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STAKEHOLDERS REPORT

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Phoenix VA hosted a VSO Mixer to share ideas and discuss how to strengthen partnership efforts to help Veterans across the valley, Nov. 13.

The VSO Mixer resulted in great discussion that led to a focus on coordinating messaging across organizations to better assist Veterans in key areas.

The mixer also resulted in a revised agenda and new process for moving forward in partnership.



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VSO MIXER

Food and drinks will be provided!

Second Tuesday
of the month
1-2 p.m.

- The event is open to current VSO's and those interested in partnering with Phoenix VA.
- An agenda will be distributed one week prior to each meeting. You are welcome to send questions, comments, suggestions, and discussion topics to prphoenix@va.gov at any time throughout the month. We look forward to your continued partnership and participation.

To RSVP, please email:
prphoenix@va.gov

Phoenix VA 32nd Street Outpatient Clinic and Teams ([Click Here](#))

Or call in:
[+1 205-235-3524](tel:+1205-235-3524)
Conference ID: 746 788 251#



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VSO Mixer Phoenix, Dec. 9

- **When:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Thursday
- **Where:** Phoenix 32nd Street VA Clinic
- **More Info:** Agenda will be distributed prior to each meeting. You are welcome to send questions, comments, suggestions, and discussion topics to prphoenix@va.gov at any time prior to the next meeting.

Fisher House Updates



The Phoenix VA HealthCare System hosted its Annual VetsGiving celebration at the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center on Nov. 15.



Scheduled after Veterans Day and ahead of Thanksgiving, this event is hosted annually to honor our Veterans and provide resources to support them through the holiday season.

This year, 800 Veterans, their friends, and families attended and were able to speak with more than 30 vendor representatives.



Phoenix VA celebrates Veterans Day 2025.



The Phoenix Public Library continues Bookmobile service at Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center into 2026.

The Bookmobile has been making regular stops here for five months now offering a very lenient return policy considering the bookmobile only comes once per month, customers can borrow the book and return a month later, or the next month after that.

They also have Culture Passes, which include two free tickets to Arizona Museums like the Heard Museum, the Phoenix Art Museum, and much more from Flagstaff down to Tucson.



Veggies for Veterans

Phoenix, Dec. 18



When: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Wednesday

Where: Carl T. Hayden VAMC – ACC Hallway and Drive Thru

More Info: To distribute 700 bags of fresh fruit and veggies to Veterans and their families



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The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) is excited to announce a partnership with Onvida Health to build a state-of-the-art medical facility dedicated to serving the Veteran community in Yuma. This project, born out of our strong and ongoing academic affiliation with Onvida Health, is scheduled to break ground in December 2025 and be completed by summer 2027.

The 30,000-square-foot facility will enable Veterans to conveniently access a comprehensive range of **VA medical services**, including physical and occupational therapy, lab and imaging services, optometry, audiology, women's health, and primary care.

All medical services at the facility will be operated by SAVAHCS staff. SAVAHCS Interim CEO/Director Maria Nguyen expressed enthusiasm about the upcoming project, highlighting its significant role in expanding healthcare access for Veterans in Yuma.



We are excited to announce new lab hours at SAVAHCS VA Community Clinics!

As part of our enhanced services, Veterans can now walk in and check in at the kiosk during the posted lab hours to utilize our lab services without an appointment.

❑ Our lab services include:

- Blood draws (with certain limitations)
- UA Collections
- Stool drop offs

VA Community Clinic	Lab times
Casa Grande	7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Green Valley	7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Northwest	7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Safford	7:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Sierra Vista	7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Southeast	7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Yuma	7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.



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Zero Clinical Findings

A recent survey conducted by Ascellon has recognized our [SAVAHCS Community Living Center \(CLC\)](#) for an outstanding achievement—maintaining Zero Clinical Findings over the past two years and no Life Safety Findings this year.

A heartfelt thank you to our CLC staff for their unwavering dedication and hard work in achieving this remarkable milestone. Their commitment to excellence is deeply appreciated.



Tucson MVP Celebrates Enrollment Milestone: 21,000 Veterans Strong!

