



Virginia Department of Veterans Services



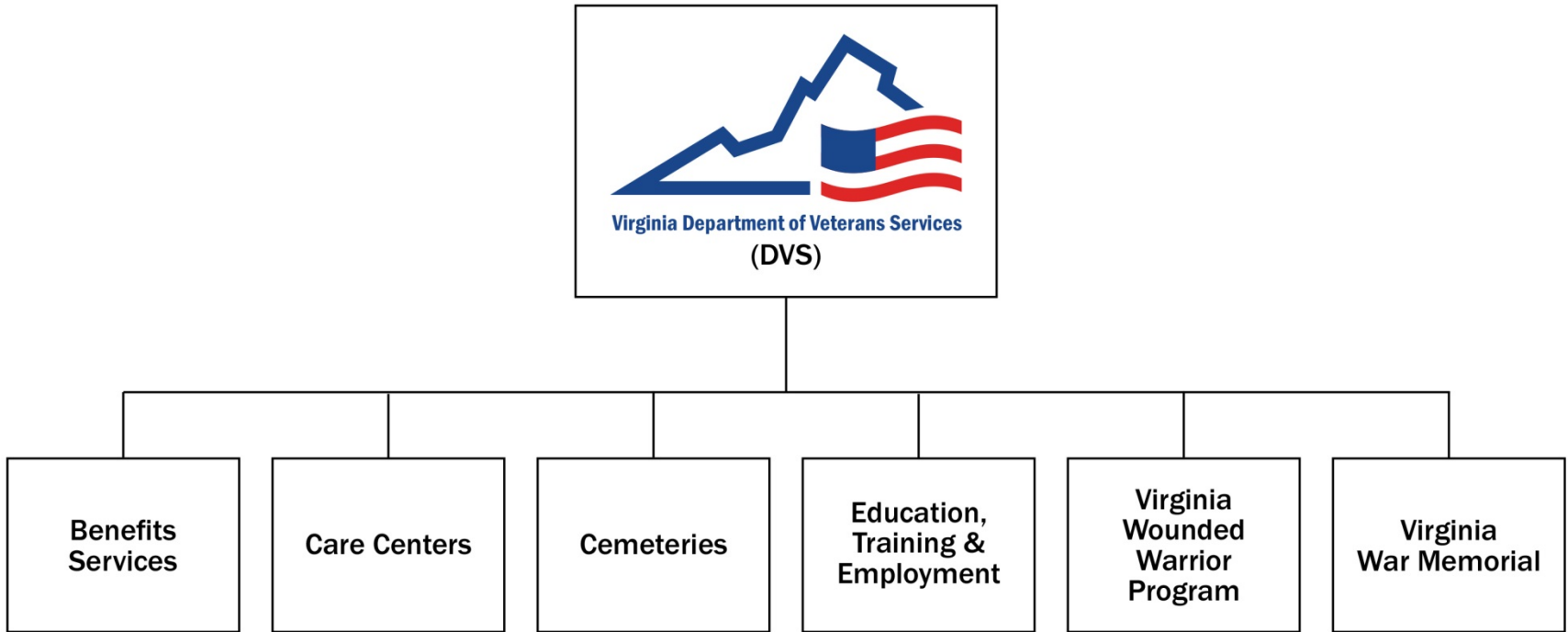
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BUDGET ITEMS – HB1400

Presentation to
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Core Service Areas





DVS Locations

Benefits Services Offices






- 1 Accomac
- 2 Alexandria
- 3 Big Stone Gap
- 4 Bristol
- 5 Cedar Bluff
- 6 Charlottesville
- 7 Danville
- 8 Fairfax
- 9 Front Royal
- 10 Hampton
- 11 Hampton VA Medical Center
- 12 Henrico
- 13 Lynchburg
- 14 McGuire VA Medical Center (Richmond)
- 15 Portsmouth
- 16 Quantico
- 17 Roanoke
- 18 Salem VA Medical Center
- 19 South Hill
- 20 Staunton
- 21 Tidewater (Norfolk)
- 22 Virginia Beach
- 23 Wytheville

Care Centers




-  Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center, Richmond
-  Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke

