



**Colorado Department of Military
and Veterans Affairs**



**Brief to
Joint State,
Military, and
Veterans Affairs
Committee**

01 December 15





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Agenda

- SMART Act
- Department Overview
- State Military Overview





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SMART Act

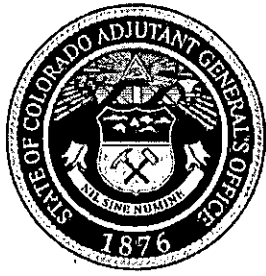
Legislative Agenda:

- The Department does not have a legislative agenda.

Regulatory Agenda:

- The Department does not have a regulatory agenda.





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SMART Act

Key budget requests

Decision Items:

- N/A

Capital Development Requests:

- Grand Junction Veterans One-Stop Shop (\$2.7M)
- JFHQ Expansion Property (\$1.2M)
- Long Range Construction Plan (\$2.5M)





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FY 2015-16 Budget Request

- \$8.3M General Fund for Personal Services, Common Policies, Tuition Assistance, Civil Air Patrol, County Veterans Service Offices, Veterans Assistance Grant, and Operations and Maintenance for Army National Guard (Armories).
- \$1.3M Cash Funds for Veterans Trust Fund Grants, Veterans Cemetery in Grand Junction, and Local Armory Incentive Program.
- \$0.8M in Re-appropriated Funds from Higher Education for National Guard Tuition Assistance.
- \$205.6M Federal Funds comprised of the Air and Army National Guard federal mission (Training, Salaries, Equipment Maintenance) and \$9.3M for Air and Army Cooperative Agreements with the Department.

***\$8.3 million in General Fund the State generates \$215.1 million in
Federal Funds***



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SMART Act

Performance Plan

Department Strategic Policy Initiatives:

- 1. Improve Disaster Response Coordination**
- 2. Expand Services Provided to Underserved Veterans Through Planning**
- 3. Provide low-cost disaster mitigation services**





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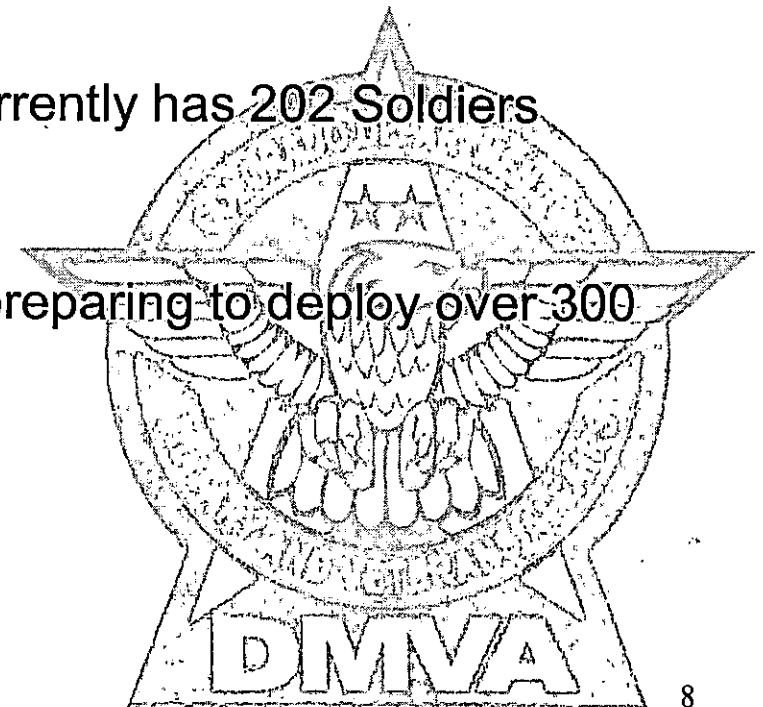
National Guard CY 15 Highlights

Army National Guard Deployments

Past: Since 2002, the Colorado Army National Guard has mobilized over 5,258 Soldiers in support of Overseas Contingency Operations

Present: The Colorado Army National Guard currently has 202 Soldiers deployed overseas.

Future: The Colorado Army National Guard is preparing to deploy over 300 Soldiers through the current federal fiscal year.





