



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Joint Executive Council for Veterans Organizations

3 October 2018

Presented by
BG Benjamin F. Adams, III
Commissioner

Agenda



- Cemeteries
- Nursing Facilities
- Field Operations/Veterans Benefits Branch
- Homeless Veterans Program
- Women Veterans Program
- KyVETS
- Events & News



Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries

As of September 21, 2018

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West



Opened March 1, 2004

Interments:

Veterans	3,020
Dependents	<u>1,107</u>
Total	4,127

Cremated	1,217
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central



Opened June 1, 2007

Interments:

Veterans	4,799
Dependents	<u>1,149</u>
Total	5,948

Cremated	1,804
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North



Opened August 22, 2008

Interments:

Veterans	1,335
Dependents	<u>291</u>
Total	1,626

Cremated	653
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast



Opened October 1, 2010

Interments:

Veterans	782
Dependents	<u>165</u>
Total	947

Cremated	287
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Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast



Opened May 1, 2018

Interments:

Veterans	14
Dependents	<u>2</u>
Total	16

Cremated	6
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Total : 12,694

Kentucky State Veterans Homes



Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, KY
158/285 Beds 55%



Western Kentucky Veterans Center,
Hanson, KY
83/156 Beds 53%



Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff KY
48/120 Beds 40%



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center,
Hazard KY
109/120 Beds 91%



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 Branch

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

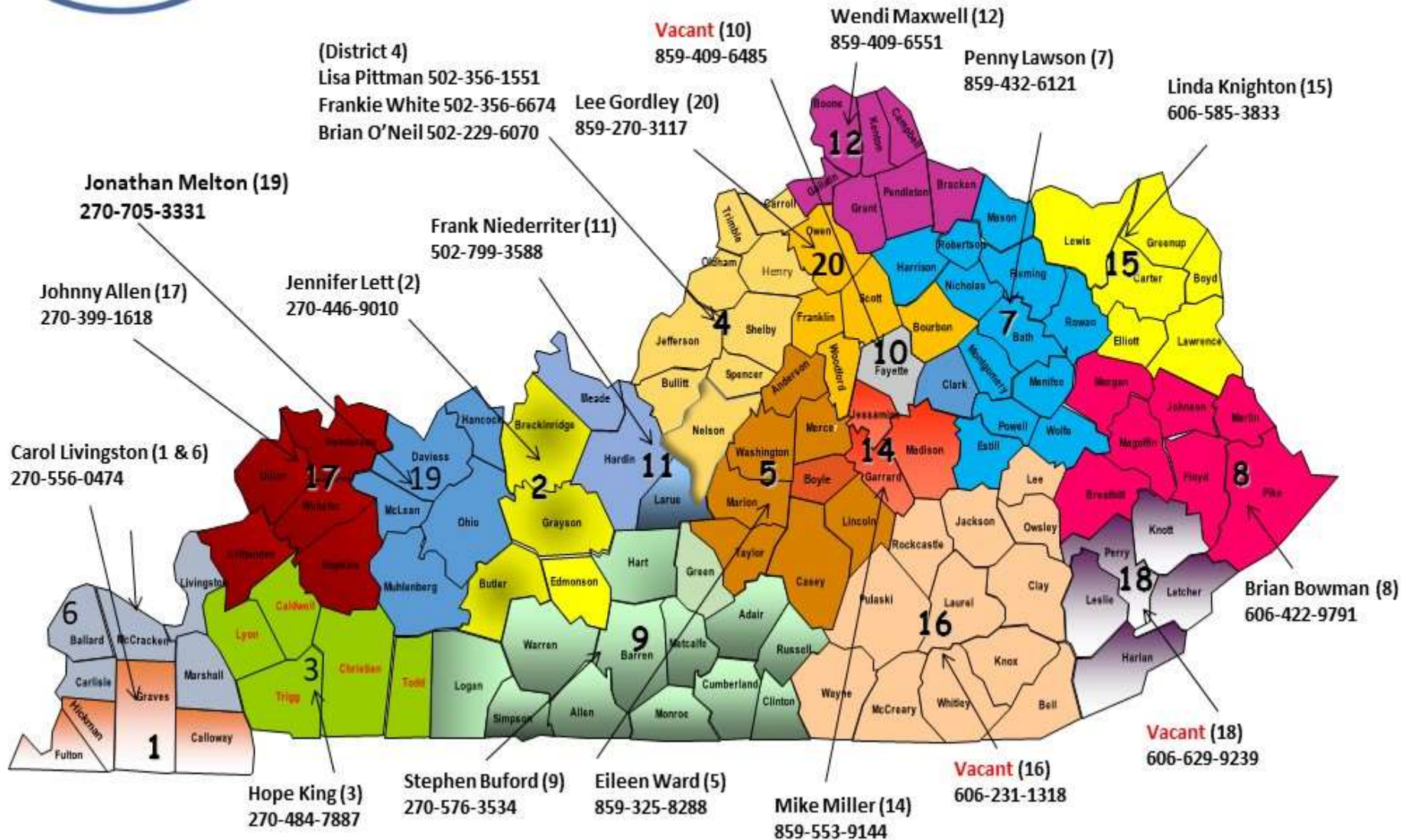
- Leadership and Staff consist of the following:
 - Ray Harris, Benefits Branch Manager
 - 5 Regional Administrators
 - Monica Acob, Ed Day, Matt LaPierre, Allen James & Ron Hudson
 - 20 Field Benefits Representatives
 - 19 districts across Kentucky
 - Donna Scrivener Appeals Management
 - 2 Administrative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