Congratulations on an extraordinary achievement – 21,000 Veterans enrolled in the Million Veteran Program at the Tucson site! This milestone is a testament to our site's incredible outreach and unwavering commitment. Our dedicated efforts are making a lasting and meaningful contribution to one of the largest and most significant health research programs in the world. Thank you to our team for their remarkable work and continued support in advancing Veteran health care. If you're a Veteran and would like to learn more about the Million Veteran Program, please call (866) 441-6075.



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Holiday hours for Veterans Canteen Service

We are excited to announce special holiday shopping hours for our Veterans at the VCS retail store in Building 80. To make your holiday shopping experience even more convenient and enjoyable, we've added extra hours to better serve you during the festive season.

Join us on these Saturdays:
December 6, 13, and 20, 2025
From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

These extended hours are dedicated to ensuring you have ample time to find the perfect gifts and holiday essentials.



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You can get your flu shot during a scheduled appointments in Primary Care, specialty clinics, and the hemodialysis unit.

Walk-ins at the Immunization Clinic, Building 80 South are available Monday through Friday, (except for Federal Holidays) from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) will be providing Flu vaccines during clinic appointments, can be scheduled by appointment, and will accommodate walk-ins during business hours.

The COVID vaccine is available to all Veterans over the age of 65 at the SAVAHCS on a walk-in basis.

Veterans over 65 can either go to the Vaccine Clinic at the Tucson VA Medical Center located in Building 80 or their local Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) for the COVID-19 vaccine.

For those Veterans age 64 and under interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please discuss with your provider.



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Make a Difference as a Volunteer Driver or a Volunteer Visitors

We are seeking volunteer drivers around Sierra Vista and Yuma areas to help transport Veterans to their medical appointments in Tucson. We are also seeking volunteers to serve as Volunteer Visitors for homebound and isolated Veterans. These volunteers offer one-on-one social interaction, engaging in activities such as conversations, art projects, games, walks, and gardening. No hands-on care is required, and visits can also provide a break for caregivers.

For details on how to become a volunteer driver or a volunteer visitor, contact the SAVAHCS Center for Development and Civic Engagement Office at (520) 629-1822 or email TucsonCDCE@va.gov.



Expand and Renovate Clinics Bldg. 80: The general contractor will begin digging out the building wall to add a concrete base for the steel support that will hold up the new second-floor addition. The East entrance of Building 80 will be closed until February/March 2026. Please use the West entrance near the Emergency Department for patient access to the Cholla, Ocotillo, and Saguaro Clinics. We know this is inconvenient, but it's necessary for everyone's safety during the construction.

Emergency Department (ED) Renovations and Expansion: The major parts of the steel structure installation are now complete. Next, the contractor will start installing the roof decking, followed by preparing the finish floor slab. Once the roof is finished, the general contractor will connect the east stairway to the roof and install the steel awning.

Mental Health Building 90 renovation project to convert the Agave clinic into a Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)-compliant layout: The Mental Health Renovation project has most of the walls erected for Phase 1. The General Contractor is currently running electrical and plumbing, to be completed within December. Phase 2 is expected to begin by early February and finish by March 2026.





Our staff, led by [Interim Director Ms. Maria Nguyen](#), had the honor of participating in the 106th City of Tucson Veterans Day Parade on Veterans Day. What a fantastic experience it was! The parade's theme was "250 Years of Military Service."



We proudly joined the Marines for a traditional [Marine Corps Birthday Cake-Cutting Ceremony](#), a moment brimming with pride, brotherhood, and enduring traditions. The ceremony began with a moment of silence to honor fallen Marines who sacrificed everything for our Nation and each other. Their memory continues to inspire the Corps' commitment to honor, courage, and commitment.



We are beyond grateful to [Southern Arizona Walmart Region](#) for their incredibly generous donation of \$20,000 to SAVAHCS Fisher House! Their support will significantly impact the lives of our Veterans and their families, providing them with a comfortable home away from home during challenging times.





[Our Executive Leadership Team](#) had the pleasure of honoring Veterans Day by passing out coffee and cookies to our Veterans in the Building 80 lobby. It was a heartwarming moment to connect and show our appreciation to those who have served our country.