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National Guard CY 15 Highlights

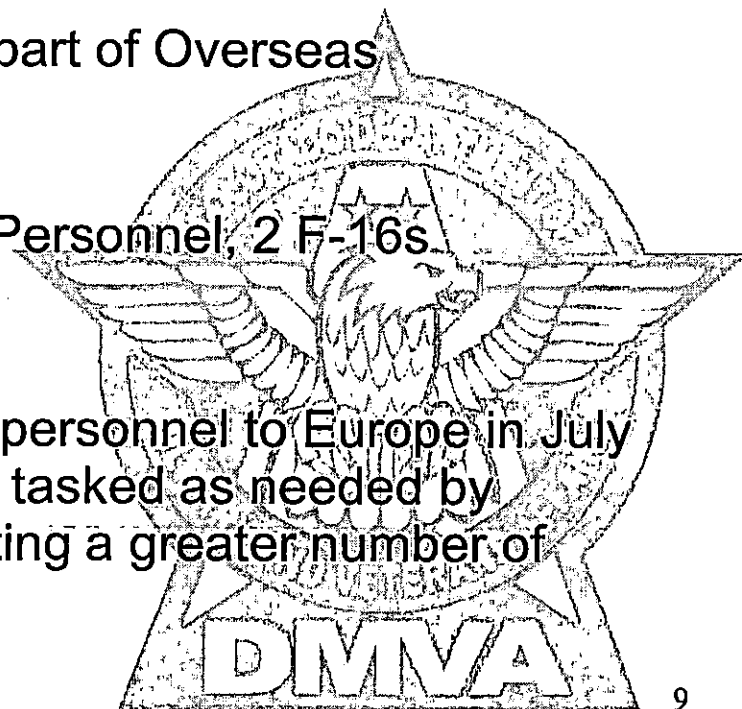
Air National Guard

Past: Since 2002, the Colorado Air National Guard has mobilized over 3,268 Airmen in support of Overseas Contingency Operations

Present: 7 personnel are currently deployed as part of Overseas Contingency Operations

- Aerospace Control Alert at Buckley AFB: 71 Personnel, 2 F-16s (24/7 mission) including approximately 90 sorties

Future: The 140th Wing will deploy approx. 190 personnel to Europe in July 2016. Individual deployments will continue to be tasked as needed by higher headquarters. The 140th Wing is anticipating a greater number of individual taskings in 2016.





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State Partnership Program

Slovenia since 1993

Jordan since 2004

Colorado is the only state with a Middle Eastern partner.





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Colorado National Guard Joint Operations FFY 15 Highlights

Pueblo County Recovery Support

Who: 48 Man Days; 6 x PAX; 1 x UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter

What: Recover the body of 1 x civilian

When: August 2, 2015

Chelan, WA Wildfire Support (EMAC):

Who: 136 man days; 12 x PAX; 2 x UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopters

What: Assist with aerial firefighting operations in support of the WAARNG & the State of Washington

Total Flight Hours: 65.9

Total Bucket Drops: 156

Total Water Dropped: 71,760 gal.

Total Fuel Used: 7,901.7 gal.

When: August 22, 2015 – September 10, 2015

Prowers County SUSV Mission

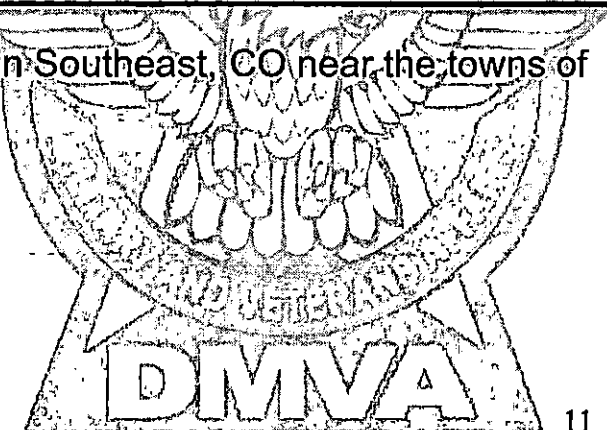
Who: 40 man days; 5 x PAX; 2 x SUSVs; 1 x Prime Mover

What: Assist CSP with recovery of civilians stranded on HWYs 287 and 109 in Southeast, CO near the towns of Lamar and Kim.

