

# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



## Annual Report 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012

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



# KDVA Annual Report

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### Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Report 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) continued to provide the highest -quality 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, 2012, there were more than 334,000 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”

The KDVA motto identifies the Department's critically important mission: 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. It will begin construction on the fourth nursing home in 2013. KDVA has opened the first four state veterans cemeteries, and is developing a fifth. Responding to an unfilled need, in 2004 the department established a program to help homeless veterans. It has also named a Women Veterans Coordinator to reach out to that underserved population.

## MISSION

*“Take care of Kentucky's 334,000 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 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.. 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.

There are three principal areas of responsibility in the Department: (1) field operations and its state-wide network of field benefit counselors; (2) healthcare services provided by state veterans nursing homes in Hazard, Wilmore, and Hanson, with a planned fourth home in Radcliff; and (3) cemetery services through state veterans cemeteries located in Christian, Hardin, Grant, and Greenup counties, with a planned Southeast cemetery.



*Kenneth R. Lucas  
Commissioner, KDVA*

The headquarters offices for all of KDVA is located at 1111B Louisville Road, Frankfort. The Commissioner and his staff are located here. This includes the Deputy Commissioner, the heads of the cemetery and nursing home operations, the KDVA human resources branch, and other support staff. The Field Operations branch's central office is located 321 W. Main Street, Ste. 390, Louisville.

## **FIELD OPERATIONS**

The Field Operations Branch is headed by an executive advisor with a staff in Louisville. The state-wide network includes four regional managers and 20 field representatives. Using this model, and with field benefit offices in seventeen locations throughout the state, assistance is provided to every veteran in need. It is estimated that each of the seventeen field office serves as many as 18,000 veterans.



The Regional Administrators and VBFRs are the heart and soul of the field operation. These dedicated men and women, most of whom are veterans themselves, provide counseling, advice and assistance to Kentucky's veterans.

All regional administrators and all of the field representatives receive in-depth training to assist in providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

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 min 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 available.

In federal FY 2011 the US Department of Veterans Affairs expended **1.7 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 \$1.99 billion in direct monetary benefits.



## Veterans Affairs FY11 Expenditures in KY

Vocational Rehabilitation  
 Educational Assistance  
 Unemployment Compensation  
 Disability Compensation  
 Death and Disability Pensions  
 Life Insurance  
 Physical and Mental Healthcare  
 Nursing Home Care  
 Burial Honors and Benefits

Education \$115M  
 Comp & Pen \$1.7 B  
 Insurance \$18 M  
 Medical \$745M  
 Operating \$330M  


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**\$1.9 Billion**

According to the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Veterans Affairs:

“Study after study shows that veterans with representation have a greater chance at recovering their earned benefits than if they are not represented by a VSO, agent, or attorney.”

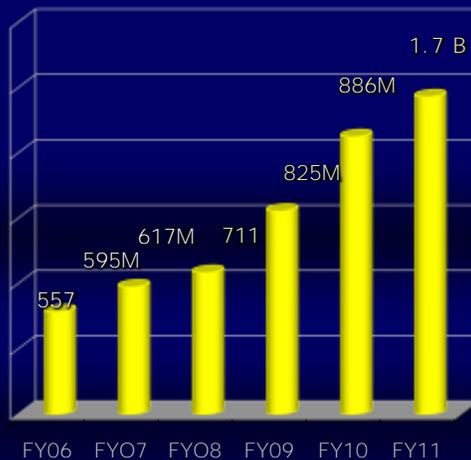
KDVA benefits representatives do not charge veterans for their services.

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.

