

Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission

Meeting Agenda

May 3, 2024, at 1000 AM

Location: Arrowheads Community Club

1000	Call to Order	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
	Moment of Silence	Vice-Chair Constance Snavelly
	Pledge of Allegiance	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
	Introduction of Commission Members	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
	Vice Chairman's Opening Remarks	Vice Chair Constance Snavelly
	Chairman's Opening Remarks	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
	TAG's Opening Remarks and Comments	MG Mark Schindler
	Approval of 5 April 2024 Meeting Minutes	Requires Vote
	Reading of Official and Other Communications	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
	DAG-VA Opening Remarks and Report	BG (PA) Maureen Weigl
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PPL, BVH, PIRO• Programs Report	Requires Vote
	VISN 4	Mr. Timothy Liezert
	Committee Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative• Pensions/Relief/Grave Markings• RETX• MAL• Transportation• Veterans' Health• VSO Grant• Women Veterans• PAWVC Update	TBD
	Unfinished Business	Mr. Larry Googins
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hall of Fame SOP	Mr. Jesiah Schrader
	New Business	Ms. Constance Snavelly
	Good of the Order	Mr. William Hines
	Agenda Items for Next Meeting	Mr. Mark Baylis
	Closing Remarks	Mr. Matthew Hollenbeck
	Next Meeting	Ms. Lisa Kaye
	June 7, 2024, at 10 AM	President David Gyger
	Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
	Retiring of the Colors	Discussion
	Adjournment	Chairman Nicholas Taylor
		SVC Commissioners
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		Chairman Nicholas Taylor



Call to Order		Chairman
Nicholas Taylor		
The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission (SVC) meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.		
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance		
Vice Chairwoman Constance Snively led the moment of silence: Let us take a moment to reflect on April being the month of the military child. Military children and youth should be recognized for their courage, sacrifices, and continued resilience. Some are young to fully comprehend the ramifications of their parents deploying into dangerous situations with no true understanding of when or if they will see their parents again.		
Commission Introductions		
MG Mark Schindler	DMVA-Adjutant General	
BG (PA) Maureen Weigl	DMVA-OVA Deputy Adjutant General	
Mr. Nicholas Taylor	SVC Chairman; President, MOAA	
Mr. Paul Foresman	Commander, AMVETS	
Mr. David Gui	Adjutant, Disabled American Veterans	
Mr. William Albert	President, PA Blind Veterans Association	
Mr. Jesiah Schrader	President, PA State Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs	
Mr. James Hogan	Adjutant, The American Legion	
Mr. Larry Googins	President, Vietnam Veterans of America	
Mr. Stanley Majocka	Commander, Italian American War Veterans	
Ms. Lisa Kaye	Member-at-Large	
Mr. Mark Baylis	Member-at-Large	
Mr. Michael Brooker	Member-at-Large	
Mr. Leonard M. Johnson	Member-at-Large	
Mr. Gerald Hawk	Executive Director, AMVETS	
Ms. Constance Snively	SVC V-Chairwoman, Representative, Korean War Veterans	
Mr. Michael Rang	Commander, Catholic War Veterans	
Mr. Philip Arnold	Adjutant, Military Order of Purple Hearts	
Mr. Charles L. Jackson	Designee, Veterans of Foreign Wars	
Mr. Tim Liezert	VISN 4	
Absent		
Mr. Timothy Alexander	Commander, Disabled American Veterans	
Mr. Steven Lavelle	Commander, The American Legion	
Mr. David Gyger	Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars	
Mr. John Getz	Adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars	
Mr. Chris Fidler	Director, Keystone Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America	
Mr. Richard Fine	Commander, Jewish War Veterans	
Others Present		
Mr. Nate Silcox-TEAMS	Executive Director, PA Senate VAEP	
CMS Shawn Phillips	PANG-Army	
Ms. Angela Watson	Director, DMVA-Communications	

Mr. Craig Andrews	DMVA-Communications
Mr. David Cowgill	VISN 4
Mr. Michael Hillman	Executive Director, PA House VAEP
Ms. Kerry Vanyo-TEAMS	Research Analyst, PA House VAEP
Ms. Serena Cruz-TEAMS	Clerk Assistant 2, DMVA-BVH
Mr. Bradley Rank-TEAMS	DMVA-PIRO (Programs and Services)
Mr. Rick Hamp	Special Assistant-DAG-DMVA-OVA
Mr. Joel Mutschler	Director-PIRO
Mr. Dusty Durand	Director, DMVA-PPL
Mr. Guy Finucan TEAMS	Executive Assistant-DMVA-EDS
Mr. Brian Natali	DMVA-PIRO (Programs and Services)
Mr. Edward Cherry	DMVA-OCC
Mr. Jeff King-TEAMS	DMVA-PIRO (Programs and Services)
Ms. Jennifer Snyder	DMVA-OVA
Ms. Lana Evans TEAMS	DMVA-PRIO (Outreach, Initiatives and Reintegration)
Mr. Carl Curtis	VVA
Mr. William Hines	DAV
Mr. David L. Wagner	DAV
Mr. Matt Hollenbeck	TAL
Mr. Richard Hudzinski	VVA
TEAMS Virtual Non-DMVA Guests	17 non-DMVA plus 4 listed above DMVA staff
Oath of Office	MG Mark Schindler
Mr. Leonard M. Johnson-MAL was sworn in by MG Schindler	
Award Presentation	MG Mark Schindler and Chairman Taylor
Outgoing MAL Mr. Charles L. Jackson III was presented a SVC certificate of appreciation from MG Schindler and Chairman Taylor, he was also presented with a thank-you letter from Governor Shapiro for his dedicated service as a MAL on the SVC.	
Vice Chairwoman's Opening Remarks	Vice Chairwoman Snavelly
<p>Vice Chairwoman briefed the commissioners: At this meeting I want to talk to my fellow commissioners about an important way to pay it forward and that is to join a VSO Honor Guard or encourage your posts to form an Honor Guard. The Marine Corps League formed an Honor Guard comprised of five or six Detachments to serve at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The M1 Garand rifles that are used are provided by the US Army Ceremonial Rifle Program and blank ammo is also provided at no cost. I have belonged to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard for approximately nine years serving at more than 5,000 Military Funeral Honors details. And the first few years I only helped part-time since I was still working as a Deputy Sheriff. The Honor Guard averages around 450 military funeral honors every year. In that time, I have seen two other groups fold due to the aging and death of members without an influx of new and younger volunteers. In my squad, the youngest is 58 years old and the oldest is 92 years old. That makes the average age in the high 70s. None of us are without health issues. Yet, we are out there serving in all weather conditions in the hopes that there will be someone serving when it is our turn to receive Military Funeral Honors. The appreciation received from the veteran's family and friends is worth the personal time committed by the volunteers. Also, after completing 200 Military Funeral Honors, one is eligible to receive the PA Military Funeral Honors Service Ribbon from the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. I am more than happy to help any organization that would like to establish an Honor Guard. And if someone is in a smaller or spread-out organization with no facility of their own, I am sure that there is an Honor Guard that would be delighted to welcome you on board as a fellow veteran.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Questions/Discussion</p> <p>None</p>	
Chairman's Opening Remark	Chairman Taylor

Chairman Taylor briefed the SVC members on the following:

- Announced that today Friday April 5, 2024, was National Gold Star Day.
- Gave special thanks to Mr. Charles L. Jackson III for his enduring dedication as a Veteran Advocate through his work with MOPH, as a MAL to the SVC and all the other Veteran centric organizations he belongs.
- Informed the DMVA staff Tuesday meetings bring important information to the SVC
- Informed the reworking of the Hall of Fame SOP is taking a bit longer than anticipated.
- Informed members he attended the March 20, 2024, Medal of Honor Day at the Capitol.
- Signed/approved 24 Educational Gratuities for the month of March 2024, 22 were approved for a total of \$328,000.00
- Reported he was in contact with DMVA-OVA DAG to have the BVH commandants brief the SVC as in the recent past.
- Chairman will attend the GAC-VA meeting on May 1, 2024
- Announced that the Japan NHP Broadcasting Corp will be sending a filming crew to the U.S. and will be in PA in search of Veterans who survived the Battle of Saipan as part of the 80th anniversary. He requested the members reach out to their organizations for any veterans.

Questions/Discussion

None.

TAG's Opening Remarks

MG Mark Schindler

TAG greeted the members and briefed them on the following:

- TAG directed the members to the PA National Army and Air Guard deployment slides. Currently 1,060 PANG service members are deployed overseas with bulk deployed around the Horn of Africa; and some deployed to the Southwest border U.S. and a small group deployed around the globe. Rotations and deployments will continue through the fall oof 2024. The PANG will continue to deploy about 1,000 through out next year.
- Attended a Veteran event in Lancaster with DAG-OVA recently and had great success in signing up a lot of veterans for benefits.
- Attended the Silver Star presentation to Vietnam Veteran Captain Leiss. He was awarded the belated Silver Star for his heroism as a helicopter pilot who made many missions during heavy combat to save lives of our servicemen and South Vietnam soldiers.
- Briefed the members on the surprise 95th birthday for Veteran Ralph March 17th, 2024, who did his basic training in 1951 at FTIG, then deployed to Germany serving in the 108th Transportation Company.
- Will attend Veterans Breakfast with DAG-OVA in April 2024.

TAG closed for thanking the members on their support of DMVA which he termed great.

Questions/Discussion

None.

Approval of the February 2, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mr. Jesiah Schrader, PSACDVA, made a motion to approve the minutes.

Second: Mr. Mark Baylis, MAL, seconded the motion.

