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Annual Report 1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013

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



KDVA Annual Report

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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, 2013, 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 cursive script 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. 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 six regional managers and 19 field representatives. Using this model, and with field benefit offices in 17 locations throughout the state, KDVA provides assistance to every veteran in need. 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 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.

FIELD OPERATIONS

In federal FY 2012 the US Department of Veterans Affairs expended \$1.9 Billion in Kentucky. Thanks to the hard work of the employees of KDVA’s Field Operations Branch, Kentucky’s veterans and their dependents received \$946 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.

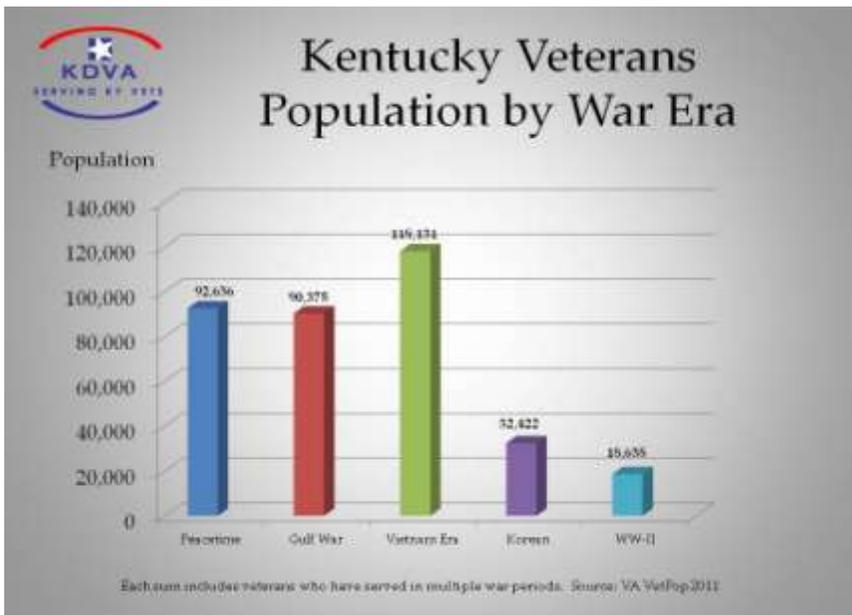
It found that in Kentucky, veterans who had an advocate received an average of \$8,000 per year more than veterans who file for benefits themselves.

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 earned.

In federal FY 12, the Kentucky State Treasury took in millions of dollars in tax revenue from the \$946 million in compensation and pension paid to Kentucky’s veterans.

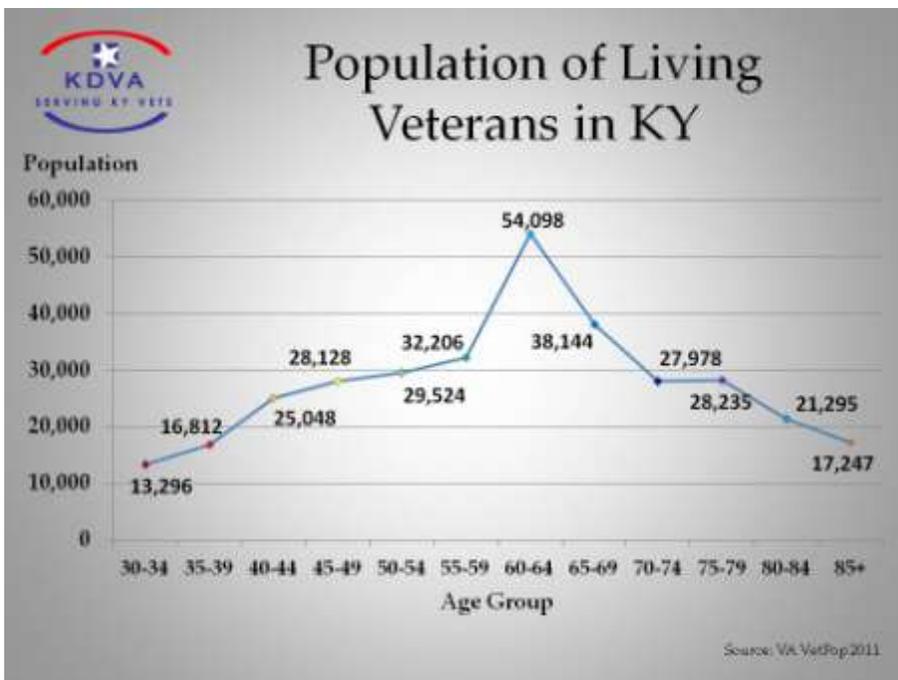


Kentucky Veteran Population



As of September 2012, there were approximately 334,000 veterans in Kentucky. Of those:

- About 18,000 served during World War II
- About 32,000 served during the Korean War
- About 118,000 served during the Vietnam War
- About 90,000 served during the Gulf War
- 92,000 served during peacetime



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 underrepresented in obtaining available benefits and some may be more reluctant than their male counterparts to embrace their status as veterans.

