



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Joint Executive Council for Veterans Organizations

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Agenda

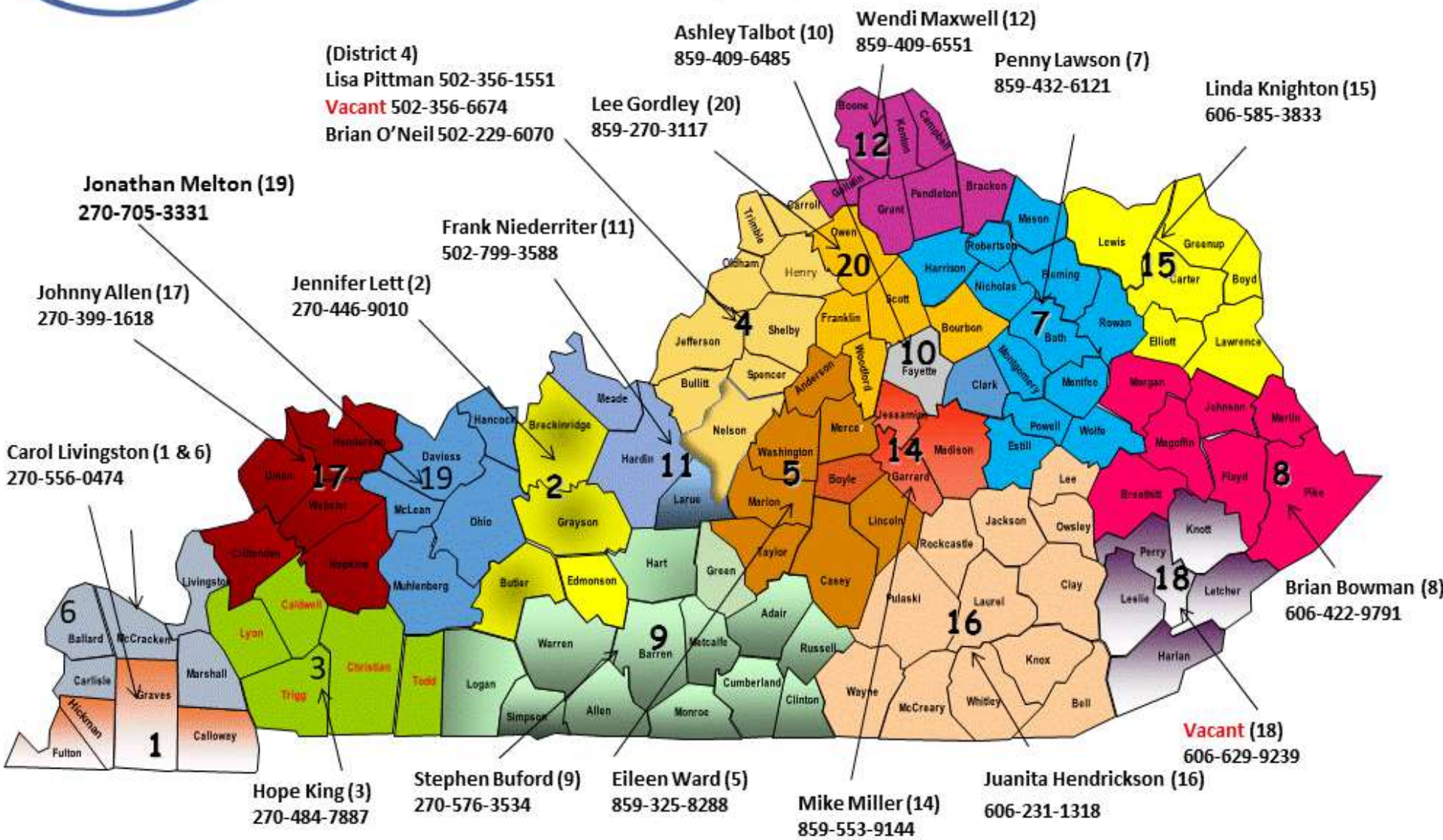


- Veterans Benefits Branch/Field Operations
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- Homeless Veterans Program
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KDVA Field Operations

20 Field Representatives in 19 Districts





Veteran Centers



Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, KY
156/285 Beds 55%



Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, KY
87/156 Beds 56%



Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff KY
46/120 Beds 38%



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard, KY
109/120 Beds 92%



Veterans Cemeteries

As of 30 Nov 2018



Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West



Opened March 1, 2004

Interments:

