



**STATE VETERANS' COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 7, 2017**



Current Licensure Status

Regulatory Agency	DVVH	GMVC	HVH	PSSH	SEVC	SWVC
Date of Last Inspection - Status						
PA Department of Health	01/20/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	12/08/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status	02/17/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	12/02/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status	11/18/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status	12/09/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status
PA Department of Human Services	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	License Vacated on 11/27/2012	11/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status	08/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	License Vacated on 01/16/2015
US Department of Veterans Affairs	04/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	01/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	02/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	01/2016 Full Standard Licensure Status

Delaware Valley Veterans' Home Update

- DVVH is currently in the process of conducting a pilot study for outsourcing house keeping services.
- A Capital Construction Project for general facility rehabilitation is to start February 2018, the Personal Care Unit will be closing as part of this project.

Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center Update

- A Capital Construction Project continues at the facility, on track for a January 2018 completion date.

Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home Update

- Initiatives at the HVH campus
 - Draw down of available beds
 - Lease of space
 - Sale of land
 - New Community Living Center
 - Administration building, plans for future use
 - Short term rehabilitation for VA patients

Pennsylvania Soldier's and Sailor's Home Update

- Installation of a security gate at campus front entrance, upon completion this will completely secure the PSSH campus.
- Capital Construction Project to renovate the skilled nursing units is estimated to begin June 2017 tentatively.

Southeastern Veterans' Center Update

- SEVC is conducting a pilot study for outsourcing dietary services.
- Conducting a Request for Proposal for the medical Services Contract.
- A demolishing, road improvement, and general repairs project is currently underway at SEVC. Estimated completion date August 2017.
- Construction of the new Maintenance Building schedule to begin this Spring 2017.
- A Capital Construction Project to renovate Coates Hall and open an Adult Day Health Care unit is estimated to begin June/July 2018.