The body agreed; motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reading of Official and Other Communications

Chairman Taylor

Chairman told the member he had been sent an e-mail from SVC commissioner and Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Mr. Michael Brooker submitted this resignation as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee citing personal reasons.

Questions/Discussion

None.

Deputy Adjutant General-OVA

BG (PA) Maureen Weigl

DAG-OVA briefed on the following:

- DAG-OVA congratulated Mr. Charles L. Jackson III on his awards, and thanked him for his cooperation with the DMVA, and then welcomed Mr. Leonard M. Johnson as the new MAL member to the commission.
- Reported that PA is one of the top five states for handling VA benefit claims. PA signed up over 400,000 amounting to over 1.6 billion dollars in federal benefits.
- Established proclamation of sexual assault awareness month which will happen this afternoon.
- May 30,2024 is TAGs fishing derby
- DAG-OVA directed the members to view the flyer about the Governor's Advisory Commission on Woman and PA DMVA open nomination period for 2024 Women Veterans Day Celebration on June 12, 2024. On June 10 2024, State Senator Pennycuick will hold a Women Veteran Day event.
- BVH census is 1100 and averaging 70% census overall with the Delaware Valley Home at 90%. BVH is in process of bring a new commandant on board.
- Announced the VetCon in September 4-6 in Pittsburgh highlighting the joint informational between state and federal, and focusing on homelessness, behavioral health, employment, and more information will follow.

Questions/Discussion

None.

DMVA Policy, Planning, and Legislation

Mr. Durand

Mr. Durand briefed members on the following:

- PA House adopted resolutions on the Task Force on Agent Orange, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day.
- Fishing License passed, free for Veterans as long as therapeutic.
- Noted the House and Senate are still putting their bills in place.

Questions/Discussion

None

DMVA Bureau of Homes

Mr Davis

DAG-OVA provided brief for BVH.

Questions/Discussion

None

DMVA Bureau of PIRO

Mr. Mutschler

DAG-OVA provided the brief for PIRO

Questions/Discussion

None

Approval of State Veterans' Programs Reports

Motion: Mr. Paul Foresman, AMVETS, approve the programs report.

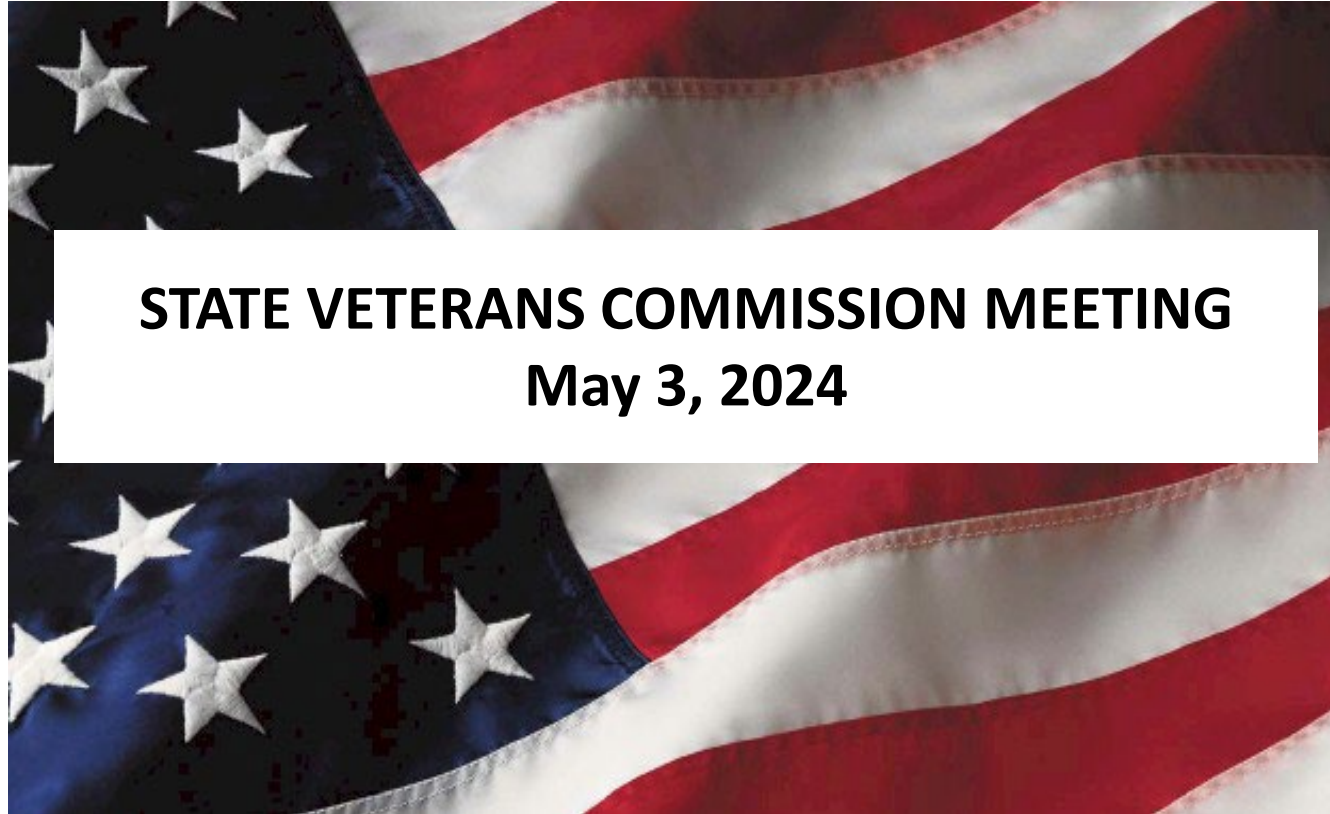
Second: Mr. Mark Baylis, MAL, seconded the motion.	
The body agreed; motion carried. Programs reports approved.	
VISN-4	Mr. Liezert
Mr. Liezert directed the members to his materials in the read ahead. And Mr. Liezert briefly highlighted some of the information in the submitted talking points.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jennifer Stevey is working on the transportation gap analysis and capturing available transportation resources and begin to formulate a plan by identifying gaps. • starting March 5, three new groups of Veterans were eligible for V.A. health care years earlier than what was called for in the PACT act. • Veterans assigned to a certain duty station in southwest Asia or parts of Africa and Veterans who deployed in certain support of certain operations after 9/11 are now eligible. • Even if you never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or serving on active duty here at home. Bottom line is all Veterans exposed to toxins or other hazards at home or abroad are now eligible to enroll in VA care beginning last March 5. • Third topic, V.A. registry. This is in response to a follow-up question from the last meeting. There are six registries V.A. is managing. Agent orange, gulf war, airborne, open pits, radiation, toxic embedded fragments and depleted uranium 	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
Mr. Brooker enquired about the VA cutting 10,000 jobs mostly on the medical side.	
Mr. Liezert said, the Presidential budget request has language in thereabout the budget supporting 10,000 less VHA employees in the current year. And that is projection is based on Veteran population served and other actual data contained in there. To which I will not remark.	
Legislative Committee	Mr. Brooker
Mr. Brooker stated no report.	
<u>Question/Discussion</u>	
None	
Pensions/Relief/Grave Markings/State Military Cemetery Committee	Mr. Googins
No official report. Mr. Googins advocated to the members to assist in making Vietnam Veterans Day permanent.	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
None.	
RETX	Mr. Schrader
Mr. Schrader said the RETX committee was asked to review SB 844, after review committee didn't think it comported to their views. Reported SB1227 is moving along and had POW and Surviving Spouses added to the exemption.	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
None.	
Member-At-Large Committee	Vice Chairwoman Constance Snavely
Vice Chairwoman briefed the members: No major updates from last meeting's report. The committee held an MS Teams meeting to discuss changes to the MAL documents and are in the process of compiling the recommendations into new, updated instructions and scoring sheets to improve the process prior to the next round of open Member at Large positions	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
Chairman Taylor asked when the next MAL vacancy announcement will begin.	

V-Chair Snavely said May 25 th , 2024, is the target date.	
Transportation Committee	Mr. Hines
Mr. William Hines reported on the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accumulated 619,818 miles in last seven months used 31, 888 volunteer hours, transported 12,516 veterans, presently have 311 volunteer drivers and 129 vans in PA currently. Six vans going to auction and 12 will be going to auction once paperwork is secured. 12 new vans were purchased. He thanked VISN 4 for providing a contact and the working relationship is now excellent. 	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
Chairman Taylor asked if these 12 vehicles were replacements or additions to the fleet. Mr. Hines said replacements.	
Veteran Health Committee	Mr. Baylis
Mr. Baylis had no official report but wanted the following noted: On April 12, the state of Pennsylvania will dedicate Highway 403 (between Johnstown and Cramer, PA) as the Captain Harry G. Cramer Memorial Pike. It will honor this hero, a team commander in 1st SFGA who became the first US Army soldier killed in Vietnam back in 1957. He was a Johnstown PA native, a 1946 West Point graduate, and one of the earliest Green Berets (1954). He earned the Silver Star, Purple Heart with OLC, and CIB in Korea.	
<u>Questions/Discussion</u>	
VSO Grant Committee	Mr. Hollenbeck
Mr. Hollenbeck stated no report.	
<u>Questions/Discussion</u>	
None	
Womens Health	
Ms. Kaye	
Ms. Kaye stated no report.	
<u>Questions/Discussion</u>	
None	
PAWVC	Mr. Gyger
No report (Mr. Gyger was absent)	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
None	
Unfinished Business	
Chairman Taylor said it's his intent to have the HOF SOP by next meeting	
<u>Questions/Discussions</u>	
None	
New Business	
Mr. Hudzinski (guest) asked, if possible, to have an update on DMVA special projects. Chairman Taylor we will try to have that in the next couple of meetings.	
<u>Questions/Discussion</u>	
None	
Good of the Order	
None	