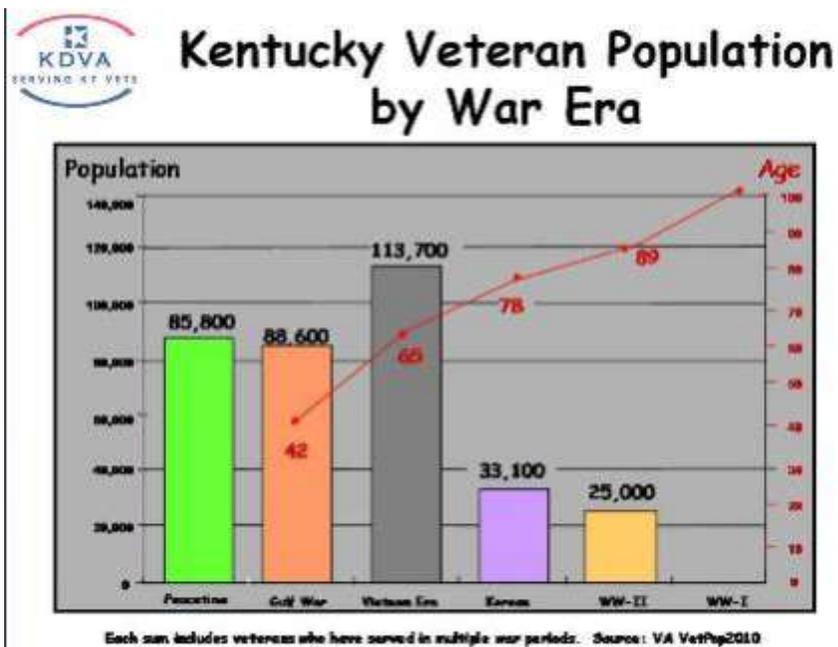
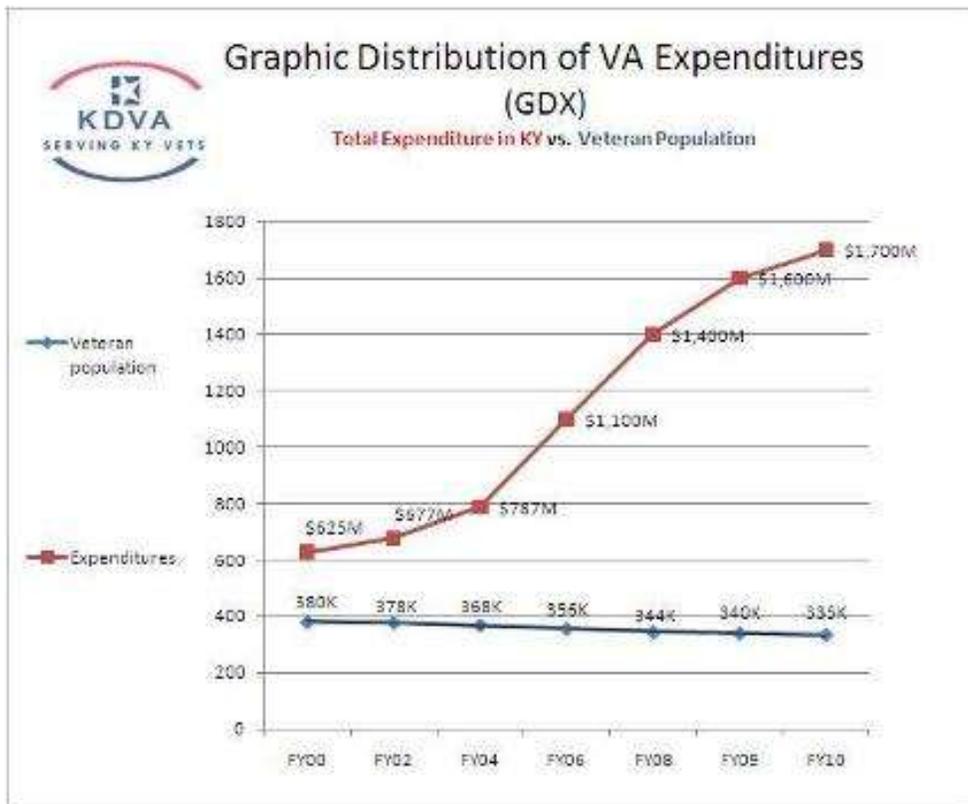
In FY 11, the Kentucky State Treasury took in more than \$61 million in tax revenue from the \$1.9 billion in compensation and pension paid to Kentucky's veterans.