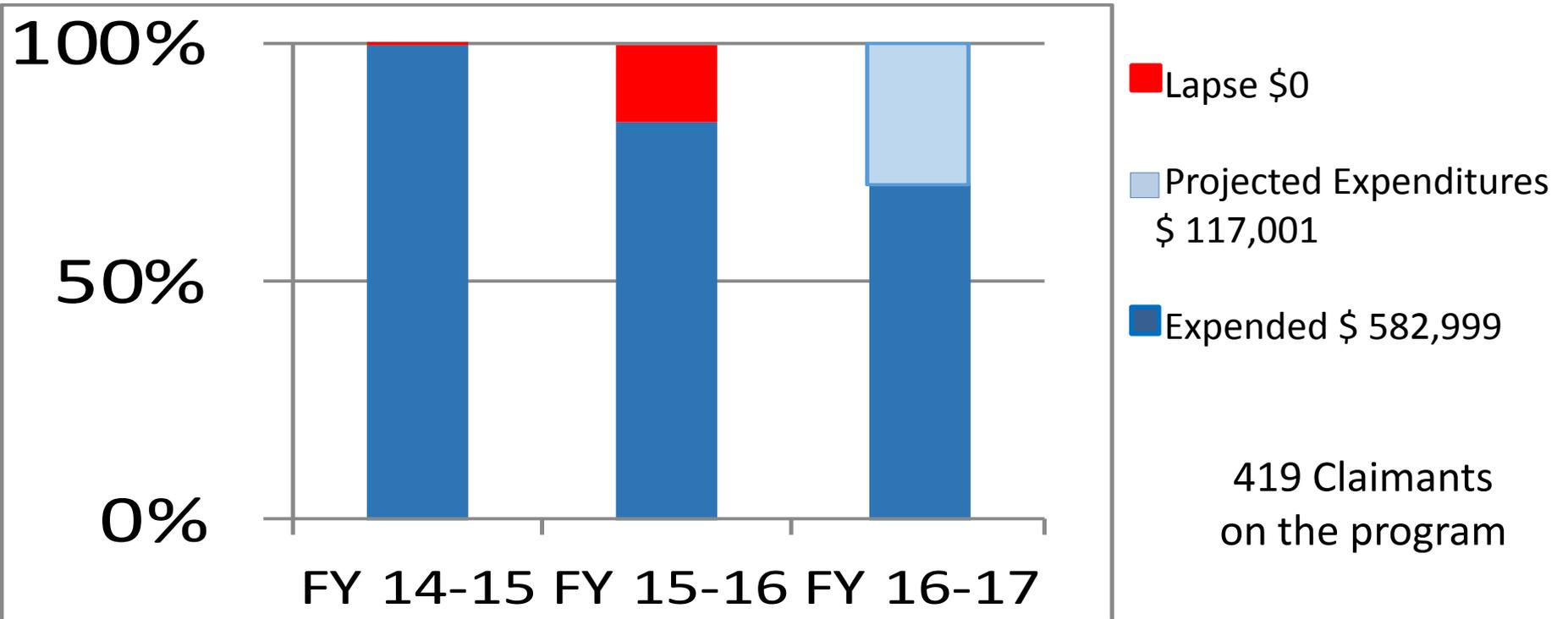
Southwestern Veterans' Center Update

- SWVC is conducting a Request for Proposal for Medical Services
- DOH is to withdraw the Provisional 1 licensure status against Southwestern Veterans Center based on DMVA's appeal and, instead, impose a \$4,750 civil penalty.

