DFM-C3E-MM
Department of Family Medicine
Community-Centered Clinical Excellence
Monthly Meeting

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Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) Resources and Recording

For those who could not attend the August 2026 Department of Family Medicine's Community Engagement Program Monthly Meeting (**DFM-C3E-MM**) with Kevin and Drew from Jefferson County's Veterans Service Office, you can access the recording, slides and resources at our links below.

We also want to thank Drew and Kevin for joining us and providing important insights into the complex world of helping veterans navigate their benefits. We invite you to watch the recording and review the materials that they shared with us.



- Watch the **Video** presentation recording of the VSOs from the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office.
- Check out the presentation **Slides** online or download the PDF
- View Meeting **Follow-up Resources** online (this document)
- View **CU Events posting** online: for original announcement and bio details

VSO Info and Links:

1. **Drew Stem** 303-271-4213 dstem@jeffco.us
2. **Kevin Ashcraft** 303-271-4574 kashcraft@jeffco.us
3. Website: https://www.jeffco.us/2685/Veterans-Services
4. **Flyer** – see below (Image) and (Text)
5. **Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs:** https://vets.colorado.gov/
   - **Colorado Directory of Veterans Service Offices by County**: https://vets.colorado.gov/services-benefits/county-veterans-service-offices
   - **Veterans Crisis Line**: Dial 988 and press 1, text 838255
6. **MakeTheConnection.net** is a resource for service members, veterans and their families, friends, and care givers.
7. **Women Veteran Resources**:
   - https://vets.colorado.gov/women-veterans call 303-914-5832 or email cdvainfo@dmva.state.co.us
   - Women who served: Colorado Veterans- Resources: https://womenwhoservedcoloradoveterans.org/services/
8. **Volunteers of America (VOA) CO: SSVF ('Supportive Services for Veteran Families') Program** case management to help address/prevent homelessness for veterans & their families
   - **Veterans Services Center Denver Metro**: Denver serving Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Denver Douglas, Jefferson counties (720) 501-3367 ssvfintake@voacolorado.org
   - **Veterans Services of Northern CO** [Larimer County] Fort Collins, (970) 391-9925 ssvfintake@voacolorado.org
   - **Veterans Service Mobile Office** – Meet veterans in counties they reside in Chaffee, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Eagle, Elbert, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson, Kit Carson, Lake, Lincoln, Park, Routt, Summit, Washington, and Yuma Counties. (720) 300-3704
   - **More offices + counties**: https://www.voacolorado.org/services/ssvf-denver-metro/ or email ssvfintake@voacolorado.org

Community Events Resources and Opportunities:

- **Us Together With Veterans Summit**, Denver, **9/18-19/26**. Info page pending
- **14th Annual West Metro Veterans Resource Fair, 9/24/26**, 11-2pm, Elks Lakewood Lodge #1777, Learn more
- **17th Annual Denver Veterans Day Run, Festival and Parade**, **11/14/26** Denver City Park. Learn More/Register
- **Home Front Military Network Community Events Calendar:** [Veterans Resource Fairs, Fests and Distribution Events; Women's Veterans events, clubs and socials
- **DMVA Event Calendar:** [Vets for Vets support group; Veterans Coffee Club; Women's events; Tai Chi; Yoga; Caregiver Support; Art Class; Music/Guitars]

Speaker Bios:

Drew Stem (he/him) serves as a **Veterans Service Officer** and advocate for Veterans. Drew is a retired Army E7 with multiple combat deployments. He earned his undergraduate degree from MSU Denver and a graduate degree in Social Work from the University of Denver. Drew previously worked as a State Veteran Service Officer for the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs for more than three years. Drew focuses on helping Veterans and their families access benefits, health care, and government resources.

Kevin Ashcraft (he/him) serves as a **Veterans Service Officer** and advocate for Veterans. Kevin is a retired Navy Veteran. His awards include three Navy Achievement Medals and an Army Commendation Medal. Kevin worked as a Career Specialist at the Business & Workforce Center for 22 years. He focused on employment services for Veterans before becoming a Veterans Service Officer in 2022. Kevin earned an MBA from Phoenix University and a BA in Psychology from the University of Denver. Kevin focuses on helping Veterans and their families access benefits, health care, and government resources.

Jefferson County Veterans Service Office Flyer (PDF image)



Pensions can be awarded to wartime veterans* with limited income. The veteran (live pension) must be permanently and totally disabled or at least 65 years of age. Unmarried widows of wartime veterans do not need to be disabled or over 65 years of age (death pension) but must have limited income.

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Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment services are available to veterans with service-connected disabilities. Services include job search, vocational evaluation, career exploration, vocational training, education training, and rehabilitation service.

Other Assistance

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Resources

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HONORING ALL *Who Served*

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Our Mission

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Message from the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office exists to assist residents of Jefferson County who served in the United States Military file claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) also referred to as the VA.

The County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) also assists a surviving spouse or other individual with any entitled benefit based on the veteran's service.

The CVSO may refer claimants to programs that provide emergency relief to include:

- Bus tokens
- Food vouchers
- Housing Assistance
- Tools
- And more

Assistance depends on availability of funds and requires proof of service.

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COUNTY
Human Services

Veterans Benefits

The CVSO assists with VA benefits and services in these major categories:

- **Burial**
- **Compensation**
- **Dependent & Survivors Benefits**
- **Education & Training**
- **Health Care**
- **Home Loan Guarantee**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Pension**
- **Vocational Rehab & Employment**

Burial benefits include Headstones and Markers, Presidential Memorial Certificates, Burial Flags, and Burial in a VA national Cemetery. VA may pay a burial allowance of $2,000 for veterans who die of service-related causes. For veterans who were in receipt of a VA benefit, VA can pay $780 for burial and funeral expenses and $780 for a burial plot.

Compensation (monthly payment) can be awarded for at least 10% disability as a result of disabilities from military service including: injuries, wounds, combat related injuries, psychological injuries, and disease.

Dependents & Survivors are assisted with claims such as Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Death Pension, Dependent/Survivor Education and Training, Home Loans, and other benefits. Monthly compensation is paid to certain survivors when the service member dies on active duty, dies from service-related disability, or dies while being paid 100% VA disability compensation at time of death. Death Pension is available to eligible survivors if the veteran served during wartime. Certain surviving spouses are eligible for home loans.

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Health Care includes hospital, medical, dental, pharmacy, prosthetic services, domiciliary, nursing home & community-based residential care, sexual trauma counseling, specialized health care for women veterans, health & rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans, readjustment counseling, alcohol & drug dependency treatment, evaluations for disorders associated with military service in the Gulf War, exposure to Agent Orange, and other environmental hazards. **Combat Veterans**, at discharge, are entitled to two years of free medical care.

Home Loan Guarantees are available to eligible veterans from private lenders and may include new home purchases, manufactured homes, lots for manufactured homes, certain types of condominiums, building a home, and/or repairing and improving homes. VA mortgages can be refinanced and offers grants for disabled veterans and servicemembers to adapt, or modify a home to accommodate a disability

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Life Insurance is available to eligible individuals. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is low-cost term life insurance and is available for servicemembers and reservists. Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) is renewable term life insurance for veterans who want to convert their SGLI within one year from separation of service.

Text version of PDF flyer:

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