## Compensation and Pension



# Kentucky Veteran Population





## **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 some 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!*



*“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**

*Women Veterans Coordinator Robin Jones and World War II veteran Peggy Henry at the first Women Veterans Meet and Greet in Louisville in March 2012.*

## ***MISSION AND GOALS***

The mission of the Kentucky Women Veterans Program is 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.

### ***Women Veterans Database and Email Distribution***

The Women Veteran Coordinator maintains a confidential database of Kentucky women veterans who wish to receive information about benefits, resources, events and activities of interest to women veterans. Our goal is to reach at least 75 percent of women veterans in Kentucky in order to create a strong network.

KDVA strongly encourages women who have served in the military to join the Kentucky Women Veterans database by emailing Robin Jones at [robin.jones@ky.gov](mailto:robin.jones@ky.gov).

## HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2012, KDVA celebrated the sixth anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with Volunteers of America.



As of June 30, 2012, the Leestown program had graduated 173 (38 in FY12) veterans who were homeless and with drug problems, helping them become drug and alcohol free, and obtain stable housing and steady employment. FY 2012 offered continued success as 136 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October 2011, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the fifth 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. Lexington also served 30 male veterans at the Hope Center facility which is part of a larger program for the homeless. In addition, the Hope Center added five beds for female veterans on their women's campus.

Interlink Counseling Services of Louisville also serves the needs of homeless veterans, filling virtually every bed of the 90-bed mission. Interlink also operates the Landing Zone, allowing up to ten homeless veterans to be taken off the street without waiting if an emergency (extreme weather, for example) warrants this.

St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides twenty beds as part of a grant and per diem program. Wayside Christian Mission provides transitional housing for up to 10 men, four women, and two families. These family units, unique in the Commonwealth, allow the veteran to bring a spouse and children into the unit. In June 2012, the Salvation Army provided housing for 27 male veterans by renovating the old Male High School building on Brooks Street.



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

In addition to room and board, all of these facilities offer the following:

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

In 2012, the Pennyroyal Center in Hopkinsville opened a new, 50-bed facility for homeless veterans (male), the first of its kind in western Kentucky. The Trust Fund provided a substantial grant to guarantee the success of the Center, made to supplement the primary funding coming from the USDVA grant and per diem program.

Information and referral programs for homeless veterans are called "stand downs." During this fiscal year four stand downs were held. These were held state-wide in the cities of Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, and Louisville. With Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund grants to the Homeless Veterans Program, and the coordination of efforts by KDVA, USDVA hospitals, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, and other social and health service providers, these stand downs will help alleviate the already 800-1200 homeless veterans sleeping on the streets of our Commonwealth every night.

Some 10,000 veterans face the very real possibility of losing homes and becoming homeless. These programs are critical in solving the problem.

**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 12 Milestones**

Total Assistance Granted: **92,756.96**

Veterans Assisted: **319**

Family Members Assisted: **112**

Average Amt of Assistance: **\$260**

176 Veterans received rental assistance

168 Veterans received utility assistance

Two homeless veteran events sponsored



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program  
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2012

Beginning Balance 7/1/2011	\$ 17,763.10
Revenue	
Donations	\$ 28,127.83
From Veterans Program Trust Fund	\$ 60,000.00
Interest	\$ 44.17
Total Revenue	\$ 88,172.00
Total Assistance Granted	\$ 92,756.96
Year End Cash Balance	\$ 13,178.14

## **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. As of June 30, 2012, there were 254 residents at THVC.



*Thomson-Hood Veterans Center  
Wilmore, Kentucky*



*Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, Kentucky*

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.

EKVC contains 90 general admission beds and a 30-bed special care unit for those veterans suffering from various types of dementia.

WKVC contains 90 general admission beds and a 30-bed special care unit as well.

In April 2011, KDVA began building three (3) twelve-bed homes at WKVC. The homes are built in the small home model concept. The homes consist of 12 private rooms with private bathrooms, large family style kitchen with a dining room and a large living room. The nursing care provided will be the resident-centered care model. We anticipate opening the new homes in the Fall of 2012.

As of June 30, 2012, there were 119 residents at WKVC and 119 at EKVC.