KDVA Field Operations

20 Field Representatives in 19 Districts

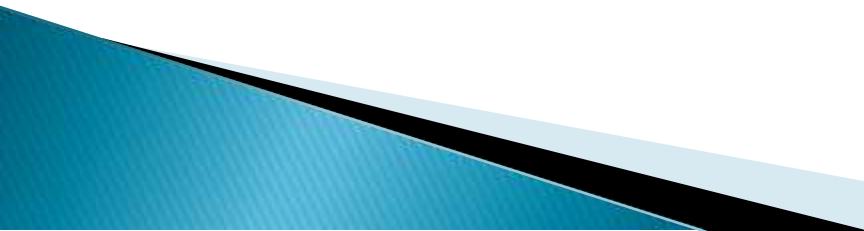


KDVA Homeless Veterans Program

Recent Accomplishments & Updates

- ▶ Joined with other organizations in Louisville to form 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 in the year. Five more houses are marked to be renovated for homeless veterans in the coming year.
- ▶ Participating in several Stand Down Events across the state in October and November for continued outreach.
- ▶ Continuing “Welcome Home” home letters/information packets for newly discharged staying/moving to Kentucky.

KDVA Homeless Veterans Program (cont.)

- Partnering with several organizations to form an “Operation Victory” group in the Lexington area.
 - Continuing to provide financial assistance for veterans to prevent homelessness or help them become housed.
 - There are currently 84 grant per diem (GPD) beds in Louisville. As of October 1, 2018 there will be 72 more GPD beds in the Louisville area for both men and women veterans.
 - According to the 2018 Point in Time count in January, there is approximately 369 homeless veterans in the state. There was approximately 489 in the 2017 count.
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KDVA Homeless Veterans Program

Financial Assistance

FY 2018 (1 Jul 17-30 Jun 18)

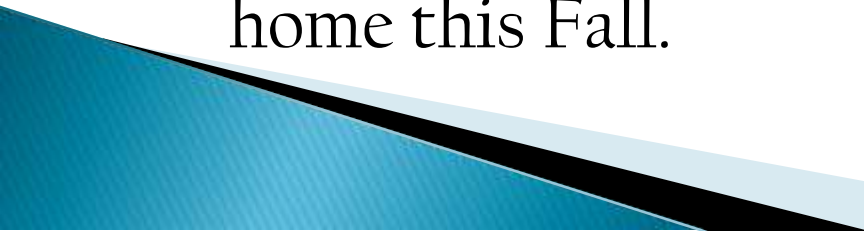
Total assistance paid out	\$74,162.61
Avg. per veteran	\$219.00
Veterans assisted with Housing	208
Veterans assisted with Utilities	<u>130</u>
Total veterans assisted	338

FY 2019 (1 Jul 18 to Present)

Total assistance paid out	\$16,722.53
Avg. per veteran	\$231.00
Veterans assisted with housing	28
Veterans assisted with Utilities	<u>43</u>
Total veterans assisted	71

KY Women Veterans Program

2018 Events and Highlights

- Lunch and Learn Events
 - Women Veterans License Plate
 - Partnering with VRUCK (Lexington) and VCAL (Louisville) to support women veterans recognition on Veterans Day.
 - Continue to partner with external organizations to provide outreach
 - Operation Victory 2018 – Homeless Female Veteran with an infant identified to receive a new home this Fall.
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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





Events & News

- 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
- 29 Aug 18: Voter Polling Site Announcement, THVC, Wilmore, KY and EKVC, Hazard, KY
- 4 Sep 18: Ribbon Cutting for Digital Works Program for Veterans and Military Spouses, Elizabethtown Community Technical College, Elizabethtown, KY



Events & News (Cont)

- 7 Sep 18: Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Induction, Lexington, KY
- 11 Sep 18: Voter Polling Site Announcement, WKVC, Hanson, KY
- 12 Sep 18: Veterans Program Trust Fund Meeting, Frankfort, KY
- 19 Sep 18: Voter Polling Site Announcement, WKVC, Hanson, KY
- 20 Sep 18: Warrior Serve presentation, KDVA, Frankfort, KY
- 20 Sep 18: USA Today – Veterans Special Edition advertisement submitted.
- 20 Sep 18: Meeting with VRUCK regarding Lexington’s Week of Valor events.
- 27 Sep 18: MOAA Meeting, Cumberland Trace Chapter, Bowling Green, KY
- 27 Sep 18: Red Mile Veterans Appreciation Night, Lexington, KY



Events & News (Cont)

- 28 Sep 18: MOAA Meeting, Cumberland Bluegrass, Nicholasville, KY
- 6 Oct 18: Vietnam Memorial Program, Camp Nelson, Nicholasville, KY
- 12 Oct 18: 1LT Garlin M. Conner MOH Plaque Unveiling, Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, KY
- 13 Oct 18: Honor Flight, Lexington, KY
- 18 Oct 18: Governor's Advisory Board meeting, Frankfort, KY
- 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



Events & News (Cont)

- 11 Nov 18: Veterans Day parade in Lexington, KY.
- 11 Nov 18: Freedom Flag Memorial dedication at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, Louisville, KY



Questions?