Agenda for Next Meeting
None
Closing Remarks
None.
Next Meeting
Friday, May 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM Arrowheads Community Center, FIG

The minutes of this meeting are respectfully submitted by:

BG (PA) Maureen Weigl
Deputy Adjutant General-Office of Veterans Affairs



STATE VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
May 3, 2024



DMVA MILITARY UPDATE

CURRENT AND FUTURE UNIT MOBILIZATIONS



2025																					
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP					
ET 1 B - SWB -23 PAX																					
112 IN - HOA#1 -1041 PAX																					
LEE / FLEW - 14 PAX																					
28 MP - GTMO -111 PAX																					
				56 SBCT - JMTG-E -165 PAX																	
				56 SBCT - HOA#2 -685 PAX																	
				213 PC - OSS -16 PAX																	
				213 PC - OSS -20 PAX																	
					213 PC - OIR -8 PAX																
								528 FIN - OSS - 25 PAX													
									3622 ODCO - OSS - 159 PAX												

ARNG Unit Soldiers in Theater: **1,064**
 ARNG Soldiers at MOB/DEMOB Site: **0**
 ARNG Individual Mob: **6**
 Total ARNG Mob: **1,070**

**Total PANG
 Mobilized: 806**

**Current ANG Unit Airmen Mob: 113
 Current ANG Individual Mob: 15
 Total: ANG Mob: 128**

CURRENT MOBILIZATIONS & TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS



<u>PAANG Current Deployments</u>		
Unit	Opn	Pax
193 SOW	OFS-OIR-OSS, Other	8/1
111 ATKW	IPR (HS), OFS-OIR-OSS, TS	36/6/40
171 ARW	Alert Status (HS), OFS-OIR-OSS	37
Total PAANG Deployed		128

Total PANG Deployed 806

CURRENT AND FUTURE UNIT MOBILIZATIONS



SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN24	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
193 SOW- RCP- Various- 16 PAX															
Jam- RTND							271 CBCS (193)- RCP- Various- 8 PAX								
171 SFS- Saudi Arabia- RTND															
171 ARW- ALERT STATUS (HS)- 37 PAX															
111 ATKW- RPA (HS)- 36 PAX															

Current ANG Unit Airmen Mob: 97
Current ANG Individual Mob: 1
Total: ANG Mob: 98

CURRENT MOBILIZATIONS & TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS



<u>PAANG Current Deployments</u>		
Unit	Opn	Pax
193 SOW	RCP, CENTCOM, AFRICOM	16/1/8
111 ATKW	IPR (HS)	36
171 ARW	Alert Status (HS), OFS-OIR-OSS	37
Total PAANG Deployed		98



**DMVA
POLICY, PLANNING & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
MR. DUSTY DURAND**



New/Moving

HB 71 (Kerwin) An Act providing for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on the grounds of the State Capitol to honor and remember those who have fallen in the line of duty and those left behind. **Passed House, referred to Senate State Government**

HB 105 (Ciresi) An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees. **Passed House, referred to Senate Transportation**

SB 973 (Pennycuik) An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for veteran of Korean Armed Forces. **Passed SVAEP, referred to Senate Appropriations**

SB 1139 (Mastriano) An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, providing for burial benefits. **Passed SVAEP, referred to Senate Appropriations**

Currently Tracking

HB 325 (Staats) Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) in Department of Military Affairs, providing for burial benefits. **05/23/23 Awaiting 2nd Consideration, laid on the table.**

SB 531 (Baker, L) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund. (Has not crossed opposite chamber). **10/03/23 Passed Senate, referred to House VAEP Cmte.**

SB 447 (Mastriano) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in Department of Military Affairs, establishing the PA VETConnect Program. **10/31/23 1st Consideration in House.**

HB 892 (Kaufer) Identical. **06/13/23 Pass House, referred to Senate VAEP Cmte.**

Blind, amputee and paralyzed veteran's pensions

HB 1091 (Williams, D) \$270/month. **05/23/23 Awaiting 2nd Consideration, laid on the table.**

HB 542 (Gregory) \$250/month. **3/20/23 Introduced and referred to House VAEP Cmte.**

SB 189 (Ward, J) \$200/month. **05/01/23 Awaiting 2nd Consideration, re-referred to Senate Appropriations.**

RETX

HB 1227 (Sappey) [Companion Bill SB 177 Bartolotta] A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions. **11/15/23 Voted favorably from House VAEP Cmte, awaiting 1st Consideration.**

[Report on RETX bills:](#) HB 248, HB 674, HB 717, HB 1227, HB 1401, HB 2044, SB 177, SB 194, SB 450, SB 844, SB 947

[Report crossed chambers bills:](#) HB 269, HB 363, HB 877, HB 892, HB 1086, SB 126, SB 146, SB 209, SB 248, SB 411, SB 429, SB 438, SB, 447, SB 477, SB 531, SB 933, SB 915, HB 502, **HB 71, HB 105**

[Report on passed bills:](#) HB 157, HB 404, HB 804, HB 1094, SB 141, SB 829, HB 157, SB 146

2024 Significant Dates

National Guard and Veterans Day at the Capitol – June 4, 2024

Continuing Resolutions: Federal Budget has passed to fund all federal departments until October 1, 2024

General Assembly

Senate: May 1, 6, 7, 8; June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

House: May 1, 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22; June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Last day to REGISTER before General Election: October 21, 2024

General Election: November 5, 2024

General Assembly Schedule can be found at: [Session Information - PA General Assembly \(state.pa.us\)](https://www.state.pa.us/session-information)

For all Pennsylvania Election dates: [Upcoming Elections \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/upcoming-elections)



**DMVA BUREAU OF VETERANS HOMES
MR. TRAVIS DAVIS**



PVH Current Licensure Status



SVH Survey Table as of 19 April 2024

SVH	Regulatory Agency	Survey Reason/Type	Survey Date(s)	Status/comments
DVVH	DOH Nursing	Annual Recertification	12/18/23 - 12/21/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	01/11/24	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Incident	12/06/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	11/07/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	09/26/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	09/14/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	08/14/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	05/30/23	Cleared
	DOH Life Safety	Annual Recertification	03/21/23	Cleared
	VA	Annual Recertification	12/19/23 - 12/22/23	POC accepted, date certain 02/19
GMVC	DOH Nursing	Annual Recertification	08/29/23 - 09/01/23	Cleared
	DOH Life Safety	Annual Recertification	09/12/23	Cleared
	VA	Annual Recertification	02/27/24 - 03/01/24	POC under development
HVH	DOH Nursing	Annual Recertification	08/21/23 - 08/24/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	01/17/24	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	12/12/23 - 12/13/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	08/08/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	06/15/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	04/14/23	Cleared
	DOH Life Safety	Annual Recertification	07/17/23 - 07/19/23	Cleared
	DHS	Annual Recertification	03/05/24 - 03/06/24	POC under development
	VA	Annual Recertification	06/05/23 - 06/08/23	Cleared

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Last updated: 8-24-2023

PVH Current Licensure Status



SVH Survey Table as of 19 April 2024

SVH	Regulatory Agency	Survey Reason/Type	Survey Date(s)	Status/comments
PSSH	DOH Nursing	Annual Recertification	04/18/23 - 04/21/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Incident	05/15/23	Cleared
	DOH Life Safety	Annual Recertification	04/16/24	Results Pending
	DOH Life Safety	Occupancy Inspection	06/28/23	Cleared
	DHS	Annual Recertification	1/25, 1/26, 4/11	Re-visit Results Pending
	DHS	Abbreviated - Complaint	08/30/23	Cleared
	DHS	Abbreviated - Incident	05/02/23	Cleared
	VA	Annual Recertification	03/18/24 - 03/22/24	CAP under development
SEVC	DOH Nursing	Annual Recertification	08/21/23 - 08/24/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	03/14/24	POC accepted, date certain 05/07
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	10/25/23	Cleared
	DOH Life Safety	Annual Recertification	08/07/23	Cleared
	DHS	Annual Recertification	10/04/23	Cleared
	VA	Annual Recertification	02/26/24 - 03/01/24	POC submitted, awaiting reply
SWVC	DOH Nursing	Annual Recertification	06/26/23 - 06/30/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	01/30/24 - 01/31/24	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	12/20/23 - 01/06/24	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	11/21/23, 11/28/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	11/08/23	Cleared
	DOH Nursing	Abbreviated - Complaint	08/17/23	Cleared
	DOH Life Safety	Annual Recertification	06/28/23 - 06/29/23	Cleared
	VA	Annual Recertification	05/02/23 - 05/05/23	CAP accepted, date certain 08/15

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Infection Prevention Update

COVID-19, Influenza, RSV Data							
April 19, 2024	DVVH	GMVC	HVH	PSSH	SEVC	SWVC	TOTAL
Total # of COVID + residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of COVID + staff	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total # of residents + for Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of staff +for Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of residents + for RSV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of residents who received the 2nd dose of the 2023/2024 vaccine	65	75	4	86	0	0	230
Total # of residents who have received the RSV vaccine	126	139	139	116	72	126	718
Total # of staff who received the Flu Vaccine	76	75	64	81	62	123	481
Total # of residents who have received the Flu Vaccine	135	151	196	136	154	135	907

5 Star rating - last updated: March 27, 2024						
	DVVH	GMVC	HVH	PSSH	SEVC	SWVC
Overall	5	5	3	3	5	4
Health Inspection	4	4	2	2	3	2
Quality Measures	5	5	4	3	5	5
Staffing	5	5	5	5	5	5
Changes from Feb/Mar 2024	Unchanged	Unchanged	Unchanged	Unchanged	Unchanged	Health Inspection 3 to 2

Resident Status - April 19, 2024				
	Isolation COVID	Quarantine	Isolation Influenza	Isolation RSV
DVVH	0	0	0	0
GMVC	0	0	0	0
HVH	0	0	0	0
PSSH	0	0	0	0
SEVC	0	0	0	0
SWVC	0	0	0	0

*Flu vaccines totals residents/staff: 1,388
 *COVID: None

*Covid vaccines residents only (2nd dose): 230
 *Influenza: None

*RSV vaccines (residents): 718
 *RSV: None

Pennsylvania Veterans Homes COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 links for information related to the Veterans Homes and skilled nursing facilities.

