

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** Currently Serving



91%



9%

(Source: National Center for Veterans Analysis, 2018)

ECONOMIC IMPACT



TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$19.3B Economic Activity
211,000 Supported Jobs

VETERANS ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$3.2B Economic Activity
36,140 Supported Jobs

MILITARY ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$6.7B
Hill Air Force Base

\$266M

Dugway Proving Ground

\$151M

Tooele Army Depot

\$1.3B

Utah National Guard

\$6.2B
Contracts

\$466M

Reserve, Recruiting, ROTC

(Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2021)

COVID-19 IMPACTS

VACCINATIONS

30K Veterans received vaccines from VA*

CLAIMS

3,641 Claims processed by UDVMA FY 2021.

75:25 Virtual claims ratio

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

12% Increase in social media followings over the past 3

75K E-newsletter subscribers

VETERANS HOMES

SLC, OGDEN, PAYSON & IVINS HOMES UPDATE

- Vaccine Distribution began Jan 2021
- 96% of residents have been vaccinated.
- Monoclonal Antibody treatment is available.
- Family visitation allowed when not in outbreak status.

15.5K+ Happiness for Heroes Video Views

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Active Duty Reserves & National Guard have transitioned back to their pre-pandemic posture and operations. In addition, the National Guard continues to support COVID testing and vaccinations.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

ENACTED MILITARY RETIREE TAX ADJUSTMENTS

U.S. SPACE FORCE IN UTAH CODE

VETERANS AUDITING COLLEGE COURSES

FOCUSED ON DoD PRIORITIES

- Purple Star Schools
- Military Spouse Licensure

VA BENEFITS & HEALTHCARE

HEALTHCARE



37,254
Unique Patients
VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

324,950
Outpatient visits (FY2020)