When: November 17, 2015

Search and Rescue Missions Conducted in FY 2014

Missions	Saves	Crews
34	28	140





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Colorado National Guard Joint Teams

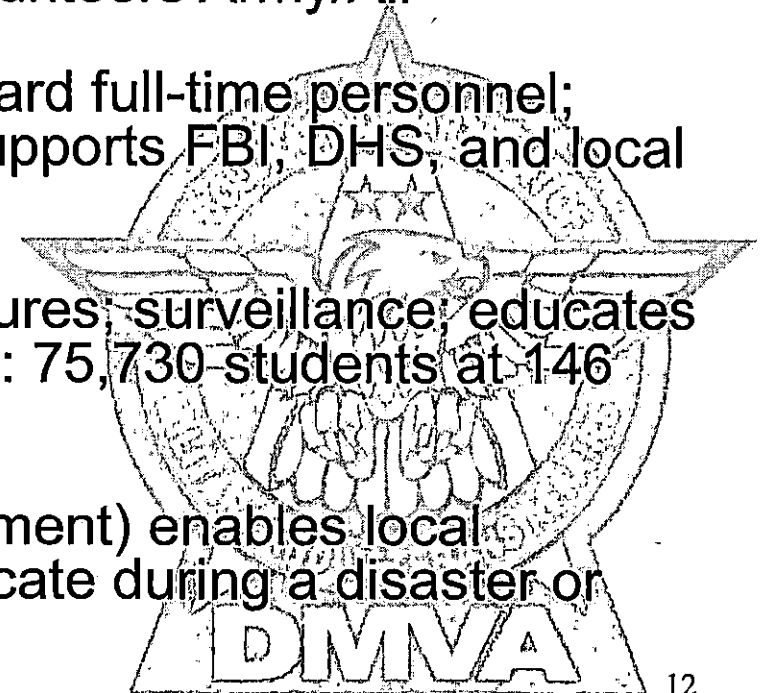
The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, through the Colorado National Guard provides federally funded emergency response teams that fulfill the National Guards' Defense Support to Civil Authority (DSCA) mission. Teams include:

CERFP: (Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package) 200 volunteers Army/Air

8th Civil Support Team: 22 Army and Air Guard full-time personnel; specialist training in the CBRNE spectrum; Supports FBI, DHS, and local authorities

Counter Drug: est. 1990; Supports drug seizures; surveillance; educates Colorado youth (Red Ribbon program FFY 15: 75,730 students at 146 schools)

NGCE: (National Guard Communications Element) enables local responders and federal agencies to communicate during a disaster or terrorist strike





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Federally Funded Projects (Colorado Air National Guard)

Construct Range Control Facility & Fitness Center

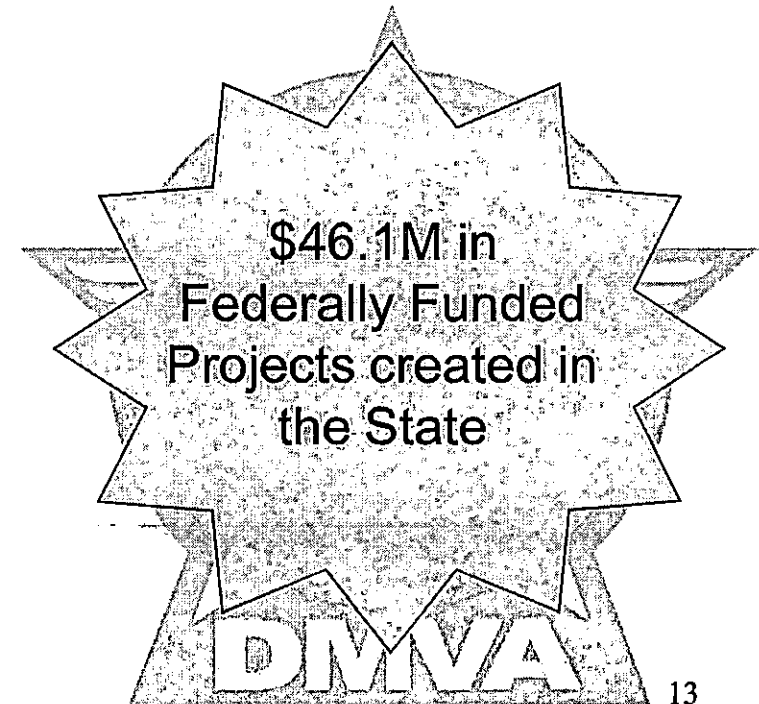
- Status: Awarded for Construction
- Construction: FFY17
- Project Cost: \$1.7M
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 40 badge employees, 12 per day

Repair Main Apron Access and Alert Pavements

- Status: 30% Construction
- Construction: Sep 2014- Oct 2016
- Project Cost: \$14,250,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 175 badge employees, 45 per day