VETERANS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE



\$700,000



585 Claimants

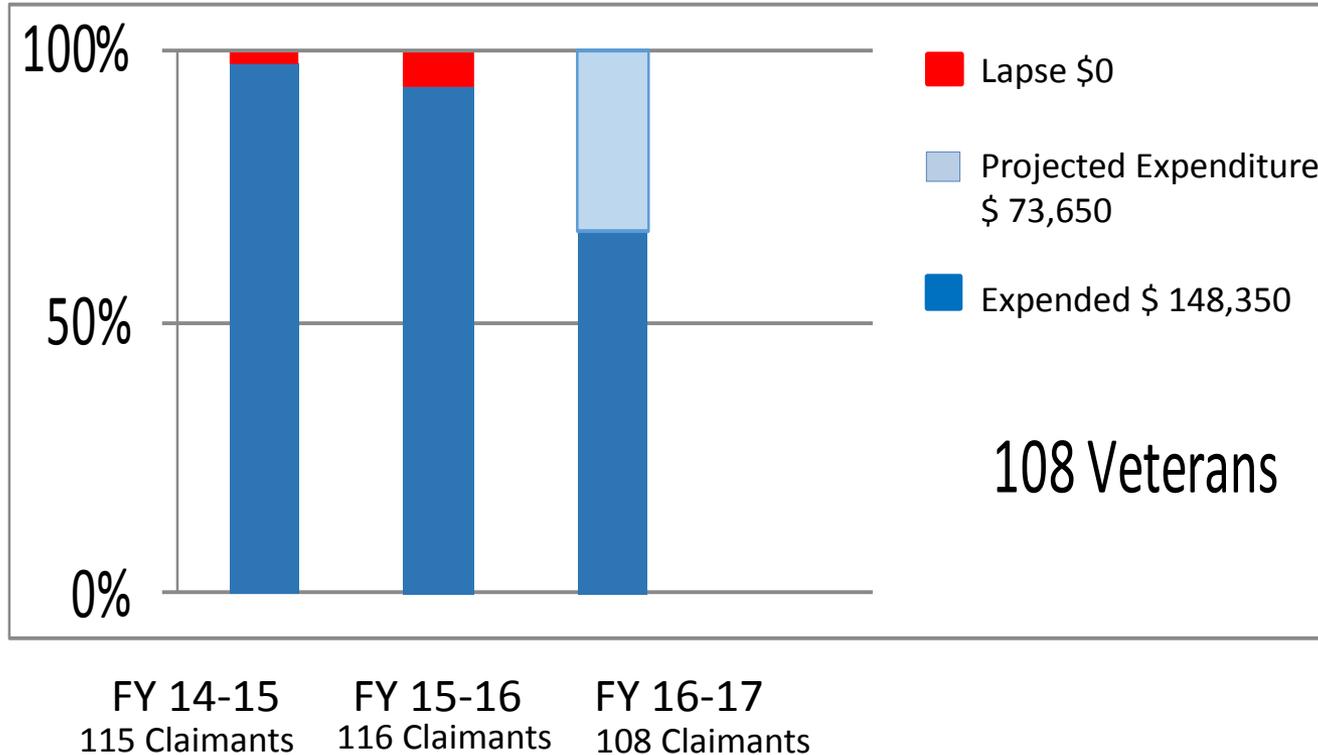
436 Claimants

419 Claimants
on the program

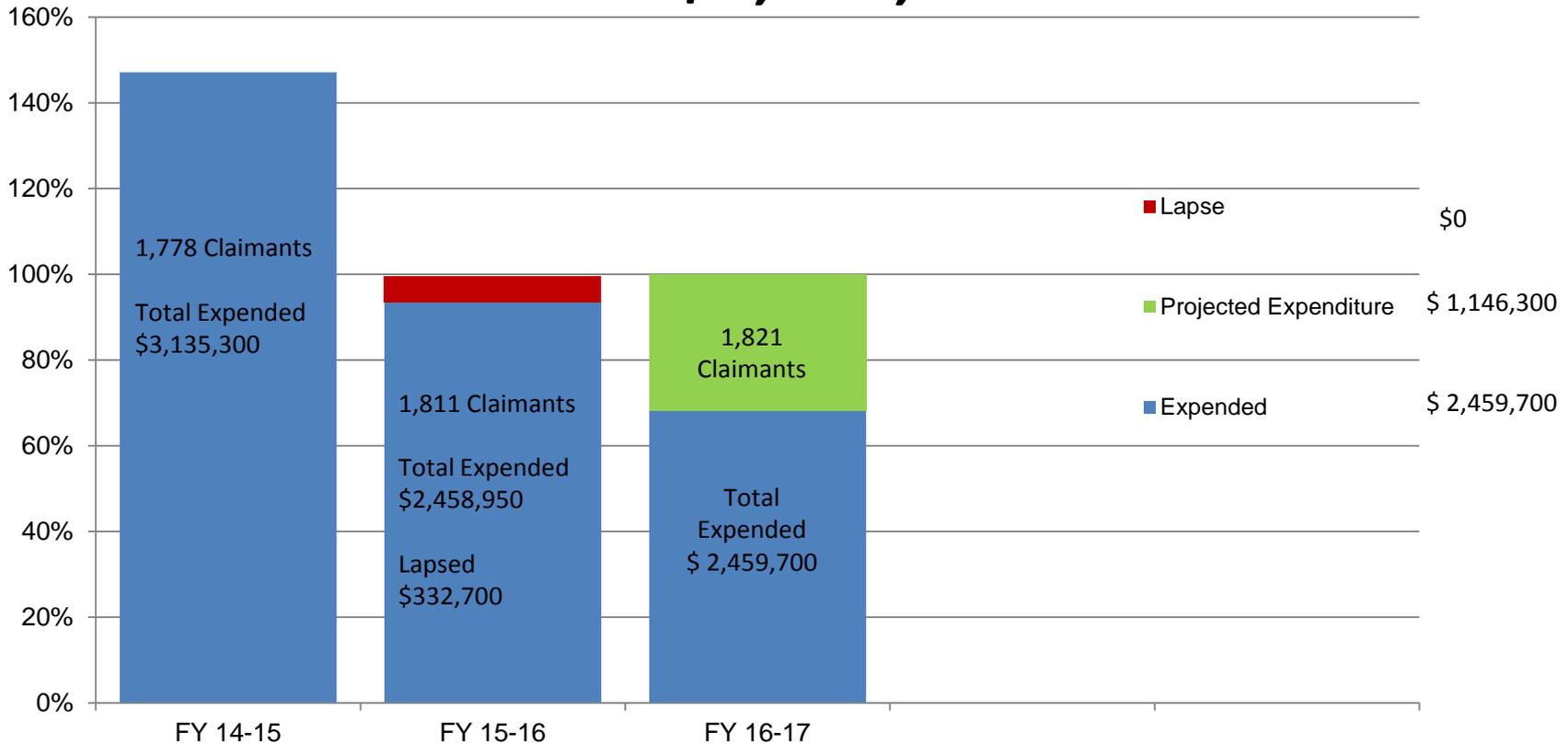
BLIND VETERANS PENSION



\$222,000



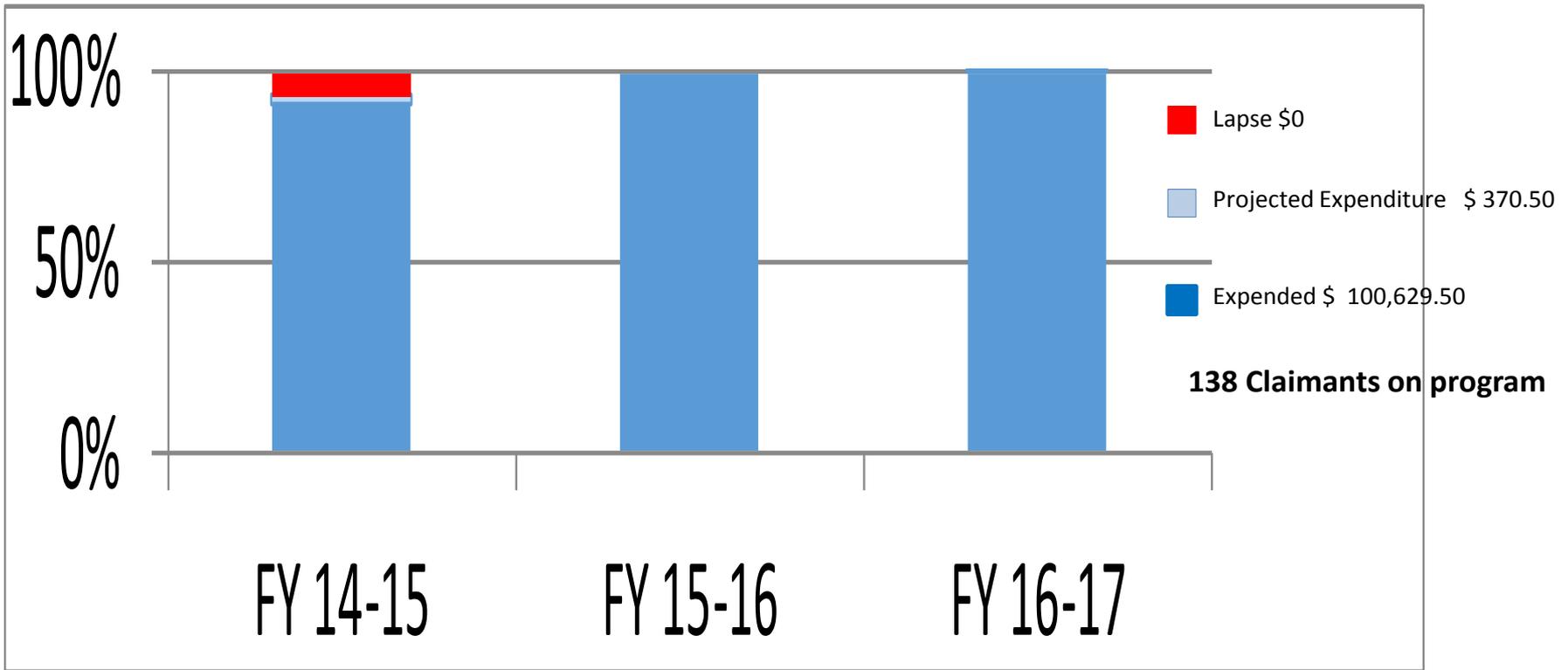
Paralyzed Veterans Pension \$3,606,000



EDUCATIONAL GRATUITY



\$101,000

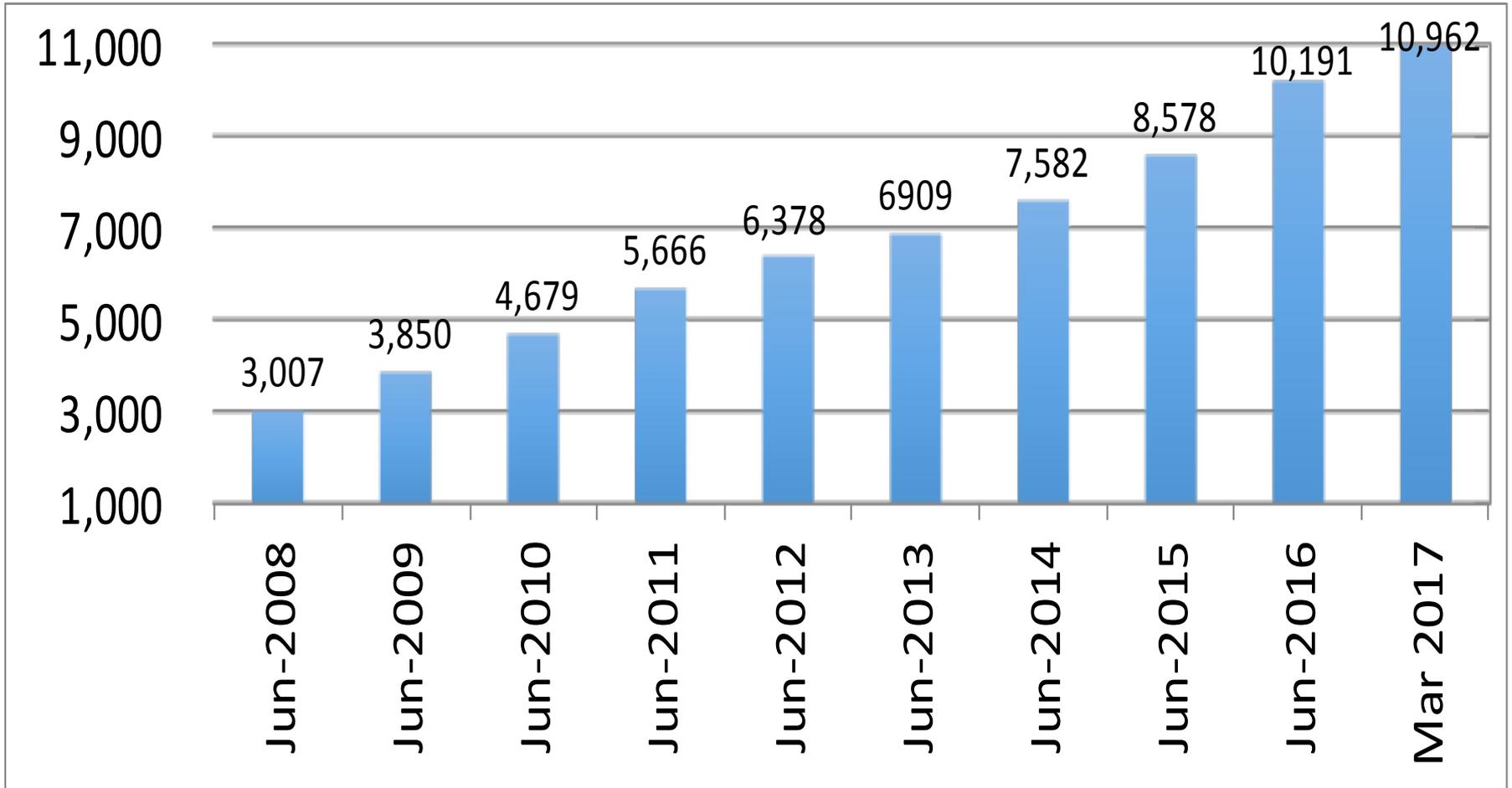


186 Claimants

134 Claimants

100 Claimants Projected

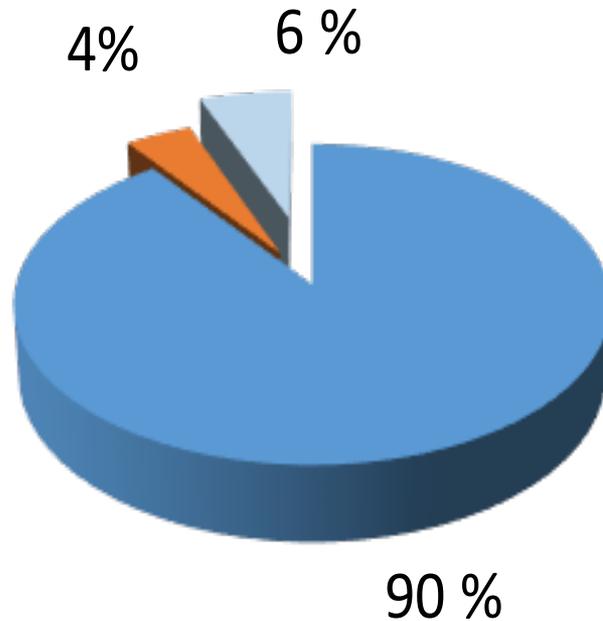
DISABLED VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM



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DISABLED VETERANS' RETX PROGRAM



- Applications (Approved): 473
- Applications Denied (Financial Need): 22
