Reintegration of veterans into civilian society after military service is a huge stressor, and can lead to isolation, alienation and loss. Veterans yearn for the comraderie experienced in service and often feel disconnected from civilians who may not understand their military service experiences.

In response to this, the Casa Veterans Ministry has undertaken events to draw veterans together, to increase civilian awareness of veteran issues and to better connect them to veterans within the community.

- **VetsReconnect**: Offer barbeques and get-togethers for veterans who have attended a veteran retreat at the FRC.
- **Veterans Day Picnic**: Bringing FRC community members and veterans together for a social and educational event.
- **Memorial Day and Veterans Day Prayers**: Solicit prayers from the FRC community which are then read during a prayer experience on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- **Veterans Drum Circle**: Hosts a supportive recreational group experience for veterans in partnership with Arizona Rhythm Connections.

“I loved VetsReConnect...visiting friends, the barbeque, the music and the drum circle. What a fantastic evening.”

– Vietnam Veteran
Community Engagement

- A “Be Connected” Partner:
  Approved as the first faith-based organization in the Arizona Coalition for Military Families’ “Be Connected” Program, the Casa Veterans Ministry leads ACMF efforts in the state to increase faith-based community awareness of veterans’ needs. CVM has also developed educational tracks at the annual State Veterans Symposium and spoken at numerous conferences and workshops.

How to get involved:

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