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Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans & Their Families

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Basic Needs, Benefits & Beyond

Session 1

Fulfilling Basic Needs In The
Community



Facilitators



Joy Sprink

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Arizona Coalition for Military Families



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VETERANS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

Mike Kramer, Colonel, USAFR, Ret.
Secretary-Compliance Director

2024 ACMF Statewide Symposium
17 April 2024



LUKE CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of
America



Grants Made to Veterans in Housing-Related Financial Emergencies

- Luke Chapter MOAA: Arizona non-profit corporation, affiliate of national Military Officers Association of America
 - 165 retired/former uniformed officers & surviving spouses in West Valley area
 - Serving Arizona veterans since 1982
- Charitable outreach to needy veterans; 2017 to present
- Focus: financial emergencies related to homelessness / housing, including rent/mortgage, utilities, food needs, transportation
- AZ veterans: all services, all ranks, eligible w/honorable or general discharge
- Grants: range from \$500-\$2,500, paid 'to or for' veteran
 - No 'pass through' grants to other organizations; Luke Chapter deals direct w/veterans



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Chapter Volunteers Process Each Case

- Case handling w/ detailed policies, procedures and accounting
- Veteran submits grant application, DD214, record release, bills, etc.
- Referrals from BeConnected, VA social workers, County social agencies, VHV, etc.
- Lead case worker contacts Veteran, explains process, puts vet 'at ease'
- Panel of 3 officers interview veteran to learn military experience, current situation and needs; typically use Zoom
 - Many cases are urgent, eviction in process, mortgage foreclosure, utilities cut off, etc.
 - Grant decision is made immediately by the panel
- Our niche is speed; grant payment typically issued within 3-4 days
 - Checks paid via credit card and Zelle, or mailed directly to creditor; minimal delay



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Luke Chapter Helps Veterans and Families

- Funded by donations to Luke Chapter 501(c)(3) charity from members, and grants by MOAA Community Foundation and Az Dept Veterans' Services
 - Over 7 program years, Luke Chapter awarded grants to veterans TOTALING approx \$150,000
 - 1,000 packaged/canned food items and 60 gift cards/year at Luke AFB "Turkeys for Troops"
 - More than 120 individual veterans and families received cash grants
- Goal: Give the veteran a stepping-stone to recover financially
- Website: www.lukemoaa.org
- Email: kramerhometree@gmail.com ; phone: 720.563.9953

We are touched, humbled by, and grateful to the veterans we serve.

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CEO and Founder

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Mission: Preventing homelessness and stabilizing lives for Veterans and their Families with special emphasis on Disabled, Senior and Women Veterans.

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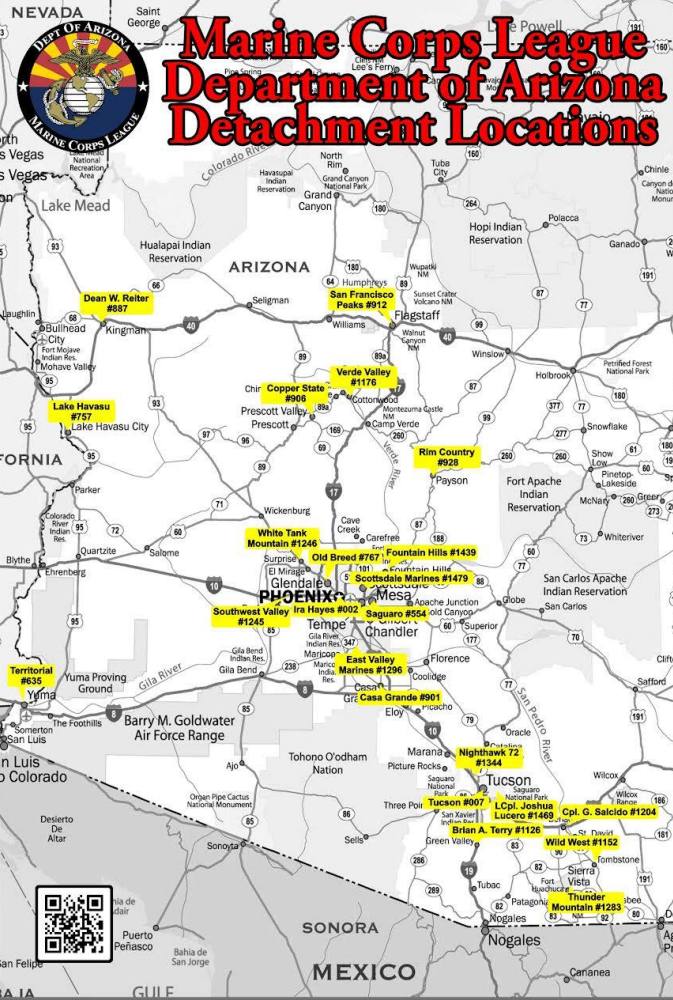
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WEBSITE: DEPTAZMCL.ORG**