- Did not meet Eligibility criteria: 31

Did Not Meet Eligibility Criteria:

- 2: Property Ownership change
- 1: Spouse Remarried
- 4: Property not solely owned by Veteran and Spouse
- 7: Did not have 100% Permanent Disability in their lifetime
- 7: No war time service
- 9: Not total or 100% Disabled - Future Exam
- 1: Veteran does not occupy property as principal dwelling
- 1: Disability not rated 100% P&T

31 Applications Ineligible by Reason Code

*556 Applications Received since 21 January 2017

PERSIAN GULF VETERANS BENEFIT PROGRAM



Total Applications: 12,076

Payments Sent: 9,371

Total Payments: \$3,974,037.50

Average Payment: \$424.08

Average Processing Time: 5.76 days

MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



OVERALL MFRAP CONTRIBUTIONS - FY 2005 THRU 24 MAR 2017

TOTAL PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 120,850.48
DEPT OF REVENUE - PIT DONATIONS	\$ 1,604,855.57
TOTAL ALL CONTRIBUTIONS - PRIVATE & PIT DONATIONS	\$ 1,725,706.05
APPROVED GRANT APPLICATION PAYMENTS	\$ 808,084.86
ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 917,621.19

PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS MEMORIAL



Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial Trust Fund

Beginning Trust Fund Balance (July 1, 2016)	\$565,829.99
Grants Received	0
Public / Private Donations	\$4,505.02
Interest	\$2,589.60
Refunds of Expenditures	\$28.70
Total Receipts	\$7,123.32
Expenses	(\$38,513.95)
Ending Balance	\$534,439.36

ODAGVA / ACT 66 SUMMARY



FY 16 - 17	
Claims, Compensation and Pension Summary	
Year to Date Claims Submitted	Year to Date Value of Awards
*22,024	*\$64,116,982.00

* ODAGVA and Act 66 combined data will be available when DMVA completes the Vetraspec data conversion.

FY 15 - 16	
Claims, Compensation and Pension Summary	
Year to Date Claims Submitted	Year to Date Value of Awards
22,733	\$254,503,769.00

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OUTREACH ENGAGEMENTS



Outreach Statistics

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year to Date
Outreach Events Supported	51	42	17		110
Mobile Outreach Van Events	43	36	11		90
Veteran Interactions	1,011	541	661		2,213
Claim referrals to County Directors and Service Organizations	157	118	128		403
Legislator Attended Events	17	17	3		37