Currently KDVA is working with the Veterans Administration to plan and begin construction of a 120-bed home in Radcliff, Kentucky. The construction is planned to begin in Spring 2013 with a completion date of September 2014. The home is being designed in the Community Living Model as required by the VA construction guidelines.

During the annual licensing and regulations survey, the veteran homes received only minor deficiencies. These outstanding results are good news for veterans and speak volumes about the hard work performed every day by the dedicated nursing home staff.



*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) remained stable at approximately \$230.00 per day. That equates to a monthly cost of care of \$6,900 per resident.

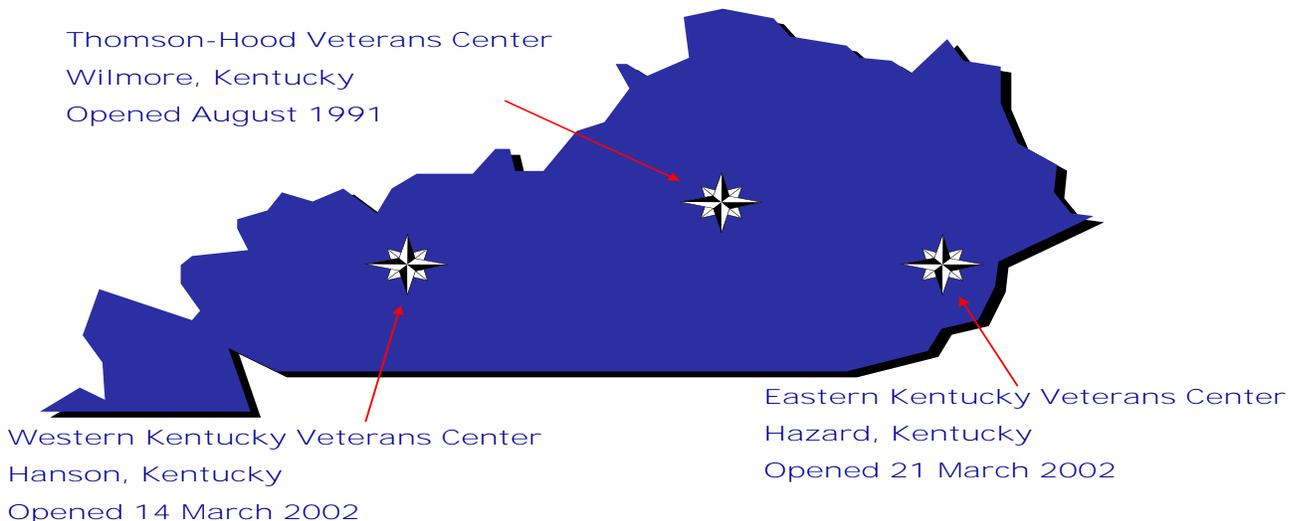
Resident charges account for approximately one-third of the budget for the veterans centers. Another third of the budget comes from *per diem* payments from the USDVA, and the final third comes from state General Fund dollars. Beginning in January 2013, the homes will convert from a sliding scale resident charge system to billing the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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



*One of three new buildings at the Joseph “Eddie” Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson.*

*Each building contains 12 private rooms with private baths and a family-style kitchen, dining and living area in accordance with new construction standards from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new veterans nursing home in Radcliff will also feature this new home-like style.*





**FACT SHEET**  
**Thomson-Hood Veterans Center**  
**Wilmore, Kentucky**

June 30, 2012

**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. The facility is located on approximately 60 acres of land in rural Jessamine County.

**Occupancy:** 240 semi-private beds for general admission and 45 private beds for residents needing special care and a secure environment.

**Staff:** Currently 375 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$18.4 million.

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

**Qualifications for Admission:** Be a veteran with an honorable or general under honorable conditions 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. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged the maximum monthly fee.



**FACT SHEET**  
**Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center**  
**Hazard, Kentucky**  
June 30, 2012

**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. The facility is located in Perry County.

**Occupancy:** 120 beds with 90 semi-private beds for general admission and 30 private beds for residents needing special care and a secure environment.

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

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

**Qualifications for Admission:** Be a veteran with an honorable or general under honorable conditions 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. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged the maximum monthly fee.

