Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Joint Executive Council for Veterans Organizations

1 August 2018

Presented by
BG Benjamin F. Adams, III
Commissioner
Agenda

• Cemeteries
• Nursing Facilities
• Veterans Benefits Branch
• Women Veterans Program
• KYVETS
• Events & News
Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries
As of June 30, 2018

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West

- Opened March 1, 2004
- Interments:
  - Veterans: 2,951
  - Dependents: 1,087
  - Total: 4,038
- Cremated: 1,118

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

- Opened June 1, 2007
- Interments:
  - Veterans: 4,694
  - Dependents: 1,118
  - Total: 5,812
- Cremated: 1,720

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North

- Opened August 22, 2008
- Interments:
  - Veterans: 1,305
  - Dependents: 287
  - Total: 1,592
- Cremated: 610

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast

- Opened October 1, 2010
- Interments:
  - Veterans: 759
  - Dependents: 159
  - Total: 918
- Cremated: 269

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast

- Opened May 1, 2018
- Interments:
  - Veterans: 9
  - Dependents: 2
  - Total: 11
- Cremated: 4

Total: 12,371
Kentucky State Veterans Homes

Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, KY
285 Beds

Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, KY
156 Beds

Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff KY
120 Beds

Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard KY
120 Beds
Veterans Benefits Services

KDVA Administers a variety of assistance with benefits and services for veterans, their dependents and survivors.

- Service Connected Compensation
- Non-Service Connected Pension
- Survivors Benefits
- Educational Benefits
KDVA Field Operations

20 Field Representatives in 19 Districts

(District 4)
Lisa Pittman 502-356-1551
Frankie White 502-356-6674
Brian O’Neil 502-229-6070

Vacant (10)
859-409-6485

Wendi Maxwell (12)
859-409-6551

Penny Lawson (7)
859-432-6121

Vacant (16)
606-629-9239

Linda Knighton (15)
606-585-3833

Jonathan Melton (19)
270-705-3331

Johnny Allen (17)
270-399-1618

Jennifer Lett (2)
270-446-9010

Frank Niederriter (11)
502-799-3588

Carol Livingston (1 & 6)
270-556-0474

Hope King (3)
270-484-7887

Stephen Buford (9)
270-576-3534

Eileen Ward (5)
859-325-8288

Vacant (15)
859-553-9144

Mike Miller (14)
606-231-1318

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KDVA Field Operations

Headquarters for the KDVA Field Benefits Office is located with the US Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Louisville.

- Leadership and Staff consist of the following:
  - Ray Harris, Benefits Branch Manager
  - 5 Regional Administrators
    - Monica Acob, Ed Day, Matt LaPierre, Allen James & Ron Hudson
  - 20 Field Benefits Representatives
  - 19 districts across Kentucky
  - Donna Scrivener Appeals Management
  - 2 Administrative Specialists
KY Women Veterans Program 2018 Events and Highlights

- Lunch and Learns
- Women Veterans Monthly E-newsletter
- Women Veterans License Plate
- Continue to partner with external organizations to provide outreach
- Operation Victory 2017 – Homeless Female Veteran identified and placed in home in Louisville
Kentucky Veterans Employment, Training, and Support Program

KY Vets Employer services:
- education on why hiring veterans is good business
- matching veterans skills to their employment needs
- free advertisement of positions
- top talent referrals

Three Key Areas:
- Education
- Training
- Retention
Events & News

- **1 May 18**: Re-interment of Medal of Honor recipient Willie Sandlin – KY Veteran Cemetery Southeast, Hyden, KY
- **27 Jun 18**: President Trump presented Medal of Honor to Garlin M. Conner of Clinton County, KY
- **29 Jun 18**: Veterans Coalition Meeting with Rep. Andy Barr – Lexington, KY
- **5 Jul 18**: High School Diploma Presentation to WWII Veteran Sam K. Long, Jr (age 94) – Henderson, KY
- **6 Jul 18**: Purple Heart presentation to former WWII POW Dudley Riley (age 94) – Henderson, KY
- **19 Jul 18**: Governor’s Advisory Board Meeting – Frankfort, KY
- **19 Jul 18**: Barbasol PGA Tournament – Nicholasville, KY
Events & News (Cont)

• 28 Jul 18: Operations Victory first Volunteer Day, Louisville, KY

• 28 Jul 18: USA Cares Gala, Louisville, KY

• 7 Aug 18: KY Hall of Fame New Class Ceremony, Rotunda

• 9 Aug 18: Renaming of Lexington VA Centers, Lexington, KY

• 11-16 Aug 18: NASDVA, Boston, MA

• 16-26 Aug 18: Kentucky State Fair WWI Display, Louisville, KY

• 11 Nov 18: Trust Fund sponsorship of America’s oldest living person, Mr. Richard Overton (age 112) and America’s oldest verified surviving U.S. war veteran, to serve as Grand Marshall for this year’s Veterans Day parade in Lexington, KY.
Questions?