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STATE VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
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DMVA MILITARY UPDATE

CURRENT AND FUTURE UNIT MOBILIZATIONS

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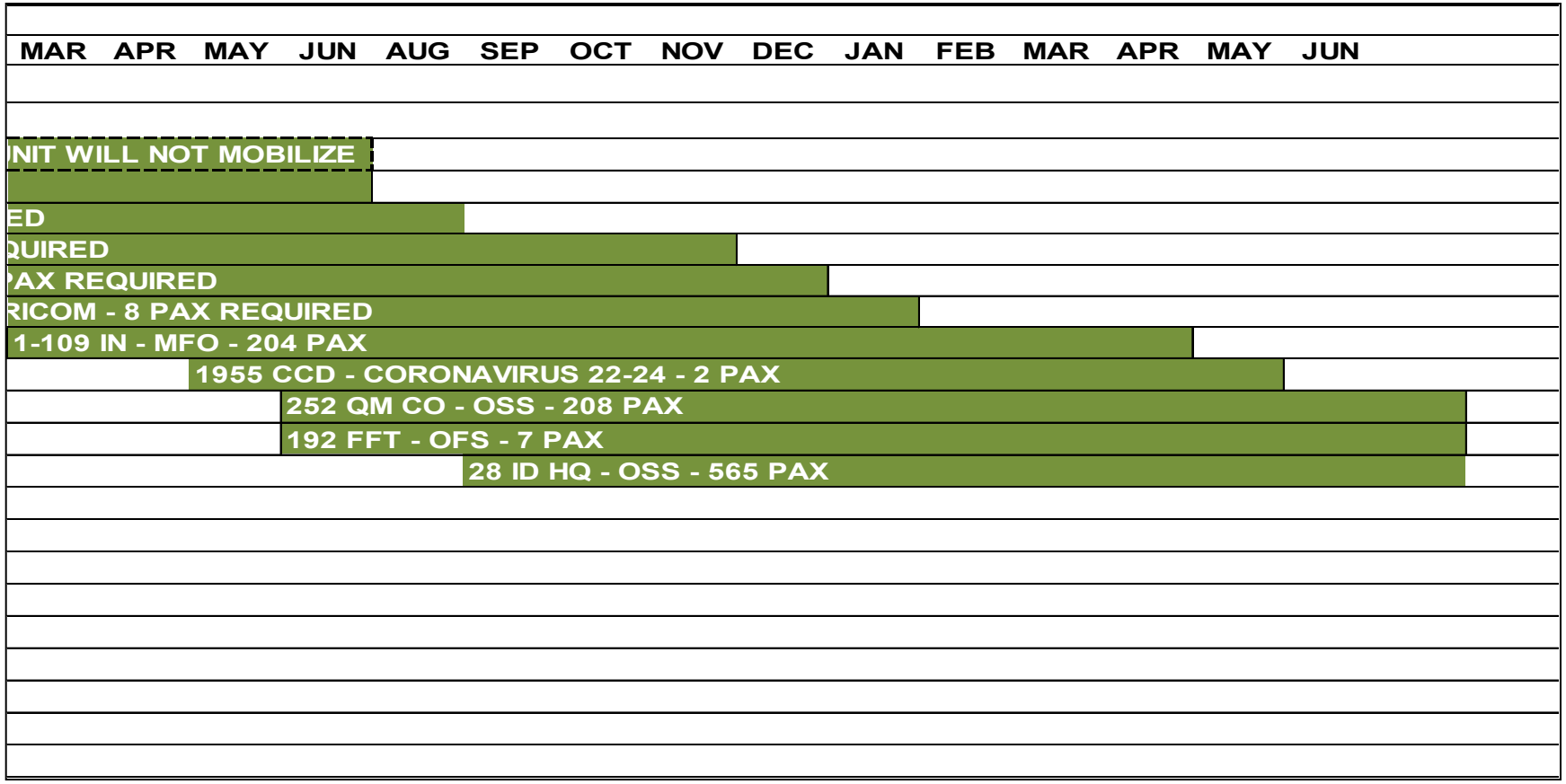

ARNG Unit Soldiers in Theater: 721
ARNG Soldiers at MOB/DEMOB Site: 193
ARNG Individual Mob: 2
Total ARNG Mob: 742

Total PANG Mobilized:

Current ANG Unit Airmen Mob: 113
Current ANG Individual Mob: 15
Total: ANG Mob: 128

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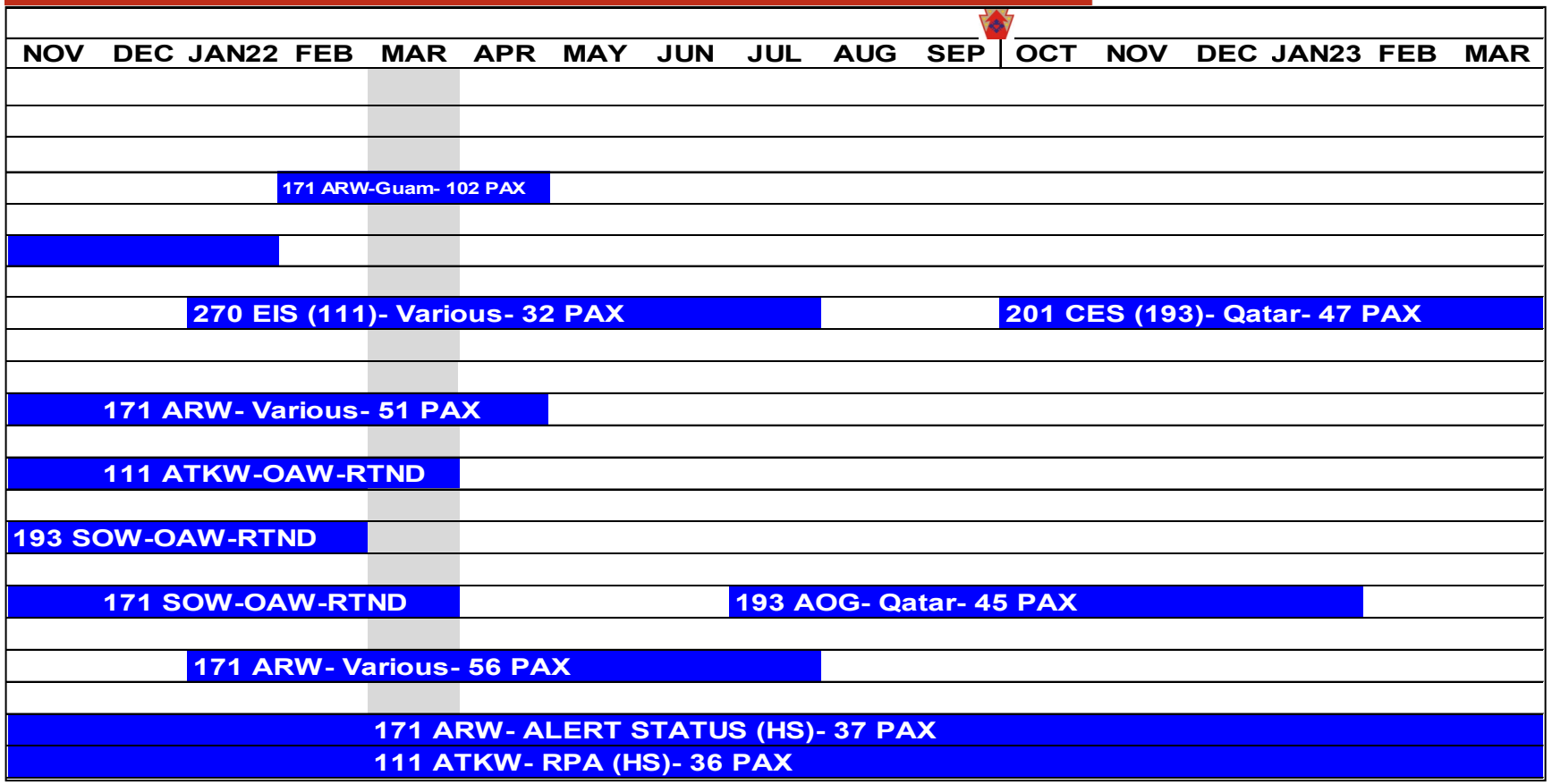

Current ANG Unit Airmen Mob: 314
Current ANG Individual Mob: 9
Total: ANG Mob: 323

