

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Annual Report 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010

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"Serving those who have served the Commonwealth and our great Nation."



KDVA Annual Report

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We are pleased to report that in fiscal year 2010 the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) continued to expand and improve our services to Kentucky's veterans and their families. This report documents that continuing progress and demonstrates that our work significantly benefits the Commonwealth as a whole by directly serving our patriotic veterans.

As of June 30, 2010, there were more than 340,000 veterans residing within the borders of the Commonwealth. KDVA serves the state's veterans in four primary areas of support: healthcare, benefits, cemetery operations and specialty programs. This structure parallels the administrative organization of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA.) This report provides details concerning each of these major service areas, as well as indicators of their effectiveness.

KDVA is committed to fulfilling its mission of taking care of Kentucky's veterans, their families and survivors as a result of their earned veteran status. Because of their dedicated and selfless service to our Commonwealth and Nation, our veterans deserve no less. This report reflects that commitment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Lucas".

Kenneth R. Lucas
Commissioner, KDVA

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INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

In 1998 Governor Paul Patton created the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) and charged the Department with helping veterans and their families obtain all federal, state and local veterans benefits to which they are entitled. The first commissioner began building a Department capable of significantly assisting Kentucky's large veteran population.

“Serving those who have served the Commonwealth and our great Nation”

KDVA's motto sums up its work: ensuring that Kentucky's veterans receive all the benefits and services they have earned. Today, the Department offers free services and benefits counseling provided by a network of experienced and dedicated paid staff, provides representation before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs during formal and informal hearings, and is operating three state-of-the-art veterans nursing homes. KDVA has opened the first three state veterans cemeteries, has a fourth about to begin construction and is developing a fifth. Responding to an unfilled need, in 2004 the department established a program to help homeless veterans.

MISSION

“Take care of Kentucky's 340,000 veterans and their 600,000 family members”

- *Ensure they receive federal, state and local veteran benefits*
- *Operate state veterans' nursing homes and veterans' cemeteries*



Veterans nursing home employee talks with one of our women veteran residents

The mission of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) is defined in KRS Chapter 40.310. The statute provides for services and support to the citizens of the Commonwealth who are veterans of military service, their families, dependents and/or survivors and like persons residing in other states. This group represents more than 20 percent of Kentucky's population.

To that end, we help veterans and their dependents in the presentation, proof and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights and other veteran benefits which they may have under federal, state or local laws. Those other benefits include access to veterans nursing homes, burial with honors in veterans cemeteries, counseling, and specific assistance for homeless veterans.

ORGANIZATION

In January, 2009, Governor Steve Beshear appointed Kenneth R. Lucas Commissioner of KDVA. Commissioner Lucas is the Executive Officer of the Department and has the responsibility of the overall operation.

The Commissioner, Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers (health services), cemetery services, and headquarters are located in Frankfort. The Field Operations headquarters is co-located with the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office in downtown Louisville. There are three major, distinct operational elements in the Department: field operations, healthcare services and cemetery services. Our organizational chart is in appendix 1.



*Kenneth R. Lucas
Commissioner, KDVA*

FIELD OPERATIONS

Our Field Operations Branch consists of 17 Field Offices strategically located throughout the state with Veterans Benefits Field Representatives (VBFR) located within each nursing home and one at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville. In FY 2008, KDVA reduced the number of field representatives and limited travel to 56 of Kentucky's 120 counties due to budget constraints. Nevertheless, every veteran requiring assistance receives it. Each of our 18 field representatives now serves approximately 18,000 veterans in seven counties.

See appendix 2 for a map of KDVA regions.

The Regional Administrators and VBFRs are the heart of the field operation. These dedicated men and women, most of whom are veterans themselves, provide counseling, advice and assistance to Kentucky's veterans. Each VBFR and Regional Administrator receives the professional training in veterans benefits required to competently assist veterans, their families and survivors.

The Field Operations Branch provides continuing education to staff to keep them abreast of the constantly changing rules and regulations governing benefits to members of the veterans community. The Regional Administrators have an in-depth knowledge of federal veterans' benefits law and unprecedented access to federal

benefits resources and personnel.

Their tenacity, written skill and verbal proficiency are vitally important to our effective representation of Kentucky's veterans. KDVA's staff, as accredited representatives by the VA, can represent veterans before the VA in formal and informal hearings.

VBFRs maintain regular and published office hours in each county, which they visit at least once a month. They maintain close liaison with County Judge-Executives, Mayors, local veterans organizations, other state and local agencies, and local media who may be in contact with veterans who require assistance. Paul Hartless, KDVA Staff Advisor and a U.S. Army retired first sergeant, is in charge of Field Operations. It is not unusual for the staff to be called upon to help at night, weekends or holidays. Assistance is always

KENTUCKY VETERANS CENTERS

KDVA provides health services through its Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers (OKVC).

The state's first veterans nursing home, Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (THVC), opened in August 1991. It is a 285-bed facility situated approximately 30 minutes south of Lexington in Wilmore, Kentucky.



*Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, Kentucky*

As of June 30, 2010, there were 257 residents at THVC.

Two new nursing homes in the Eastern and Western portions of the state opened in fiscal year 2002.

The first resident was admitted to the Western Kentucky Veterans Center (WKVC) on March 14, 2002. Admissions to the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (EKVC) began on March 21, 2002.



Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, Kentucky

WKVC and EKVC each contain 90 general admission beds, a 30-bed special care unit for those veterans suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia disorders.

As of June 30, 2010, there were 120 residents at WKVC and 119 at EKVC. Although the admissions lists at THVC and EKVC have steadily grown over the years, they are manageable; however the waiting list at WKVC remains well over 50 with a minimum of 38 waiting for the special-care unit.

The Department is expecting conditional approval from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for a 36-bed expansion at WKVC. In the meantime, our staff works to place veterans waiting for a bed at WKVC temporarily at EKVC or THVC to ensure all veterans in need of nursing home care receive it.

During the annual licensing and regulations survey, EKVC was free of deficiencies and both WKVC and THVC received only minor deficiencies. These outstanding results are good news for veterans and speak volumes about the hard work performed by the dedicated nursing home staff on a daily basis.

Details about all three state veterans nursing homes are in appendix 3.



*Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center,
Hazard, Kentucky*

OKVC Costs

Kentucky's Veterans Centers strive to contain costs as well as provide continued quality care to veterans. Daily cost of care (the cost of caring for one resident for one day) rose approximately \$1 from \$216 in FY 2009 to \$217 in FY 2010. That equates to a monthly cost of care of \$7,026 per resident.

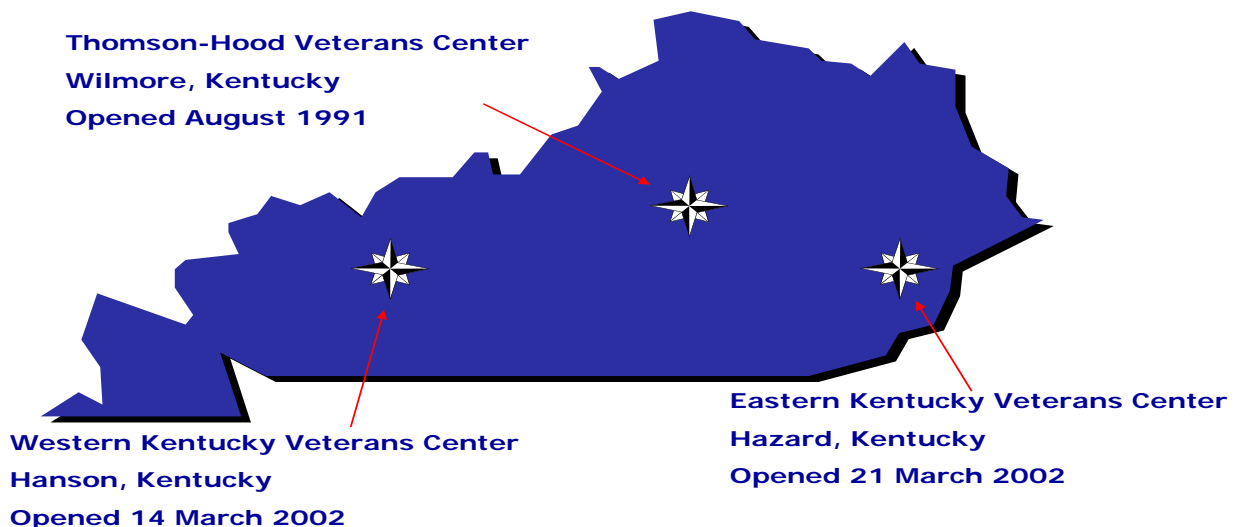
Charges to residents for care are on a sliding scale based on income. They range from zero for veterans with the lowest income to a maximum of \$3,500 per month. The average monthly charge per resident in FY 2009 was \$2,118.

Resident charges account for approximately one-third of the budget for the veterans centers. Another third of the budget comes from *per diem* payments from the USDVA, and the final third comes from state General Fund dollars.

David Worley, Executive Director of the OKVC, oversaw the operation of all three state veterans nursing homes. In addition, he monitored all veterans' health issues through a very close relationship with the eight USDVA Medical Centers which operate in and around Kentucky.



WKVC staff received the Governor's Ambassador Award to their dedicated efforts to maintain service during the January 2009 ice storm. While power was out for more than a week, facility generators kicked in immediately, and staff lived at WKVC round the clock to ensure residents were safe, secure and comfortable.



CEMETERY SERVICES

One of KDVA's early accomplishments was to determine the need for state veterans cemeteries in Kentucky. The USDVA funds 100 percent of construction and initial equipment for such cemeteries, and the state is responsible for continuous operating costs. KDVA applied for five new state veterans cemeteries, and in the summer of 1999, both the Governor and the USDVA approved the pre-applications.



The Honor Guard for a service at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.



One of Kentucky's first veterans buried at the cemetery in Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Our second state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, opened in Radcliff June 1, 2007. Retired Army First Sergeant Charles Heater serves as Director. After three years of operation, as of June 30, 2010, KDVA had interred 1,350 veterans and family members at KVCC.

Our third state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, opened in Williamstown August 22, 2008. Retired Army First Sergeant Al Duncan serves as Director of the facility. After 20 months of operation, as of June 30, 2010, KDVA had interred 252 veterans and family members at KVCN.

KDVA plans two additional cemeteries:

- KVC North East began construction in August 2009 on 75 acres off I-64 in Greenup County. It will open in September 2010.
- KVC South East will be located in Leslie County.

Appendix 4 of this report contains a map of cemetery locations and fact sheets concerning each cemetery.



Medals and flag at the service for an Iraq War combat veteran at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville

BURIAL HONORS

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs operates a Burial Honors Program to ensure veterans receive burial honors at interment. The program pays a stipend to Veterans Service Organizations and burial honors programs throughout the Commonwealth to help defer costs of performing honors. The program paid \$117,120 during FY 2010 to offset the cost to these volunteers who participate in this noble endeavor. As of June 30, 2010, KDVA has honored 12,294 veterans through this program. We continue to regularly receive stipend requests.

CEMETERY SERVICES—Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East

On Friday, September 10, 2010, Governor Steve Beshear will dedicate the state’s fourth veterans cemetery in Greenup County.

Guests at the ceremony, which is open to the public, will include Frank Salvias, Sr., the Director of the State Cemetery Grants Program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The USDVA paid the \$6.1 million cost of constructing and equipping KVCNE. The Commonwealth of Kentucky will pay operating and maintenance costs. Other state and local officials will also attend.



The completion of KVCNE gets KDVA four-fifths of the way toward its goal of completing five state veterans cemeteries in each region of the state: West, Central, North, Northeast and Southeast.

The state must acquire the land for the cemeteries and pay to operate them, but USDVA funds 100 percent of construction costs.



Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East

Groundbreaking

September 18, 2009



Governor Beshear Breaks Ground for Kentucky's Fourth State Veterans Cemetery

GREENUP, Ky. - Governor Steve Beshear ceremonially broke ground today on the Commonwealth's fourth state veterans cemetery in Greenup County.

"I am honored to be here to break ground for the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Greenup," said Gov. Beshear. "Today, we remember the brave men and women who have served our country in the armed forces, and we are also grateful for the hard work to the legislature and the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs for locating this property and obtaining the federal grant for this cemetery."