Remodel Hangar 909

- Status: 95% Design
- Construction: May 2016- May 2017
- Project Cost: \$11,300,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 100 badge employees, 35 per day





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Federally Funded Projects (Colorado Air National Guard)

Repair Airfield Lighting

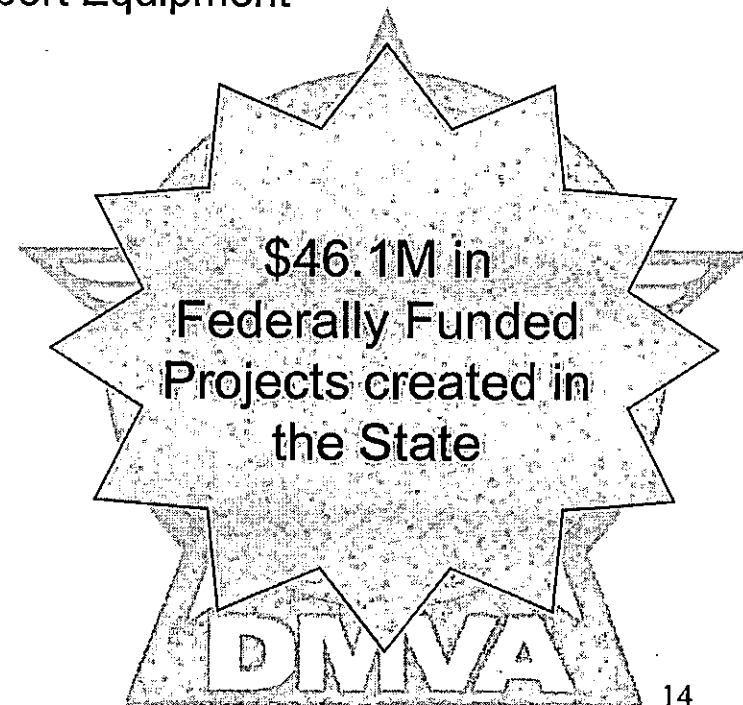
- Status: 35% Design
- Construction: Jun 2016- Mar 2017
- Project Cost: \$3,700,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 30 badge employees, 15 per day

Construct Aerospace Ground Equipment/Aerospace Support Equipment

- Status: 35% Design
- Construction: June 2016- June 2017
- Project Cost: \$5,500,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 65 badge employees, 20 per day

Repair F-16 Apron

- Status: 35% Design
- Construction: Mar 2017- Mar 2018
- Project Cost: \$9,600,000
- Operation and Maintenance: 100% Federal funded
- Jobs: 50 badge employees, 35 per day