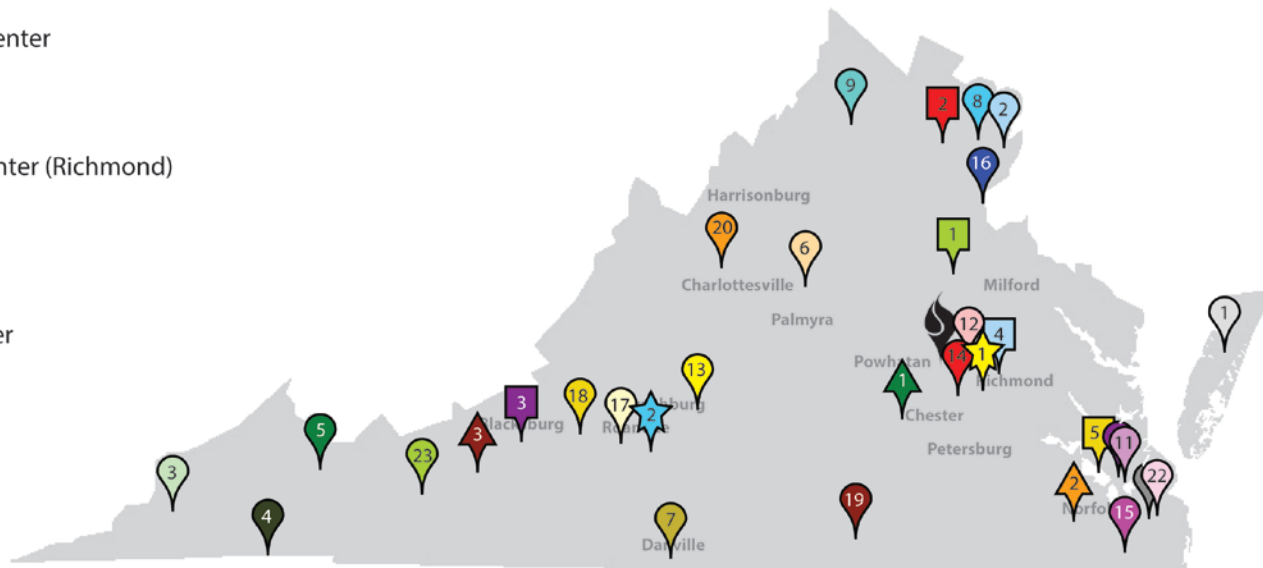


Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

-  Region I - Fredricksburg
-  Region II - Leesburg
-  Region III - Blacksburg
-  Region IV - Richmond
-  Region V - Hampton

Cemeteries

-  Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia
-  Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery Suffolk
-  Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin



FY14 – Service Highlights

- Filed 23,241 disability compensation claims on behalf of Virginia veterans and families, directly enabling the recoupment of **\$2.3 billion** in federal compensation and disability payments to our veterans in FFY13.
- Facilitated the employment of 3,225 Virginia veterans through the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program.
- Approved 1,122 educational program offerings for the G.I. Bill program, thus expanding educational opportunities for veterans using their G.I. Bill benefits. Virginia veterans received more than **\$872 million** in G.I. Bill benefits in FFY13.

FY14 – Service Highlights

- Provided 130,670 patient days of care at the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center (Richmond) and the Virginia Veterans Care Center (Roanoke).
- Performed 1,464 burials at Virginia’s three state veterans cemeteries (Amelia, Dublin, and Suffolk).
- Delivered 5,606 discrete supportive services to veterans and their families through the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program.
- Honored Virginia’s fallen by hosting 65,692 visitors at the Virginia War Memorial, a new single-year record.

Benefits Services

- \$1,750,201 (GF) in new funding in FY2016
- With the new funding, DVS will:
 - Add five positions at understaffed offices
 - Convert 13 administrative positions to veterans service representatives
 - Implement a career development plan for all staff to strengthen recruitment, hiring, training, and retention
 - Open two new benefit offices in underserved areas

Homeless Veterans

- \$180,000 (GF) in new funding for DVS in FY2016
- With the new funding, DVS will hire three local Housing Resource Specialists in Northern Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and Greater Hampton Roads

Employment and Transition

- Create new sub-program 46703 and establish appropriations for the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program and the Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP)

Employment and Transition

- V3/VTAP: \$474,000 (GF) and \$100,000 (NGF) in new funding in FY2016
- With the increased funding, DVS will:
 - V3 Program: expand outreach and training for V3 companies hiring veterans
 - VTAP: expand direct outreach to transitioning servicemembers and military bases to facilitate employment, training, and education in Virginia
 - NGF appropriation will support donations received toward V3 and VTAP.

Education

- Increased funding allows expanded access to post-secondary education under the federal G.I. Bill program and the state Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)
- VMSDEP: \$67,090 (GF) in new funding and 1 FTE in FY2016
- G.I. Bill Program Certification: \$42,000 (NGF) in additional funding (federal contract)

Veterans Care Centers

- Increases state commitment of project costs (35%) to:
 - \$32,640,481 (Hampton Roads) and
 - \$33,912,198 (Northern Virginia)
- With the commitment of the higher level of state funding, DVS will request a higher level of federal funding for the projects



Veterans Cemeteries

Authority for DVS to apply for federal grant funding (100% of project costs) to add burial sites at the state veterans cemetery in Suffolk



Q & A



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