Governor Beshear also accepted a \$6.1 million check from Frank Salvas Sr., director of the State Cemeteries Grant Service of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for construction of Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (KVCNE).



Other speakers at the ceremony included Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore, and Senator Robin Webb, D-Grayson.

"I have worked for six years on this project and it is very exciting to have this ceremony to commemorate the beginning of construction and I look forward to watching the construction over the next year," said Rep. Pullin. "The veterans of our area will have a dignified resting place and a tribute to their service when this cemetery opens next year."

"I, along with Rep. Pullin and our regional delegation worked diligently to provide support for this project," said Sen Webb. "And today, I feel privileged to break ground on what I know will serve as a distinguished and honorable memorial for the laudable veterans of our Commonwealth."



HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2010, KDVA celebrated the fifth anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with the Volunteers of America.



As of June 30, 2010, the Leestown program had graduated 100 homeless and substance-abusing veterans to sobriety, stable housing and jobs. FY 2010 offered the continued success as 141 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the fourth year of operation with all 38 efficiency apartment units for homeless veterans fully occupied. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Because each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath males and females will use this facility.

The Interlink Counseling Services facility in Louisville continued the mission of serving homeless veterans maintaining a 93% capacity of the 85 male beds. Interlink also continues to operate the Landing Zone with five emergency housing beds that allows the program to take homeless veterans off the street. Prior to this addition veterans had enter one of the homeless programs for a brief period prior to admission. St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides 20 beds through the Grant & Per Diem for homeless veterans, and recently Wayside Christian Mission renovated facilities to provide transitional housing to 10 men, four women, and two family units. The family units are unique to the State of Kentucky and offer the opportunity for a male or female veteran to bring a spouse and children into the a G&PD-sponsored unit.

All the facilities offer, in addition to rooms and regular meals, multiple services, including:

- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Education referrals
- Employment and job training referrals
- Assistance with permanent housing.

Dr. Patrick McKiernan, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, is KDVA's Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator. He represents the agency on the Kentucky Council on Homeless Policy, which advises the Governor and his staff on homelessness and housing issues across the state. Dr. McKiernan also represents KDVA at the annual conference of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in Washington, D.C., and the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, which is the state's advocacy group for the homeless. Dr. McKiernan has worked with US DVA to establish the Homeless Veterans Coordination Committee to provide additional guidance and support to help homeless veterans. They convened the first meeting in March 2010.

KDVA has worked hard to coordinate efforts with the local VA Hospitals to assist Kentucky's homeless veterans. Along these lines KDVA in conjunction with the VA hospitals and other social and health services providers including the Kentucky Housing Corporation hosted four Stand Downs providing information and referrals for Homeless Veterans in Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, Louisville, KDVA has been successful in helping veterans get off the streets into housing or some treatment facility.



Homeless Veterans Transition Program graduate David Holland, with his Bachelor's Degree from WKU.

Tonight there will be 800 – 1,200 veterans sleeping on the streets of the Commonwealth.

HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund (HVTF) seeks to prevent homelessness among veterans and help homeless veterans return to permanent housing quickly. It provides small, one-time cash grants for rent deposits, utility payments and other housing-related expenses.

The HVTF represents a beacon of hope to veterans who otherwise would slip into or remain in a state of homelessness.

FY 10 Milestones

Total Expenditures \$59,888

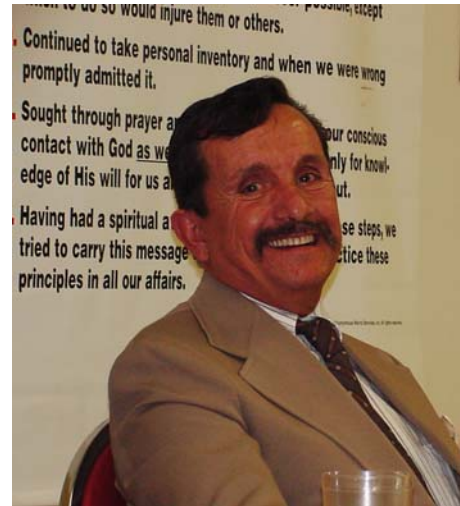
Average Amount of Assistance \$307

Assisted 195 Veterans and families

127 veterans received rent assistance

68 veterans received utility assistance

3 homeless veterans events sponsored



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2010

Starting Balance	34,906.12
Income	
Donations	897.07
From Veterans Program Trust Fund	50,000.00
From KDVA (General Fund)	3,000.00
Interest Income	67.75
Total Income	53,964.82
Total Assistance Granted	59,887.98
End of Year Cash Balance	28,982.96

KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund (KVPTF) supports veteran-related programs for which there are no appropriated funds. Funding sources include:

- Contributions from taxpayers who use the veterans check-off on their tax returns to donate a portion of their income tax refund.
- Five dollars from each initial purchase and renewal of a veteran or military related license plate.
- Donations directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund.

During the 2005 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, House Bill 134 was passed into law. This legislation allows all citizens, veteran or not, to contribute to the Veterans Program Trust Fund through county clerk offices. In response to the new law, the Kentucky County Clerks Association approved the Help A Veteran Everyday (H.A.V.E.) program to encourage citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office.

Examples of how Veterans Program Trust Fund money has been used include:

- Major contribution to start and maintain Honor Flights to take Kentucky World War II veterans to visit the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.
- Purchase of vans to transport veterans to VA healthcare facilities
- Purchase of land for a state veterans cemetery
- Contributions to install an eternal flame atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Campbell
- Purchase of a mobile office for outreach to homeless veterans
- Paying the cost of first year operation of Homeless Veteran Transition Facility
- Contribution to bring the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus to perform a public concert in Central Ky.



In May 2007, the students in Lynn Settles technology class at Jessamine County Middle School built special display boxes for the long-delayed medals presented to veterans at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore. The Veterans Program Trust Fund paid for the materials, but the students donated their time and skills. Less than \$800 paid for the wood, felt, paint and hardware for 65 boxes presented in formal ceremonies at THVC.

But the results - to honored veterans, to their families in the audience, to the students who got to meet and learn from the veterans who received the medals - were priceless.

WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM

From the founding of our nation, women have protected America's freedom and continue to do so in ever increasing numbers. Women veterans remain historically under-represented in obtaining available benefits and may be more reluctant than their male counterparts to embrace their status as veterans.