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



**FACT SHEET**  
**Western Kentucky Veterans Center**  
**Hanson, Kentucky**

June 30, 2012

**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. The facility is located in rural Hopkins County.

**Occupancy:** 120 beds with 90 semi-private beds for general admission and 30 private beds which will be used for special care residents needing a secure environment.

**Staff:** Currently 160 employees with an annual payroll of approximately \$7.9 million.

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

**Qualifications for Admission:** Be a veteran with an honorable or general under honorable conditions 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. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged the maximum monthly fee.

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

## **LEGISLATION**

The 2012 General Assembly approved and Governor Beshear signed two bills related to KDVA’s mission.

### **New “Veteran” Designation for Driver’s Licenses**

Many businesses in Kentucky want to offer discounts to veterans, but are surprised to learn that most veterans do not have identification specifically recognizing them as veterans. This bill directs the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to add the word “veteran” to driver’s licenses and personal IDs of veterans.



### **Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial**

This bill establishes a committee to create a memorial to the Iraq and Afghanistan war.

Committee members include the Governor, the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General of the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, and a member recommended by the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations to be appointed by the Governor.



### **“I Support Veterans” License Plate Available**

In June 2012, the new “I Support Veterans” license plate became available. Now any vehicle owner in Kentucky can purchase a special “I Support Veterans” license plate.



### **Medal of Honor Plaque Unveiled**

In March, Governor Beshear unveiled at the Capital a large plaque honoring Kentucky’s 62 recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Three of Kentucky’s five living Medal of Honor recipients were present and recognized at the ceremony: Ernie West, Dakota Meyer and Don Jenkins.

The plaque was authorized by legislation in the 2011 general Assembly.

The plate will cost \$35, \$10 of which will go to support veterans programs at KDVA.

## **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*



Our first state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) in Hopkinsville, opened March 1, 2004. Retired Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Richard Stanley serves as the Director of the facility. As of June 30, 2012, KDVA had interred 2,043 veterans and family members at KVCW since opening. The cemetery is averaging six interments per week.

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

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 four years of operation, as of June 30, 2012, KDVA had interred 2,337 veterans and family members at KVCC. The cemetery is averaging 41 interments per month.

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 34 months of operation, as of June 30, 2012, KDVA had interred 534 veterans and family members at KVCN.



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

Our fourth state veterans cemetery, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (KVCNE) opened in Greenup County on October 1, 2010. Navy veteran Frank Kees serves as the Director of the cemetery. As of June 30, 2012, KVCNE had interred 171 veterans and family members at our newest facility.

KDVA plans its fifth and final cemetery in Leslie County. It will be named Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East.

## **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 \$131,185 during FY 2012 to offset the cost to these volunteers who participate in this noble endeavor. As of June 30, 2012, KDVA has honored 16,670 veterans through this program. We continue to regularly receive stipend requests.

**CEMETERY SERVICES**

**Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund—Cemeteries Fund  
Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012)**

State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY12	FY 2012 YTD
<b>Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 73,027.95</b>
Additional Donations	24,856.42
Other Adjustments	-
Interest	52.09
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>97,936.46</b>
Expenditures	\$ 34,497.72
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 63,438.74</b>



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Hopkinsville, KY  
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## 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**