- <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/LTCF-Data.aspx>
- <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>
- <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/SNF-Guidance.aspx>
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19MpLoPxayE1MDwQJJYCZxISN64V4FJSJPGzfvVBb5Mw/edit#gid=1511961664>



**BUREAU OF VETERANS PROGRAMS,
INITIATIVES, REINTEGRATION, AND OUTREACH
MR. JOEL MUTSCHLER**



- Our Servicemember, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Community
 - Comprises approximately 14% of Pennsylvania's total population
 - Find resources and link to our team through PA VETConnect – dmva.pa.gov/vetconnect
- PACT Act Impact:
 - Over 896,000 Total Veterans/Survivors nationwide completed PACT Act-related claims
 - Pennsylvania is 8th out of 55 state/territories in received claims
 - Over 42,000 from PA Veterans/Survivors PACT Act-related; nearly 58,000 non-PACT related claims (as of 24 March 2024)
 - Now seeing PACT Act-related impact across state veterans' programs, i.e., Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemptions, Pensions, and Educational Gratuity.
 - Visit www.va.gov/PACT to get the latest information and updates
- Expanding Outreach Efforts
 - Pennsylvania Salutes You for Your Service: www.pa.gov/welcome-back-veterans
 - Sign up for PA Veterans Registry and the *DMVA Digest* – register.dmva.pa.gov



Reintegration and Outreach Events Overview



Outreach Statistics					
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year to Date
Outreach Events Supported	87	88	54		258
Mobile Outreach Van Events	8	9	9		26
Veteran Interactions	2,202	1,471	1,183		5,645
Claim referrals to County Directors and Service Organizations	684	369	203		1,256
Claim referrals to other state, county and local organizations assisting Veterans	626	371	233		1,230
Health Care Enrollment Referrals	438	182	105		725
Number of Veterans Registry Cards distributed	350	143	187		680
County Directors Office Attended	45	41	22		108
Legislative attended events	56	42	3		102

As of 24 April 2024

> community > commonwealth > **country**



PA VETConnect



We build relationships that amplify service to the SMVF community

- **Region 1** - RPOC was contacted by Erie CDVA with needing help finding a car for donation to give to a Veteran who was in a tough situation. He is going through a divorce and the ex-wife took everything with her. He was using an Uber to go back and forth to work and could not afford those expenses. RPOC successfully found the Veteran a car and it was donated to him title and all.
- **Region 2** – Attended the American Legion Women Veterans Conference on 4/5 in Bedford County. During their Meet & Greet session she had the opportunity to explain PA VetConnect and give a brief introduction of state benefits. There were 45 women veterans in attendance.
- **Region 3** – Met with 2 DOC Recruitment and Retention staff to discuss ways to help them find resources for veteran staff in need and opportunities for positive community involvement to offset stress of the job. Provided numerous ideas and potential connections including KSCA mentor program, VTC peer mentor program, MilitaryShares, etc. These staff have been invited to get involved in all coalitions we have and share outreach opportunities for recruitment with them. They did mention that DOC is already discussing DoD SkillBridge with OA.
- **Region 4** – Helping to facilitate with PANG Family Soldier Readiness staff and Camp Freedom to bring a military share with Weinberg Food Bank, which will be coming online in May or June this year.
- **Region 5** – Attended the YWCA Stand Down on 4/6 at the Farm Show. We spoke to 19 veterans and were able to walk a few right over to enrollment to get enrolled in VA Healthcare as well as connect them to Dauphin County VA Office. Sheridan from the National Cemetery also tabled with us and is looking forward to being invited to additional outreach events.

■ **Successes**

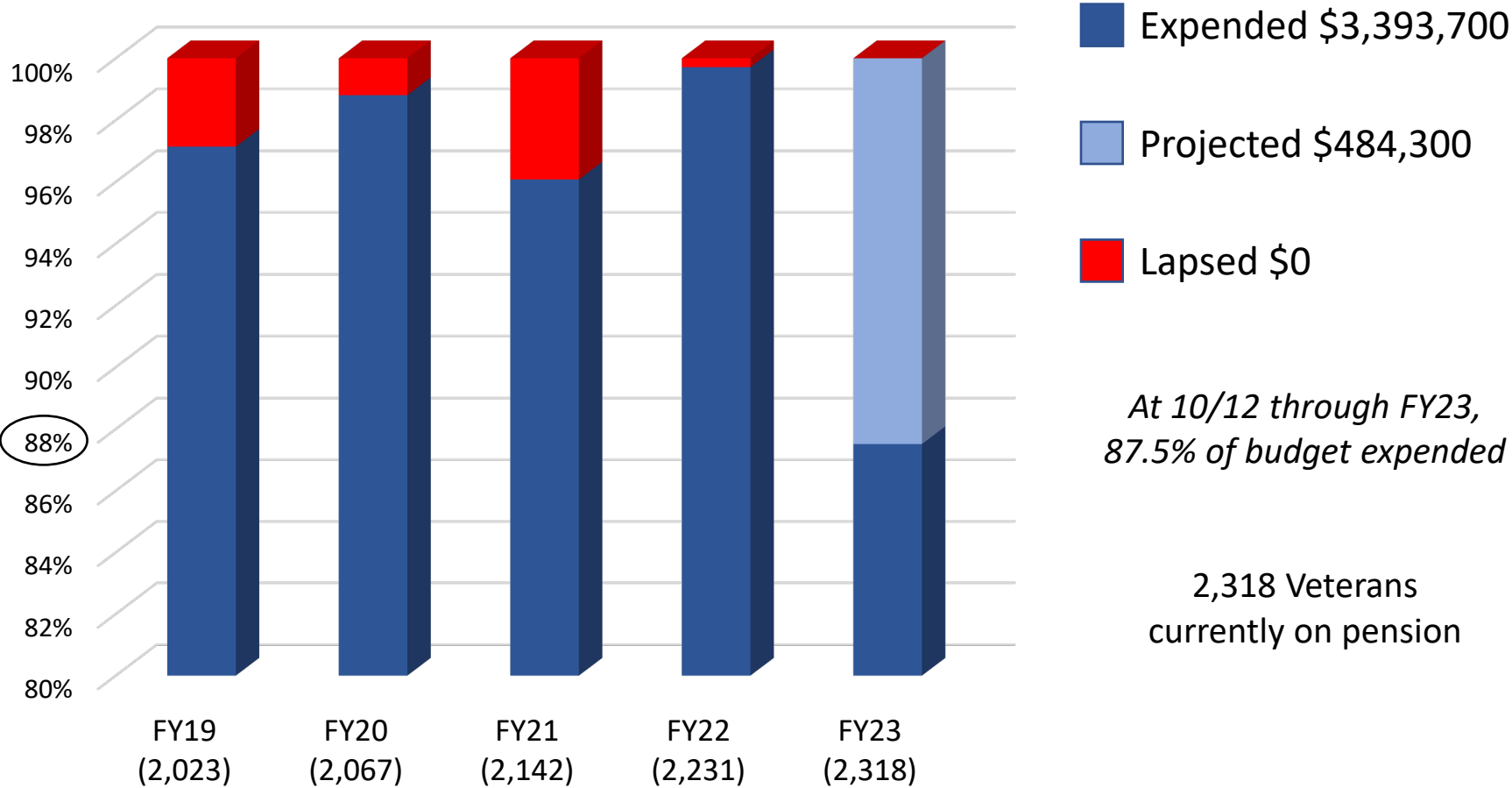
- >20,100 Connections
- > 2,139 resources
- Building trust within the network