Too many times this segment of our veteran population is overlooked because of a long-outdated stereotype that associates “veterans” with men. The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs has made it one of our goals to modernize that paradigm ...because ***she served too!***

In October 2004, KDVA appointed its first Women Veterans Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. KDVA launched the Women Veterans Program in March of 2005 and two months later held Kentucky’s first Women’s Veteran’s Conference.



“Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom. That our resolve was just as great as the brave men who stood among us. And with victory our hearts were just as full and beat just as fast - that the tears fell just as hard - For those we left behind.”

Army Nurse WWII

In April 2007, KDVA and VAMC Lexington sponsored the first Kentucky Women Veterans Health Care and Benefits Bazaar.

MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of the Kentucky Women Veterans Program shall be to ensure that Kentucky's women veterans have equal access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits. The goals are to:

- Perform outreach to improve women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans services and benefits;
- Assess the needs of women veterans with respect to improve the Women Veterans Program;
- Make recommendations to the Commissioner to improve benefits and services;
- Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address or meet the needs of Kentucky's women veterans;
- Incorporate women veterans' issues in the Department's strategic planning; and
- Participate in National forums and committees for women veterans.

The program shall provide assistance to women who served in the United States Armed Forces or in forces incorporated as part of the United States Armed Forces, and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

From the storm lashed decks of the Mayflower...to the present hour; women have stood like a rock for the welfare and the glory of the history of the country, and one might well add...unwritten, unrewarded, and almost unrecognized.”
Clara Barton, February 1911

LEGISLATION

The 2010 General Assembly approved eight bills related to KDVA's mission.

Free 3-Night Stay in KY State Parks for 100% Disabled Veterans

WKVC Renamed

The Hanson facility is now the Eddie Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center, in honor of Rep. Joseph "Eddie" Ballard.

Beginning July 14, 2010 the Kentucky Department of Parks will offer qualifying military veterans three free nights of accommodations per year at any Kentucky State Park lodge, cottage or campground.



Veterans Preference Restored

This law restores Veterans Preference in state hiring by requiring agencies to include up to five veterans among applicants who are interviewed.

Rep. Charles Siler, of Williamsburg, introduced legislation that created the benefit during the 2010 session of the General Assembly. The state parks department worked with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to develop the implementation process for veterans who qualify as 100 percent totally and permanently disabled in connection with service-related incidents.

State Parks Commissioner Gerry van der Meer said the department is happy to provide this opportunity to this group of veterans who gave so much for their nation.

"This is a small but nice way we can show our gratitude to these dedicated people," he said. "We hope that each one enjoys the beauty of Kentucky's State Parks as a token of the recognition of their sacrifice."

Identify Combat Veterans in Court

Too often, combat veterans with TBI or PTSD are not identified as such in court hearings.

This law requires pre-trial investigation to ask whether an individual has served in combat. If so, the veteran may be eligible for psychological counseling.

Under the law, qualified veterans who provide a letter that supports their disabled status and show proof of Kentucky residency may take advantage of free accommodations at any of the 17 resort parks or 31 campgrounds.

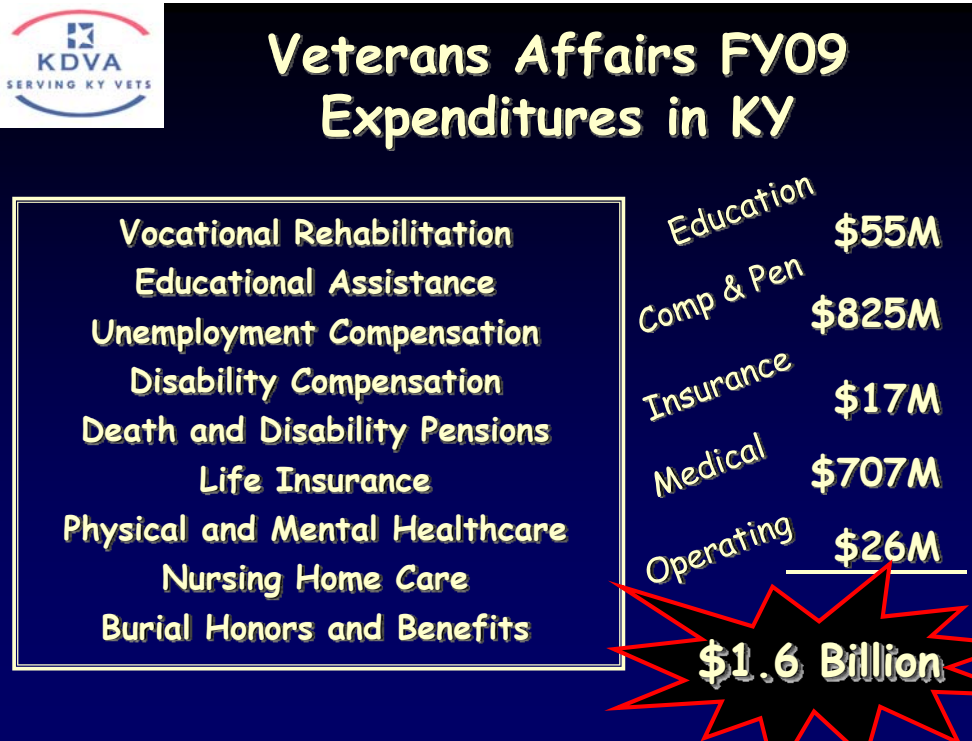
New Veterans License Plates

New laws signed by Governor Beshear:

- Create a Gold Star Father license plate for the fathers of children killed in military service
- Creates a special license plate for recipients of the Silver Star or the Bronze Star for Valor.
- Allows veterans to purchase an unlimited number of military license plates.
- Permits the surviving spouse to retain a recipients Purple Heart license plate.

FIELD OPERATIONS

In federal FY 09 the US Department of Veterans Affairs expended **1.6 billion dollars** in Kentucky. Thanks to the hard work of the employees of KDVA's Field Operations Branch, Kentucky's veterans and their dependents received \$825 million in direct monetary benefits.