CURRENT MOBILIZATIONS & TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS

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PAARNG Current Deployments

MDATE	MSAD	UNIT	OPN	PAX	MISSION	Projected Return Date
13 JUN 21	15 JUN 21	1-104 CAV	MFO-21-23	200	T10, 12304B	22 APR 22
31 AUG 21	03 OCT 21	1069 MP	GTMO	108	T10, 12302	04 OCT 22
09 OCT 21	12 OCT 21	228 EN	OSS	143	T10, 12302	12 NOV 22
27 NOV 21	30 NOV 21	1067 TC	OSS	262	T10, 12302	29 SEP 22
04 DEC 21	07 DEC 21	107 FA	AFRICOM	8	T10, 12304B	03 OCT 22
ARNG Soldiers at MOB/DEMOB Sites				193	Various Missions	Various based on tour
Various Individual MOB Soldiers				2	Various Missions	Various based on tour
Total PAARNG Deployed: 721						

PAANG Current Deployments

Unit	Opn	Pax
193 SOW	Other	9
111 ATKW	IPR (HS), OFS-OIR-OSS	36/32
171 ARW	Alert Status (HS), OFS-OIR-OSS/PACOM	37/107/102
Total PAANG Deployed		**323**

Total PANG Deployed

State Legislation of Interest.

- HB 1868 - (Mako) Provides requirements for the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs relating to licensing for military applicants, examining relevant military experience, approving renewals of licenses for deployed servicemembers, gathering license fees and submitting information reports to various state officials. **Awaiting 3rd Consideration. Rereferred to Senate Appropriations, 1/26/2022**
- HB 995 (Kaufer) - Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in Department of Military Affairs, establishing the Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program. Provides for a program that will improve the health and wellbeing of veterans and the families of veterans through community engagement and consistent network communication and organize participants to cooperate with network partners to provide for proactive solutions to address the problems faced by veterans. **Awaiting 3rd Consideration in Senate. Set on calendar 3/30/2022**
- HB 1421 (Thomas) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in Department of Military Affairs, providing that the department may request the Pennsylvania National Guard for assistance in burials and provides that if a contract is executed the department shall pay an amount not exceeding $250. **Awaiting 3rd Consideration in Senate. Rereferred to Senate Appropriations**
- HB 491 (Boback) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) establishing Chapter 99 regarding Veterans' Benefit Payment Exclusion. One hundred percent of a veterans' benefit payment may not be included as income for any commonwealth program. **Awaiting 3rd Consideration in Senate. Rereferred to Senate Appropriations**
- SB 849 (Stefano) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in veterans' preference, further providing for definitions; and, in voluntary veterans' preference in private employment, further providing for definitions. **Final Passage Senate 11/08/2021. Received by House VAEP.**
- HB 1055 (Webster) Amends "An act to authorize the recorder of deeds in the several counties of this Commonwealth to record the discharges of all honorably discharged officers and soldiers," providing that a veteran's records of discharge shall be inaccessible to anyone other than the veteran or an immediate family member or authorized agent for 85 years. **Final Passage House 11/10/2021. Received by House VAEP.**
- SB 729 (Ward) Amends the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act, providing that curriculum content for an approved nurse aide training program may be delivered in class, in person, online or via asynchronous, virtual reality or other digital delivery mechanism, or in a blended format. Establishes that clinical requirements must be completed in an approved clinical setting. **Final Passage 12/15/2021. Governor signed 12/22/2021. Earliest Effective date 2/20/22**

State Legislation of Interest.

- HB 1108 (Neilson) Amends Title 30 (Fish), in fishing licenses, further providing for exemptions from license requirements for therapeutic recreational programs. H Game and Fish 4/6/21. Voted favorably and reported as committed H Game and Fish. 4/21/21. Discussed during public hearing H Game & Fish + H Tourism & Rec, 10/6/21. **Final Passage House 12/15/2021. Received in the Senate 12/29/21**
- HB 1976 (Harkins) Act providing for workplace health & safety standards for public employees; providing for powers & duties of the Sec. Of L&I, establishing the PA Occupational Safety & Health Review Board; providing for workplace inspections. **Introduced in House 10/18/21. Awaiting First Consideration.**
- HB 1057 (Hickernell) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for State Veterans' Commission. **Final Passage House 6/09/2021. Received by Senate VAEP.**
- HB 164 (Staats) Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs), providing that a licensed funeral director, funeral entity or cemetery company shall, within 96 hours of receipt of the remains of a deceased serviceperson, notify the county director of veterans affairs of a deceased serviceperson having legal residence in the county at the time of death and provide the family of the deceased serviceperson with the contact information for the county director of veterans affairs. **Final Passage House 6/09/2021. Received by Senate VAEP.**
- SB 455 (Bartolotta) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in veteran-owned small businesses, The legislation provides for eligibility, issuance and administration of the logotypes and the system for verification. Money may be utilized from the Veterans' Trust Fund to establish the logotypes and a system for verification. Violation of this act is a misdemeanor of the third degree if the individual fraudulently holds the logotype. Further provides the full amount of each fine collected for a violation shall be deposited into the Veterans' Trust Fund. **Awaiting 3rd consideration. Rereferred to Senate Approps.**
- SB 272 (Mastriano) Amends Title 30 (Fish), in fishing licenses, providing free resident fishing licenses for first responders who have a disability incurred in the line of duty that prevents substantial employment and meets certain qualifications. **Final Passage Senate 1/19/2022. Received in the House and referred to House Game and Fisheries 1/21/2022.**

State Legislation of Interest.

- SB 150 (Ward) Comp: HB 477 (Pisciottano) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for blind veteran's pension and for amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension by increasing the compensation from $150 to $180. Awaiting 2nd consideration. Rereferred to S Approp.
- SB 578 (Bartolotta) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions. **Awaiting 2nd Consideration. Set on Senate Calendar 6/25/2021.**
- HB 1427 (Boback) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in Veterans' Organizations, providing for grants to veterans' service officer programs and for the transfer of $1 million under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the department for that purpose. **Awaiting 2nd consideration. Set on Tabled Calendar 3/28/2022**
- HB 1389 (Sainato) - Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in Veterans Trust Fund and the transfer of $1 million under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the department for that purpose. **Awaiting 2nd consideration. Set on Tabled Calendar 3/28/2022**

Federal Legislation of Interest.

- **H.R.3967 - Honoring our PACT Act of 2021** To improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes.
  Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41] , Last Action: **House - 03/04/2022 Passed the House**

- **S.3388 - Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2021** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
  Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT], Last Action**: Introduced 12/14/2021**

- **H.R.1836 - Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021** To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
  Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49], Last Action: **Passed House 1/12/2002**

- **S.89 - Ensuring Survivor Benefits during COVID-19 Act of 2021** This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to obtain a medical opinion that determines whether a service-connected disability was the principal or contributory cause of death for a veteran who died from COVID-19.
  Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ], Latest Action: **Passed the Senate – 07/21/2021**

- **H.R.2494** This bill establishes the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration to administer economic opportunity assistance programs for veterans and their dependents and survivors. Specifically, the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration must administer the following Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs: vocational rehabilitation and employment programs, educational assistance programs, veterans' housing loan and related programs, the Transition Assistance Program, and the database of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans. Prior to the transfer of administrative responsibilities, the bill requires the VA to certify that (1) the transition of the provision of services will not negatively affect the provision of such services to veterans, and (2) such services are ready to be transferred.
  Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2] (Introduced 04/13/2021), Latest Action: **Passed the House – 05/18/2021**

2022 Dates of Interest

Primary Election – May 17, 2022
General Election – November 8, 2022

General Assembly
2022 House Session Schedule

April	11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27
May	23, 24, 25
June	7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30
September	12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21
October	24, 25, 26
November	14, 15, 16

2022 Senate Session Schedule

April	4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13
May	23, 24, 25
June	6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

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PVH Current Licensure Status

Regulatory Agency	DVVH	GMVC	HVH	PSSH	SEVC	SWVC
Dates of Last Inspection						
PA Department of Health	02/2020 Full Standard Licensure Status	12/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status	09/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status	07/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status	07/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status	05/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status
PA Department of Human Services	N/A	N/A	11/2019 Full Standard Licensure Status	09/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status	06/2021 Full Standard Licensure Status	N/A
US Department of Veterans Affairs	10/2021 Revisit Required Status	02/2022 POC development	02/2021 Elec record rvw Provisional Certification Status	02/2022 POC development	02/2022 POC development	02/2021 Elec record rvw Provisional Certification Status

Each DMVA Pennsylvania Veterans' Home is currently licensed by the PA Department of Health, PA Department of Human Services and certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. HVH, PSSH and SEVC have a Personal Care program.