AMPUTEE & PARALYZED VETERANS' PENSION



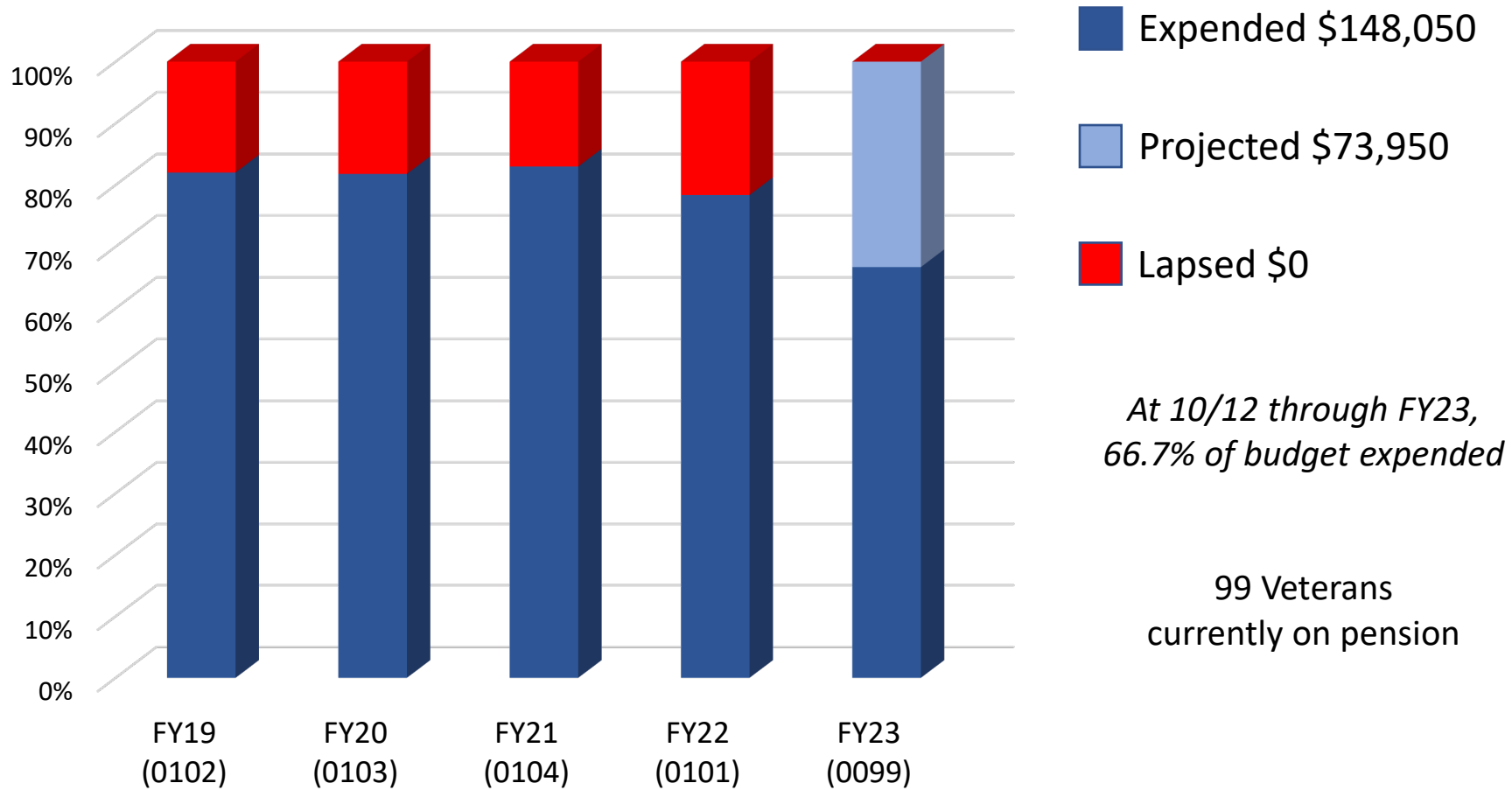
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BLIND VETERANS' PENSION



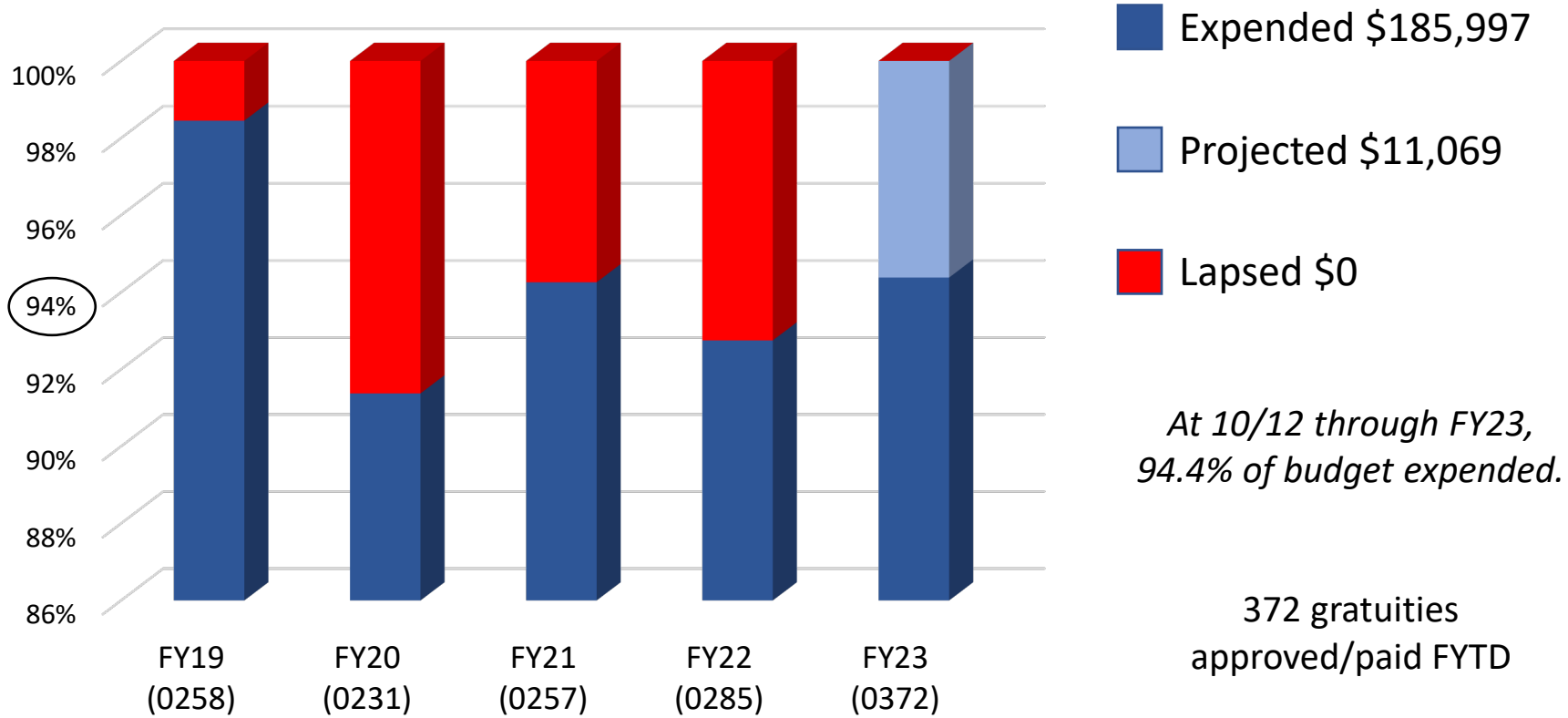
\$222,000



EDUCATIONAL GRATUITY



\$197,066*

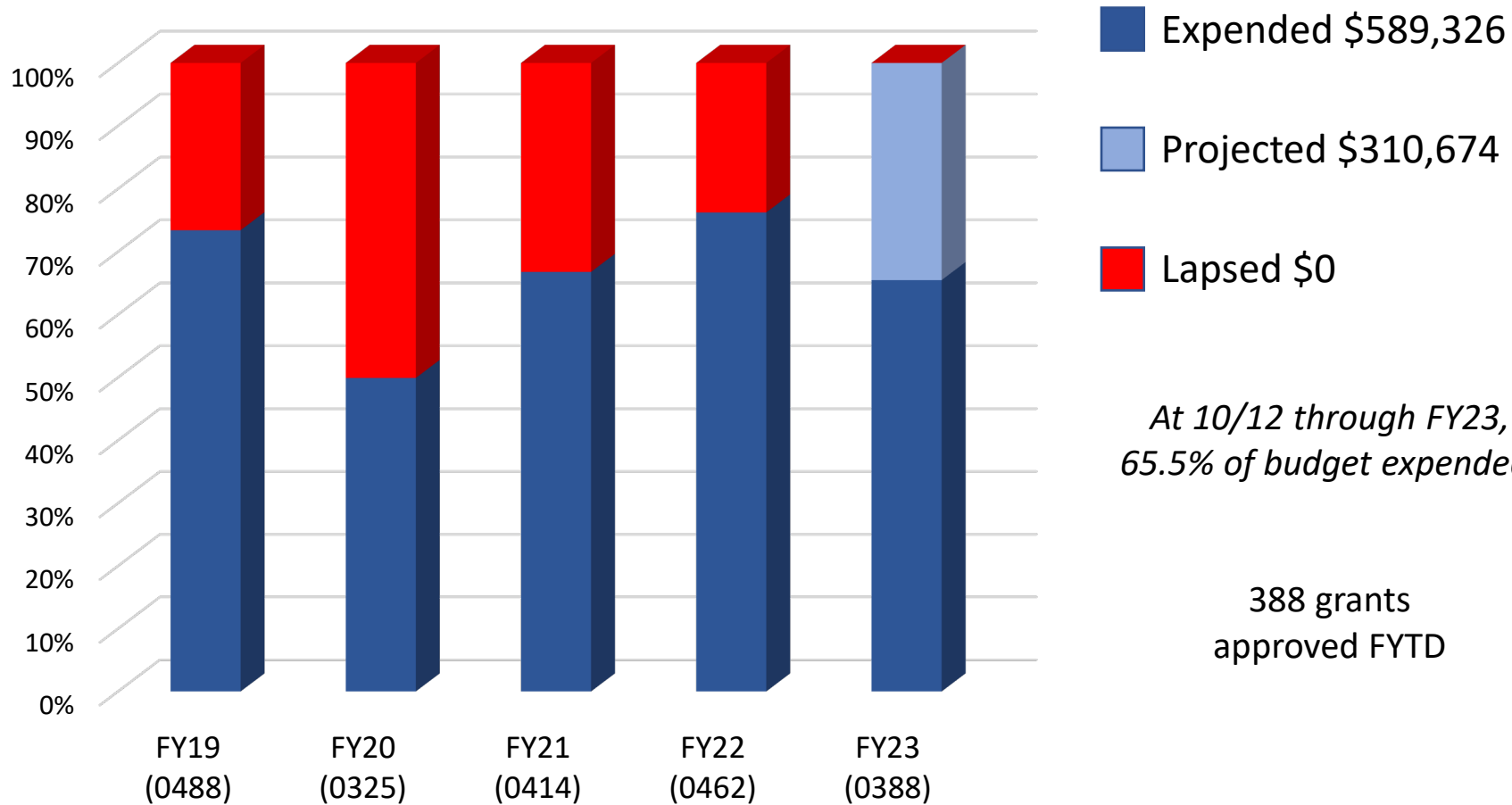


* Unforecasted growth has required increases to the initial \$135K budget. EG account earlier increased by \$12,066. Additional \$50K transfer recently made to cover pending applications through end of SFY.