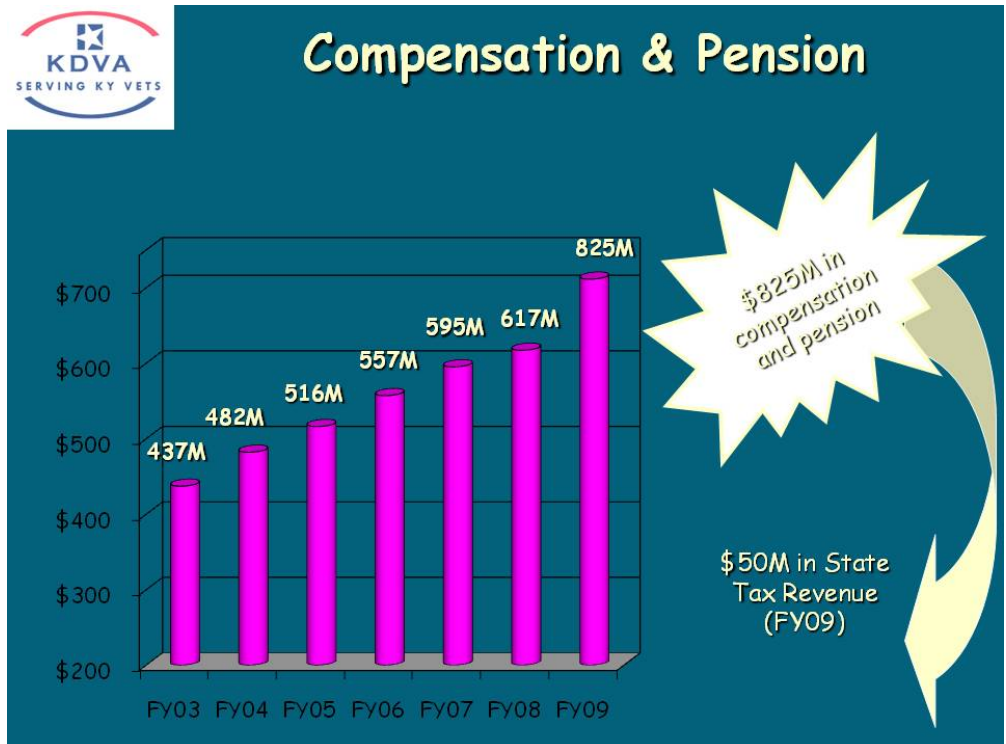


The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of the Inspector General released a study of the effect of veterans' advocates (state benefit representatives as well as benefit officers from Veteran Service Organizations) on the amount of benefits veterans received.

It found that in Kentucky, veterans who had an advocate received an average of \$7,000. per year more than veterans who file for benefits themselves.

KDVA's annual budget of only \$1.6 million (Headquarters, Field Operations and Cemetery Services) has proven to be a huge financial bargain to Kentucky as indicated above, and at the same time, has helped our veterans and their families obtain benefits they deserve.

In Fiscal Year '09, the Kentucky State Treasury took in more than \$50 million in tax revenue from the \$825 million in compensation and pension paid to Kentucky's veterans.

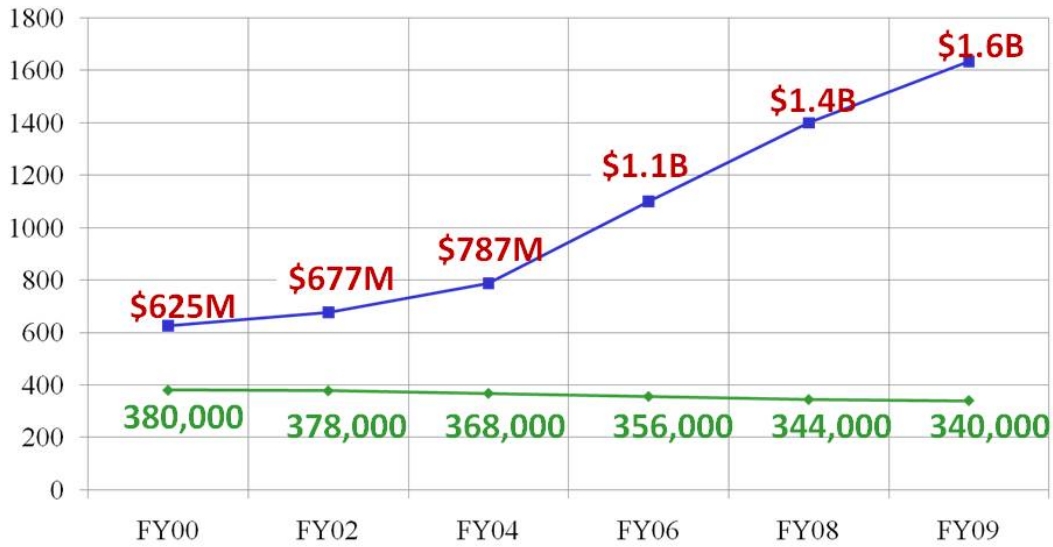


Kentucky Veteran Population

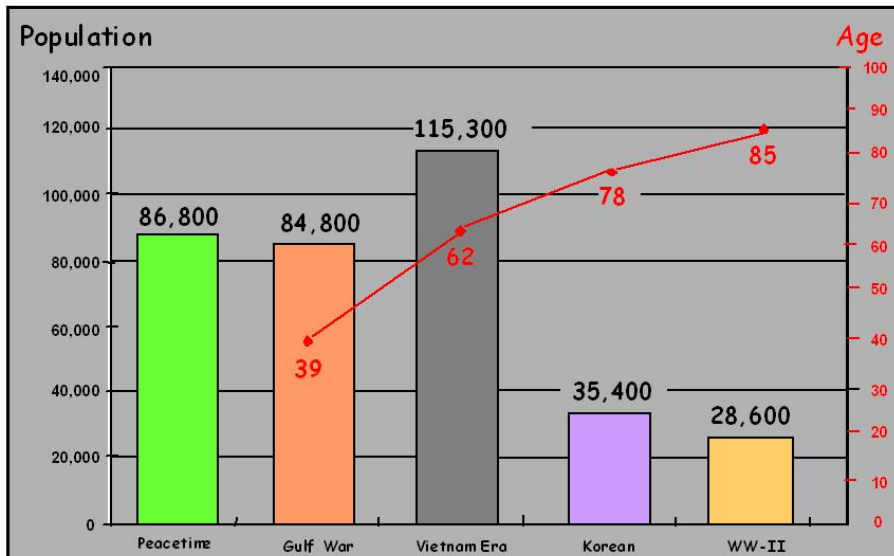


Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX)