Last updated: 03-21-22

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Resident COVID-19 Update

Residents		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	09	10
Home	Data Date	# of Residents with S/S of COVID-19	# of Residents Currently Positive in Facility	# of Residents Waiting Test Results	# of Residents in Hospital for COVID-19 Reasons	# of Total Residents Tested	General Resident Population Testing, Enter round # and S-Started C-Complete	# of Residents Positive for COVID-19 Cumulative	# of Residents Recovered	# of Residents That Expired with a Positive COVID-19 Status.
DVVH	3/16/2022	0	2	0	4	4229	56-S	95	73	20
GMVC	3/16/2022	0	0	0	0	11607	88-C	114	91	23
HVH	3/16/2022	0	0	0	0	12877	68-C	184	168	27
PSSH	3/16/2022	0	0	0	0	6720	122-C	157	114	21
SEVC	3/16/2022	0	0	0	0	12667	100-C	131	71	42
SWVC	3/16/2022	0	2	0	0	10869	55-C	58	53	3
	Total:	0	4	0	4	58969		739	570	136

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Staff COVID-19 Update

Staff		01	02	03	04	06	07
Home	Data Date	# of Staff Currently Out for COVID-19 Reasons	# of Staff Currently Positive	# of Staff Waiting Test Results	# of Total Staff Tested	# of Staff Tested Positive for COVID-19 Cumulative	# of Staff Returned to Work Cumulative
DVVH	3/16/2022	0	0	0	10019	147	249
GMVC	3/16/2022	0	0	1	20775	148	158
HVH	3/16/2022	7	2	4	40038	443	1802
PSSH	3/16/2022	0	0	0	17795	204	474
SEVC	3/16/2022	2	1	0	20593	265	491
SWVC	3/16/2022	0	0	0	22508	198	460
	Total:	9	3	5	131728	1405	3634

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COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Vaccinations (All Homes)

ResidentsBy Home	Vaccinations - Residents					
		Census	Fully Vaccinated	% Fully Vaccinated	Partially Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated
DVVH	Residents	118	118	100%	0	0
GMVC	Residents	131	130	99%	0	1
HVH	Residents	220	204	93%	0	13
PSSH	Residents	127	126	99%	0	1
SEVC	Residents	177	175	99%	1	1
SWVC	Residents	149	146	98%	1	2
Total		**922**	**899**	**98%**	**2**	**18**

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Pennsylvania Veterans Homes COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 links for information related to the Veterans Homes and skilled nursing facilities.

- https://www.dmva.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx
- https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/LTCF-Data.aspx
- https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx
- https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/SNF-Guidance.aspx
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19MpLoPxayE1MDwQJJYCZxlSN64V4FJSJPGzfvVBb5Mw/edit#gid=1511961664

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BUREAU ACTIVITIES

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- **Veterans Trust Fund** - Governor Tom Wolf announced today that the 2021-22 Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF) is accepting grant applications for programs and services benefiting Pennsylvania veterans. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) will award up to $1 million in VTF grants to non-profit organizations, veteran service organizations and county directors of veteran affairs across the state. Grant applications are currently under review for this grant cycle.

- **Title 43 Regulatory Update Project –** We are conducting a regulatory review of the application and adjudication procedures for our state veterans' benefits programs codified in 43 Pa. Code. The review follows a detailed process governed by the Regulatory Review Act and overseen by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. We have included stakeholders from across the PA military and veterans' community in our working group, including representatives of the State Veterans Commission and several veterans service organizations, the PA State Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs, the PA National Guard, and cross-programmatic support from the DMVA staff, as well as DHS legal staff. The review is expected to continue through 2022, and a regular five-year review process will be established.

- **Stakeholder Engagement** - We realize that there is no way we can successfully serve veterans without the cooperation of our government partners and community partners, especially those who are on the ground level and work every day to improve the lives of veterans. We are taking a positive and collaborative approach in all we do. As veteran advocates we are holistically connecting Pennsylvania's service members, veterans, and their families to local, state, and federal benefits, programs, and recognition they have earned. DMVA and The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, have signed a cross-accreditation agreement to better serve the veterans of Pennsylvania. We continue to work with all of the organizations for the betterment of the veterans 'community. We continue to work with our federal and state government partners as well to expand our ability to connect with servicemember, veterans, and their families. For example, we are collaborating with VISN 4 and PennDOT to reach out to all veterans that have self identified as veterans through PennDOT's programs.

- **Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services** – met on February 2, 2022. More information to include past meeting minutes and presentations may be found at veterans.pa.gov and then click on Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans Services. The next meeting will be May 11, 2022.

PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

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The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) received a **2022 Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award** from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for PA VETConnect.

PA VETConnect is an outreach program that enables the DMVA to concentrate services from within communities where Pennsylvania veterans live and allows the DMVA to utilize community-based providers to fill gaps in services. Since PA VETConnect launched in 2020, DMVA has successfully accomplished more than 16,000 connections with federal, state and local government officials, non-profit organizations, and community leaders.

The Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award was established in 2012 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate state programs, establish best practices for other state agencies to follow for greater success and efficiency, and highlight the great work being done at the state level.

FEDERAL PORTFOLIO REPORTING

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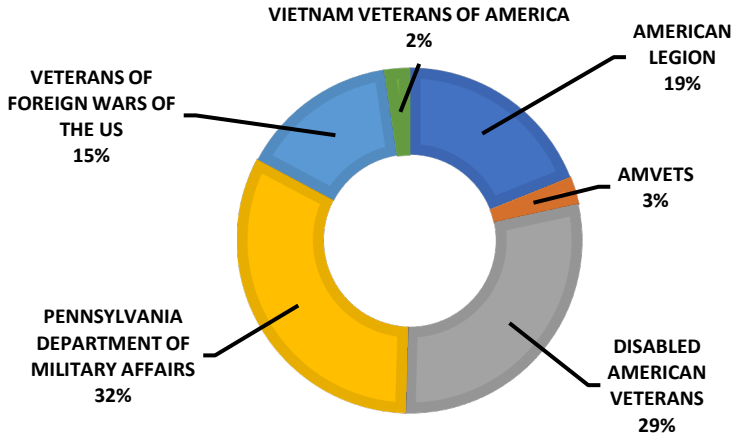
Federal Claims Reporting

- Through a collaborative effort to streamline reporting of our federal portfolio with the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Pennsylvania Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion (TAL), American Veterans (AMVETs), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) the bureau will now receive data from the VBA on the 20th of each month to generate a report by organizational power of attorney.
- The report will measure the number of claims paid and the value of those claims related to Live Compensation (COMP), Live Pension (NSC PEN), Survivor Pension (SUR PEN), and Death Indemnity Compensation (DIC).
- The report will provide a timely and holistic picture of how Veterans are being served by the six organizations across the commonwealth. The report will be issued by the bureau by the last day of every month effective March 2022 and published to the DMVA website.
- Ultimately this change reduces the reporting requirements, the time necessary to produce a report across all six organizations and provides a more complete picture of the value of each of the veteran service officers across the commonwealth.