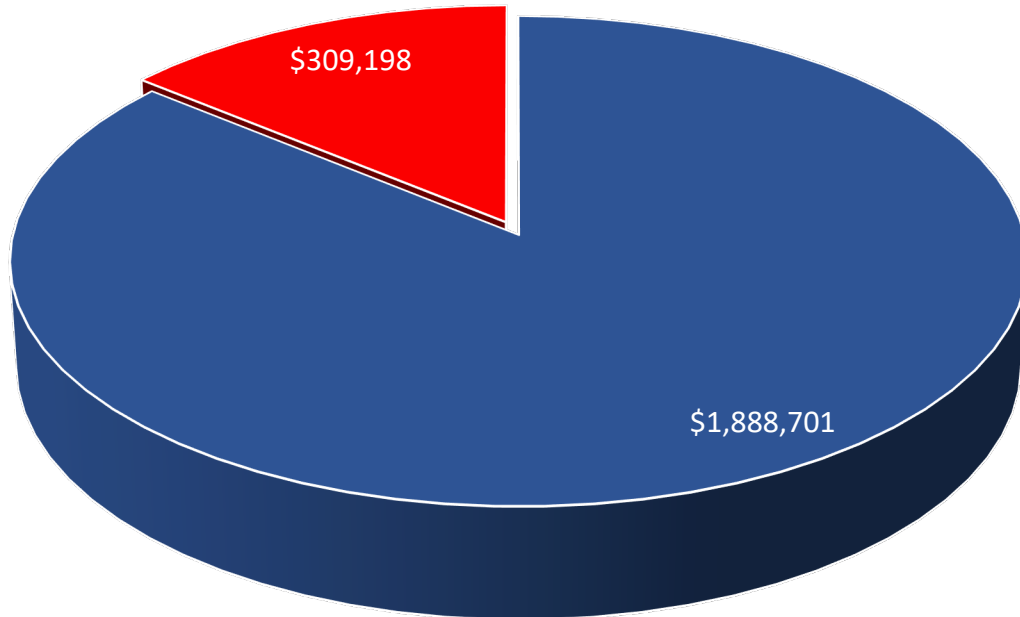
VETERANS' TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE



\$900,000



MFRAP Balance \$1,214,120



Total Donations FY 05-23: \$2,197,789

- Personal Income Tax Donations
- Private/Cash/Other Donations

Total Grants FY 05-23: \$1,038,337

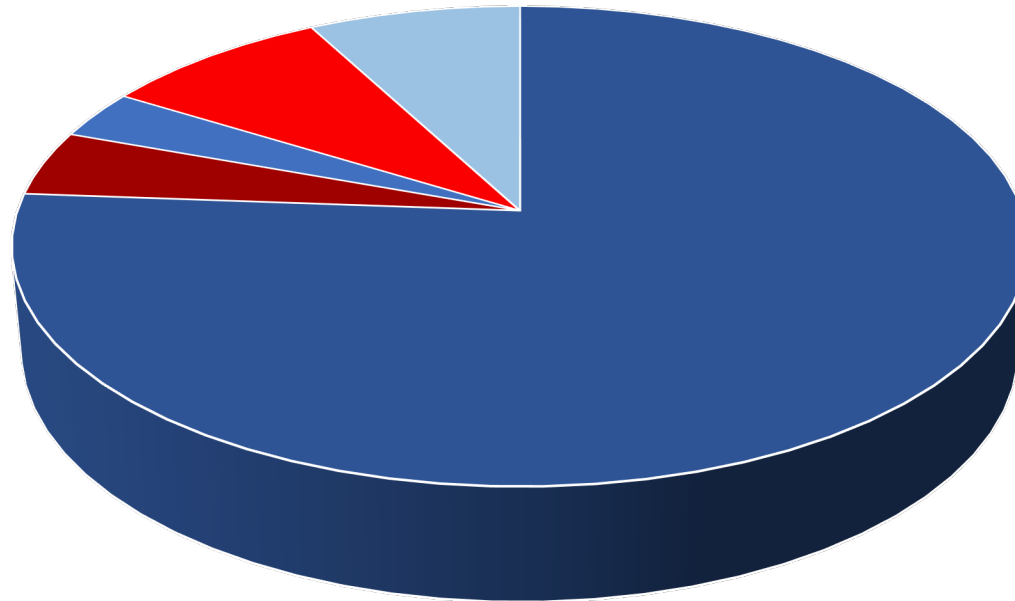
FY23 Total Donations: \$322.11

FY23 Total Grants: \$54,668

DISABLED VETERANS' REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION



797 Total Adjudications
22 Mar to 23 Apr 2024

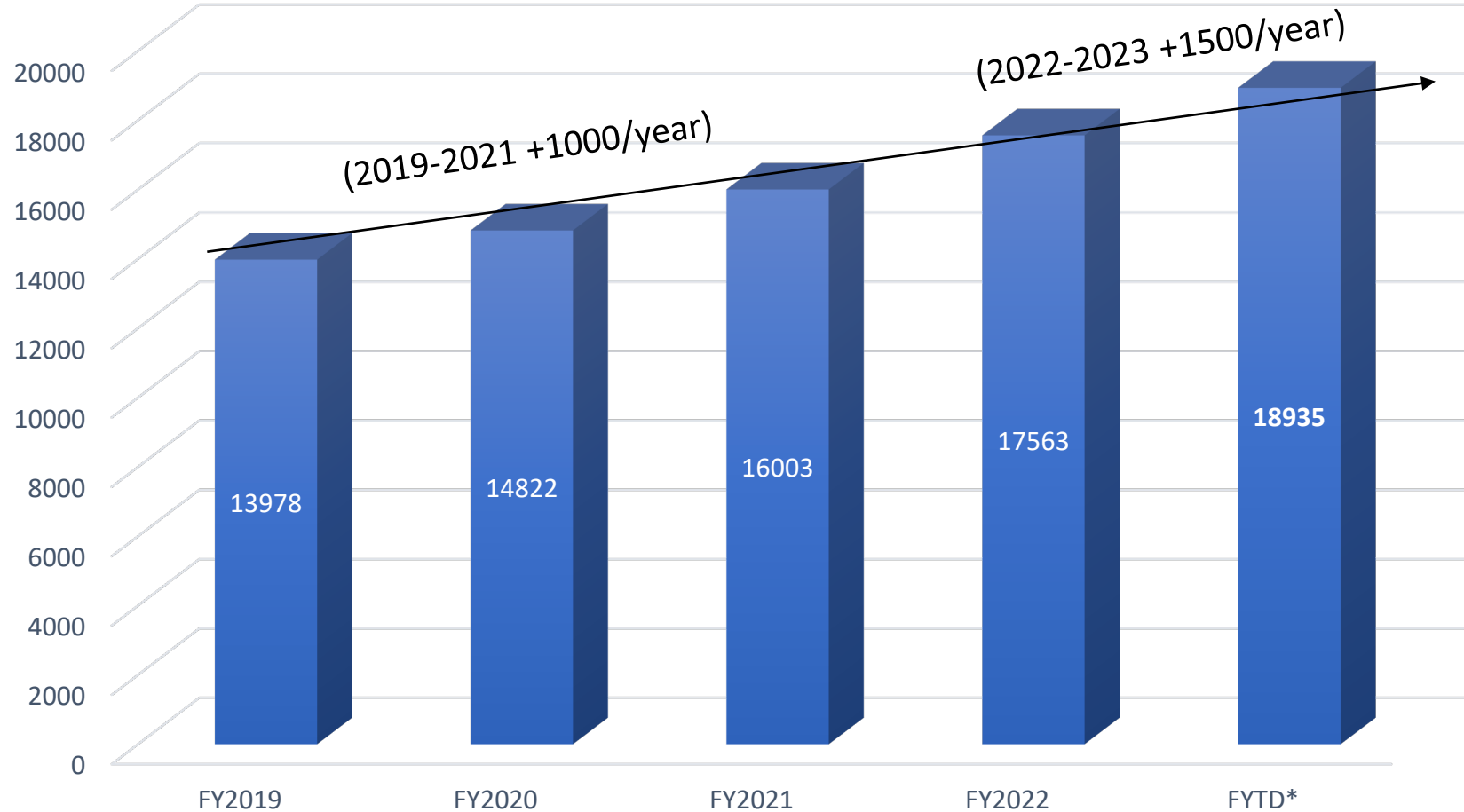


- 607 Approved (76%)
- 35 Denied: Financial Need
- 26 Denied: Eligibility*
- 67 Removed: Eligibility Change
- 62 Removed: No Response

*** 26 Applications Ineligible by Reason**

- 01 – Veteran did not have total or 100% permanent disability during lifetime
- 02 – Property not owned solely by Veteran or jointly/estate by entirety with spouse
- 18 – Veteran did not have service during a period of war or armed conflict
- 05 – Veteran's disability not rated 100% permanent due to future exams

DISABLED VETERANS' REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION



* Estimated **\$57.14M** in real estate tax exemptions to disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.