Total Expenditure in KY vs. Veteran Population



Kentucky Veteran Population by War Era (344K)



Each sum includes veterans who have served in multiple war periods. Source: VA VetPop2008

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Statement Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, FY 2009		
Source of Funds	Enacted Budget	Actual
General Fund		
Enacted	18,783,200	18,783,200
Budget Reductions		(1,959,100)
Total General Fund	18,783,200	16,824,100
Restricted Funds		
Balance Forward	-	99,768
Cemeteries Receipts	159,500	270,339
OKVC Receipts	26,800,200	30,345,769
Non-revenue receipts	-	(885,800)
	26,959,700	29,830,076
Total Funds Available	45,742,900	46,654,176
Use of Funds		
By Fund		
General Fund	18,783,200	16,824,100
Cemetery Restricted Funds	159,500	150,496
Nursing Home Restricted Funds	26,800,200	28,028,226
Total KDVA	45,742,900	45,002,822
By Class		
Personnel	38,917,000	37,307,973
Operating	6,481,100	7,472,965
Grants, Loans, and Benefits	337,500	221,883
Capital Outlay	7,300	-
	45,742,900	45,002,822
By Unit		
Commissioner's Office, Field Ops, Cemeteries	3,997,300	4,153,996
Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers	41,745,600	40,848,826
Total KDVA	45,742,900	45,002,822
Funds to Carry into FY 2011	-	1,651,354

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Personnel Data - Staffing as of 30 June 2010:

Office of the Commissioner

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Commissioner	1
Deputy Commissioner	1
Executive Advisor	1
Staff Attorney	1
Staff Assistant	1
Human Resources Branch Manager	1
Internal Policy Analyst	1
Human Resources Administrator	1
Network Analyst	1
Administrative Specialist	1
Executive Secretary	1
Information Officer	1
Totals	12



Field Operations Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	1
Veterans Benefits Regional Administrators	4
Administrative Specialist	1
Veterans Benefits Field Representative	18
Totals	24

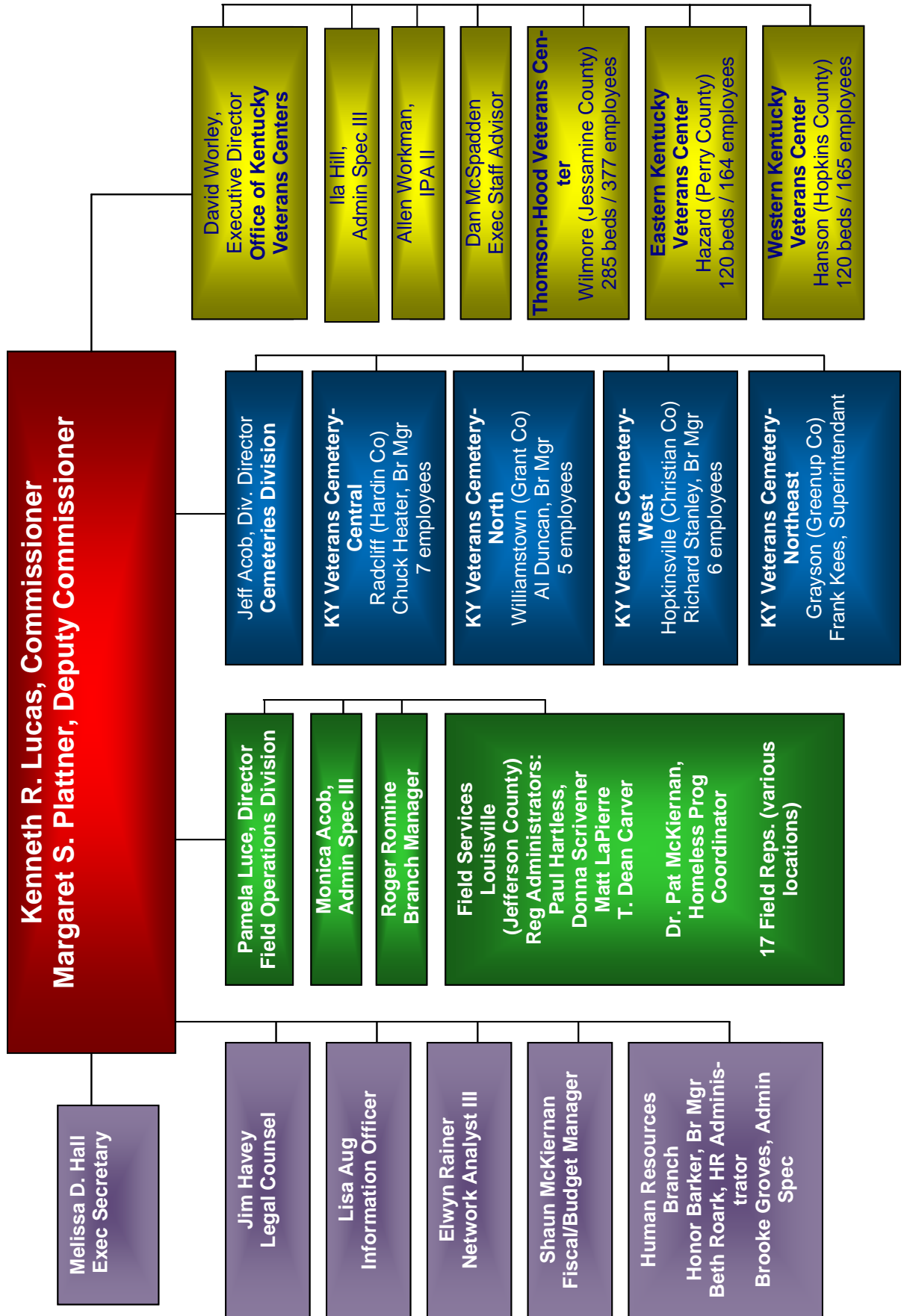
Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers

	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
OKVC Headquarters Staff	4
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center	370
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center	157
Western Kentucky Veterans Center	162
Totals	693

Cemeteries Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	3
Cemetery Superintendent	4
Administrative Specialist	3
Cemetery Caretakers	9
Totals	19