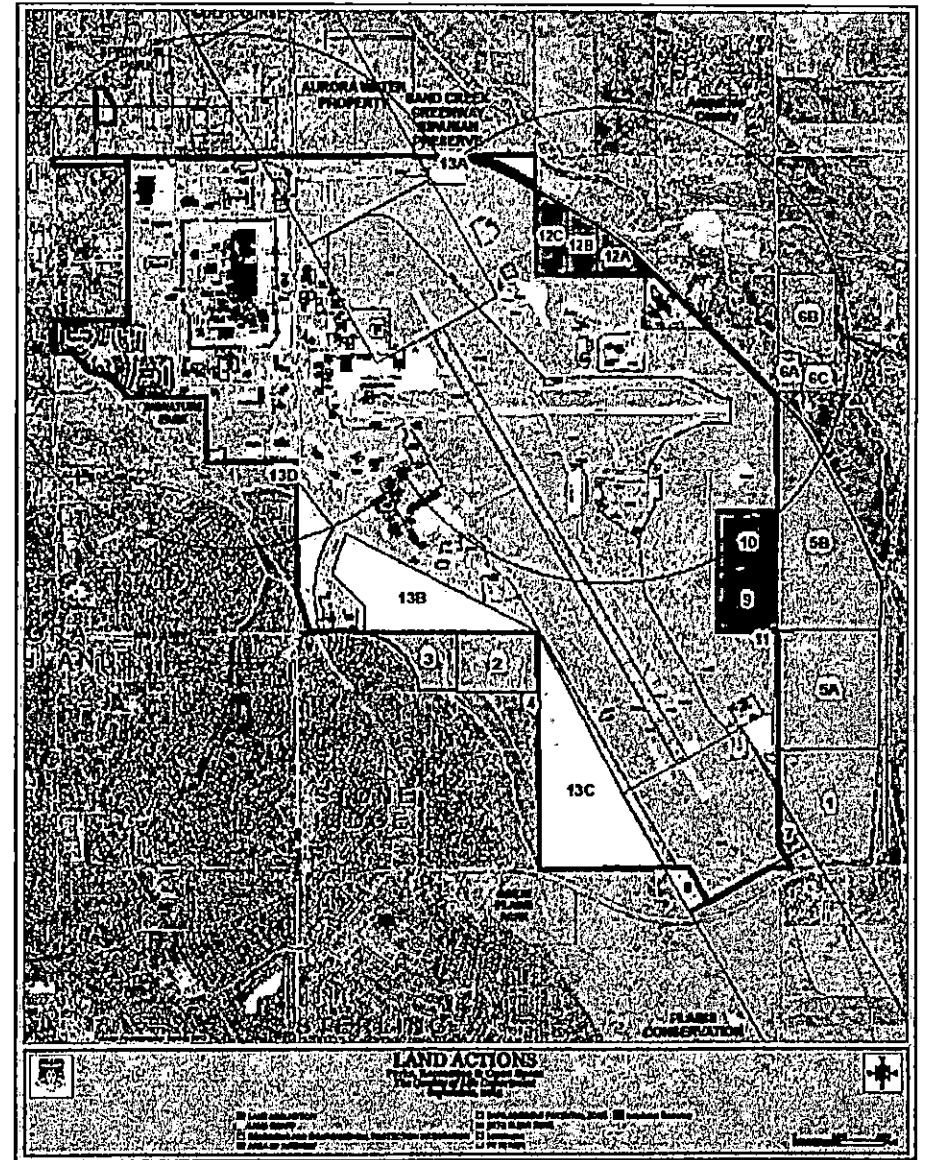
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Buckley P-4 Initiative

Total Project Cost: Approx. \$25.5M
Federal Funds - \$3.4M to date
State Funds - \$5M

The purpose of this project is to acquire parcels around Buckley AFB which will prevent encroachment and endanger the future of the vital national security missions conducted at the installation.





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**Colorado National Guard
24/7/365**

**Aerospace Control Alert – 140th Wing at Buckley Air
Force Base (COANG)**

**Ballistic Missile Detection – 233rd Space Group at
Greeley Air National Guard Station (COANG)**

**Ballistic Missile Defense – 100th Missile Defense Brigade
in Colorado Springs (COARNG)**





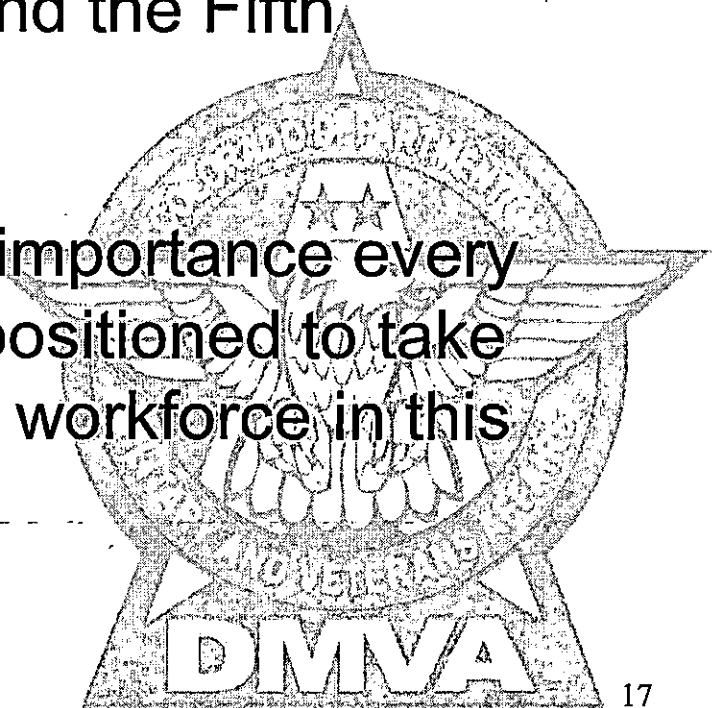
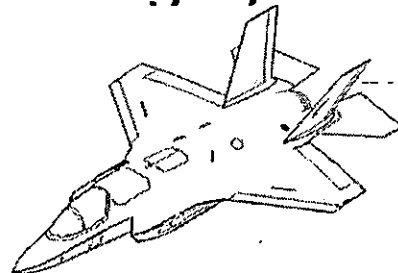
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Future of the Colorado National Guard

Fifth Generation Fighter – Bringing the F-35 to Buckley will ensure the future of both the 140th Wing and the installation. This aircraft is key to the continued success of the Aerospace Control Alert mission and the Fifth Generation Enterprise.

