations this past fiscal year. Of course, that is not a bad problem to have...

Sincerely,

Carl B. Forkner

cc: Department Commander Nogar
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REVISED DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA SPEND DOWN PLAN

Key to Annotations

GREEN	New items in revised spend down plan
RED	Deleted items from initial plan
BLUE	Totals for revised spend down plan
<i>ITALICS</i>	Funds already expended from initial spend down plan

This revised (enhanced) plan includes additional remote claims stations. This is because the Native American tribal communities have heard about the program and want their Veterans to have the same opportunity.

The 2 additional stations in the Navajo Nation (Kayenta to the north, Ganado to the south) will cut down significantly the length of time it takes for Veterans to get assistance (especially important during rain and snow season).

The remote claims station on the Hopi Reservation will provide services to those Veterans, since they rarely cross reservation boundaries into the Navajo Nation.

FY 2026 (January 15 – June 30)

Purchase one Explorer 2WD SUV for SAVAHCS (Tucson) [Feb 2026]	\$ 39,936.00	100%
Purchase one Explorer 4WD SUV for NAVAHCS (Prescott) [Feb 2026]	\$ 41,688.00	100%
Handicap electronic door buttons for building [Feb 2026]	\$ 10,000.00	47%
Globe Videoconference Claim Station Project [Feb 2026]	\$ 1,012.00	87.5%
Handicapped-capable golf cart for SAVAHCS [Feb 2026]	\$ 35,000.00	100%
Navajo Reservation Videoconference Claim Service in Piñon [Feb-Mar 2026]	\$ 3,125.00	65.2%
Windows 11 and iPad tablet kits for CSO mobile services [Feb-Mar 2026]	\$ 50,000.00	35.8%
Chapter initiatives expanding service to area Veterans [Apr-Jun 2026]	\$ 50,000.00	40%
Donations in-kind to support the new AZ Veterans Resource Center [Apr 2026]	\$ 15,000.00	53%
Donation in Kind to AZ Veterans Honor Tour (airline tickets) [Apr 2026]	\$ 10,000.00	100%
Donation to United Arizona Veterans Scholarship Program [May 2026]	\$ 15,000.00	100%
Remote Service Site in Kayenta, AZ (2 nd Navajo site, incl. lease) [Jun 2026]	\$ 13,182.08	
TOTAL FY 2026	\$283,943.08	75.4%

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FY 2027 (July 01 – December 31)

6-months Starlink service for Piñon (Navajo Nation) [Aug 2026]	\$ 620.00
6-months Starlink service for Kayenta (Navajo Nation) [Dec 2026]	\$ 620.00
National Disaster Relief Program [Aug 2026 at National Convention]	\$ 25,000.00
National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic [Aug 2026 at National Convention]	\$ 25,000.00
National Caregiver Support Program [Aug 2026 at National Convention]	\$ 25,000.00
Donation to Columbia Trust in name of late National Commander Wally Tyson [Aug 2026 at National Convention]	\$ 1,000.00
Donation to Columbia Trust in name of late National Commander Al Linden [Aug 2026 at National Convention]	\$ 1,000.00
Conduct Veterans Resource Fair in Mesa, AZ [Oct 2026 – moving to Apr 2027]	\$ 15,000.00
Remote Service Site in Ganado, AZ (3 rd Navajo Nation site) [August 2006]	\$ 3,125.00
Hualapai Videoconference Claim Service in Peach Springs [Sep 2026]	\$ 3,525.00
Handicapped-capable golf cart for VA Hospital or Veterans Home [Sep 2026]	\$ 35,000.00
Remote Service Site in Hopi Veterans Memorial Center near Shongopovi [Oct 2026]	\$ 3,125.00
TOTAL FIRST HALF FY 2027	\$ 73,015.00

FY 2027 (January 01 – June 30)

6-months Starlink subscription for Piñon Remote Service Site [3 months]	\$ 240.00
6-months Starlink service for Peach Springs (Hualapai) [6 months]	\$ 620.00
6-months Starlink subscription for Kayenta Remote Service Site [6 months]	\$ 620.00
6-months Starlink service for Ganado (Navajo Nation) [6 months]	\$ 620.00
Vehicle for PVAHCS (1 RWD Explorer) [Feb 2027]	\$ 39,936.00
Vehicle for SAVAHCS (1 RWD Explorer) [Feb 2027]	\$ 39,936.00
Vehicle for NAVAHCS – Lake Havasu City (1 AWD Explorer) [Feb 2027]	\$ 41,688.00
Tohono O’odham Videoconference Claim Service in Sells [Feb-Mar 2027]	\$ 6,345.00
Donation to United Arizona Veterans Scholarship Program [Mar 2027]	\$ 15,000.00
Conduct Veterans Resource Fair in Mesa, AZ [Apr 2027]	\$ 15,000.00
Donation to United Arizona Veterans Scholarship Program [May 2027]	\$ 15,000.00
Renewal of Kayenta Remote Service Site lease [Jun 2027]	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
TOTAL SECOND HALF FY 2027	\$185,005.00

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FY 2028 (July 01 – December 31)

Starlink subscription for Hualapai Remote Service Site [6 months]	\$ 620.00
Starlink subscription for Hopi Remote Service Site [6 months]	\$ 620.00
Starlink subscription for Sells Remote Service Site [6 months]	\$ 620.00
National Disaster Relief Program [Aug 2027]	\$ 25,000.00
National Caregiver Support Program [Aug 2027]	\$ 25,000.00
San Carlos Apache Reservation Videoconference Claim Service [Aug-Sep 2027]	\$ 1,895.00
Fort Apache Reservation Videoconference Claim Service [Sep-Oct 2027]	\$ 1,895.00
Conduct Veterans Resource Fair (West side suburbs of Phoenix) [Oct 2027]	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL FIRST HALF FY 2028	\$ 45,650.00

SUMMARY

TOTAL SPEND DOWN REQUIRED:	\$557,844.83
TOTAL SPEND DOWN PROGRAMMED TO DATE:	<u>\$587,553.08</u>
REMAINING SPEND DOWN REQUIRED:	\$ 29,708.25 (over)
 INITIAL SPEND DOWN PLAN:	 \$564,531.00
DELTA BETWEEN REVISION AND INITIAL PLAN:	+ \$ 23,022.08
