Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
Overview Briefing for:

JECVO
7 March 2018

Presented by BG Benjamin F. Adams, III
Commissioner KDVA
• Cemeteries/Burial Honors
• Veterans Benefits Branch
• Nursing Facilities
• Homeless Program
• Women Veterans Program
• KYVETS
• Upcoming Events
Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries
As of February 28, 2018

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West
Opened March 1, 2004
Interments:
Veterans 2,863
Dependents 1,046
Total 3,909
Cremated 1,109

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central
Opened June 1, 2007
Interments:
Veterans 4,510
Dependents 1,082
Total 5,592
Cremated 1,687

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North
Opened August 22, 2008
Interments:
Veterans 1,237
Dependents 271
Total 1,508
Cremated 569

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East
Opened October 1, 2010
Interments:
Veterans 723
Dependents 148
Total 871
Cremated 255

Total: 11,880
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East
Completed construction in Leslie County, Kentucky.
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East

- Staff now occupying Administration Building
- Dedication ceremony scheduled
  - April 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- Cemetery Manager, Administrative Specialist, and two Caretakers have been hired.
- Operations to begin on May 1, 2018
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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 & 1 Vacancy
  - 20 Field Benefits Representatives
  - 17 regions across Kentucky
  - Donna Scrivener Appeals Management
  - 2 Administrative Specialists
KDVA Field Operations

20 Field Representatives in 17 Regions

Hope King (3)
270-484-7887

Stephen Buford (9)
270-576-3534

Eileen Ward (5)
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Randy Roberts (14)
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Bill Farmer (16)
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Linda Knighton (15)
606-585-3833

Penny Lawson (7)
859-432-6121

Lee Gordley
And Vacancy (10)
859-270-3117

Frank Niederriter (11)
502-799-3588

Johnny Allen and
Vacancy (17)
270-399-1618

Carol Livingston (1 & 6)
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2017 Statistics and Highlights:

- Census Numbers for Kentucky Veterans: 308,000 (Note: does not include family members eligible for services).
- 2017 KDVA filed claims: 7800
  - NOTE: KDVA was #2 nationally in digitally processed claim activity.
- 2017 KDVA Tuition Waiver applications: 495 Processed/433 Approved
- 2017 KDVA Appeals identified, processed and vetted to Federal VA appeals board: 600+
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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
Current

- Personal Services Contracts – have hired at least 12 licensed nurses
- Staffing Vacancies continue to contribute to delayed admissions
- Paul E Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center attained a 5 Star rating from CMS
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center secure unit re-opened with all private rooms
17 KAR 203.020 Charges

- Updated rates are contained in 17 KAR 203.020

Semi Private Rooms $4,000.00/month

Private Rooms $4,500.00/month

CLC Suites $5,000.00/month
Bowling Green Application

State clearing house (30 day process) will begin once a site is selected. Ideally this should be done before the August 1, 2018 deadline, however, it doesn’t necessarily stop the application.

The application is eligible for consideration for the Priority One list as of August 1, 2018.
Radcliff Veterans Center Update

• 30 veterans currently in residence

• Forecasting possible admissions into the 2nd neighborhood within the next month
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Recent Accomplishments & Updates

- Provided financial assistance to over 30 veterans in the month of February in the amount of $6,435 (avg $214 per veteran)
- Partnering with HPI (Housing Partnership Inc.) to find permanent housing for homeless veterans by utilizing some foreclosures in the Louisville area
- Beginning Spring outreach projects across the state
- Partnering with Women Veteran Coordinator for four veteran resource events across the state in 2018.
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KY Women Veterans Program Updates:

- First Women Veterans Lunch & Learn planned:
  - Location: Building Industry Association of Northern KY, 2715 Circleport Dr, Erlanger, KY
  - Date: April 24, 2018
  - Time: 10 am-2pm

- Lunch & Learns topics will cover various Women Veterans related issues (i.e. MST, Discharge Upgrades, Legislation and more)

- Continue to partner with external organizations to provide outreach
Clara Avenue Project

Before

After

Operation Victory
Providing Homes for Heroes

Global Giving
Working for a Better Life

Habitat for Humanity
Kentucky

Athena’s Sisters
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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
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Upcoming Events & News

• General Assembly 2018 Regular Session – through April – KDVA Budget is top priority

• 26 April 2018 – Dedication of Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast
Questions?