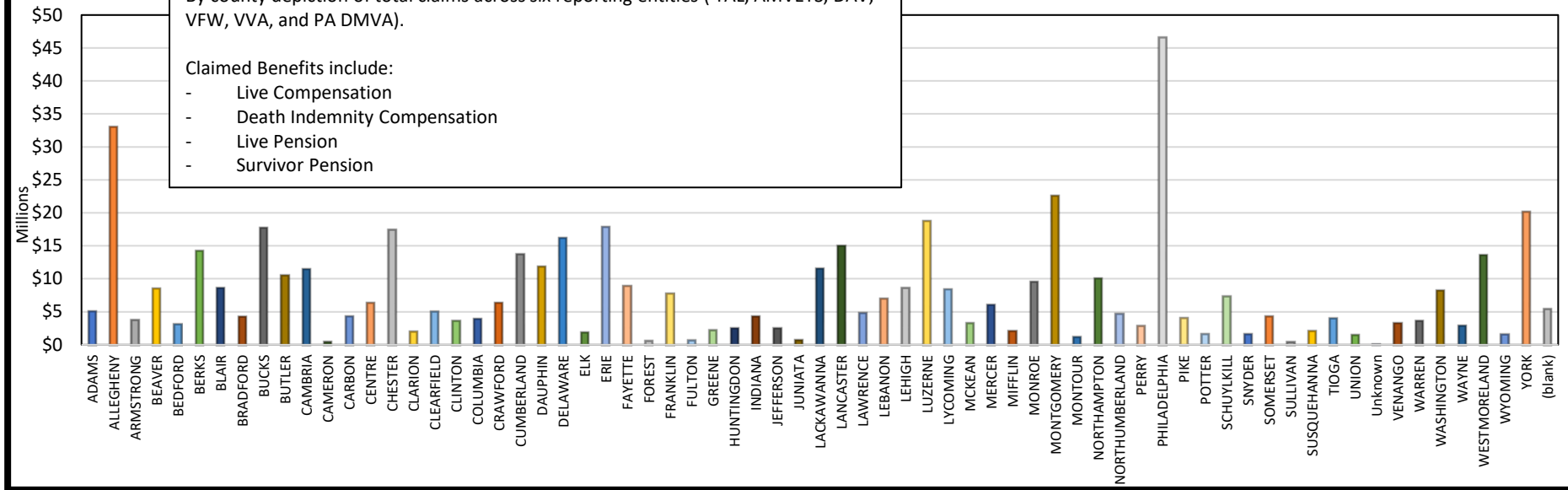
Percentage of Claims Reported by Organization (OCT-DEC 2021)



Claims reported by County (OCT-DEC 2021)

By county depiction of total claims across six reporting entities (TAL, AMVETS, DAV, VFW, VVA, and PA DMVA).

Claimed Benefits include:
- Live Compensation
- Death Indemnity Compensation
- Live Pension
- Survivor Pension



VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS

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The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) will host the first in a five-part series of virtual Veteran Town Halls on March 16, 2022. The topic was veteran suicide prevention, with a focus on the support and resources available to veterans throughout the commonwealth.

The series will provide the commonwealth's nearly 800,000 veterans with a convenient platform to learn and ask questions about programs and services earned through their military service.

The following are the dates, times and topics for the four remaining 2022 Virtual Veteran Town Hall events:

- May 18, 2022, 5-6:30 p.m. – Serving Older Veterans
- July 13, 2022, 5-6:30 p.m. – Resources for Homeless Veterans
- Sept. 14, 2022, 5-6:30 p.m. – Transportation Issues Facing Veterans
- Nov. 2, 2022, 5-6:30 p.m. – Honoring Veterans for Their Service and Sacrifice

OUTREACH MONTHLY OVERVIEW

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Outreach Statistics					
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year to Date
Outreach Events Supported	16	20	3	0	**39**
Mobile Outreach Van Events	12	7	1	0	**20**
Veteran Interactions	384	449	326	0	**1,159**
Claim referrals to County Directors and Service Organizations	61	99	47	0	**207**
Claim referrals to other state, county and local organizations assisting Veterans	27	38	13	0	**78**
Health Care Enrollment Referrals	40	116	69	0	**225**
Number of Veterans Registry Cards distributed	67	138	68	0	**273**
Number of Veterans who opted out of the Veterans Registry	0	0	3	0	**3**

VETERANS' TRUST FUND

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VTF Report

Source	Week	Month to Date	Fiscal Year Total		Total	# HOV Sold
Appropriation Transfer to VTF	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$1,700,000.00	
HOV License Plate	-$102.00	-$102.00	$858.00	57	$52,338.00	3,489
PA Monuments LP	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0	$0.00	0
HOV Motorcycle License Plate	$0.00	$0.00	$45.00	3	$3,315.00	221
HOV Women's License Plate	$0.00	$0.00	$450.00	30	$1,485.00	99
Checkoff & Donations	$22,831.00	$95,114.55	$793,887.86		$12,621,290.33	
Veterans Trust Fund Online Donations	$0.00	$0.00	$480.00		$5,778.00	
SECA Donations	$0.00	$493.48	$2,193.38		$13,409.48	
Interest	$158.25	$158.25	$978.89		$179,656.37	
VSO	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$700,000.00	
PENNDOT Costs (SFY 16-17)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$194,000.00	
PENNDOT Costs (SFY 15-16)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$194,000.00	
PENNDOT Costs (SFY 14-15)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$194,000.00	
PENNDOT Costs (SFY 13-14)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$194,000.00	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 20-21)	$0.00	-$5,138.94	$44,204.38		$786,028.38	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 19-20)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$800,000.00	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 18-19)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$780,137.46	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 17-18)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$763,749.14	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 16-17)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$641,329.75	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 15-16)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$502,126.03	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 14-15)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$472,473.67	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 13-14)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$442,020.00	
Veteran Programs Training	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$8,700.00	
Veterans Assistance	$0.00	$0.02	$0.00		$22,901.34	
VTA	$1,600.00	$44,445.98	$391,548.00		5,175,585.32	
Working Balance	**$21,287.25**	**$56,357.22**	**$363,140.75**		**$2,706,221.09**	**3,809**

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AMPUTEE & PARALYZED VETERANS' PENSION

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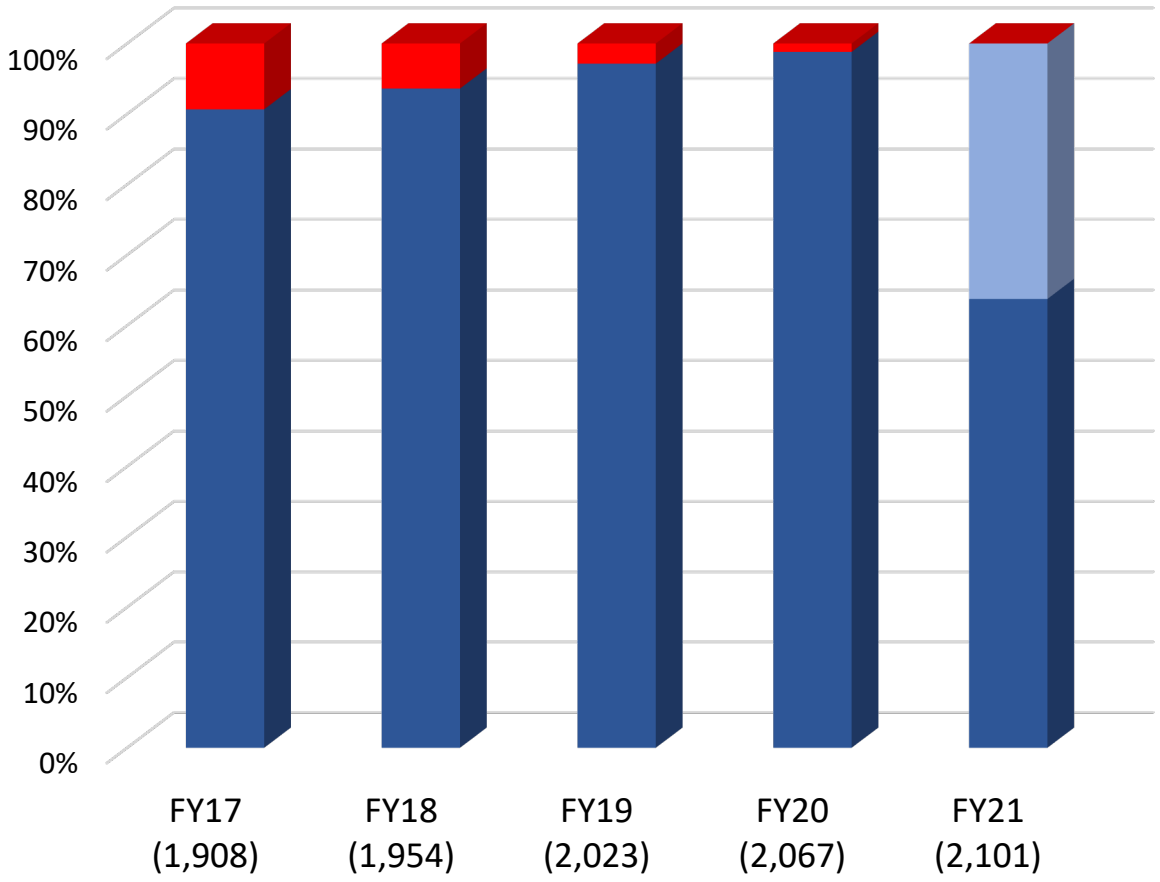
$3,878,000



Expended $2,472,600

Projected $1,405,400

Lapsed $0

At 8/12 through SFY21, 63.8% of this budget was expended.