[The Falcon Marching Band of Catalina Foothills High School](#) has been recognized as the largest marching band in the state for over 20 years, and we were truly privileged to have them perform at our SAVAHCS Veterans Day celebration on our main campus!



We had a fantastic time at the [El Tour De Tucson 3-Day Expo!](#) We were grateful for the opportunity to assist over a hundred Veterans and their family members with resources and information on VA healthcare.

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- ❑ Instagram instagram.com/vatucson
- ❑ X/Twitter: x.com/TucsonVA
- ❑ YouTube: [Subscribe now](#) and join the SAVAHCS community!

- We are continuing to offer Flu and COVID vaccinations **by appointment at all our clinics.**
- Eligible Veterans may also get the flu or COVID shot **in the community.** To find out where, go to our [VA locator](#). Click [HERE](#) for billing information to provide the in-network retail pharmacy or urgent care location you choose to visit.
- For more general information about getting the flu shot, click [HERE](#).



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **Managers:** U.S. Vets and Gorman & Co.
- **Name:** Post at Fort Whipple: Liberty Housing Project
- **Units:** 103 total. 23 apartments via six renovated officer's quarters (8 of which are two-bedroom), and 80 via a new four-story complex being constructed. **84 HUD VASH vouchers** available.

APPLICATIONS

- **Applications for the Officer's Quarters now being accepted.** Move-ins expected to begin Feb. 1.
- **Applications for the complex will begin in March**, with move-ins expected to begin July 1.
- Homeless Veterans interested in applying for a HUD VASH voucher can contact our **Health Care for Homeless Veterans program at 928-445-4860 ext. 5288**

MORE DETAILS

- HUD VASH will provide supportive case management to a minimum of 84 VASH residents
- U.S. Vets will be offering on-site support and have offices in the complex
- **ESA/Service Animals** are allowed, with appropriate documentation and approvals. Pets are limited to two (dog/cat) per unit and by approval prior to lease signing.
- The quarters will have 2 **ADA units**, and the complex will have 8 ADA units (2 on each floor)
- The project supports a **drug and weapon free campus**

Four-story
Complex



Renovated
Officer's
Quarters



Deck the Halls!

Prescott, Dec. 1



A heartfelt thank-you to our local **Daughters of the American Revolution** and the **future firefighters** from the Central Arizona Regional Training Academy (CARTA) for helping us decorate our hospital and spread holiday cheer for our Veterans and staff. ❤️

Veterans Day Parade

Prescott, Nov. 11



- Great turn out by staff and vehicles!

- NAVAHCS received category! **1st place** in “Hospital entries by Veterans.” We received a plaque and, of course, bragging rights.



Regional Center For Border Health

Parker, Nov. 21

Bouse VFW

Bouse, Nov. 20



- Our rural health outreach team and **Mobile Medical Clinic** visited three sites in late November.
- Combined, we spoke with 47 Veterans and provided 15 on-site primary care appointments.



Quartzsite Fall Festival

Quartzsite, Nov. 22



- This was our first year participating in the Quartzsite Fall Festival. It was a successful event despite the wintry weather that day.





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Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCs and IHS Parker

Date: December 9th 9 am till 3 pm

Location: 12033 Agency Rd, Parker AZ 85344
(34.147032, -114.301840)

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

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

- **Parker Indian Health Center – Tue. Dec. 9**
 - [Details](#)
- **Salome VFW Post 3708 – Wed. Dec. 10**
 - [Details](#)
- **Arizona Western College Quartzsite Campus – Tue. Dec. 16**
 - [Details](#)
- **Arizona Western College Paker Campus – Wed. Dec. 17**
 - [Details](#)



Wreaths Across America

Prescott, Dec 13 at 11 a.m.

Join us in remembering our fallen Veterans and to honor their families by placing holiday wreaths on their graves.

The ceremony will start at 11 a.m. at the [Prescott National Cemetery](#).

Parking will be at [Yavapai College](#), with shuttles running from 9-10:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact John Moffitt at prescottbikers@hotmail.com or 928-713-0856.

To sponsor wreaths, click [HERE](#).

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