Kentucky's Women Veterans Program is dedicated to ensuring not only that Kentucky's women veterans received all the benefits and services they have earned, but that they receive the respect they have earned as proud military veterans.



This year, the Kentucky Women's Veterans Program (KWVP) has been involved in various community events to help accomplish its goal of educating women veterans of their benefits and resources. It has participated in parades, county fairs, states fairs, Women roundtables and Meet & Greets to connect with a diverse group of women veterans.

The goal is to reach even more women veterans as possible in FY 14, and work with them to make sure the Commonwealth does "Hear Our Voices".



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.

"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



HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2013, KDVA celebrated the seventh 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, 2013, the Leestown program had graduated 195 (22 in FY13) veterans who were homeless and with drug problems, helping them become drug and alcohol free, and obtain stable housing and steady employment. FY 13 offered continued success as 121 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October 2012, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the sixth 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 20 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. The Salvation Army continues to transitionally house 27 male veterans at Center for Hope formerly Male High School building on Brooks Street in Louisville.



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 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 13 Milestones

Total Assistance Granted: **95,418.56**

Veterans Assisted: **377**

Family Members Assisted: **56**

Average Amt of Assistance: **\$253**



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2013		
Beginning Balance 7/1/2012	\$	13,178.14
Revenue		
Donations	\$	4,993.57
Veterans Program Trust Fund	\$	140,000.00
Interest	\$	59.52
Total Revenue	\$	145,053.09
Expenditures		
Total Assistance Granted	\$	104,885.18
Year End Cash Balance	\$	53,346.05

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, 2013, there were 254 residents at THVC.



*Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, 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.



Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, Kentucky

WKVC contains 126 general admission beds and a 30-bed special care unit.

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. The new home opened in April 2013.

As of June 30, 2013, there were 119 residents at WKVC and 119 at EKVC.

Construction of the 120-bed facility in Radcliff, Kentucky began on July 29, 2013. We expect construction to be completed in the Spring of 2015.

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.

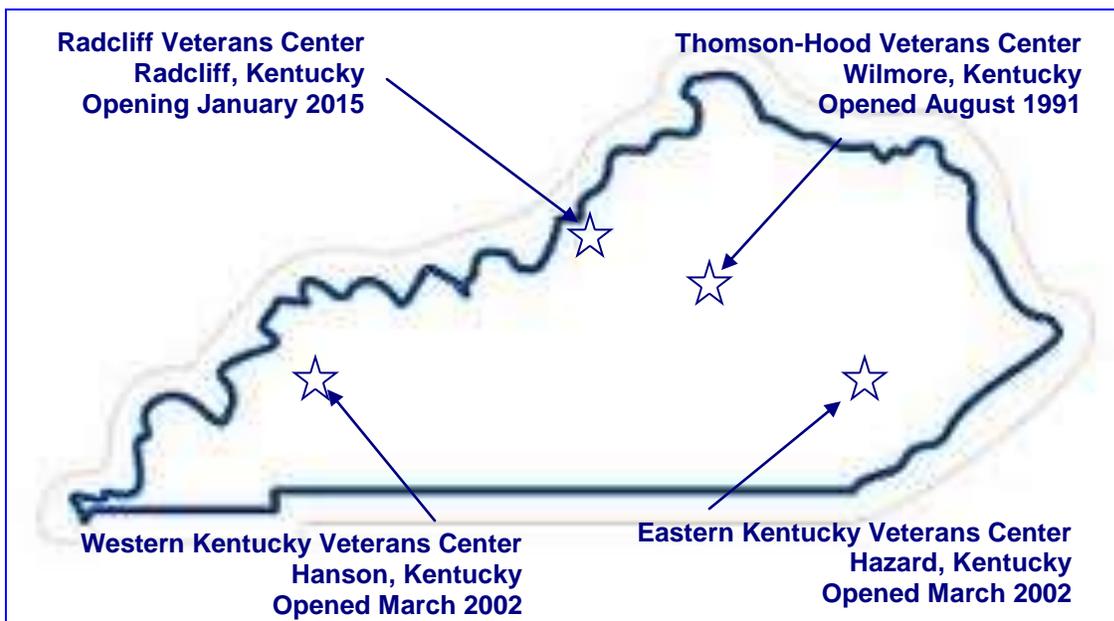
Resident charges account for approximately one-third of the budget for the veterans centers. Another third of the budget comes from *per diem* payments from the USDVA, and the final third comes from state General Fund dollars. Beginning in January 2014, the homes will convert from a sliding scale resident 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.