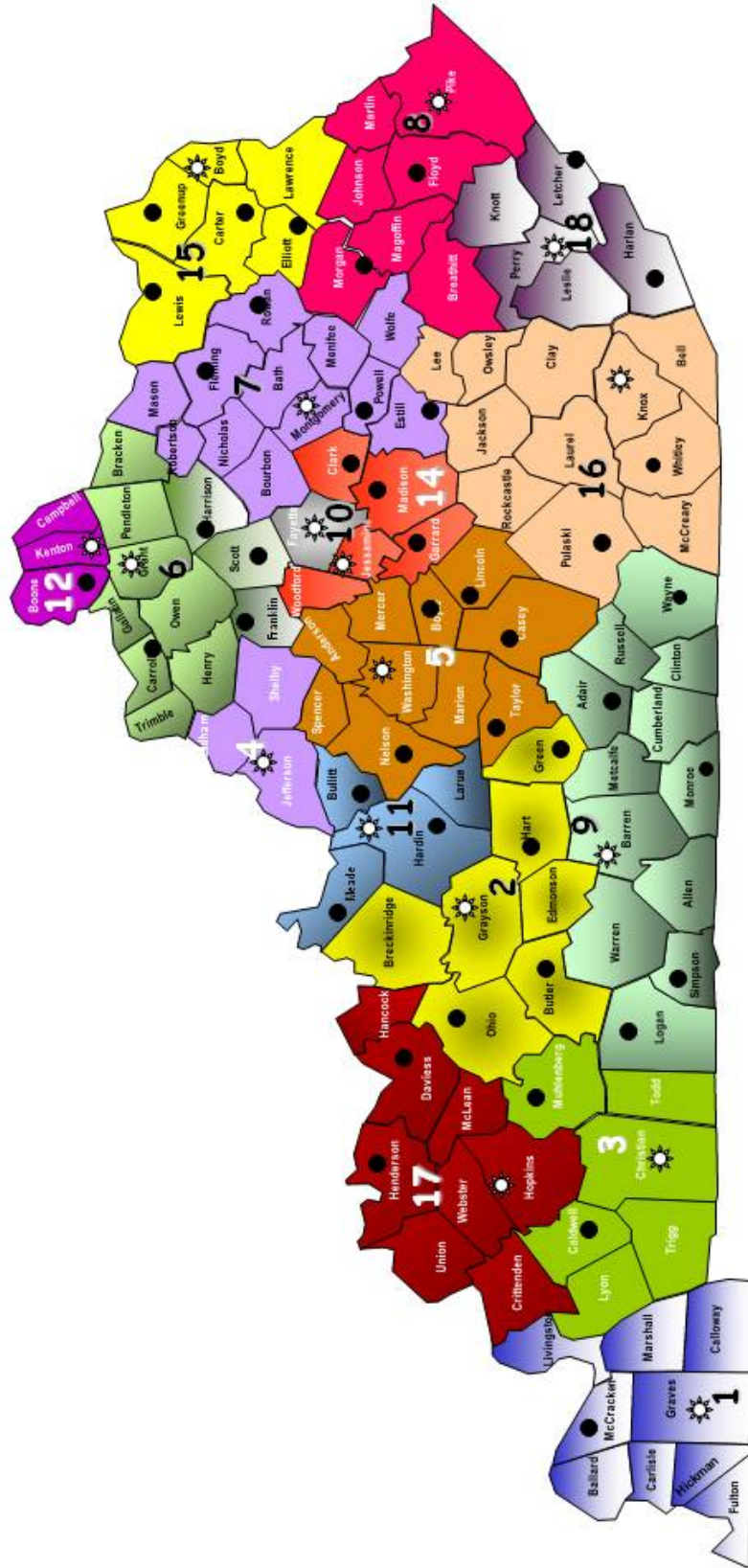
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS





KDVA Field Operations

19 Field Representatives in 17 Regions



- ⚙ Denotes VBFR home office
- Denotes VBFR out-station

June 30, 2010



FACT SHEET
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, Kentucky

June 30, 2008

Size: Approximately 180,000 square feet with appropriate parking and grounds. Additionally, a warehouse and pavilion were incorporated into the design. The facility is three floors. A \$2.8 million renovation project moved the specialty care unit to the first floor and provided a new kitchen.

Occupancy: 240 semi-private beds for general admission and 45 private beds for residents needing special care, such as those afflicted with Alzheimer's.

Staff: Currently 369 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$17.1 million.

Services: Physician, Nursing, Rehabilitation, Therapy, Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Services, Administration, Pharmacy, Security, and Maintenance.

Qualifications for Admission: Be a veteran with other than a dishonorable discharge and a resident of the state before submitting an application. Residents are charged a reasonable monthly fee based on the veteran's assets and income.

Opened: August 1991



FACT SHEET
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center
Hazard, Kentucky

June 30, 2007

Size: Approximately 90,000 square feet with appropriate parking and grounds. Additionally, a warehouse and pavilion were incorporated into the design. The facility is two floors with two 45-bed units and one 30-bed unit.

Occupancy: 120 beds with 90 semi-private beds for general admission and 30 private beds for residents needing special care, such as those afflicted with Alzheimer's.

Staff: Currently 150 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$7.9 million.

Services: Physician, Nursing, Rehabilitation, Therapy, Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Services, Administration, Security, and Maintenance.

Qualifications for Admission: Be a veteran with other than a dishonorable discharge and a resident of the state before submitting an application. Residents are charged a reasonable monthly fee based on the veteran's assets and income.

Cost of construction and initial equipment: ~\$15.9 million with the state providing 35% and the federal government providing 65%.

Opened: Construction completed **January 2002**, first resident admitted on **March 21, 2002** and the facility was dedicated on **May 9, 2002**.



FACT SHEET
Western Kentucky Veterans Center
Hanson, Kentucky

June 30, 2007

Size: Approximately 86,000 square feet located on one-floor with appropriate parking and grounds. A warehouse and pavilion have been incorporated into the design.

Occupancy: 120 beds with 90 semi-private beds for general admission and 30 private beds which will be used for special care residents, such as those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.

Staff: Currently 167 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$7.9 million.

Services: Physician, Nursing, Rehabilitation, Therapy, Dietary, Recreational Therapy, Social Services, Administration, Pharmacy, Security, and Maintenance.

