

VIC NEWS

VIC AWARDED THREE YEAR CARF RE-ACCREDITATION

The International Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) awarded a three-year re-accreditation to the VIC. This is the 2nd consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that CARF has awarded us. This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that is awarded to an organization. It also validates the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. The VIC went through a rigorous peer review process, and demonstrated to a team of surveyors its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable and of the highest quality. The Survey Team praised the VIC's outreach efforts to reach every Veteran who needs assistance or wants services. They also commended the VIC staff for "doing what it takes" to help a Veteran even if they may not be able to provide assistance.



STAND DOWN

The **Annual Stand Down** was held on October 24th. This event provides resources and comfort items with a focus on homeless and low income Veterans and their families in Albuquerque. During our **2019 Stand Down**, we served a total of **117** Veterans; **11** were Veteran families.

We can't do the work we do without the consistent support and encouragement from our Volunteers and Service Providers. Thank you for supporting our Veterans and their families.

Thank you to our Stand Down Corporate Sponsors:

Kirtland Federal Credit Union | U.S. Eagle

Thank you to our Community Supporters:

Henry Schein | Intel | Isleta Casino & Resort | Xcel Energy

Soldier's Angels | Desert Wolf Security

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VIC SERVICES EXPANSION

Did you know? The **VIC's newest program, Operation Rapid Response** supports current and former members of the Air National Guard or Army Reserve. And because no one serves alone, the VIC can provide assistance to un-remarried Surviving Spouses of those who served in the United States military or any state Air National Guard or Reserve (with proper documentation). We believe we can do more to assist all who wear or have worn a uniform as well as supporting their family. This assistance is available in all 33 New Mexico counties. If you know Veteran, Guardsmen, Reservist, or a Surviving Spouse in need of assistance, please call us at: 505-296-0800.

And, if you're located in Southern New Mexico, Marybeth in Alamogordo can assist you. Give Marybeth a call at: 575-551-6659.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8: California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser. 20% of your purchase will be donated to the VIC if you show the flyer (copy attached) on your phone or take a copy to your server. Valid only at the ABQ Uptown location.

November 9: Veterans Support Ruck March. \$40 to participate in a 15K (9.3 miles) and proceeds benefit the VIC and Fisher House. See flyer (attached) for more information.

November 15: Apartment Association of New Mexico Charity Gala. The AANM chose the VIC as this year's Charity recipient. You don't have to be a member of the AANM to attend this event. Don your favorite mask and have some fun while helping Veterans and their families throughout New Mexico. Tickets on sale NOW: <https://www.aanm.org/events/aanm-charity-gala-2019>

SHOUT OUT

You don't have to be a large corporation to make a difference in the lives of Veteran Families in need.

A special thank you:

Hoover Middle School Cheerleaders helped organize a car wash. Several of our Residents participated in the car wash while the Hoover Cheerleaders provided candy and other fun items.



SECRET SANTA

We are currently collecting new toys and new or gently used winter coats for children (ages newborn to 16 years) of Veterans in our programs as well as Veterans in the community. If you would like to make a **donation, please visit VIC Central (13032 Central Ave SE). Items will be collected through December 20th.** Please contact Wendy at 505-296-0800 if you have any questions.



YOUR IMPACT ON VETERAN FAMILIES

In **our Third Quarter** our Transitional Housing and Supportive Housing programs assisted **310 Veterans and families.**

We provided food assistance to **1,348** Veterans through our Food Pantry Program. Thank you for being a Friend of the VIC!

And! We were able to assist **6,195** riders with free transportation through the Community Shuttle Service.



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