

## VETERANS' SERVICES FROM *Cochise County*

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COCHISE COUNTY (HACC)** In August 2010, the Housing Authority of Cochise County was awarded 25 HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program Housing Choice Vouchers. This program is provided by HUD and the VA to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans. In addition to the housing voucher administered by HACC, the VA continues to offer case management and supportive services to promote housing stability and recovery.

HACC offers case management and advocacy through the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program to our participants who are low to extremely low income. The purpose of this program is for participants to become less dependant on public assistance by reducing or eliminating existing barriers to employment and to bridge the gap of available resources.

HACC works closely with U.S. Vets office out of Phoenix, the Veteran's Administration, and homeless providers throughout Cochise County and the State of Arizona. HACC provides outreach for all of our housing programs including Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA); Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCY); HUD-VASH; FSS; Owner-Occupied Emergency Home Repair, and Rehabilitation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anita Baca ★ Director ★ 520-432-8880 ★ [housing@cochise.az.gov](mailto:housing@cochise.az.gov)

**HUMAN RESOURCES** Employment preference points will be available to applicants that apply for a Cochise County position: Veterans - 5 points (A.R.S. § 38-492.A), Disabled Veterans - 10 points (A.R.S. § 38-492.D), and Disabled Persons (non-Veteran) - 5 points (A.R.S. § 38-492.B, C). An applicant who is the spouse or surviving spouse of an individual in a qualifying category will be eligible for the applicable points (5 or 10 points). No person eligible for employment preference points shall be allowed more than 10 point preference. Preference points are only applicable to initial employment and not to promotions, voluntary demotions or transfers. The Human Resources Department will assign applicable preference points to qualified applicants that submit a copy of the documentation that supports the preference point category with their equal opportunity information form.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Human Resources ★ 520-432-9700 ★ [dperkinson@cochise.az.gov](mailto:dperkinson@cochise.az.gov)

**LIBRARY DISTRICT** As a part of their regular schedule, the Bookmobile will be at the Ft. Huachuca Johnson Parent Resource Center and the PX on April 22. Patrons can check out books, DVD's and recorded books, check the online catalog for titles and place holds on them, check their email, or surf the web. A program for kids is offered during the summer. A District Library staff member travels to schools on the bookmobile route and does story times and other programs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisé Gilliland ★ Director ★ 520-432-8930 ★ [lgilliland@cochise.az.gov](mailto:lgilliland@cochise.az.gov)

**COCHISE COUNTY ATTORNEY - CIVIL DIVISION** Represents people seeking to adopt children in Cochise County in uncontested adoption proceedings. This is a free service. However, there may be costs incurred by clients to comply with Arizona laws (e.g. fingerprinting, publishing notices, and a home study if required.) Adoptions of foreign born children and compliance with the Hague Convention on international adoptions are also provided.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cochise County Attorney - Civil Division ★ 520-432-8750 or 520-432-8752  
[sblanchard@cochise.az.gov](mailto:sblanchard@cochise.az.gov)

## FACTS FROM *Cochise County*

**HOW MANY VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS WORK FOR THE COUNTY?** 55

**HOW MANY MILES OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS ARE OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY?**

The County has 1,469.55 miles of maintained roads

**HOW MANY CALLS WERE RESPONDED TO LAST YEAR BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE?** 21,675 calls

**HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE DETAINED IN THE COUNTY JAIL LAST YEAR?**

4,223 inmates were detained throughout the year

**HOW MANY BUILDING PERMITS WERE ISSUED LAST YEAR BY THE PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT?** 1,147 permits

**HOW MANY BUILDING INSPECTIONS WERE CONDUCTED LAST YEAR?** 7,264 inspections

**HOW MANY CASES WERE FILED IN THE SUPERIOR/JUSTICE COURTS LAST YEAR?** 47,383 cases were filed

**HOW MANY TRIALS WERE HELD IN THE SUPERIOR/JUSTICE COURTS LAST YEAR?** 388 trials were held

**HOW MANY DOCUMENTS WERE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE LAST YEAR?** 6,555 documents were filed

National County Government Month is sponsored by the National Association of Counties to raise public awareness about the roles and responsibilities of counties. For more information visit [www.naco.org/NCGM](http://www.naco.org/NCGM)

# APRIL 2011 **Get Patriotic WITH YOUR COUNTY**

*Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families*

**SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN COCHISE COUNTY!**

Please join Cochise County in promoting the theme **Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families** by celebrating National County Government Month. Learn more about how Cochise County is delivering essential health care, employment, housing and justice system services.

## APRIL FEATURED EVENTS IN *Cochise County*

**SATURDAY APRIL 16 ★ 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM** The Cochise County Library Bookmobile will be at the annual Celebrating the Military Child event held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre on Ft. Huachuca. There will be activities for children of all ages including JUMPING CASTLES, A CLIMBING WALL, PAINTBALL, HORSEBACK RIDES, and much more. A FREE lunch will be served to all those who attend. Special programs will be presented by the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum on local animals and plants throughout the day. The theme of this year's celebration is "Having Fun in the Outdoors".

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angie Babcock ★ 520-533-0710

**TUESDAY APRIL 26 ★ 3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM** The Cochise County Board of Supervisors will host a reception for veterans in conjunction with National County Government Month.