2,111 Veterans currently on pension

BLIND VETERANS' PENSION

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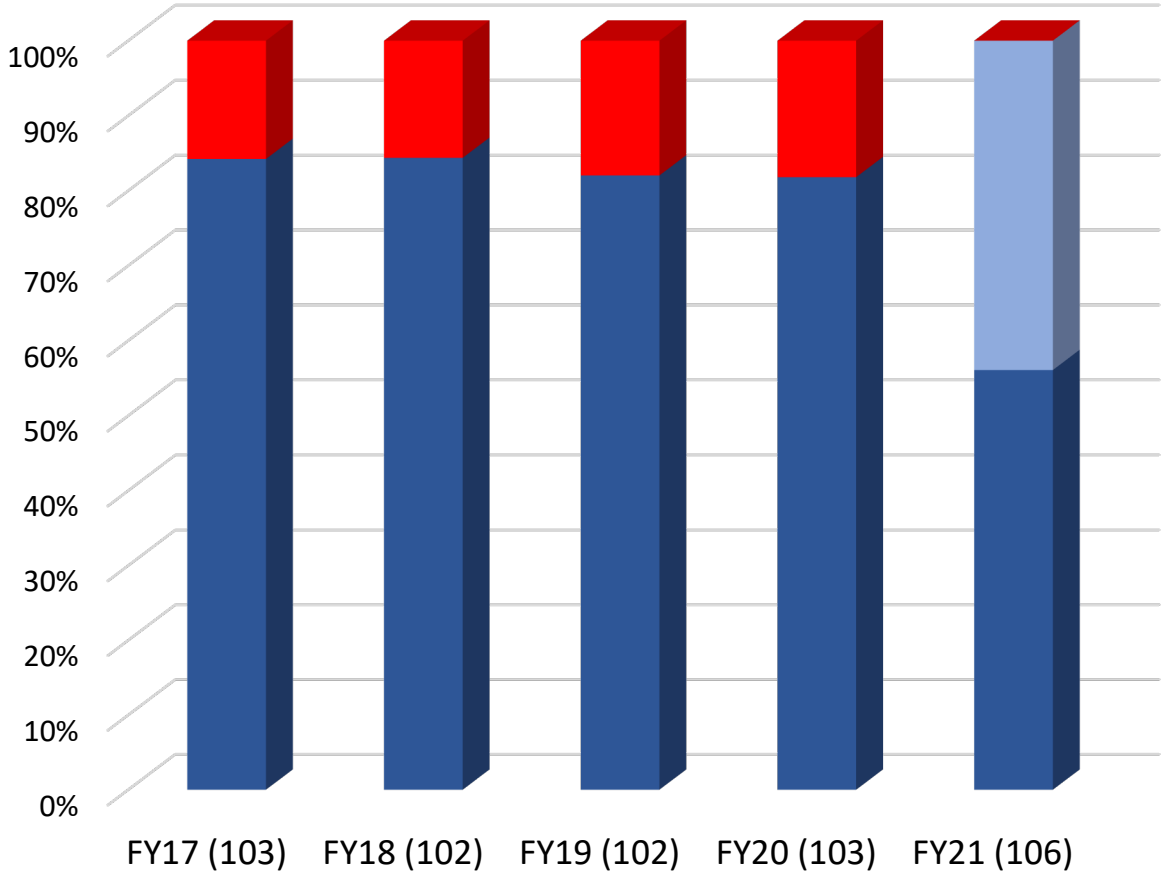
$222,000



Expended $124,500

Projected $97,500

Lapsed $0

At 8/12 through SFY21, 56.1% of this budget was expended.

106 Veterans currently on pension

EDUCATIONAL GRATUITY

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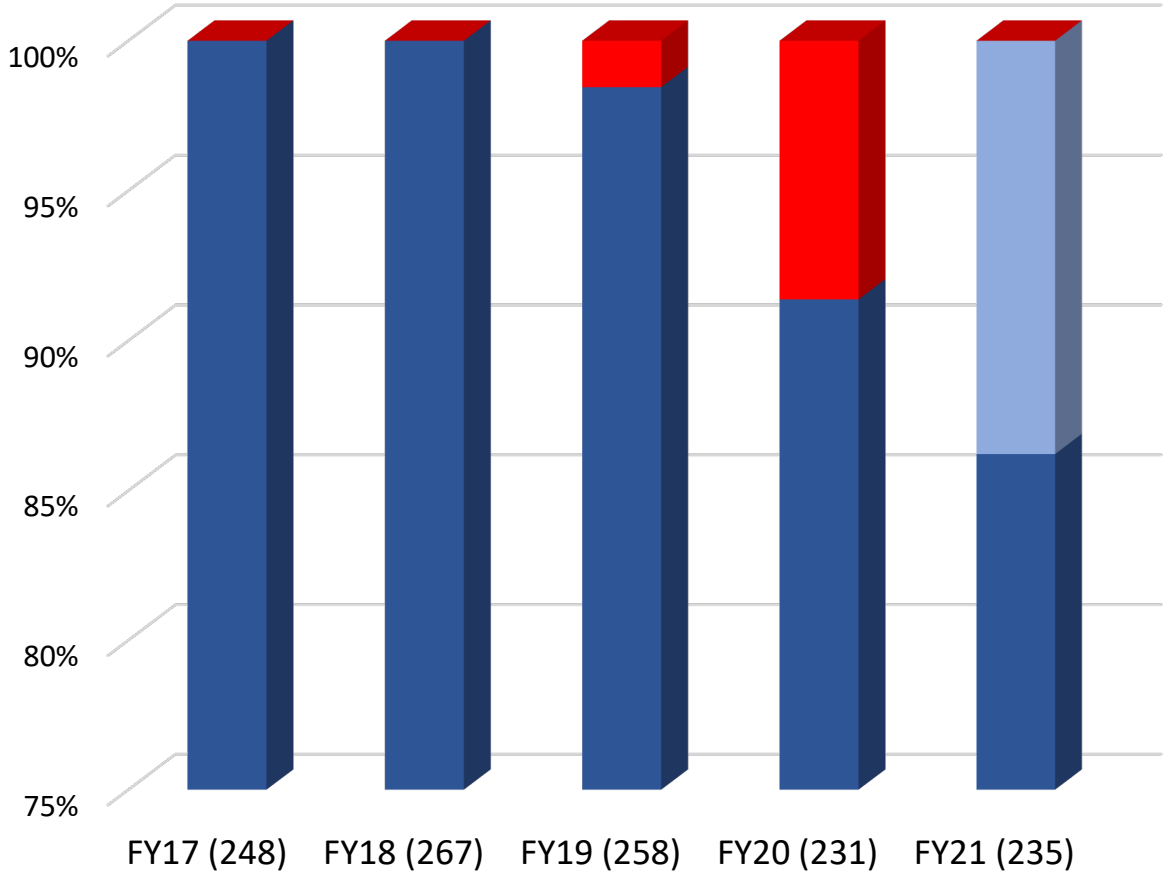
$135,000



- Expended $116,395.30
- Projected $18,604.70
- Lapsed $0

At 8/12 through SFY21, 86.2% of this budget was expended.