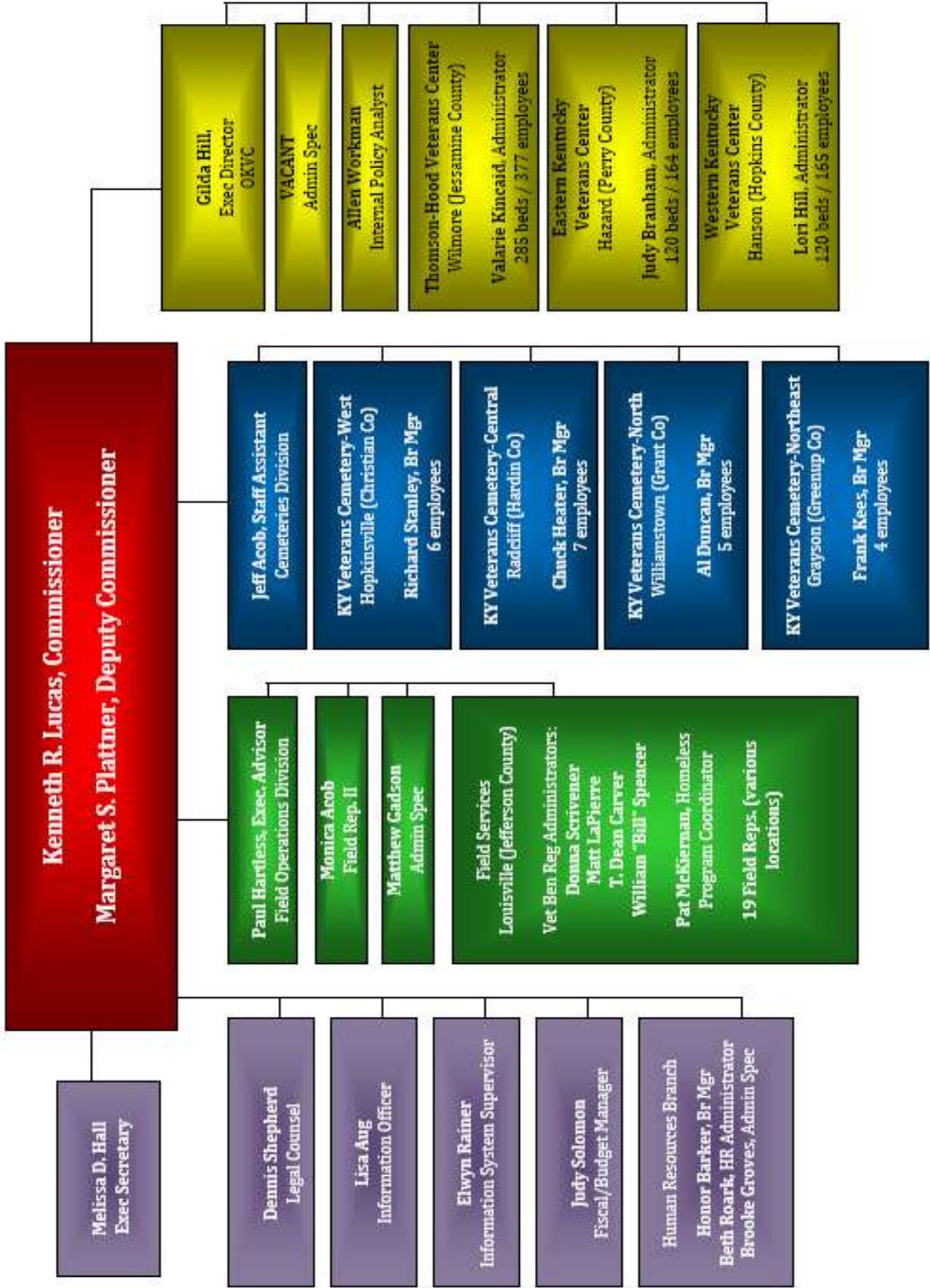
Phase C Contractual Development: **TBA**

Bid/Award Contract completed: **TBA**

Construction completed: **TBA**

As of July 2012

# KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Personnel Data - Staffing as of 30 June 2012:

## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>



## Field Operations Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Veterans Benefits Regional Administrators	5
Administrative Specialist	1
Veterans Benefits Field Representative	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>

## Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers

	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
OKVC Headquarters Staff	3
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center	372
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center	161
Western Kentucky Veterans Center	164
<b>Totals</b>	<b>700</b>

## Cemeteries Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	4
Cemetery Superintendent	3
Administrative Specialist	4
Cemetery Caretakers	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>

## Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund - Accomplishments

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

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

- Funding the Pennyroyal Veterans Center for homeless veterans in Western Kentucky.
- Funding Honor Flights taking World War II veterans to Washington, D.C.
- Purchase of vans to transport disabled veterans to VA healthcare facilities
- Purchase of land for a state veterans cemetery
- Installing an eternal flame atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Campbell
- Paying the cost of first year operation of the Homeless Veteran Transition Facility



### Job Fairs for Veterans

In accordance with initiatives from both the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Governor Steve Beshear to help veterans find good jobs, the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund Board awarded grants to launch Veteran Job Fairs in Lexington and Louisville.