Cyber – This critical mission grows in importance every day. The National Guard is uniquely positioned to take advantage of Colorado's highly skilled workforce in this area.



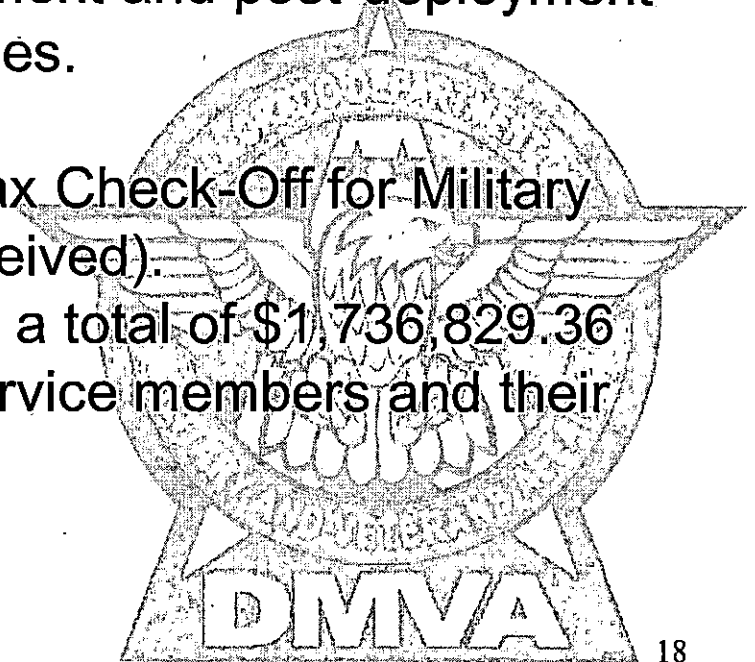


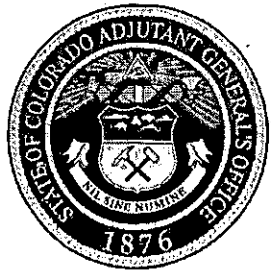
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CY 14 National Guard Family Programs

- 26 (Federal Funds) staff members as part of Family Programs. The Family Program lost both mental health counselors and the personal financial counselor due to federal budget cuts in 2014.
- Conducted 14 Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment and post-deployment events for service members and their families.
- Received \$144,492.70 from the 2013 Tax Check-Off for Military Relief Fund (2014 funds have not been received).
 - Since 2005 the fund has received a total of \$1,736,829.36 and provided \$1,588,245.78 in grants to service members and their families.





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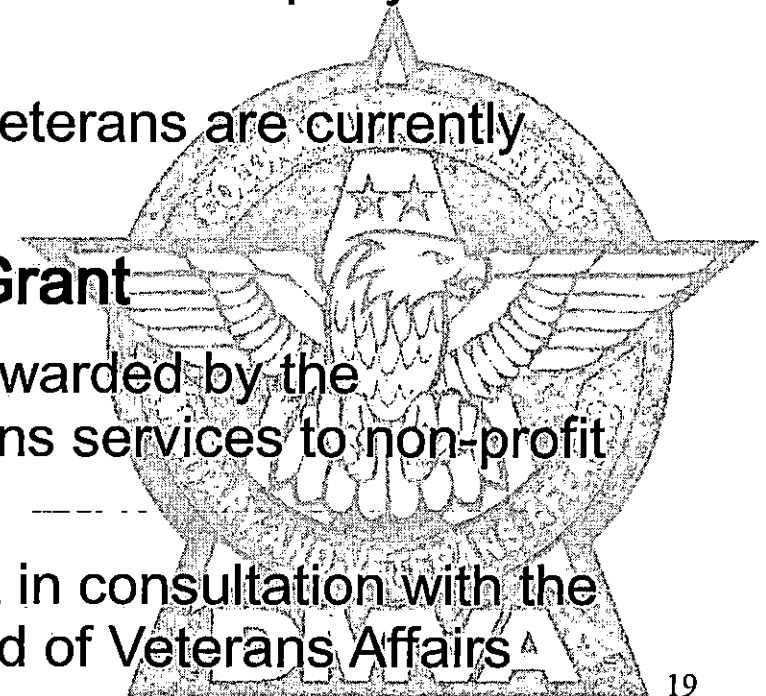