Veterans	3,075
Dependents	<u>1,126</u>
Total	4,201

Cremated	1,217
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central



Opened June 1, 2007

Interments:

Veterans	4,877
Dependents	<u>1,184</u>
Total	6,061

Cremated	1,817
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North



Opened August 22, 2008

Interments:

Veterans	1,374
Dependents	<u>300</u>
Total	1,674

Cremated	650
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East



Opened October 1, 2010

Interments:

Veterans	807
Dependents	<u>170</u>
Total	977

Cremated	290
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East



Opened May 1, 2018

Interments:

Veterans	18
Dependents	<u>3</u>
Total	21

Cremated	7
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Total : 12,934



Homeless Veterans Program



- Operation Victory completed renovation of one home and placed a homeless female veteran on Veterans Day 2017.
- Began renovation of second home in August and have identified a homeless female veteran with an infant to receive this home later this month.
- Five more houses are marked to be renovated for homeless veterans in the coming year.
- Started working on Operation Victory coalition for Lexington area for summer of 2019.
- Holidays are peak time for assistance for heating and shelter.
- Continuing to provide financial assistance for veterans to prevent homelessness or help them become housed.



Homeless Veterans Program

Financial Assistance



FY 2018 (1 Jul 17-30 Jun 18)

Total assistance paid out	\$74,162.61
Avg. per veteran	\$219.00
Veterans assisted with Housing	208
Veterans assisted with Utilities	<u>130</u>
Total veterans assisted	338

FY 2019 (1 Jul 18 to Present)

Total assistance paid out	\$24,825.00
Avg. per veteran	\$238.00
Veterans assisted with housing	42
Veterans assisted with Utilities	<u>63</u>
Total veterans assisted	104



Women Veterans Program



- Partnered with VRUCK (Lexington) and VCAL (Louisville) to support women veterans recognition on Veterans Day 2018.
- Continuing to partner with external organizations to provide outreach.
- Lunch and Learn events planned for 2019.



Employment Support Program



KyVets Veteran Services:

- Resume review and update
- Referral to employers
- Referral to other resources
- Education & Training
- KireKy website & App (<https://login.bfacmobile.com/m/hireky>)



KyVets Employer Services:

- Education on why hiring veterans is good business
- Matching veterans skills and experience to employer needs
- Free advertisement of positions
- Top talent referrals
- HireKy website & App (<https://login.bfacmobile.com/m/hireky>)





Events & News

(November)



- 5 Nov 18: KY Veterans of the Year Banquet, Louisville, KY
- 9 Nov 18: Louisville Veterans Parade, Louisville, KY
- 10 Nov 18: Grand Marshal - Lexington Veterans Day Parade, Lexington, KY
- 11 Nov 18: Veterans Memorial Park event in Lexington, KY.
- 11 Nov 18: Freedom Flag Memorial dedication at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, Louisville, KY
- 12 Nov 18: Veterans Day Ceremony, Walton, KY
- 13 Nov 18: 1LT Garlin M. Conner Medal of Honor Plaque Unveiling Ceremony
- 16 Nov 18: 100th Birthday Event for WWII Veteran Albert Patrick, Salyersville, KY
- 19 Nov 18: Ceremony for the presentation of the French Legion of Honor to LTC (Ret.) William F. Pollard, Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, KY
- 30 Nov 18: Veteran Benefits Briefing to KY Bar Association's Military Law Update, Lexington, KY



Events & News

(December)



- 7 Dec 18: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Message
- 8 Dec 18: Wreath Laying events, KVCN, KVCNE, KVCSE
- 10 Dec 18: Wreaths Across America event, Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, KY
- 11 Dec 18: Annual KY Commission on Military Affairs board meeting, Frankfort, KY
- 12 Dec 18: Veterans Program Trust Fund meeting, Frankfort, KY
- 13 Dec 18: Carillon Dedication, KY Veterans Cemetery South East, Hyden, KY
- 15 Dec 18: Wreaths Across America event, KY Veterans Cemetery, Radcliff, KY
- 15 Dec 18: Wreaths Across America event, Camp Nelson, Nicholasville, KY
- 15 Dec 18: Wreaths Across America event, Zachary Taylor Cemetery, Louisville, KY
- 18 Dec 18: Victory Point Apartments and Townhomes (Leestown VA Housing) Ground Breaking Ceremony, Lexington, KY



Questions?