



Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



Mission: Colorado's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs **supports** the Division of the Colorado National Guard (CONG) in delivering land, air, space, and cyber power in support of state and federal operations; **enables** the Division of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to deliver high quality service to the State's Veterans and their families; and **oversees** operations of the Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) in delivering aerospace education and emergency services.

Vision: We aim to earn and maintain the trust and confidence in those we serve at the local, state and federal levels...be recognized for excellence in service to our Veterans, members, and families...and become the state of choice for future force structure gains and infrastructure investment.



SMART Act Hearing 15 January 2020



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Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Command Team



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Division of the Colorado National Guard

Colorado Army National Guard (approx. 3,800 members):

- Continued support of deployed service members – COARNG has 205 personnel currently deployed and will have an additional 490 deploy in 2020.
- High Altitude Mountain Training Initiative (HAMTI) - developing world class training facilities in order to make COARNG soldiers the most competent mountain warriors in the world.
- Continuing to prepare to support the state during emergencies and disasters.

Colorado Air National Guard (approx. 1,600 members):

- Continued support of deployed service members – COANG has 13 personnel currently deployed and will have an additional 3 deploy in 2020.
- F-35 Lightning II to replace F-16 in 2020s.
- Continued maturation of COANG Domestic Ops capabilities (Medical, Comm, Security, Engineering, etc).



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Division of Veterans Affairs

- Veterans Service Officers- The Division has developed a matrix to determine how the additional money sent to the counties is used to increase their outreach and presence. This effort is being conducted in conjunction with County Veterans Service Officers and the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs.
- Grants -In response to community and grantee feedback, we have simplified the application so grantees can better understand the information requested while retaining clear and auditable parameters.
- Cemetery- By increasing community connections, opportunities have presented themselves for our grounds keepers to be included in community based trainings for irrigation parts and repairs, pumps and their use, horticulture and grounds maintenance. We have partnered with Fort Logan to gain specialized training.

Division of Civil Air Patrol

- Continue search and rescue, flood / fire watch, and homeland security missions, while adding missions to include those utilizing UAS technology.
- Colorado Wing has 13 teams participating in the 13th annual CyberPatriot Competition. Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron finished first, second and third place (twice) in prior competitions. This year there are 6,760 teams registered.
- Membership is above 2,000 for the first time since 2013. 1,077 cadets and 940 adult members.



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Joint Task Force-Centennial

<p>Bomb Cyclone Winter Storm Response (March 13, 2019)</p> <p>Who: 52 personnel, 15 vehicles//89 people days</p> <p>What: Provided ground search and rescue in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and El Paso Counties in response to the storm.</p>	<p>140th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Support Arapahoe County Sheriff Office (March 26, 2019)</p> <p>Who: 1 truck with X-ray, 3 personnel//3 people days</p> <p>What: Contacted by Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad to take custody of a World War 2 era military munition.</p>
<p>Black Bridge Fire (La Junta, CO) (April 5-6, 2019)</p> <p>Who: 3 helicopters, 15 personnel//30 people days</p> <p>What: Helped contain a 400 acre fire in Fort Lyons.</p>	<p>140th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Support to Aurora Police Department (August 7, 2019)</p> <p>Who: 1 truck with X-ray, 3 personnel//3 people days</p> <p>What: Assisted with removal of a hand grenade found dropped off at Good Will.</p>

FY 2019 Search and Rescue Missions		
Missions	Lives Saved	Crews
23	28	84



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Department WIGs

- WIG 1 - Reduce the stigma of seeking mental health assistance, which is reflected by increasing all types of mental health requests for assistance 25% (from 358 to 447) by June 30, 2022.
 - Reduce stigma of seeking mental health assistance which is reflected by a 25% increase over five years for those seeking mental health assistance. Baseline is 358 (2017) total mental health referrals.
 - Conduct quarterly Joint Ready & Resilient Council meetings.





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Department WIGs

- WIG 2 - Increase understanding of veterans needs and implement strategies to improve the veteran customer service experience across all 64 counties by June 30, 2022.
 - Implement and analyze customer service experience feedback across each county.
 - Conduct Veteran-Community outreach events



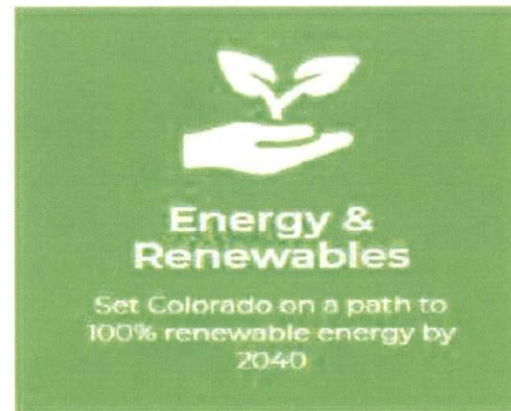


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Department WIGs

- WIG 3 – Improve environmental and energy stewardship by 27% no later than June 30, 2022.
 - Percentage of facilities that adhere to the guiding principles for sustainable buildings protocol.
 - Percentage reduction of energy intensity combined with percentage increase of renewable energy adoptions
 - Number of sites with trained energy and water monitors





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Department WIGs

- WIG 4 – Increase the number of middle and high schools with Civil Air Patrol cadets 10% by June 30, 2022.
 - Implement a plan for increasing the number of middle and high schools with CAP cadets.
 - Percentage increase in the number of middle and high schools with CAP cadets.
 - Expand CAP outreach activities to middle/high schools





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Issue Items

- Western Region OneSource Staffing – WIG #2
- Energy Study – WIG #3
- Tuition Assistance – Spending Authority Realignment
- State Active Duty Pay – Employer of Choice
- State Awards Program – Employer of Choice





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FY 20-21 Decision Items

Division	FTE	Total Funds	GF	CF	FF
R-01 WROS Service Reception/Triage Specialist	0.9	\$71,534	\$71,534	\$0	\$0
R-02 DMVA Energy Study	0.0	\$72,870	\$72,870	\$0	\$0
R-03 Realignment of Spending Authority for NG Tuition Assistance	0.0	(\$175,000)	(\$175,000)	\$0	\$0
Total	0.9	(\$30,596)	(\$30,596)	\$0	\$0



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FY 20-21 Budget Request

Division	FTE	Total Funds	GF	CF	FF
Executive Director's Office	109.5	\$21,912,398	\$7,571,192	\$122,348	\$14,214,715
Veterans Affairs	23.1	\$5,154,600	\$3,762,711	\$1,391,889	\$0
Air National Guard	48.6	\$3,689,008	\$414,957	\$0	\$3,274,051
Federal Funded Program *	2,399.0	\$101,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$101,500,00
Total	2,580.2	\$132,256,006	\$11,748,860	\$1,514,237	\$118,988,766

* This line is for informational purposes only and does not flow through state accounting system and represents the personal services cost of our members.



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LRFP – Financial Forecast

The department's forecast is modest.

- Two primary budget drivers exist for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. In the Division of Veterans Affairs, the largest budget driver is the ongoing support for Colorado's veterans and the efforts to assist them in securing the federal and state benefits that they have earned. In addition to two grant streams in support of veterans, the Department manages a reimbursement fund for County Veterans Service Officers
- The downstream effects of federal defense appropriations on the Army and Air Force can drive many budget decisions. The primary method for state/federal partnership is cost sharing through the cooperative agreement process