SFY 15 Division of Veterans Affairs Highlights

- 16,603 Client visits, a 6% increase over SFY 14.
- 25,722 DVA-assisted claims submitted to the federal VA .
- \$478 million in previous claims completed by US Department of Veterans Affairs (State FY14-15).
- Administered Referendum E (Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption).
 - 794 validated applications, 6,634 veterans are currently using this benefit.

Veterans Assistance Grant

- 21 grants totaling \$970,000 have been awarded by the Department from general fund for veterans services to non-profit and government organizations.
- Grants were selected by the Department in consultation with the Division of Veterans Affairs and the Board of Veterans Affairs





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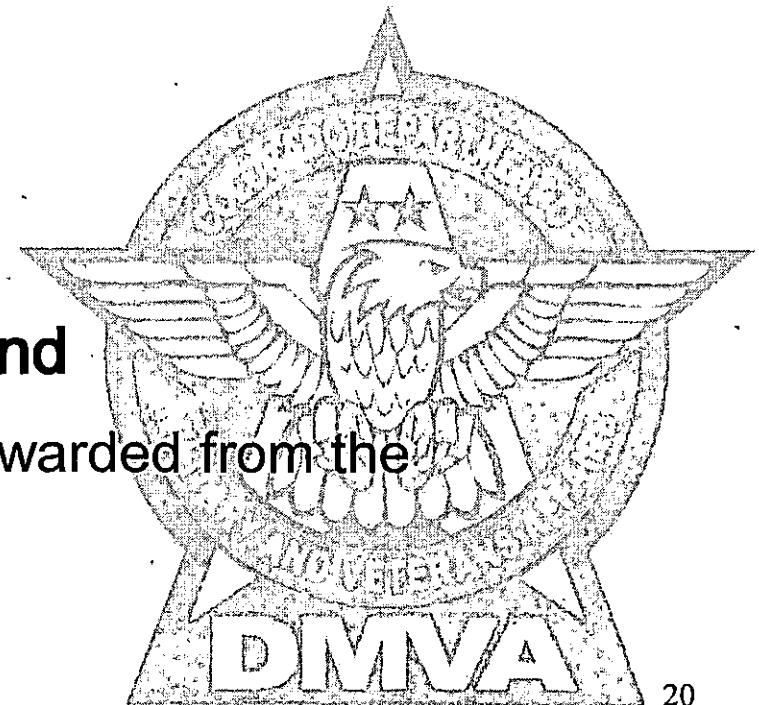
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Key Initiatives:

- Rural veterans access to care
- Student veteran issues
- Veterans homelessness/veterans stand downs
- Veterans transition and employment
- Veterans transportation issues

Veterans Trust Fund

- 37 grants totaling \$792,330 have been awarded from the Veterans Trust Fund in SFY 2014-15.





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CY 15 Civil Air Patrol

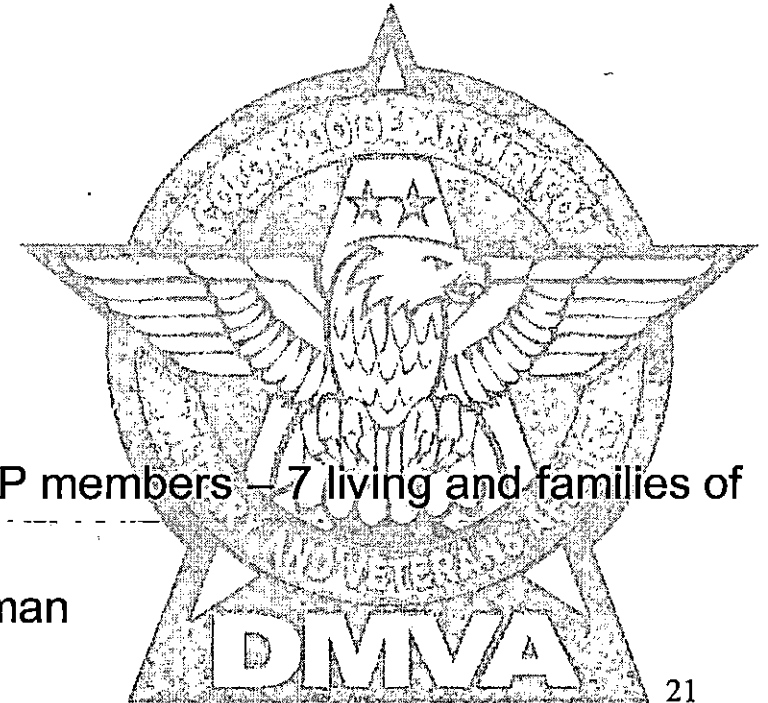
- Conducted 20 searches for overdue/missing aircraft, lost/missing persons and emergency beacons
 - 3 hikers saved – two in Rocky Mountain National Park, one in Grand County
- Flew Washington County Emergency Manager over South Platte River levee break
- Took aerial photos of large landslide in Huerfano County for the county commissioners
- Third year providing chase planes in support of Army UAV operations at Pinon Canyon
- Flew 2 air defense target missions