235 claims approved FYTD

VETERANS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

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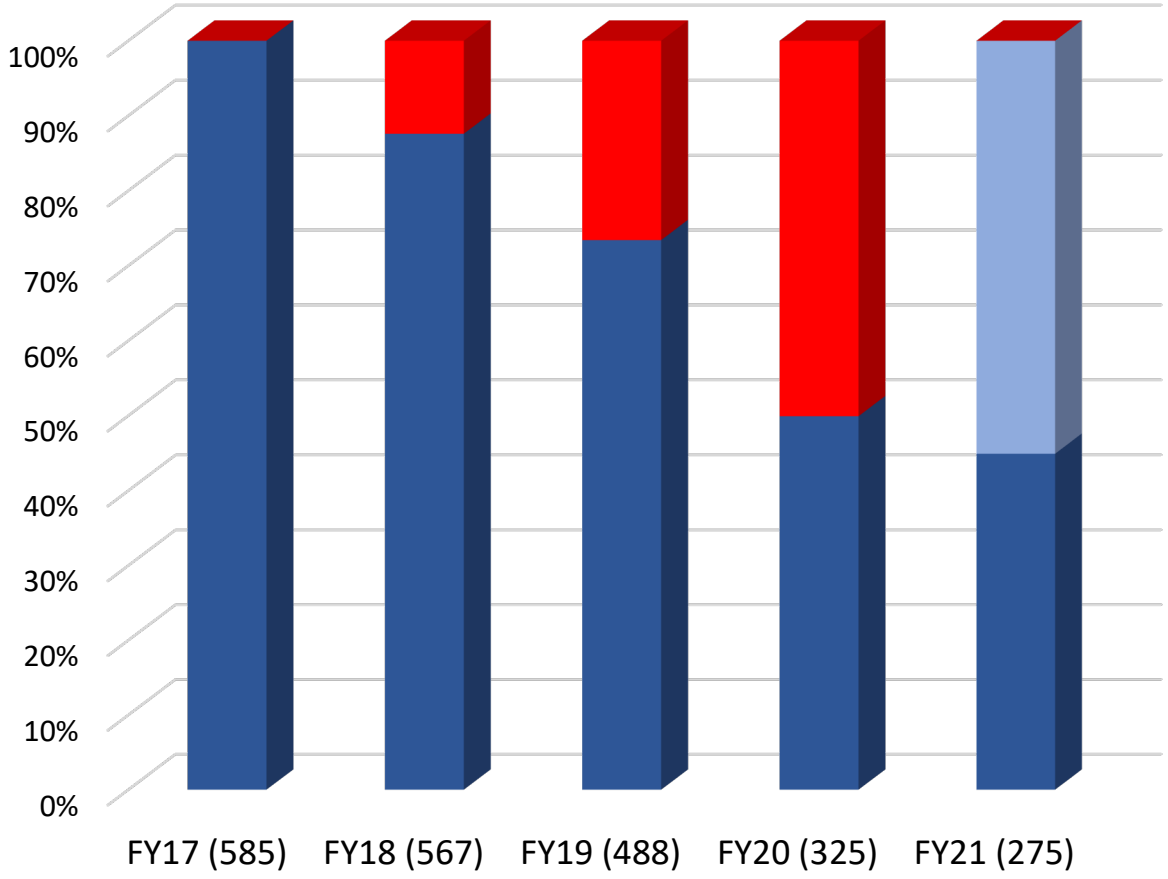
$900,000



Expended $404,242

Projected $495,758

Lapsed $0

At 8/12 through SFY21, 44.9% of this budget was expended.

275 claims approved FYTD

MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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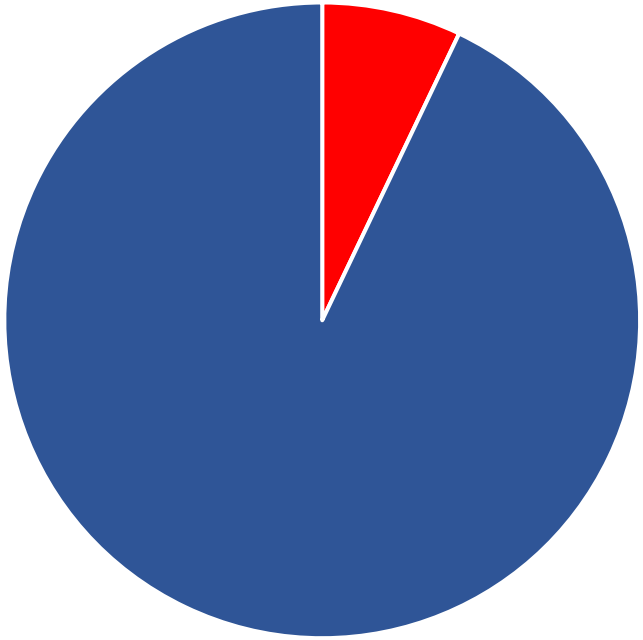
Total Contributions FY 2005-21

$1,989,268.69



■ Direct Private Donations ■ Dept of Revenue PIT Donations ■

Total Grants FYTD 2021

$ 8,000

Total Grants FY 2005-21

$ 912,921.86

MFRAP Account Balance

$ 1,076,346.83

DISABLED VETERANS' REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

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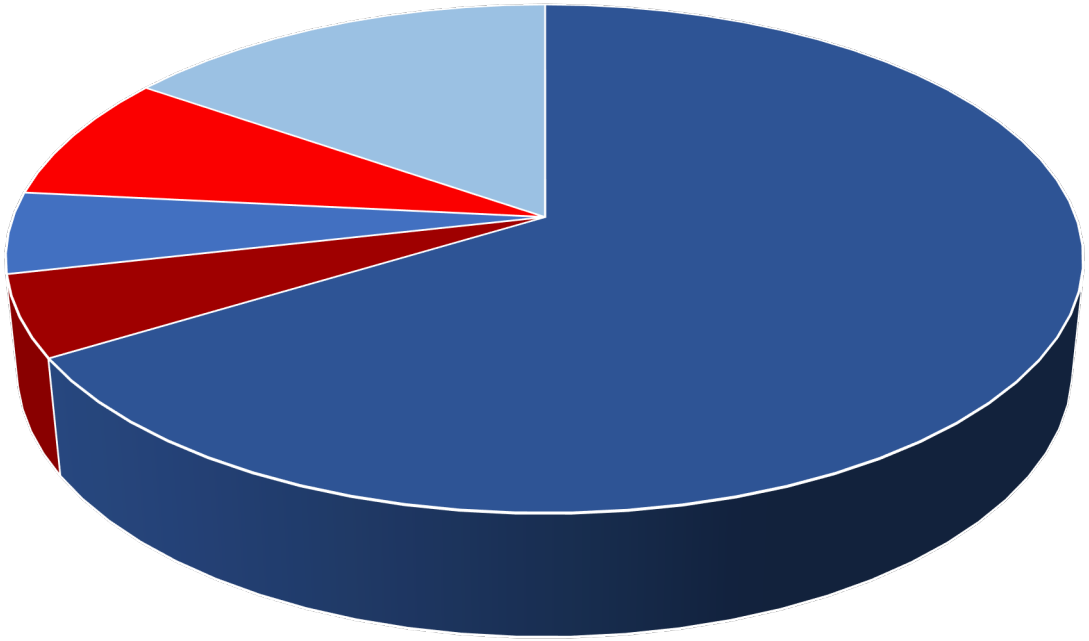
1,134 Claims Adjudicated
21 Jan to 25 Mar 2022



- 827 Approved (66.25%)
- 48 Denied: Financial Need
- 29 Denied: Ineligible*
- 74 Removed: No Response
- 156 Removed: Eligibility Change

*** 29 Applications Ineligible by Reason:**

2 – Veteran not rated total and permanent 100% during lifetime
1 – Spouse remarried
9 – Property not owned solely by Veteran or as an estate by the entirety with spouse
9 – Veteran did not serve during a period of war or armed conflict
2 – Disability not declared to be total or 100%% permanent.
6 – Veteran did not have a 100% permanent disability due to a future exam.