A past member of each branch of the Armed Services will be introduced so that they may be honored for their service to our Country and their continuing service to our County.

We are also calling on all County veterans to answer any or all of the following questions.

- ★ How many years did you serve?
- ★ In which wars or conflicts did you serve?
- ★ What is your highest military decoration?
- ★ What is your most unique military connection?

All respondents are invited to the reception and special recognition will be given in each category.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Visit our website at [cochise.az.gov](http://cochise.az.gov) for all the details on celebrating National County Government Month in Cochise County!

# United States Armed Forces Military Branches

**FIVE MILITARY BRANCHES EXIST WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. WHILE THESE BRANCHES ARE ALL SEPARATE ENTITIES, THEY OFTEN WORK TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF WAR, TO FACILITATE TROOP MOVEMENT, EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS FOOD, ARMAMENTS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.**



**ARMY** The Army is one of the oldest military services, established in the United States way back during the Continental Congress on June 1775. In part due to its age, the Army is also the largest of the US military service branches. The primary duty of the Army is to protect and defend not only the United States, but also its interests around the world through the use of ground troops, artillery, and tactical weapons.

**MARINE CORPS** The Marine Corps is also one of the oldest military services in the United States, and was also established by the Continental Congress in November 1775. The primary function of the Marine Corps is to act as an assault force to control beachheads and prepare the way for landing forces of the United States Navy, as well as Army personnel. Because the Marine Corps works closely with the Navy in times of war, they are able to rapidly deploy through the use of their own air power. While one of the smallest branches of the military, the United States Marine Corps lives up to their reputation as being among the most highly trained and efficient among all military service branches.



**NAVY** Like the Army and the Marine Corps, the Continental Congress established the United States Navy in 1775. Primarily assigned the duty of maintaining and ensuring freedom on the open seas, naval ships, including aircraft carriers, destroyers, and submarines couple their efforts with the Air Force to transport combat personnel over the open seas.

**AIR FORCE** The Air Force is literally the baby of United States Armed Forces. Prior to 1947, it was known as the Army Air Corps and was designed to support Army ground forces. Following World War II, the Air Force was created to defend the United States in the air as well as in outer space.



**COAST GUARD** The modern United States Coast Guard was created under the Treasury Department in 1915. The primary assignment of the Coast Guard is to provide law enforcement support as well as rescue services in peacetime. In times of war, the Coast Guard or any parts of its units may be absorbed into the Department of the Navy.

**WHILE THERE IS FRIENDLY COMPETITION BETWEEN ALL FIVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, EACH OF THESE BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY ARE PROUD TO JOIN TOGETHER AND SERVE AND PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**pa★tri★ot:** (n) *a person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion.*



## HONORING EMPLOYEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF Cochise County WHO ARE VETERANS OR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY



### GILDARDO RENTERIA, SGT, ARMY

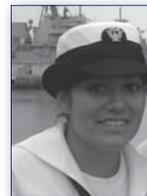
Sgt. Gildardo Renteria retired from the Army after 22 years of service. He deployed to both Korea and Vietnam while in service and was even a cook for President Eisenhower. His primary job was a nutritionist/cook.

SGT Renteria (deceased) is the father of Ramona Figueroa and Marisol Renteria who both work for the Aging and Social Services Department.

### JAMES VLAHOVICH, CPT, USMC

Mr. James Vlahovich graduated from the Naval Academy with a degree in American Political Systems and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1977. He served as a tank platoon commander in Okinawa, Japan; Operations and Executive Officer of the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Phoenix; and Regimental Intelligence Officer for the 6th Marine Infantry Regiment in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Mr. Vlahovich is currently the Deputy County Administrator and has also served as the Planning and Zoning Director.



### ANDREA RENNEY, BM2, NAVY

Petty Officer Andrea Renney just returned to San Diego from her second tour, 6 month deployment to the U.S. Central Command and Western Pacific areas of responsibility. An article on the "Fleets Quarters, Eye on Ethos" describes her as committed to her team as testified by her qualifications as Coxswain, Deck POIC, Underway Replenishment POIC, Boatswain Mate of the Watch (BMOW) and Landing Signal Enlisted (LSE). She is the epitome of a professional Sailor.

BM2 Renney is the daughter of Linda Renney who works as a Case Manager for the Aging and Social Services Dept.

### CHRISTOPHER MCCRACKEN, CPT, AIR FORCE

Cpt. Christopher McCracken is currently stationed at Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Although he was trained as a pilot he works as a design engineer.

CPT McCracken is the son-in-law of Karen Lamberton who works as the Transportation Planner for Community Development.



### WALTER DOMANN, SN, COAST GUARD

Mr. Walter Domann joined the Coast Guard in July of 1983. He reported to Coast Guard boot camp in Cape May, New Jersey. His first duty station was in South Portland, Maine; his second duty station was in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in the 210' Cutter Active; and his last duty station was in Long Beach, California. He was awarded a "Certificate of Meritorious Service" by the Palos Verde Peninsula Council of the Navy League in 1987 during his time at that duty station.

Mr. Domann is currently the GIS Coordinator in the Information Technologies Department.