Both events were successful, drawing dozens of currently hiring employers and more than 100 local veterans to each.

Over the past year, veteran unemployment has fallen, but national and state initiatives continue.

Please visit the KDVA website [www.veteans.ky.gov/employment](http://www.veteans.ky.gov/employment) for more information.



**Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund**  
**Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012)**

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY12	FY 2012 YTD
<b>Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 665,546.57</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
License Plate Fees (R404)	372,077.15
Tax Check-off (R809)	45,603.00
HAVE Donations - checks sent to F'fort (R802)	1,147.59
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	5,427.04
KECC Donations	6,429.97
Redeposit of Funds	50,000.00
Interest Income (R771)	787.29
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>481,472.04</b>
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,018.61</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Memorial for Tuskegee Airmen	7,500.00
AMVETS Carillon	7,531.21
VFW 5739 - Calvert City	25,044.00
Refunds - license plates for disabled veterans	15.00
Business & Education Network - Hiring Our Heroes Career Fair	12,500.00
DMA - Kentucky National Guard - Memorial Donation	100,000.00
SEKRI - Van to transport veterans	35,140.00
VFW - Battle of the Bulge Monument Fund	2,500.00
Nelson County High School - NYC Veterans Day Parade	10,000.00
City of Madisonville - Veterans Freedom Memorial	10,000.00
Jaba, Ltd - eVET Assist Annual Maintenance	6,000.00
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	60,000.00
Broda Enterprises USA Inc - Tilt Reclners and rehab beds	35,456.68
Med-Mizer, Inc - pivot rehab beds - EKVC	8,252.00
APA Auditors Office - FY2011 VPTF Audit	5,472.50
Univ of Louisville -Entrepreneurship Program	50,000.00
Disabled American Vets (2 Vans)	27,000.00
Pennyroyal Center - Homeless Veterans Program	78,704.00
John Manire Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution - Monument	8,000.00
Eastern Kentucky University - Therapeutic Writing Workshop	18,650.00
University of Louisville - Hiring our Heroes Career Fair	13,750.00
NASWC - training/conference fees- Womens Veterans Coordinators	150.00
Dell Computer Corp- laptops and desktop computers	7,063.80
KDVA Burial Honors Program	35,000.00
Hardin County Veterans Tribute	50,000.00
Wayside Christian Mission (Womens Veterans Program)	300.00
MPC Promotions (Magnets - Womens Veterans Program)	192.50
THVC (Medal of Honor Reception)	259.60
Alan Hyman Enterprises, Inc. - Printing Magnets	4,399.00
Walgreens - Photos for Medal of Honor Reception	8.99
Greenup County War Memorial	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>\$ 623,889.28</b>
<b>Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)</b>	<b>\$ 523,129.33</b>

## Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Statement Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012	
Source of Funds	
	Enacted Budget
General Fund	
Enacted Budget	\$ 17,923,100
Budget Reductions	\$ (1,391,800)
Total General Fund	\$ 16,531,300
Restricted Fund	
Enacted Budget incl Add'l Appropriations	\$ 33,292,000
Budget Reductions	\$ (1,871,500)
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 31,420,500
Total Budget	\$ 47,951,800
USE OF FUNDS	
By Fund	
General Fund	\$ 16,531,300
Cemetery Restricted Funds	\$ 305,654
Nursing Home Restricted Funds	\$ 29,792,612
Total KDVA	\$ 46,629,566
By Class	
Personnel	\$ 38,026,370
Operating	\$ 7,939,529
Debt Service	\$ 184,260
Grants, Loans and Benefits	\$ 377,610
Capital Outlay	\$ 90,617
Capital Projects Outlay	\$ 11,180
Total KDVA	\$ 46,629,566
Commissioners' Office, Field Ops, Cemeteries	\$ 4,900,181
Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers	\$ 41,729,385
Total KDVA	\$ 46,629,566

*“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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