VISN 4

MR. TIM LIEZERT



VISN 4 Access – Fiscal Year 2024 Wait Times



Clinics FY24 thru APRIL 15	Number of Appointments	Average Wait
Mental Health	205,699	5.4
Primary Care	274,381	4.9
Specialty Care	564,202	10.0
Other	411,947	6.4
ALL	1,456,229	7.4

FY24 data updated 4/17/2024 with appointment info as of 4/15/2024.

VISN 4 Access – Current Average Wait Times



VISN 4 Facility	Primary Care	
	New Patients	Returning Patients
James E. Van Zandt VAMC	14	1
Abie Abraham HCC	11	1
Coatesville VAMC	22	9
Erie VAMC	18	3
Lebanon VAMC	10	4
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC	35	6
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (University Drive)	7	14
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (H.J. Heinz)	32	12
Wilkes-Barre VAMC	12	2
Wilmington VAMC	25	7

FY24 data updated 4/17/2024 with wait times as of 4/16/2024 for the last 30 days.

www.accesstocare.va.gov

May 2024 Update

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Improvements to the Access to Care website

Average wait times for all VHA medical centers and clinics are now calculated to include additional steps in the appointment process that had not been captured in the past.

- For **new patient** appointments, average wait time is calculated from the earliest time a request for care is consistently recorded in the scheduling system to the date the appointment is completed – or the date it is scheduled to occur if not yet completed.
- For **established patient** appointments, average wait times are measured from the date agreed upon between a Veteran and provider for future care and ends on the date care is received, or the date that care is scheduled to occur if it has not yet occurred.

The upgraded calculation makes the website more reflective of the complete process of requesting and receiving care. Averages are representative of general performance and may not represent individual experience. Average wait times are never used to determine eligibility for community care.

FY24 data updated 4/17/2024 with wait times as of 4/16/2024 for the last 30 days.

www.accesstocare.va.gov

VISN 4 Care in the Community



	Care in the Community Consults (Scheduled and Completed)	Non-VA Unique Patients*
FY22	168,182	89,683
FY23	190,812	99,167
FY24 (as of 4/17/24)	115,869	77,356

*Number of unique enrolled Veterans who receive community care at VA expense

FY24 data updated 4/17/2024 with consult info as of 4/17/2024.

CMS Star Ratings – Publicly Reported July 2023



Facility Name	Peer Grouping	Overall Star Rating	Hospital Summary Score
James E. Van Zandt VAMC	4	★★★	0.12
Lebanon VAMC	4	★★★★	0.33
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC	5	★★★★★	0.41
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (University Drive)	5	★	-1.31
Wilkes-Barre VAMC	4	★★★★	0.39
Wilmington VAMC	4	★★★	0.10

- The CMS Star ratings, available publicly, show 50% of applicable VISN 4 facilities performing at 4 or 5 stars (5 stars being the highest rating).
- Six facilities are included in star ratings due to number of patient discharges.
- CMS Star ratings update annually.

- 1 star facility trending ‘no different than the national rate’ in Patient Safety Measures
 - Indicates improved performance
- April 2024 CMS Preview report shows neutral performance compared to July 2023 release
 - Anticipate no change in overall star rating

Note: Reporting period of April 2024 preview reports Q3 2021 – Q2 2022

SAIL Radar



FY 24 Q1 Rank (FY23 Q4 Rank) • **Ranked out of 18 Total VISNs**

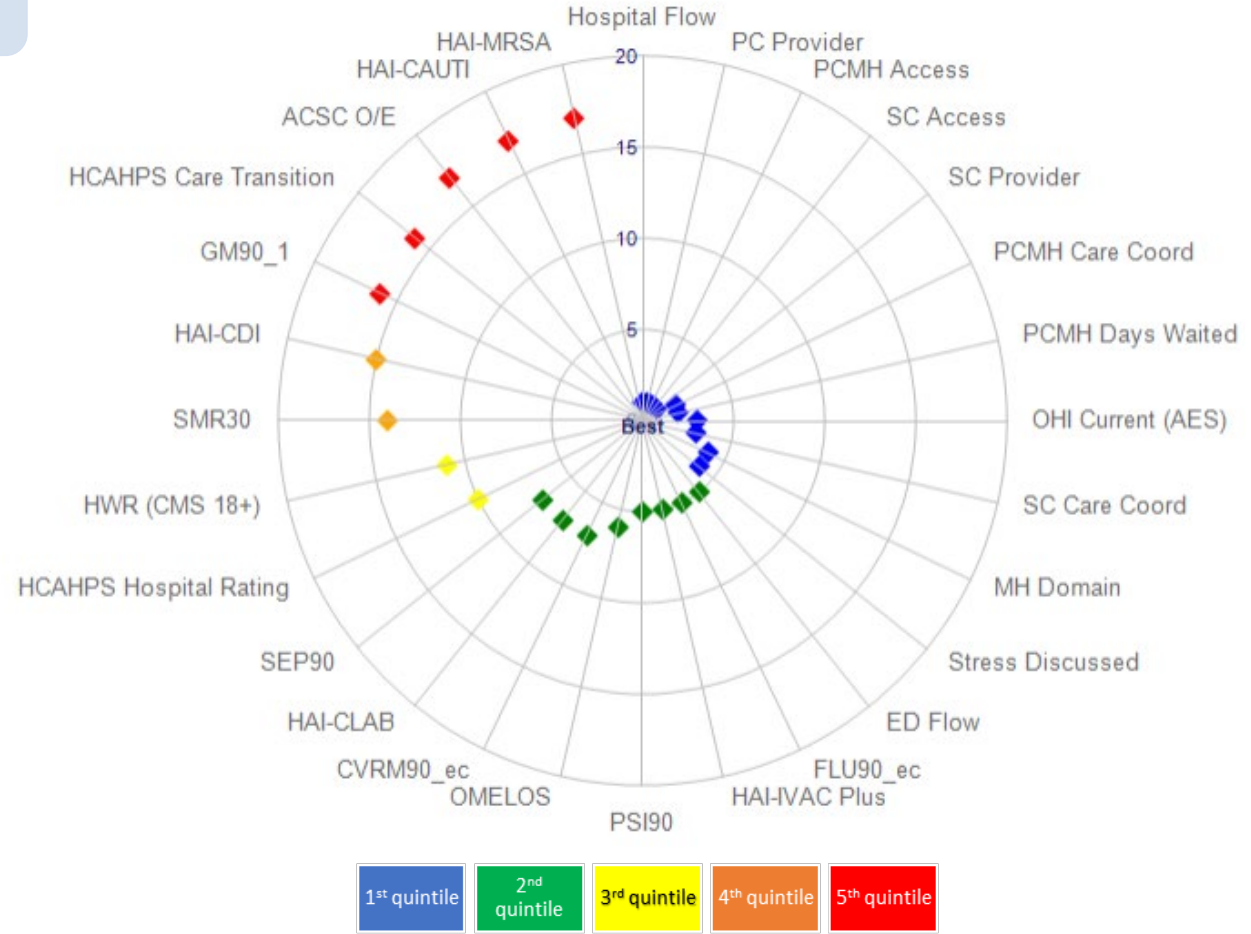
↓ Rank Improved = 7 (5)
↑ Rank Worse = 9 (10)
↔ No Change = 11 (12)

**Note – preferred direction in rank is down

4 Main Measures ranked **1st in performance** among 18 total VISNs

15 Main Measures in the **1st Quintile** among 18 total VISNs

VISN 4 (FY2024Q1) (Metric)



NEXT MEETING



**Friday June 7, 2024
at 10:00AM**

**Arrowheads Community Club
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003**

VISIT www.dmva.pa.gov/veterans/commissionsandcouncils FOR SVC INFO



VISN 4 Update

May 3, 2024

Leadership Update

Kathryn Barley is currently serving as the Acting Associate Director at the Lebanon VA.

Robert Wentling is currently serving as the Acting Assistant Director at Lebanon.

Paul Woodland, the Chief of Police at the Wilmington VA continues to serve as our Acting VISN 4 Security Officer.

Patient Experience Update- Trust

VISN 4 has consistently received the highest trust score in the nation at 94.5% and continues to trend up. Our network also has the highest number of compliments at 79.6% and the lowest number of concerns at 11%.

On April 17, the VA announced that Veteran trust in VA outpatient care has increased to 91.8%— up from 85.6% in 2018 (the first year since VA began conducting this survey). Veteran trust has increased during each of the past six years. This finding is based on a survey of more than 480,000 Veteran patients who received VA health care in the past 90 days. Within one week of using VA services, these Veterans were asked whether they trusted VA for their health care needs across a variety of categories — including scheduling an appointment, health care visits, in-person pharmacy, mail-order pharmacy, labs/imaging, and Veteran safety.

Six VISN 4 facilities (Butler, Altoona, Erie, Lebanon, Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre) were recognized for making the Top 25 VAMC's FY24 to date, in trust scores in VA among Veteran patients.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget

The Biden-Harris Administration [released the President's Budget for FY 2025](#) on March 11th. This budget proposes critical resources to help VA continue providing more care and more benefits to more Veterans than ever before.

President Biden has made supporting Veterans a key pillar of his Unity Agenda. During the Biden-Harris administration, VA has implemented the historic PACT Act, which expanded VA health care and benefits to millions of Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving; permanently housed more than 40,000 Veterans two years in a row; expanded life-saving support for Veterans at-risk of suicide; delivered an all-time yearly record number of health care appointments to Veterans; and much more.

This Budget demonstrates the Biden-Harris Administration's continued focus on ensuring Veterans have timely access to world-class care and benefits. [The total FY 2025 request for VA](#) is \$369.3 billion, a \$33 billion (+10%) increase above the fiscal year 2024 Budget estimate level. This includes a discretionary request of \$134.0 billion. The fiscal year 2025 mandatory funding request is \$235.3 billion, which includes \$24.5 billion from the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF), for a total increase of \$41.8 billion (21.6%) above fiscal year 2024.