Dedicating KDVA's Veterans Community Living Centers

Governor Steve Beshear:

“Our military men and women sacrificed a lot to protect the freedoms and comforts that we enjoy.

As they grow older, it's our responsibility to give something back to them by providing the care they need.

In the last few years, Kentucky has really stepped up in that regard.”



April 10, 2013

200 People

Home Tours

Refreshments



“The complex contains three “homes,” if you will, that each consist of 12 private rooms with private bathrooms, a large family style kitchen with a dining room and a large living room.

The nursing care provided will be the resident-centered care model.

To be candid, it makes the facility feel like a home instead of an institution. ”

Joseph “Eddie” Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center



“This Community Living Concept was mandated under the federal VA’s new model in 2009, and it’s the first in Kentucky and one of the first in the nation.

But whereas the layout is a bit different than the existing 120 beds, one thing won’t change – the quality of care, and the compassionate way in which it’s delivered.”

“Congratulations again to the KDVA administrators (“VA” is how we refer to the feds) and to the staff here at the Joseph “Eddie” Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center ... and especially “thanks” to our veterans.”





FACT SHEET
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, Kentucky

June 30, 2013

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: A veteran must be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age or otherwise is in need of nursing care; be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to the home, and have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature. Residents are charged based on veteran's assets and ability to pay. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged for their care.



FACT SHEET
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center
Hazard, Kentucky
June 30, 2013

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: A veteran must be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age or otherwise is in need of nursing care; be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to the home, and have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature. Residents are charged based on veteran's assets and ability to pay. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged for their care.

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, 2013

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. Three small home model houses consisting of 12 private rooms were added in 2012.

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: A veteran must be disabled by reason of disease, wounds, age or otherwise is in need of nursing care; be a Kentucky resident as of the date of admission to the home, and have a military discharge that is not of a dishonorable nature. Residents are charged based on veteran's assets and ability to pay. Veterans with a disability rating of 70 percent and above are not charged for their care.

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 four bills related to KDVA's mission.

Kentucky Now a "Purple Heart State"

House Bill 149 official designates Kentucky as a Purple Heart State and allows military firearms training to meet the firearms training requirements to obtain a concealed carry permit.



Veterans Court

HR 188 commends the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts for establishing a Veterans Court to provide support for veterans as they interact with the court system.

AOC has also established a Veterans Court Mentoring Program that connects veterans in the court system with volunteer veterans to serve as mentors.

Purple Heart License Plate

HB 272 requires the design of the Purple Heart license plate include a picture of the Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded."



Stolen Valor Act

HB 177 amends Kentucky's Stolen Valor Act to clarify that misrepresentation of military status must be for the purpose of monetary gain in order to qualify as a criminal offense.

Courts had invalidated the original law on the grounds that merely falsely claiming to have valorous military service constitutes free speech and could not be a criminal offense.



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, 2013, KDVA had interred 2,351 veterans and family members at KVCW since opening. The cemetery is averaging 25 interments per month.

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 six years of operation, as of June 30, 2013, KDVA had interred 2,857 veterans and family members at KVCC. The cemetery is averaging 43 interments per month.



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

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 57 months of operation, as of June 30, 2013, KDVA had interred 692 veterans and family members at KVCN.

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, 2013, KVCNE had interred 279 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 \$135,010 during FY 2013 to offset the cost to these volunteers who participate in this noble endeavor. As of June 30, 2013, KDVA has honored 19,024 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 2013 (July 2012 - June 2013)**

State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY13	FY 2013 YTD
Carryforward	\$ 63,438.74
Additional Donations	27,681.91
Other Adjustments	5,247.74
Interest	112.02
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	96,480.41
Expenditures	\$ 20,910.95
Ending Balance	\$ 75,569.46



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.