COMPENSATION & PENSION

\$654M
Compensation & Benefits

31,529
Utah Veterans w/ a Service Connected Disability

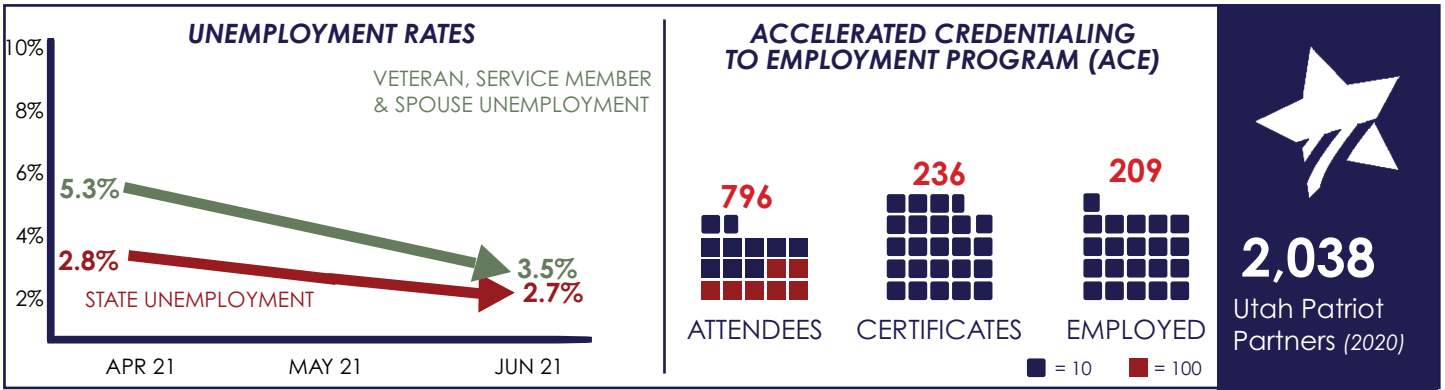
30%

Increase in Veterans' compensation from 2018-2020



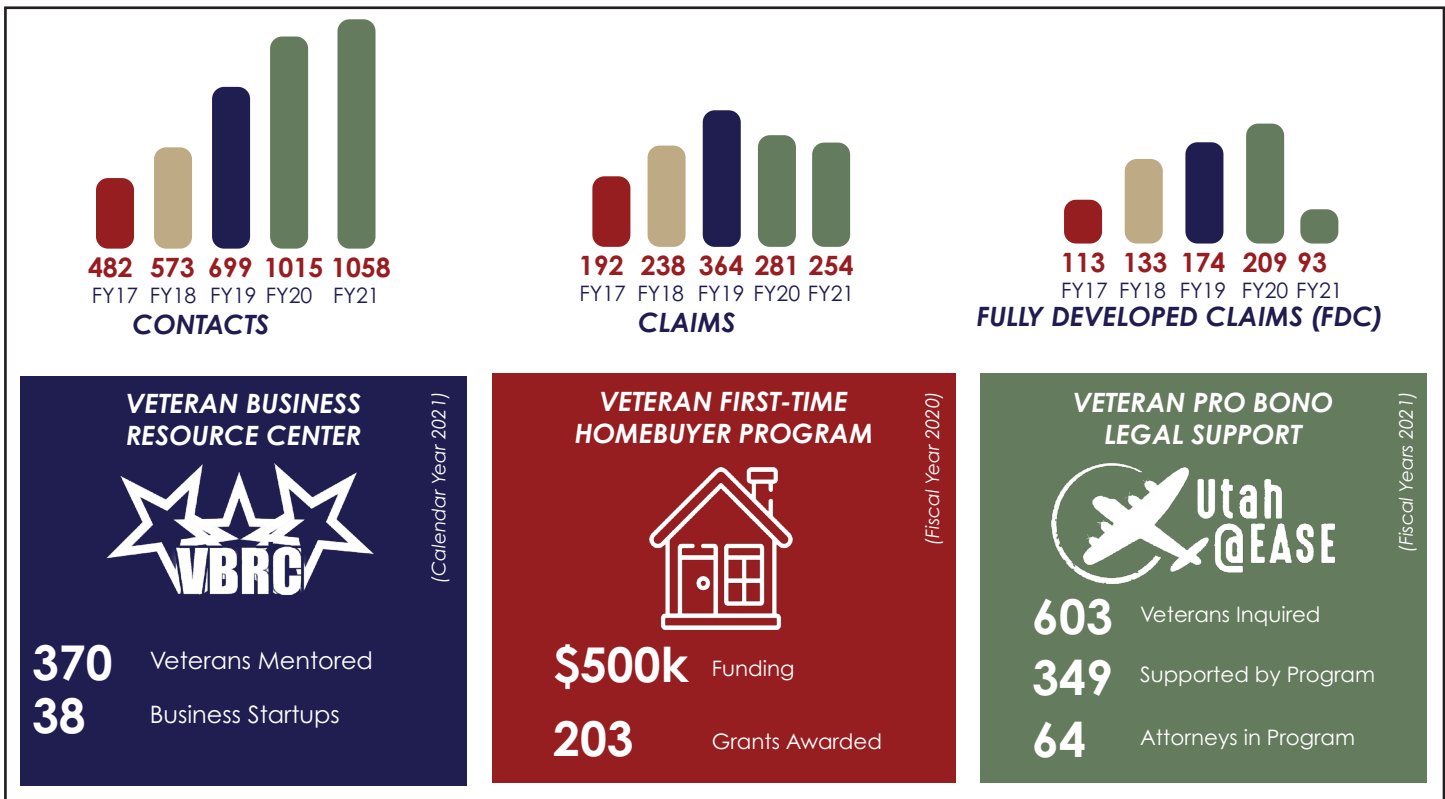
(Source: National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, FY2018-2020; VA Salt Lake City Health Care, FY2020)

EMPLOYMENT



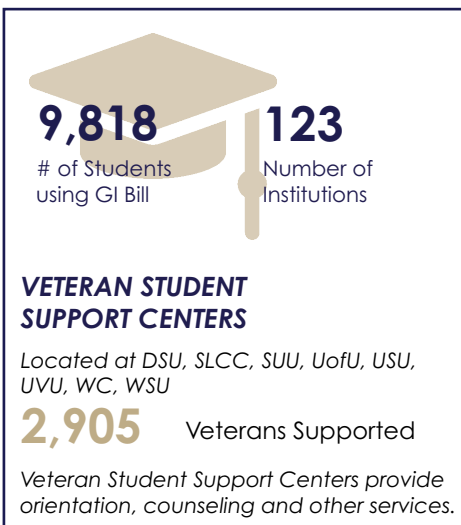
(Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, FY21)

VETERANS OUTREACH & SERVICES



(Sources: Salt Lake Community College, UDVMA & Utah Attorney General's Office, FY21)

EDUCATION



NURSING HOMES & CEMETERY