The Budget makes critical, targeted investments in supporting Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. At VA, the Budget will:

Expand health care and benefits for Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving our country.

Support the delivery of health care for Veterans across America.

Prioritize mental health care and suicide prevention for Veterans.

Support health care for women Veterans.

Invest in claims processing and benefits delivery for Veterans.

VHA Hiring

Last year, we succeeded in our hiring goals in the Veterans Health Administration – growing at the fastest rate in 15 years and bringing in more than 61,000 employees – to prepare for an increase in VA health care enrollment among Veterans under the PACT Act. In total, VA now has more employees than ever before in our history, and VA's retention efforts also led to a 20% decrease in turnover rate among VA employees from 2022 to 2023. Because of these efforts, we are now able to deliver more high-quality care to more Veterans than ever before in our nation's history.

While we continue to strategically hire in several key areas, such as mental health care and in targeted locations (such as locations with ongoing increases in health care enrollees), we believe that we have the overall staffing we need to deliver for our nation's Veterans. We are also making adjustments to align our onboard staff with our updated budget picture.

Although we will not be hiring at the same rate we did last year, facilities will still have the authority and autonomy to implement appropriate practices that allow them to meet their goals and budget. There is no nationwide hiring freeze, and there will be no layoffs. We will also continue to do everything in our power to continue supporting our current workforce, who have so ably supported the Veterans through the last few challenging years.

PACT Act Update

Record health care enrollment:

VA announced on March 29th, that it [has enrolled 401,006 Veterans in VA health care over the past 365 days](#) — 30% more than the 307,831 it enrolled the previous year.

This historic enrollment has been made possible by the PACT Act which allowed VA to expand VA health care and benefits to millions of Veterans.

This is the most yearly enrollees in at least the past five years at VA, and nearly a 50% increase over pandemic-level enrollment in 2020.

The 2022 PACT Act expanded health care and benefits for millions of Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during their service, and their survivors – including many Vietnam-era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 Veterans.

[Veterans and their survivors have filed more than 1.5 million claims for toxic exposure-related benefits under the PACT Act](#) since President Biden signed it into law Aug. 10, 2022.

As of April 6, 2024, VA has processed more than 1,194,000 of these claims, granting 75.1% of them and awarding more than \$billion in earned benefits to Veterans and survivors.

As of April 7, 2024, VA has screened nearly 5.4 million Veterans for toxic exposures, with more than 44% of Veterans endorsing at least one potential exposure.

[VA's public-facing PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#) s published every other Friday and has the latest data and information on how VA is implementing the PACT Act.

The PACT Act is here to stay, and Veterans and survivors can file for benefits anytime. The sooner you file, the sooner you can start getting your earned benefits.

Connected Care Update

VISN 4 offers many different tools to support care in different settings. VA Video Connect (VVC) allows Veterans to be seen through video from the convenience of home

or work. Since October 1, 2023, nearly **25%** of VISN 4 patients have been served through VVC.

Patients sometimes just need to ask their providers questions, and they can send their providers secure messages without travelling into the medical centers and clinics. Since October 1, 2023, **83,000** VISN 4 Veterans have sent a secure message to their providers and care teams in our network. However, to send secure messages, Veterans need to have a premium My HealthēVet account. Veterans may contact their facility's My HealthēVet Coordinator or ask at the front desk when checking-in how they can upgrade to a My HealthēVet premium account.

Another benefit of the premium account is that Veterans may use "My VA Images" to send videos or pictures to their providers in safe and secure ways which may sometimes replace the need for an in-person appointment.

Providers can also support Veteran self-care through the Annie app. The Annie app uses text messaging to support Veterans in their care through many different protocols depending on the Veteran's diagnosis and needs. All these tools and applications help Veterans to access their care in the manner that is best for them.

Reproductive Health (In Vitro Fertilization) Policy Changes

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced on March 11, 2024, upcoming expansions in fertility care for Veterans. - [VA expands in vitro fertilization for Veterans - VA News](#)

Under these changes, VA will soon be able to provide in vitro fertilization (IVF) to eligible Veterans who are single, unmarried, and in same-sex marriages.

To be eligible for VA IVF services, Veterans continue to need an infertility diagnosis caused by a Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA)-adjudicated service-connected condition, or treatment of a VBA-adjudicated service-connected condition.

Under current law, VA is only authorized to pay for fertility services, including IVF, for lawful spouses of eligible Veterans.

VA will also be able to provide IVF to eligible Veterans using donated sperm, eggs, or embryos, obtained at the Veteran's own expense – a critical step toward helping Veterans who are not able to produce their own sperm or eggs due to service-connected injuries and health conditions.

VA is not authorized to pay for gestational surrogacy.

For Veterans who have a VBA-adjudicated service-connected condition resulting in their inability to procreate without the use of fertility, VA can reimburse adoption expenses up to \$2000.

VA is taking immediate steps to implement this policy and expects to be ready to deliver this care to Veterans nationwide in the coming weeks.

All Veterans enrolled in VA health care are eligible for a wide range of reproductive health services at VA – including maternity care, gynecology care, access to contraceptives, cervical cancer screening, menopause care, and more.

All enrolled Veterans are also eligible for fertility evaluation, management and select treatment for fertility conditions.

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Program

VA remains committed to successfully implementing the new federal electronic health record (EHR) across the VA enterprise.

The Federal EHR integrates with other health information technologies and will ultimately simplify the experience for Veterans and for VA staff; enhance standardization across the VA enterprise; and improve VA and Department of Defense's (DoD) interoperability with the rest of the U.S. health care system.

However, the Federal EHR is not yet meeting our expectations, for Veterans or clinicians, and we're holding ourselves and Oracle Health accountable to get this right.

That's why as part of a larger program Reset, VA has halted all work on future deployments of the Federal EHR, with the exception of a March 2024 deployment at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) in North Chicago, Illinois (a joint VA/DoD facility), while we prioritize improvements at the five sites that currently use the new system.

VA moved forward with deploying the Federal EHR at Lovell FHCC on March 9, 2024, despite pausing all other deployments under a program Reset, because it is a joint VA/DoD facility. This joint deployment allows all patients who visit the facility to be cared for using one system.

With the deployment at Lovell FHCC, the Federal EHR is now in use at six VA medical centers (VAMCs), 25 associated clinics and 104 remote services (such as VA call centers, consolidated patient accounting centers, clinical resource hubs and the like, which support the medical centers and clinics). Lovell FHCC marks the final deployment of the Federal EHR for DoD.

VA is seeing incremental progress in the program Reset but there is much work still ahead of us. We intentionally did not set a specific deadline to complete the Reset. Additional deployments will not be scheduled until VA is confident that the new EHR is highly functioning at current sites and ready to deliver for Veterans and VA clinicians at future sites. As the first deployment at a larger, more complex VA health facility, the experience at Lovell FHCC will help to better inform these decisions.

Authorized Monthly Status Report March 1 to 31 2024 Midnight

Delaware Valley Veterans' Home, Philadelphia PA - Margo Coleman - Commandant

Level of Care	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	171	155	16	91%	6%	0	4	61	28

Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center, Scranton PA - Vito Ruggiero - Commandant

Level of Care	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	196	165	31	84%	15%	5	7	21	23

Southwestern Veterans' Center, Pittsburgh PA - Barry Lowen - Intrim Commandant

Level of Care	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	236	149	87	63%	14%	11	6	24	12

Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, Hollidaysburg PA - Christina Dambeck - Commandant

Level of Care	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	257	181	76	70%	13%	10	9	13	7
Personal Care	167	73	94	44%		1	3	3	0
Total	424	254	170	60%		11	12	16	7

Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home, Erie PA - Cheri Spacht - Commandant

Level of Care	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	107	103	4	96%	11%	6	4	5	5
Personal Care	100	57	43	57%		0	0	4	0
Total	207	160	47	77%		6	4	9	5

Southeastern Veterans' Center, Spring City PA - Brian Gula - Commandant

Level of Care	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	238	181	57	76%	9%	6	1	58	10
Personal Care	54	38	16	70%		2	2	6	3
Total	292	219	73	75%		8	3	64	13

Summary / Pennsylvania Bureau of Veterans' Homes

Veteran Census/Events	Authorized Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Filled %	Non-Veteran Census %	Admissions	Discharges/Expirations	Attaining Adm Veteran	Attaining Adm Non-Veteran
Nursing Care	1205	1102	271	91%	11%	38	31	182	22
Personal Care	321	168	153	52%		3	5	13	3
Total	1,526	1270	424	83%		41	36	195	25

Veteran Status: Non-Veteran/Veteran	Male Vets	Male Non-Vets	Female Vets	Female Non-Vets	Total Vets	Total Non-Vets	Toatal Vets %	Total Non-Vet %	VH Totals
DVVH	143	1	3	8	146	9	94%	6%	155
GJMVC	138	0	3	24	141	24	85%	15%	165
SWVC	125	2	3	19	128	21	86%	14%	149
HVH	209	1	13	31	222	32	87%	13%	254
PSSH	137	2	6	15	143	17	89%	11%	160
SEVC	185	2	15	17	200	19	91%	9%	219
Totals	937	8	43	114	980	122	89%	11%	1102

Summary of Activity: 22 Mar - 23 Apr 2024

Applications Approved	607
New	367
Review	231

Applications Denied	190
Financial Need	34
Ineligible	27
No Response	67
Change of Eligibility	62

Over Income	55
New	45
Review	10

9%
12%
4%

Applications Created	510
Total Adjudicated	797