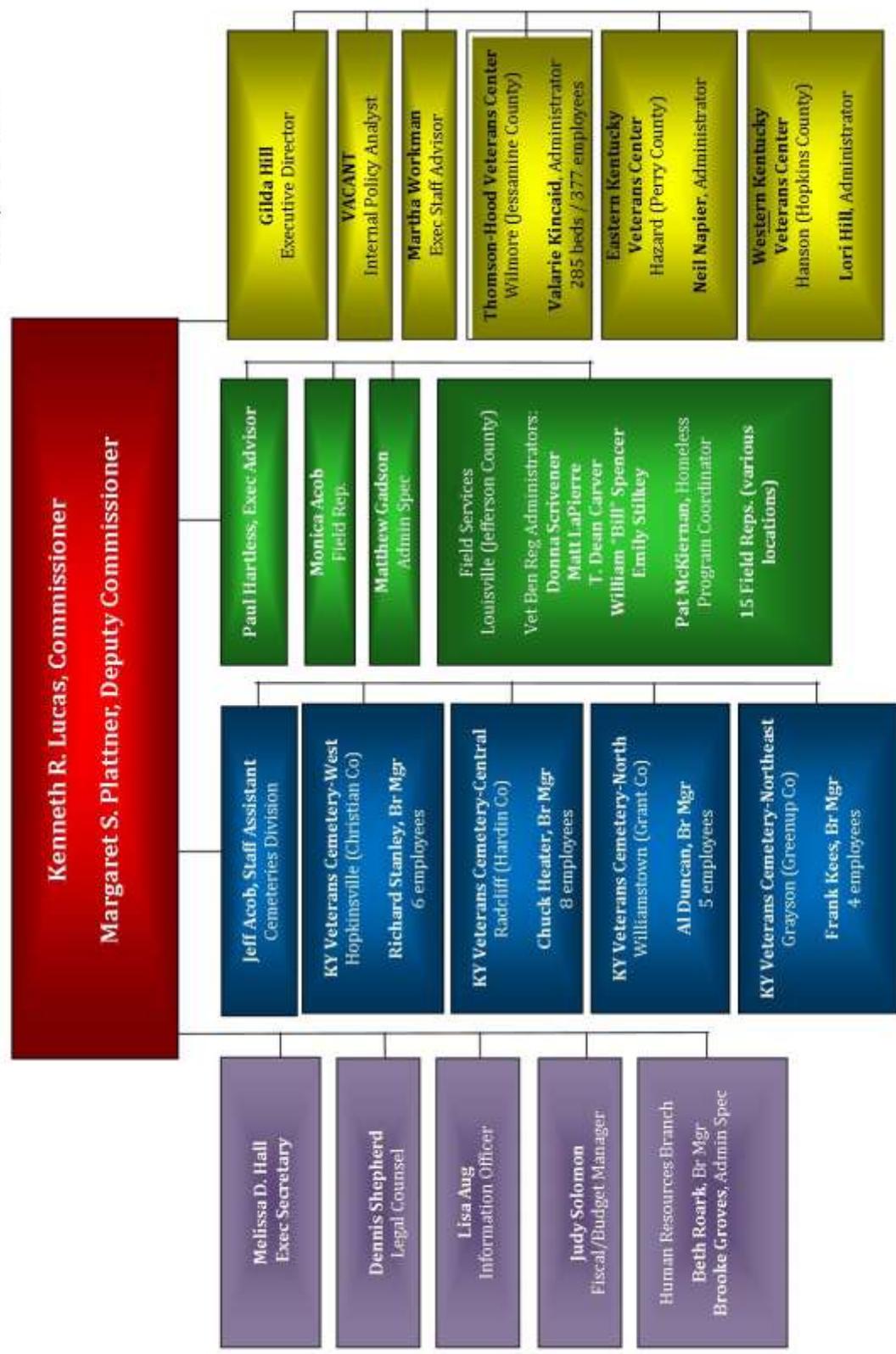
Estimated Cost of construction and initial equipment: \$6.0 Million scope. State will incur acquisition costs prior to construction.

