

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

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MISSION

The Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs serves Veterans, current service members and their families by opening doors to benefits, education and jobs.

We advocate for Utah's military installations and defense sector.

POPULATION



3,716
World War II Veterans



8,999
Korean War Veterans



43,246
Vietnam War Veterans



25,572
Cold War/Peacetime Veterans



62,482
Current Conflict Veterans

138,527 Total Veterans **~15,000** Current Service



91%



9%

(Source: National Center for Veterans Analysis, 2018)

ECONOMIC IMPACT



TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$9.2B Economic Activity
109,021 Supported Jobs

VETERANS ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$1.9B Economic Activity
24,480 Supported Jobs

MILITARY ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$4.6B
Hill Air Force Base

\$225M
Dugway Proving Ground

\$114M
Tooele Army Depot

\$842M
Utah National Guard

\$340M
Reserve, Recruiting, ROTC

(Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2015)

COVID-19 IMPACTS

EMPLOYMENT

5.3% Veterans unemployment rate
Veteran unemployment **is less than half** of state unemployment rate.

CLAIMS

3,261 Claims processed by UDVMA since March 2020.
50:50 Virtual claims ratio

A MASK FOR EVERY VETERAN

6,628+ Masks ordered for veterans and spouses

VIRTUAL EVENTS

1K+ Attendees at the Veterans Virtual Town Halls
16K+ Virtual Commemorations

VETERANS HOMES

SLC, OGDEN, PAYSON & IVINS HOMES UPDATE

First round of COVID-19 vaccines received 29 Dec - 13 Jan

15.5K+ Happiness for Heroes Video Views

SLC VETERANS HOME OUTBREAK

May - July 2020
52 COVID-19 positive residents
15 Deaths

MILITARY AFFAIRS

388th Fighter Wing Salute Utah Flyover

419th Fighter Wing Medical Squadron deployed to NYC

76th Operational Response Command deployed to Seattle

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS

Active Duty Reserves & National Guard have continued to fulfill their missions and support COVID-19 response around the nation.

VA BENEFITS & HEALTHCARE

HEALTHCARE



66,059 Unique Patients
VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

389,389 Outpatient visits (FY2019)



