VFW Post 12043 --- Maricopa, Arizona



NEWSLETTER

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<u>Concealed Carry Permit certificate</u> on August 26th – Note: online registration <u>https://safearizona.com</u> is \$20, the same for all veterans. If a non-veteran & paying at the door is \$40. Fees pay for finger printing costs.

A report released (**NOV. 10, 2021**) by the **U.S. Census Bureau** shows almost one-half of veterans (46.7%) received some sort of military service-related cash or noncash benefit in 2017. In that year, there were over 19.9 million veterans, which represented 6.2% of the overall population in the United States. The report, Benefits Received by Veterans and Their Survivors, discusses the benefits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides, in conjunction with other federal government programs, to those who leave military service.

- Nearly all veterans had health insurance in every month (94.9%) with coverage through a variety of public and private health insurance sources.
- Among veterans with a mortgage, about one-third (32.1%) have a loan secured through the VA.
- The median monthly value of school-related expenses covered by the GI Bill was \$1,547.
- Nearly 3.9 million veterans (19.5%) received disability compensation payments, almost 1.5 million veterans (7.3%) received military retirement benefits and more than 600,000 veterans received pension payments.
- There were some 450,000 "survivor" households receiving VA or military benefits in SIPP meaning a household without a veteran that received benefits. Recipients of survivor benefits can include a veteran's spouse, children or parents. Press Release Number CB21-TPS.132 (https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/veterans-report.html)
- Veteran Statistics for Arizona & City of Maricopa (estimates) July 1, 2022 (V2022 report) = 66,290 & 4,399 respectively, or 6.636% for City of Maricopa. Https://data.census.gov/profile/Maricopa_city;...

Potluck Dinners on the 2nd Saturday evenings each month. September 9th – setup at 1700, dinner at 1730 hrs.

Patriots Day – Monday, September 11th - flag raising at 0800 – Maricopa Veterans Center

<u>VFW monthly meetings</u> for all Maricopa veterans are for adding your suggestions on helping veterans, our next meeting September 14 at 1900 hrs.

------ [*Not all wounds are visible* – Call <mark>988</mark> for Suicide & Crisis Lifeline] -------------