Projected Schedule:

Site Selection: **November 2012 (Leslie County)**
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**

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

As of June 26, 2012



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Personnel Data - Staffing as of 30 June 2013:

Office of the Commissioner

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Commissioner	1
Deputy Commissioner	1
Executive Advisor	0
Staff Attorney	1
Staff Assistant	1
Human Resources Branch Manager	1
Internal Policy Analyst	1
Human Resources Administrator	0
Network Analyst	0
Administrative Specialist	1
Executive Secretary	1
Information Officer	1
Totals	9



Field Operations Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	1
Veterans Benefits Regional Administrators	6
Administrative Specialist	1
Veterans Benefits Field Representative	19
Totals	27

Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers

	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
OKVC Headquarters Staff	3
Thomson-Hood Veterans Center	351
Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center	167
Western Kentucky Veterans Center	206
Totals	727

Cemeteries Branch

<i>Title</i>	<i>Number of positions filled</i>
Administrative Branch Manager	4
Cemetery Superintendent	2
Administrative Specialist	4
Cemetery Caretakers	13
Totals	23

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

Projects funded in FY 2013 include:

- Creating a dedicated housing stipend program at Kentucky Housing Corporation to help surviving spouses make mortgage and rent payments while awaiting benefits.
- Hiring a statewide Veterans Count Mentor Coordinator for the Veterans Court Mentor Program to help veterans in the court system.
- Restoring the sole remaining WWII barracks at Fort Knox
- Open five Oxford Houses for veterans in Kentucky
- Equip the Veterans Resource Center and operate the Student Veterans Organization at Morehead State University.



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Program Trust Fund - State Funds 6307 and 6308
Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2013 (July 2012 - June 2013)
Period Ending June 2013

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY13	FY 2013 YTD
Carryforward	\$ 523,129.33
Receipts:	
License Plate Fees (R404)	387,540.68
Tax Check-off (R809)	41,856.00
HAVE Donations - checks sent to F'fort (R802)	1,009.43
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	12,544.03
Interest Income (R771)	794.61
Total Receipts:	443,744.75
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$ 966,874.08
Expenditures:	
COT - Division of Printing	2,331.22
Student Veterans Alliance - WVP	350.00
Appalachian Mountain Crafts	340.00
Robin Jones - WVP	1,558.67
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	140,000.00
Auditor of Public Accounts - FY 12 Audit	5,472.00
Post Printing - 10,000 KDVA booklets	3,676.00
Magoffin County Fiscal Court - DAV Van	12,500.00
Univ of Louisville - Combat Paper Project	10,000.00
Admin Office of Courts - Veteran Mentor Coordinator	86,500.00
Morehead State Univ - Veterans Resource Center	25,000.00
American Legion Post 73 - Van and Bus	35,000.00
Sons of Confederate Veterans- Survey of Burial Grounds	1,000.00
Bell Hospital Systems, Inc. - 15 - 15" Televisions for EKVC	9,671.00
Scheller's Fitness & Cycling - NuStep Tr for PT	4,000.00
Jaba, Ltd.- eVET Assist Annual Maintenance Fee	2,645.59
Displays 2 Go (2 Tables with skirts for WVP)	480.54
Morehead State Univ - Veterans Expo in Ashland	10,000.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars - National Convention	10,000.00
The Patton Museum Foundation - Restore WWII Barracks	25,000.00
Muldoon Memorials -War of 1812 Ohio Historical Marker	5,608.00
John L. Vanover (Refund)	5.00
Highland Post 201 Meeting Hall rental - WVP	100.00
Alan Hyman Enterprises (Lanyards, Magnets & Banners)	2,021.00
Rowan County Veterans Foundation	10,000.00
City of Ryland Heights - Veterans Memorial	750.00
Veterans Burial Honors Program	35,000.00
Bobbie Frazier (Catering for WVP)	448.00
Becky Brown (Catering for WVP)	75.00
Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen	8,500.00
Carter Equipment Company - WKVC Kawasaki Mule	10,579.12
Interlink Counseling Services, Inc.	30,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 488,611.14
Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)	\$ 478,262.94

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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013	
Source of Funds	
	Enacted Budget
General Fund	
Enacted Budget	\$ 17,978,500
FY13 Salary and Comp Allocations	\$ 39,100
Budget Reductions	
Total General Fund	\$ 18,017,600
Restricted Fund	
Enacted Budget	\$ 34,410,100
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 34,410,100
Total Budget	\$ 52,427,700
USE OF FUNDS	
By Fund	
General Fund	\$ 18,017,600
Cemetery Restricted Funds	\$ 804,600
Nursing Home Restricted Funds	\$ 33,196,323
Total KDVA	\$ 52,018,523
By Class	
Personnel	\$ 42,971,881
Operating	\$ 8,367,885
Grants, Loans and Benefits	\$ 496,063
Capital Outlay	\$ 170,778
Capital Projects Outlay	\$ 11,915
Total KDVA	\$ 52,018,523
Commissioners' Office, Field Ops, Cemeteries	\$ 4,967,300
Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers	\$ 47,051,223
Total KDVA	\$ 52,018,523
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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