VETERAN SERVICES

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

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2020 YTD

Cases Opened, Contested, Pending ALJ Review – 49

Events – 13

Other – Education benefits services increase even with reduction in student #'s, more Vocational Rehabilitation usage at Western

Continued decrease in veteran population, continued overall increase in federal $ brought into Gunnison County

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- 2016 Gunnison County Vet Population – 826
- Total Expenditure - $4,320,000
- Comp & Pen - $2,152,000
- Education - $302,000
- Medical Care - $1,851,000
- Unique Patients – 248

- 2018 Gunnison County Vet Population – 781
- Total Expenditure - $4,596,000
- Comp & Pen - $2,349,000
- Education - $357,000
- Medical Care - $1,845,000
- Unique Patients – 212

- 2019 Gunnison County Vet Population – 759
- Total Expenditure - $5,116,000
- Comp & Pen - $2,565,000
- Education - $434,000
- Medical Care - $2,065,000
- Unique Patients – 224

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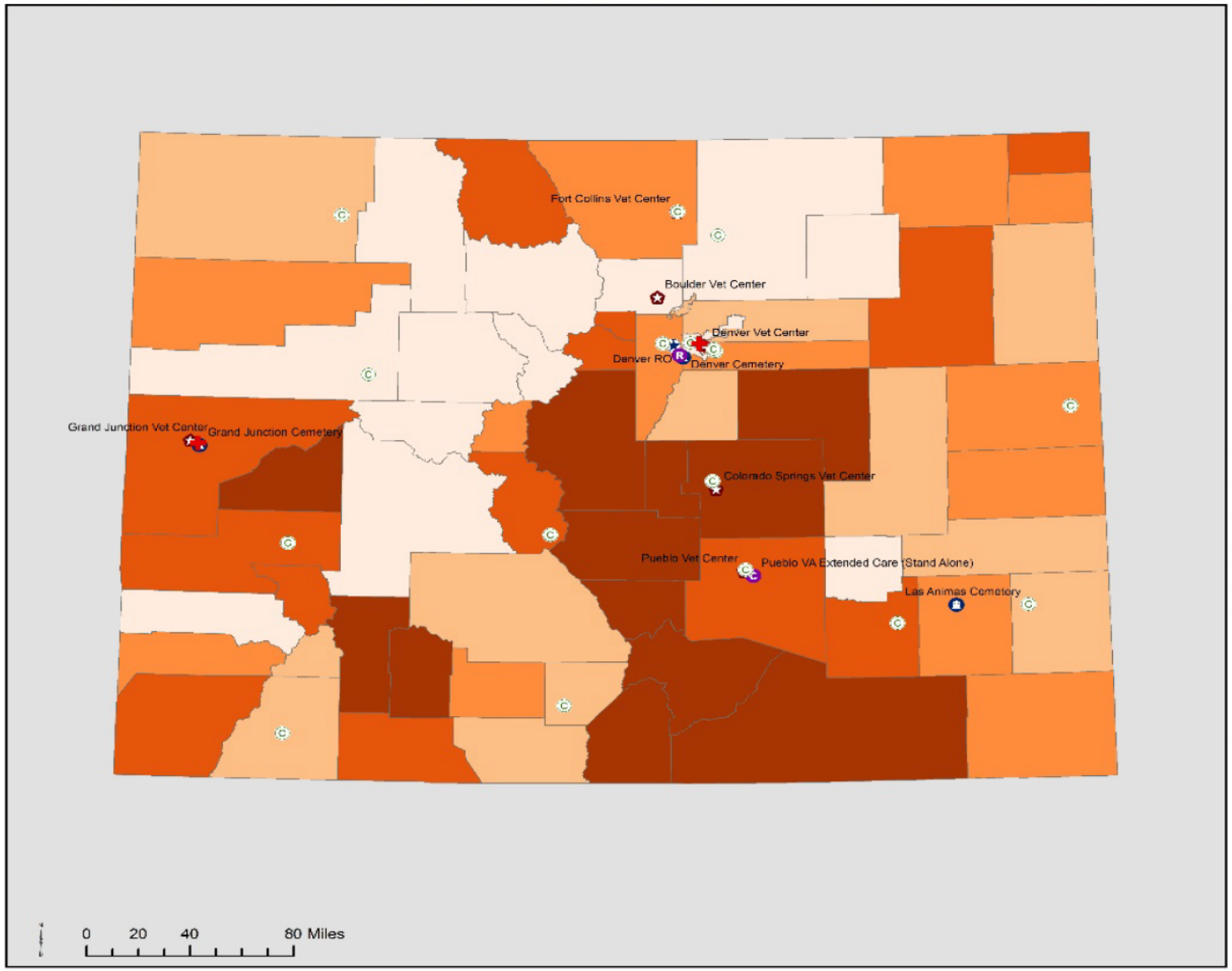
- Reinvigorate American Legion building for the next generation
- New VA Mobile Medical Unit serving Gunnison and surrounding counties
- Continued support of federal legislative efforts which benefit rural veterans – https://veterans.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairman-takanos-landmark-veterans-compact-act-signed-into-law
- New event efforts with social restrictions, outdoor therapeutic, recreational, tourism

Veterans as a Percent of County Population (FY2017): Colorado



- VA Medical Center with Hospital Service
- VA Medical Center without Hospital Service
- VA Clinic
- VA Extended Care (Stand Alone)
- VA Residential Care (Stand Alone)
- Vet Center
- Regional Office
- VA Cemetery

Veteran Population Density
by FY2017 County

- 2.80% - 5.64%
- 5.64% - 6.49%
- 6.49% - 7.61%
- 7.61% - 8.95%
- 8.95% - 14.28%

Colorado ranks #17 in total Veteran Population

Veteran Population = 403,327

Sources: Population: VA Office of Data Governance and Analytics: VetPop2016 as of 9/30/2017, U.S. Census Bureau County Population Estimates 2017.
VHA Office of Policy and Planning: VAST data FY18Q2.
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