Notes

- Two outreach vans are operational and supporting outreach events

Upcoming Events – April

- **Legislative Events** – Representative McNeil Senior Fair – Senator McIlhinney Senior Expo – Representative Gillen’s Veterans Expo – Senator Stefano’s Senior Expo -
- **Events** – PA Career Link Annual Spring Career Fair – Donegal TU Veteran Event – York Veteran Job Fair – Rural Veteran Outreach Event – Guard Day at the Capitol – Erie Veteran Resource and Job Expo – Pine Grove Mills Veteran Outreach Event – Hanover Military Appreciation Day
- **Legislators Attending Events** – Senator Brown, Representatives Kreuger-Brackney and Simmons

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VETERANS' TRUST FUND



Revenue	Since Last Meeting	SFY 16-17	Cumulative Total
Checkoff & Donations	\$305,153.00	\$1,213,181.00	\$5,362,904.00
HOV License Plate	\$390.00*	\$2,325.00	\$38,760.00
PA Monuments License Plate	\$161.00*	\$1,334.00	\$15,502.00
Interest	\$3,118.00	\$11,862.00	\$24,433.00
Disbursements			
VTF Grants	\$529,757.00**	\$529,757.00	\$1,992,374.00
VTA	\$243,817.00	\$587,457.00	\$1,853,369.00
PENN DOT Costs	\$0.00***	\$0.00	\$772,000.00

•Total number of HOV License plates sold since last meeting = 26 (Total since inception = 2,584)

*Total number of PA Monuments License plates sold since last meeting = 7 (Total since inception = 674)

**Awards and distribution of funds are contingent upon the completion of a fully executed grant agreements

*** PENNDOT PAYMENT/INVOICING – DMVA has Agreed to pay \$194,000/FY over four years. Current Balance is \$194,000. DOT will issue invoices at the beginning of April for Annual Payments. (Total Cost was 966,000.00)

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Community Partner Initiatives



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House a Vet Initiative (Pocono Raceway)

Info shared with:

Legislators – PPL Half-Sheet

Eastern CoC – Homeless Veteran Task Force

Lackawanna County Veterans Resource Coalition

State Veterans Commission – 6 April Meeting (Chip)

County Directors of Veterans Affairs

DMVA Digital Digest

PAARNG J9, Service Member & Family Support Serv

FAC Coordinators

Survivor Services (Gold Star Families)



**LOOKING FOR A CANDIDATE
NOMINATE A VETERAN TODAY!**
★ ★ ★ Applications Due: April 25th 2017 ★ ★ ★

VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS (VAREP)
is a 501.c.3 nonprofit organization supporting our nation's Heroes
To be eligible for this program, Candidates must be a wounded warrior, veteran,
or surviving spouse, must not currently have a mortgage, and home must be primary residence.