Qualifications for Admission: Be a veteran with other than a dishonorable discharge and a resident of the state before submitting an application. Residents are charged a reasonable fee per month based on the veteran's assets and income.

Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$14.2 million with the state providing 35% and the federal government providing 65%.

Opened: Completed **December 2001**, first resident admitted on **March 14, 2002** and the facility was dedicated on **April 18, 2002**.

A Final Resting Place Of Dignity and Honor



Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries

KVC Central - Radcliff

- \$8.5M Grant Awarded Jan 2006
- ~98 acres
- Burials began 1 Jun 2007
- 1,350 Interments since opening

KVC North - Williamstown

- \$8.2M Grant Awarded Mar 2008
- ~99 acres
- Burials began 22 Aug 2008
- 252 Interments since opening

KVC West- Hopkinsville

- \$6.2M Grant awarded 11 Sep 2002
- 85 acres
- Burials began 1 Mar 2004
- 1,433 Interments since opening

KVC N.East - Greenup

- \$6.1 M Scope
- Phase A Approved
- Dedication Sept. 2010



★ Denotes National Cemeteries with space remaining

KVC S.East - Leslie

- \$6.0 M Scope
- \$200K in FY08 Budget
- Completion 2012**

** Date Tentative

FACT SHEET
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery–North East
Site TBA

Size: Approximately 75 acres located in Greenup County, approximately one half-mile north of U.S. Highway 64 at the Boyd, Carter and Greenup County border. Construction will include an administration building (~3,600 square feet), a maintenance building (~4,400 square feet) with service area, committal facility and a columbarium. Appropriate parking, road network, walking path and landscaping commensurate with the dignity and honor for a state veteran's cemetery.

Projected use: Complement to National Cemetery System, improve service to veterans and their eligible family members, and provide service to remote locations. We are striving to meet a 75-mile radius of coverage. The cemetery will serve veterans in northeastern Kentucky as well as veterans in western West Virginia and southeastern Ohio.

Staff: Estimate four employees with an annual facility projected operating costs of \$450,000.

Services: Total interment services include:

- Furnishing grave or columbarium space
- Opening and closing the grave
- Providing the interment site with perpetual care
- Supplying a suitable marker or headstone

Qualifications for Interment: Burial in a state veteran's cemetery is based on military service. The eligibility criteria are the same criteria for burial in VA national cemeteries. Requests for interment will be directed to staff at the cemetery where burial is sought.

Estimated Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$7.3 Million scope. State will incur acquisition costs prior to construction.

Projected Schedule:

Site Selection: **Complete**

Architect/engineer firm selected: February 2009

Phase A Master Planning: **April 2009**

Phase B Design Development and Construction Estimate: **May 2009**

Phase C Contractual Development: **June 2009**

Bid/Award Contract completed: **July 2009**

Construction completed: **Estimated August 2010**

FACT SHEET

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery–South East
Site TBA (FAI No. KY-99-03)

Size: Approximately 40 acres located in eastern Kentucky. Construction will include an administration building (~3,600 square feet), a maintenance building (~4,400 square feet) with service area, committal facility and a columbarium. Appropriate parking, road network, walking path and landscaping commensurate with the dignity and honor for a state veteran's cemetery.

Projected use: Complement to National Cemetery System, improve service to veterans and their eligible family members, and provide service to remote locations. We are striving to meet a 75-mile radius of coverage.

Staff: Estimate four employees with an annual facility projected operating costs of \$400,000.

Services: Total interment services include:
Furnishing grave or columbarium space
Opening and closing the grave
Providing the interment site with perpetual care
Supplying a suitable marker or headstone

Qualifications for Interment: Burial in a state veterans cemetery is based on military service. The eligibility criteria are the same criteria for burial in VA national cemeteries. Requests for interment will be directed to staff at the cemetery where burial is sought.

Estimated Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$6.0 Million scope. State will incur acquisition costs prior to construction.

Projected Schedule:

Site Selection: **TBA**

Architect/engineer firm selected: **TBA**

Phase A Master Planning: **TBA**

Phase B Design Development and Construction Estimate: **TBA**

Phase C Contractual Development: **TBA**

Bid/Award Contract completed: **TBA**

Construction completed: **Estimated 2012**

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Program Trust Fund

Fiscal Year 2010 (July 2009 - June 2010) Summary

Fund Balance, Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 600,065.93
Receipts:	
License Plate Fees	\$ 352,113.74
Tax Check-off	46,518.81
Miscellaneous Donations	20,374.60
KY Veterans Cemeteries' Donations	6,705.48
Kentucky Veterans Center Donations	2,748.94
Ernie West/John Collier Memorial Donation	2,700.00
Interest Income	2,506.57
HAVE Donations - checks sent to Frankfort	615.52
Homeless Veterans Donations	30.00
Womens Veterans Donations	10.00
Revenue correction (addressing prior year deposit)	(13,500.00)
Total Receipts:	420,823.66
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$ 1,020,889.59
Expenditures:	
Allocation to Cemeteries' Fund	\$ 80,329.00
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	50,000.00
Incarcerated Veterans Program/ VOA	45,836.00
Interlink	35,000.00
Burial Honors Program	30,000.00
American Legion's Kentucky Boys State	20,000.00
American Legion Post 73 (Van)	16,050.00
Honor Flight	15,000.00
American Legion Auxillary (Healing Fields)	13,675.00
Audit (required annually)	10,670.40
AMVETS National Convention	10,000.00
Printing of Benefits Branch booklets	9,917.55
Christian County/Hopkinsville War Memorial	7,000.00
Irrigation Project at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center	6,800.00
Eastern Ky Veterans Center JECVO lawn vehicle	5,000.00
Irvington City Hall Veterans Memorial	5,000.00
West/Collier Memorial Fund	3,975.00
Brick Markers	2,504.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 366,757.45
Fund Balance	\$ 654,132.14
State Veterans Cemeteries Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 80,329.00
Additional Donations	14,368.80
Interest	1.59
Total	\$ 94,699.39
Expenditures	\$ 7,351.30
Ending Balance	\$ 87,348.09
Balance (Veterans Trust Fund + Cemeteries Trust)	\$ 741,480.23

“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

– George Washington

(attributed)



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