COMPENSATION & PENSION

\$603M Compensation & Benefits

30,108 Utah Veterans w/ a Service Connected Disability

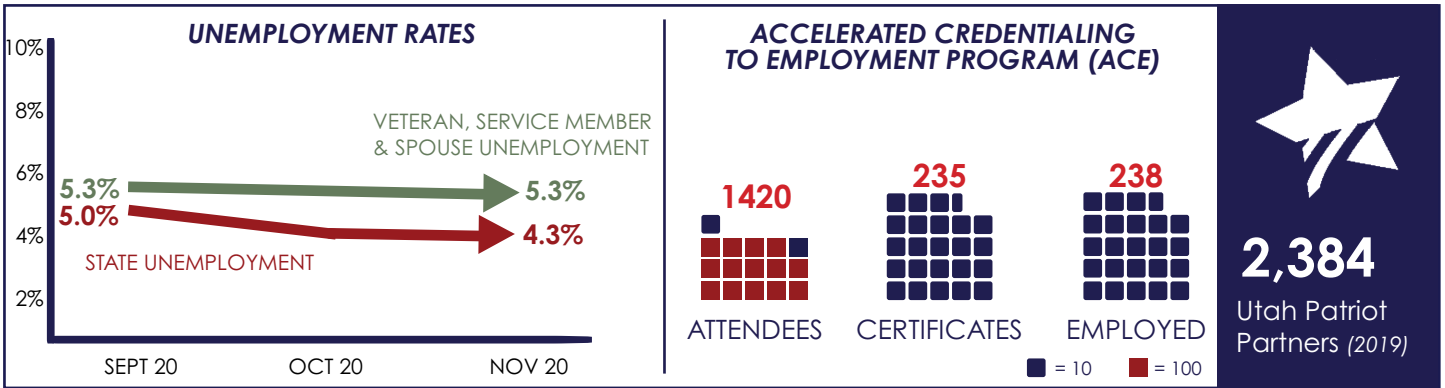
20%

Increase in Veterans' compensation from 2018-2019



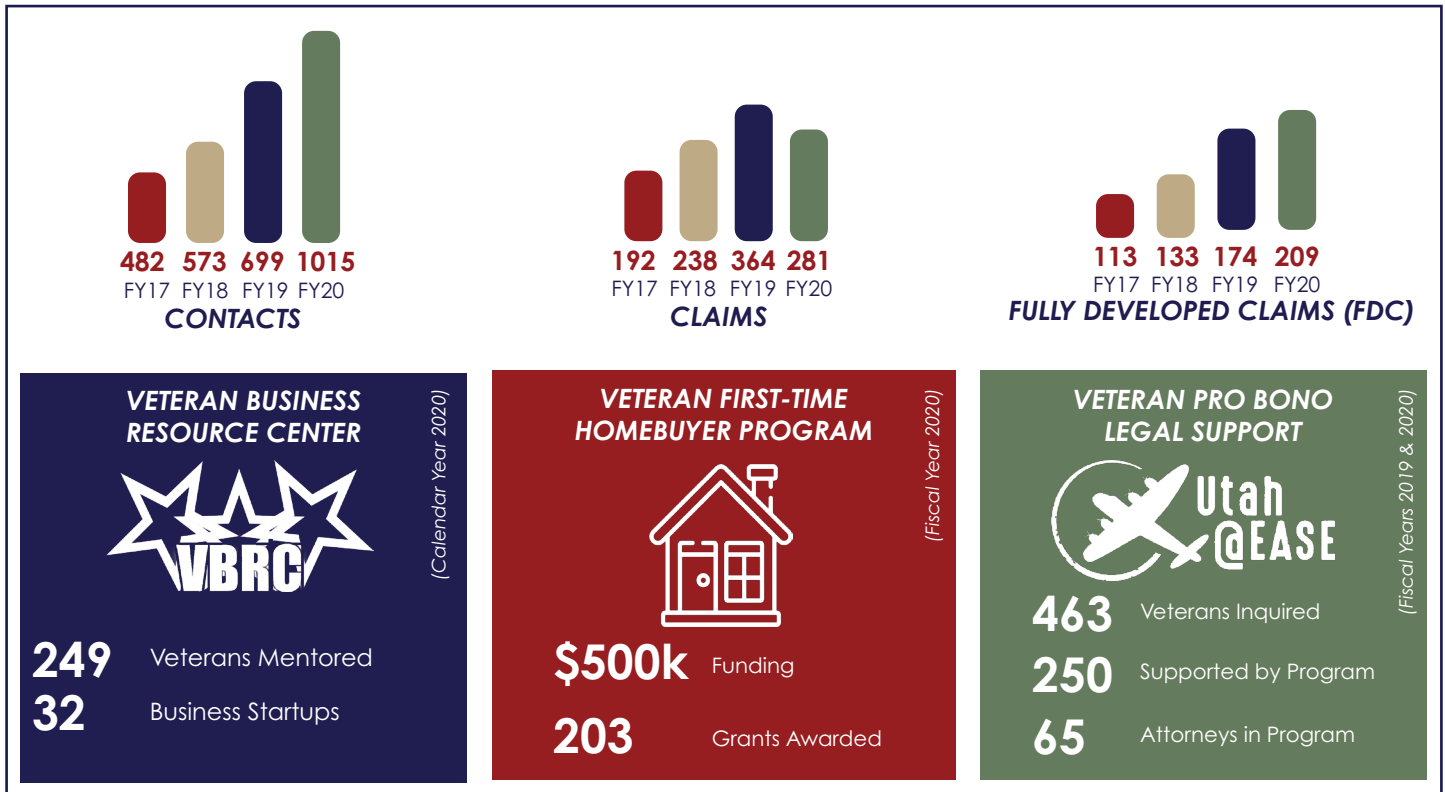
(Source: National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, 2018 & 2019; VA Salt Lake City Health Care, FY2019)

EMPLOYMENT



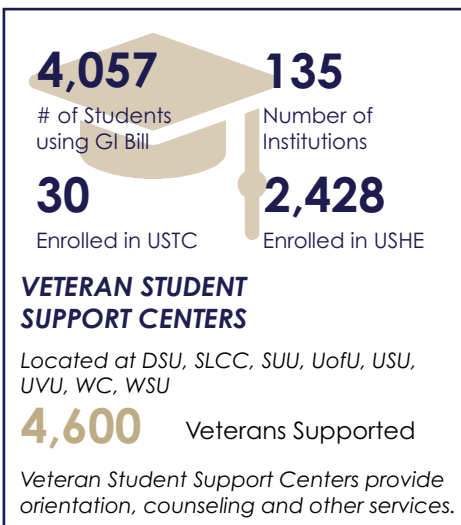
(Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, FY20)

VETERANS OUTREACH & SERVICES



(Sources: Salt Lake Community College, UDVMA & Utah Attorney General's Office, FY20)

EDUCATION



NURSING HOMES & CEMETERY

