



Nevada County Veterans Services Office

Board of Supervisors Presentation

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Nevada County VSO Advocates for Veterans

- 10% of Nevada County's Population Consists of Veterans
- The Veterans Services Office serves all veterans, spouses, & dependents
- Assist with filing claims for compensation
- Pension program for low-income wartime veterans
- Benefits available to surviving spouses
- 21.4% of the veteran population is receiving VA benefits

Operates on a Budget of \$507,242

- Fully staffed with three full-time employees
- \$4.2 million if federal benefits have been granted in 2021
- Veterans receive over \$40 million in benefits annually
- \$175,000 of college fees waived for dependents
- Focus on new technology
 - Online booking
 - Apply for certain benefits through VSO website
- \$15,000 Prop 63 Grant used to upgrade Internet at GV Veterans Hall

Reducing Veterans Homelessness



- In July of 2021, Nevada County announced the goal to reduce veterans' homelessness by Veterans Day 2021
- Built for Zero/Last Mile
- Since July:
 - 37 Veterans served
 - 14 Housed
 - 38% reduction
- As of Veterans Day
 - 19 Actively homeless veterans
 - 11 have housing plans and will move into housing by end of February

Collaborations

- Nevada County Consolidated Veterans Council
- Stand Down
- 3 complete kitchen packages through GV Elk's Lodge
- \$10,000 Dental Grant with Nevada City Elk's Lodge
- Flag retirement boxes
- Armed Forces Day, Grass Valley, May 2022
- Military Appreciation Week
- Remain focused on building impactful programs