BeConnectedAZ.org 866-4AZ-VETS

Be Connected - Navigators and Team Partners will provide support with the following to service members, veterans and their families:

- clothing
- employment
- family & social supports
- finances & benefits
- food
- higher education
- housing & homelessness
- legal
- mental health & substance use
- physical health
- spirituality
- transportation

A few of the many ways that the **Be Connected** team can help:

Community-based navigators - connect to health care and behavioral health services

Career specialists - resumes, interviewing, career path, training and barriers

Navigators - assist with housing options

Navigators - assist with connection to ongoing support services and resources



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www.BeConnectedAZ.org
1-866-4AZ-Vets (429-8387)

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ON THE **HAVASU MEMORIAL WALKWAY** AND ABOUT THE SERVICES
WE OFFER TO SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS
AND THEIR FAMILIES.



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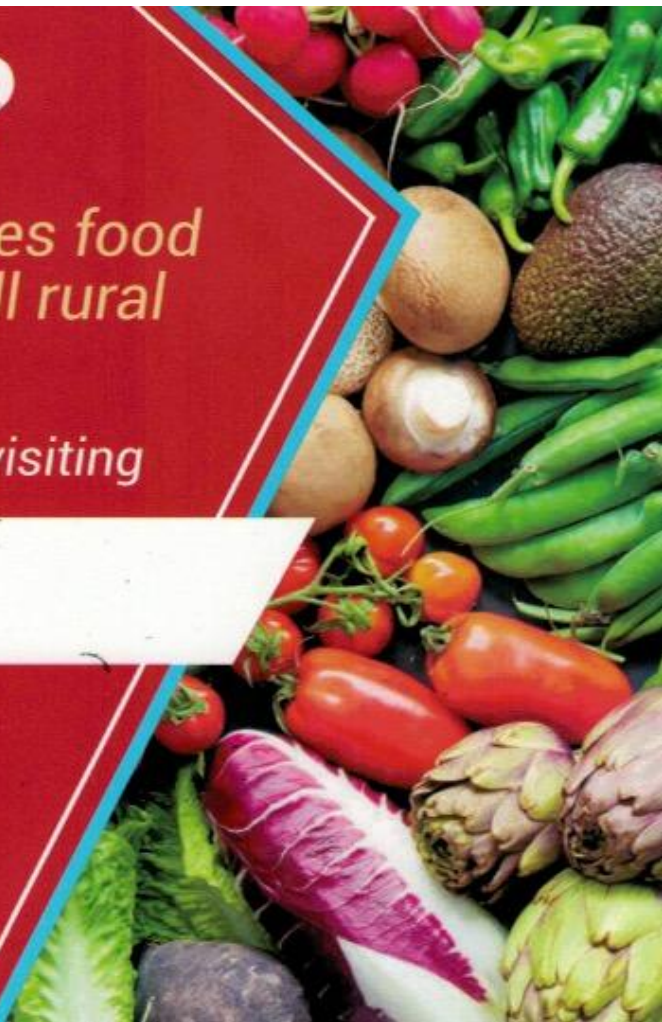
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Agency Services Hotline: (602)322-7861

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COURT CALENDAR
January – December 2024

Staffing begins at 9:00am
Veterans Court Hearings at 1:30pm



January 12, 2024 (Graduation)
January 26, 2024

July 12, 2024 (Graduation)
July 26, 2024

February 9, 2024
February 23, 2024

August 9, 2024
August 23, 2024

March 8, 2024

September 6, 2024
September 20, 2024

April 5, 2024
April 19, 2024 (Graduation)

October 4, 2024 (Graduation)
October 18, 2024

May 3, 2024
May 17, 2024

November 1, 2024
November 15, 2024

June 7, 2024
June 28, 2024

December 6, 2024
December 20, 2024



Session Evaluation

We want to hear from you!