Equipment

- 1615 volunteers (adults and cadets) – 1 FTE
- 15 Cessna C-182s, 1 Gippsland GA-8, 2 gliders
- 22 vans and 4WD vehicles

National Awards

- Congressional Gold Medal awarded to World War II CAP members – 7 living and families of 10 deceased in Colorado
- CAP Cadet of the Year - Cadet Colonel Benjamin Jakeman





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CY 15 Civil Air Patrol

National Awards continued

- CAP Public Affairs Officer of the Year – Maj Bob Wray
- CAP Brewer Memorial Aerospace Award, Senior – Maj William Blatchley
- CAP Balsem Exceptional Achievement Award in Public Affairs – Colorado Wing magazine “Peaks and Planes”
- Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron became the first team to make the finals of the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – Cyber Patriot five times, 1st place in 2012





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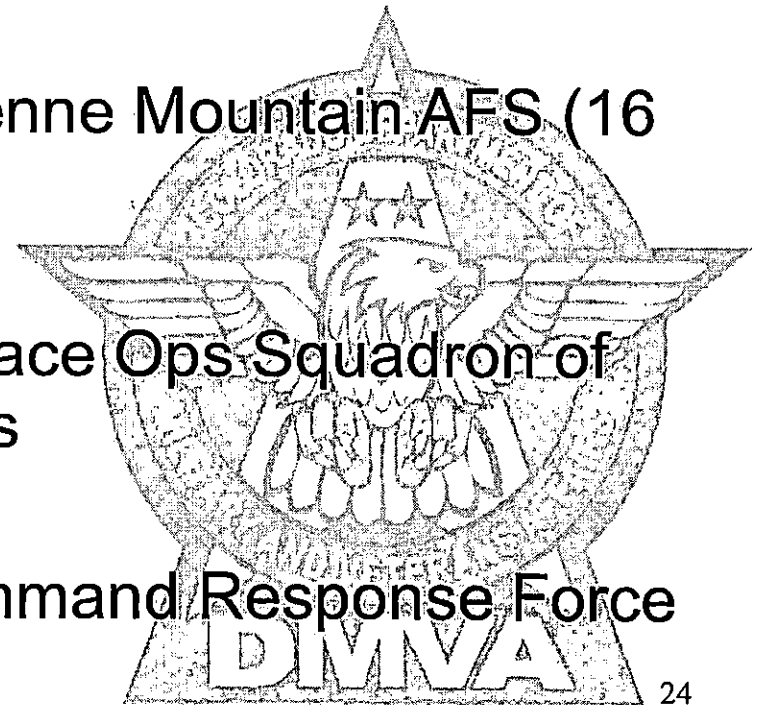
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Statewide Military Issues

Trends:

- **Cyber – Air Force Academy Cyber Innovation Center**
- **Homeland Defense – Complex Catastrophe**
- **NORAD - 50th Anniversary of Cheyenne Mountain AFS (16 APR 16)**
- **Space – COANG will stand up a Space Ops Squadron of 100 personnel in the next 18 months**
- **4th Infantry Division - European Command Response Force Headquarters**





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Economic Impact

Department of Defense activities in Colorado have a \$27 B economic impact (annually). This is the 3rd largest industry in the State of Colorado (tied with agriculture).

This impact accounts for:

5.5% of State taxes and fees

6.5% of State economic output

7.5% of State labor income