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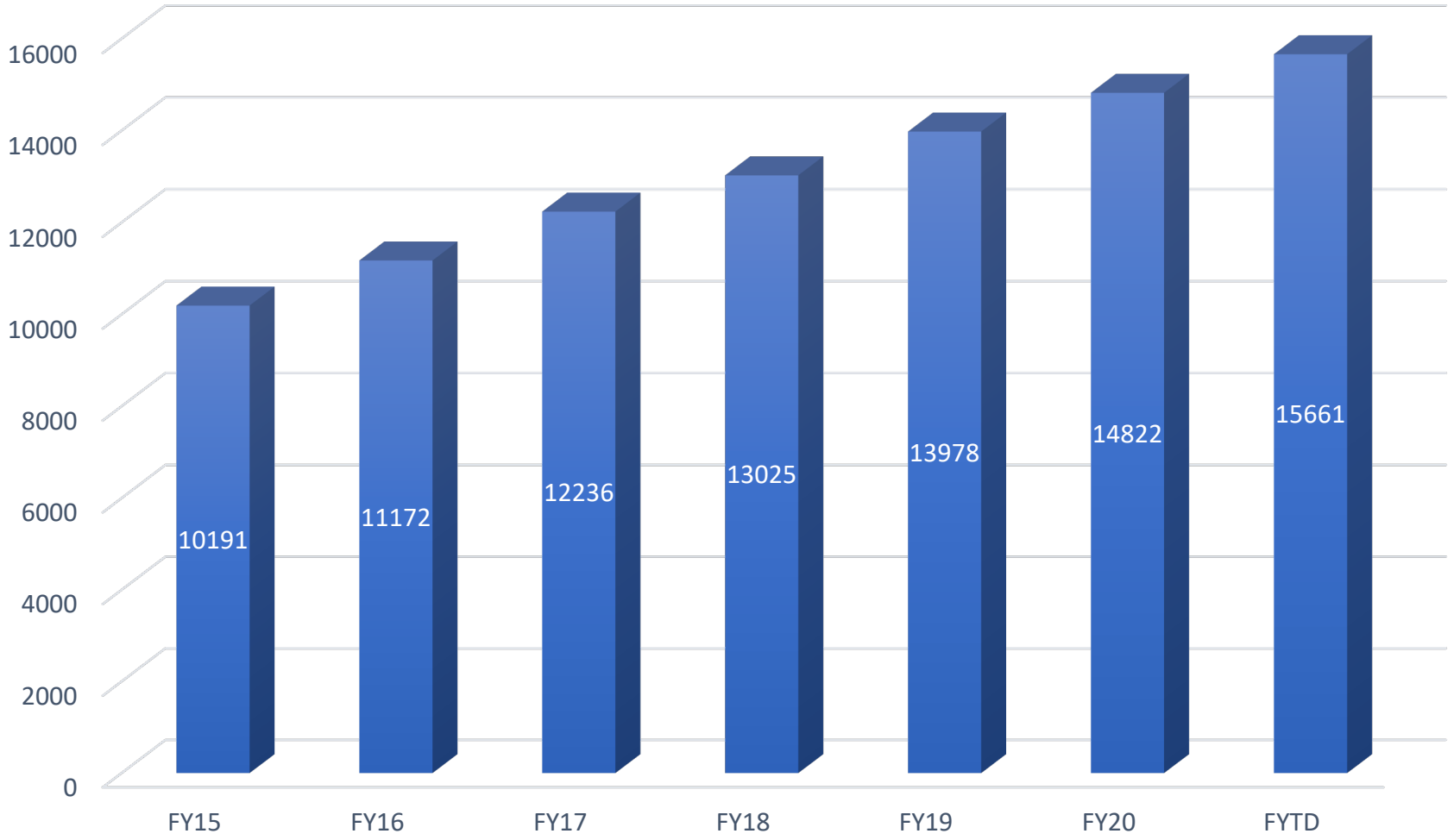

As of 25 Mar 2022

> community > commonwealth > country

VISN 4 ACCESS – FISCAL YEAR 2022 WAIT TIMES

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Clinics FY22 thru March 8	Number of Appointments	Wait <30 Days	% Wait <30 Days	Average Wait
Mental Health	128,256	122,478	95.8%	4.8
Primary Care	239,967	230,628	96.1%	5.1
Specialty Care	366,626	328,933	90.3%	10.3
Other	281,854	264,185	93.7%	6.5
ALL	1,016,703	946,224	93.3%	7.3

Data updated 03/09/2022 with appointment info as of 03/08/2022.

VISN 4 ACCESS – CURRENT AVERAGE WAIT TIMES

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VISN 4 Facility	Primary Care		Mental Health Care	
	New Patients	Returning Patients	New Patients	Returning Patients
James E. Van Zandt VAMC	9	2	16	3
Abie Abraham HCC	10	1	6	3
Coatesville VAMC	8	4	9	4
Erie VAMC	15	3	8	2
Lebanon VAMC	9	7	16	4
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC	15	5	22	4
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System	22 (Hz) 19 (UD)	14 (Hz) 10 (UD)	7 (Hz) 18 (UD)	3 (Hz) 4 (UD)
Wilkes-Barre VAMC	11	3	17	4
Wilmington VAMC	18	11	7	10

Data updated 03/10/2022 with wait times as of 02/27/2022 for the last 30 days.

accesstocare.va.gov

VISN 4 CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

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Care in the Community Consults (Scheduled and Completed)		Non-VA Unique Patients*
FY 18	87,706	62,427
FY 19	101,068	70,376
FY 20	153,506	87,041
FY 21	155,831	85,476
FY 22 (as of 03/10/22)	74,272	58,004

*Number of unique enrolled Veterans who receive community care at VA expense

Data updated 03/10/2020 with consult info as of 03/10/2022.

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Women Veterans Committee

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Veterans Roundtable

- Networking with agencies
- Connecting with Media

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Washington DC Event

- I Am Not Invisible 3.0

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SCI Dallas Inmates Day

- Speaking with Veterans

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Female Veterans Day

- State Museum

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Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy

Respect | Rigor | Resilience | Readiness

Dream, Believe, Achieve.

Agenda

- National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program
- Commonwealth Oversight
- Mission & Who We Are
- Program Structure
  - “Quasi-military”
  - Eight Core Components
  - Program Phases
  - Academic Components
  - Cadet Mentorship
  - Eligibility Requirements
- What KSCA is NOT
- Collaboration Potential

National Guard Youth ChalleNGe

- Founded in 1993
- 40 Youth Challenge Programs operating in 31 states and territories (Puerto Rico & the District of Columbia)
- Federally and State funded (75% and 25%) by the DoD/National Guard Bureau

Commonwealth Oversight

KSCA Advisory Council

Advises The Adjutant General and DMVA regarding the Academy's operations.

Governor Appointed

Secretary of Education
Deputy Adjutant General - Army
Deputy Adjutant General - Air

House Speaker Appointed

Majority Party (2)
Minority Party (1)

Senate President Appointed

Majority Party (2)
Minority Party (1)

Mission

Provide Pennsylvania teens who are struggling in high school a path to achieve the self-discipline, education, and skills necessary to succeed as productive, responsible citizens through an engaging, safe and structured residential experience at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.

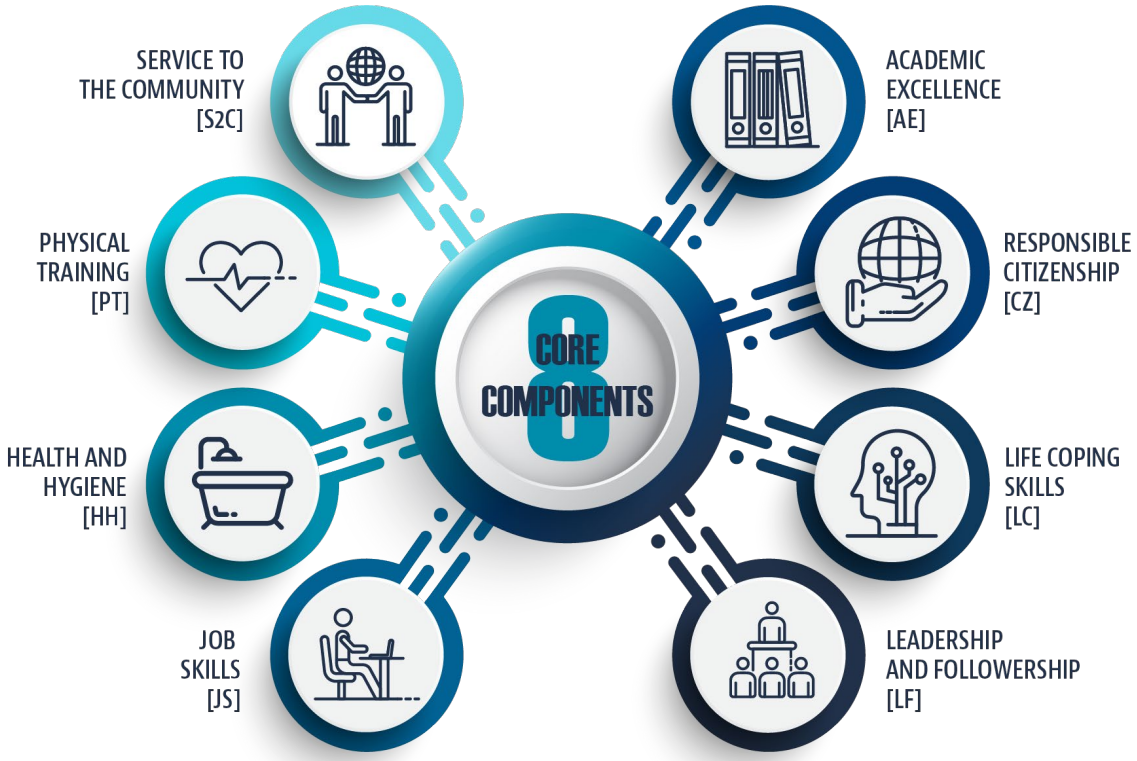
Who We Are

The Keystone State ChalleNGe is a 22-week residential “quasi-military” style academy. The academy is a tuition-free program for Pennsylvania residents. It is geared towards 16-18 years old students who are disengaged in school, behind in credits, or at risk of dropping out.