TO NOMINATE A HERO OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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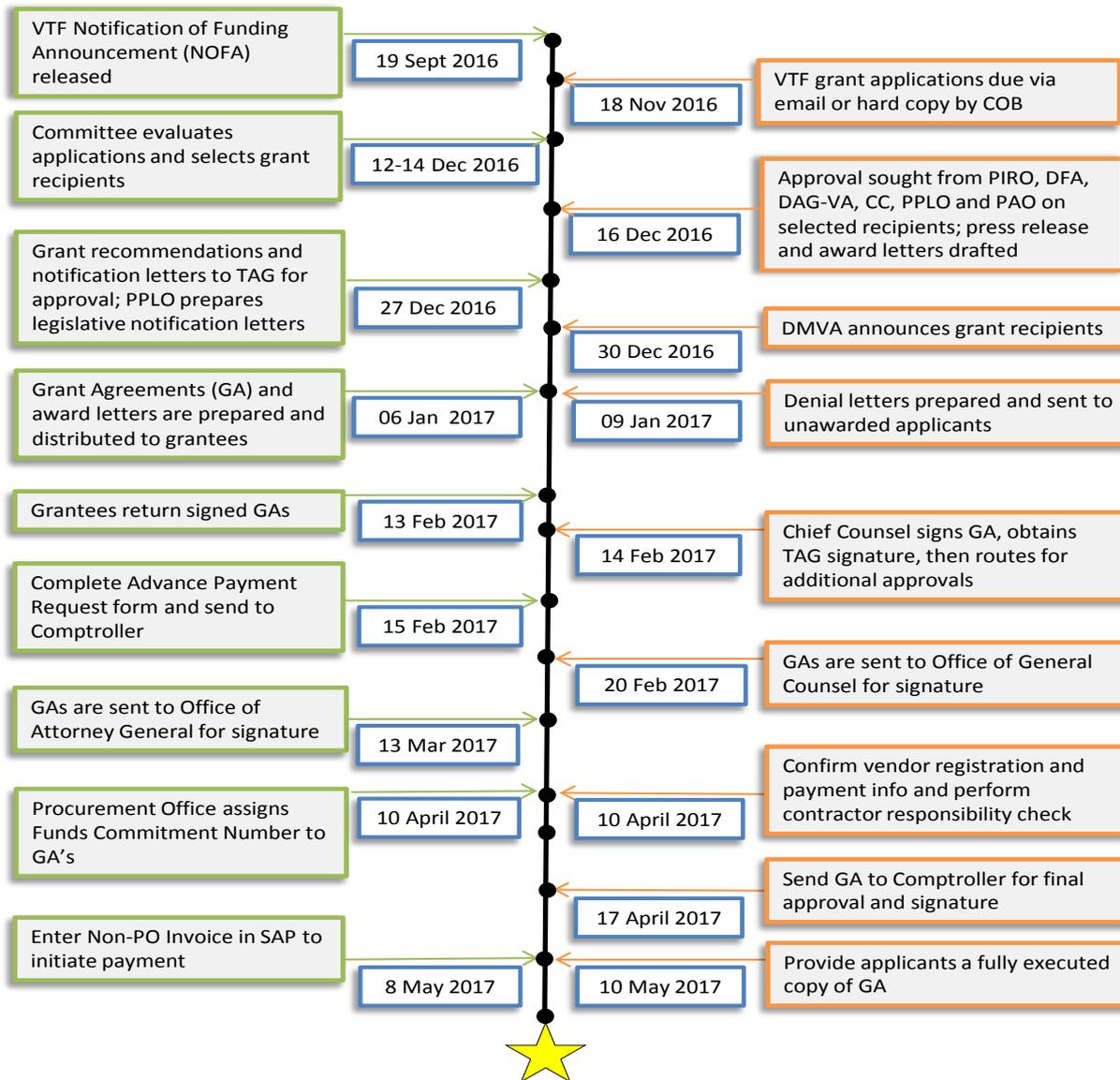
Monroe County

Please help us spread the word and get nominations.

This is a unique give in that it also takes into consideration the mortgage and u

Costs. For additional information contact the POC on the flyer

VTF 2016-2017 Grant Timeline



SVC Member at Large Appointments



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Vetted in Law, Pa.C.S. 51 § 1702 (b)(3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall be a Veteran and member in good and regular standing of a Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized national Veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth.

At least one member shall be a female Veteran, and

At least one member shall be a Veteran of the Vietnam era.

Members at large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor has been Appointed.

Anyone can nominate anyone provided the nominee meets the criteria as cited above. DMVA-OVA follows a long established office procedure that meets the requirements of the Office of the Governor.

Each nominee must be recommended in writing (Letter of Recommendation)

Each nominee must provide a biography citing his or her qualifications for the position

The Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs compiles nominations and forwards them to The Adjutant General for his approval and further transmission to the Governor.

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ASSUMPTION:

Governors Office Procedures We have asked PPL to validate the exact office procedures That are used by the Governors office. Our understanding of those procedures at this time Are:

Nominations are received from DMVA through our Policy, Planning and Legislative Office
A background check of some sort (vetting) is conducted.

Vacancies on the State Veterans Commission are validated

Once Governors internal procedures are completed packets are presented to the Governor for consideration.

Governor decides which packets are approved and affixes his signature

Member at Large affirms their appointment and returns a copy of affirmation to the Department of State

Appointments are returned to DMVA through our Policy, Planning and Legislative Office
Chairman of the State Veterans Commission is notified of new MAL appointments

NEXT MEETING



Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:00AM
Arrowheads Community Club
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003