Quasi-Military Characteristics	
Belonging	Rewards and Recognition
Teamwork	Accountability and Consequences
Motivation and Self-Discipline	Safety and Security
Valuing and Believing all can succeed	Demanding Schedule
Educating and Developing the whole adolescent	Curriculum and Instruction
Mentoring and Monitoring	Structure and Routine

Program Structure: “Quasi-Military”

Military Academy Model: “Having certain military characteristics”



Program Structure: Eight Core Components

- Academic Excellence: GED Preparation, Credit Recovery or Earn Credits
- Leadership/Followership: Platoon Guides, Cadet Leadership, Opportunities to move-up in rank and earn privileges, Decision Making, Teamwork
- Responsible Citizenship: Student Council, Committees, Election Campaign, Voter Registration, Selective Service Registration
- Service to the Community: 40 Hours Minimum Required per Cadet

Eight Core Components

- Life Coping Skills: Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Anti–Bullying, Self-Discipline, Financial Management
- Health & Hygiene: Personal Inspections, Bay Area Inspections, Substance Abuse Training, Drug Testing, Sex Education, Medication Management
- Job Skills: Work Ethic, Resume Writing, Setting SMART Goals, PRAP Development, ASVAB
- Physical Fitness: Daily Physical Training, Physical Fitness Test, Conditioning Hikes

Academic Excellence

- Academic Avenues
  - Credits/Adaptive Credit Recovery / GED
  - Online Learning System
- aligned with Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) standards
- Earned credits transfer back to school
- Blended learning model with certified teachers
- 20 to 1 student to teacher ratio
- Other 7 Core Components ~ hours and recommended credit equivalent

16-18 years old / MUST have completed 8th grade

Struggling in school, failing to progress in school, habitually truant

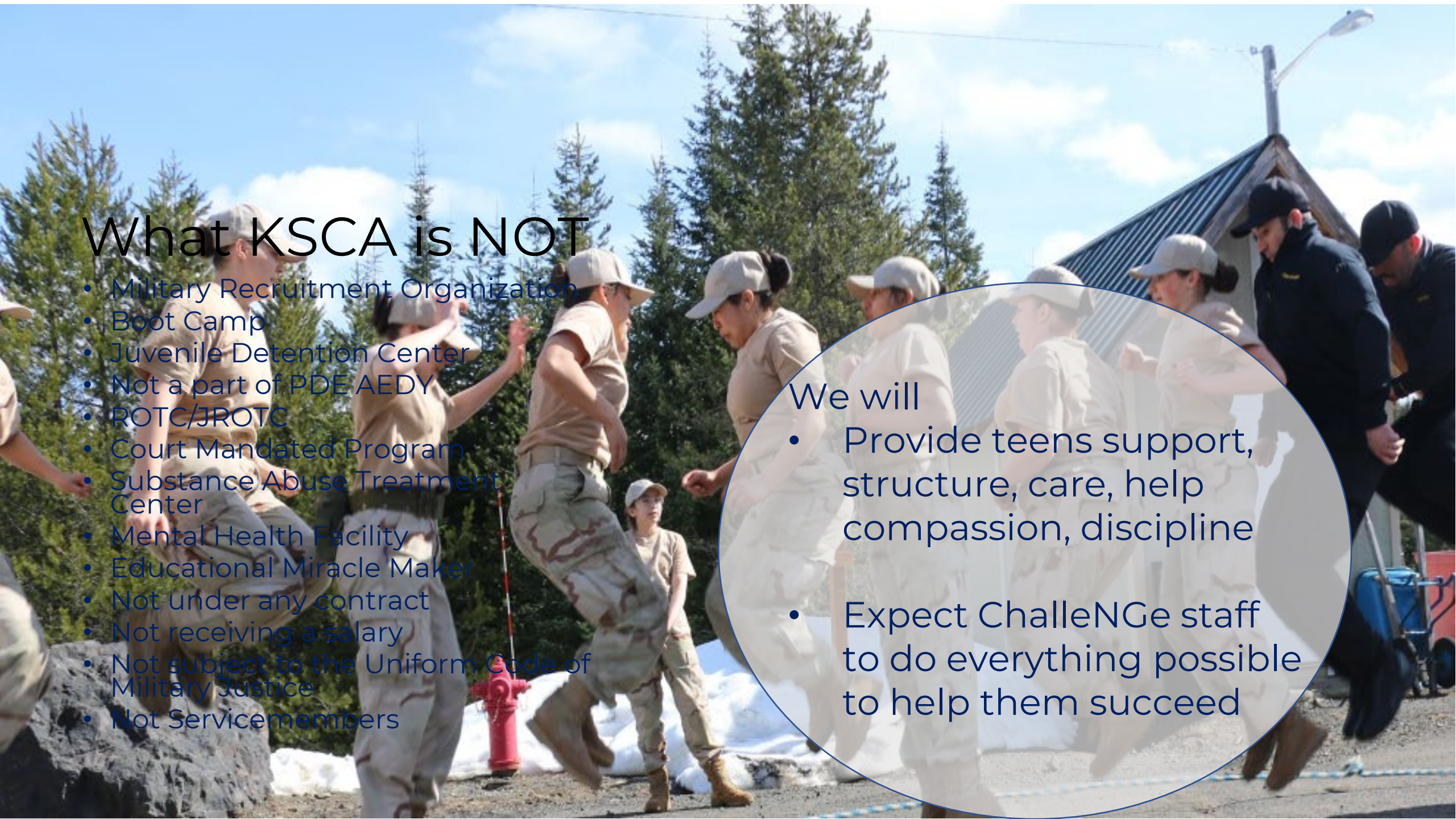
A Citizen or Lawful, Permanent Resident of USA and Pennsylvania

Willing to be free from illegal use of drugs, alcohol & tobacco or other nictoine products

No felony convictions or indictments. Not on parole or probation for other than juvenile status offenses or misdemeanors

Physically and mentally capable of fully participating with reasonable accommodations

Voluntary, with parental approval



What KSCA is NOT

- Military Recruitment Organization
- Boot Camp
- Juvenile Detention Center
- Not a part of PDE AEDY
- ROTC/JROTC
- Court Mandated Program
- Substance Abuse Treatment Center
- Mental Health Facility
- Educational Miracle Maker
- Not under any contract
- Not receiving a salary
- Not subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice
- Not Servicemembers

We will

- Provide teens support, structure, care, help compassion, discipline
- Expect ChalleNGe staff to do everything possible to help them succeed

Collaboration Potential

- Promote, identify and recommend community-based mentors
- Encourage teenagers to volunteer to apply and commit themselves to attending
- Broadcast the employment opportunities
- Service to the Community Activities

Cadet Mentorship

- Same gender & 21 years or older (age 25 preferred)
- No immediate family members
- A consistent, non-family member (school, sports, church, youth group)
- Mentor must live within an hour of applicant
- Must pass federal & state background checks
- Participate in required mentor training
- Matched by Week 13 ~ continues through Post-Residential Phase of 12 months

Employment

- Cadre Team Leaders ~ 24/7 monitoring, mentoring, leading, coaching
- Physical Fitness
- Leadership/Followership
- Barracks Life
- Service to the Community
- Commonwealth employees under DMVA
- 40-hour work week w/ overtime pay
- www.Employment.pa.gov ~ DMVA or search “KSCA”

- Instructors: Capital Area Intermediate Unit (IU15) hiring starting late March 2022
- https://www.caiu.org/careers/employment/join-our-team

Keystone State Challenge Academy
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https://www.dmva.pa.gov/KeystoneStateChallengeAcademy

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NEXT MEETING

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Friday June 3, 2022
at 10:00AM
Arrowheads Community Club
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003

VISIT PA STATE VETERANS COMMISSION-PA DMVA FOR SVC INFO