



STATE VETERANS' COMMISSION MEETING
April 6, 2018





DMVA MILITARY UPDATE





VISN 4
MR. Dave Cowgill



VISN 4 Access – Fiscal Year 2018 (to date) Wait Times



Clinics	Number of Appointments	Wait <30 Days	Wait <30 Days	Average Wait
ALL	1,062,219	1,016,686	97.1%	3.9
Mental Health	154,345	149,687	98.6%	2.6
Primary Care	241,972	238,146	98.4%	3.5
Specialty Care	408,448	375,637	94.9%	5.8

VISN 4 Access – Current Average Wait Times



VISN 4 Facility	Primary Care		Mental Health Care	
	<i>New Patients</i>	<i>Returning Patients</i>	<i>New Patients</i>	<i>Returning Patients</i>
James E. Van Zandt VAMC	18	4	10	3
Abie Abraham HCC	8	No wait	9	1
Coatesville VAMC	10	1	7	3
Erie VAMC	25	5	5	1
Lebanon VAMC	15	4	13	2
Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC	23	4	15	1
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System	12 (Hz) 25 (UD)	4 (Hz) 10 (UD)	8 (Hz) 7 (UD)	1 (Hz) 2 (UD)
Wilkes-Barre VAMC	24	3	13	7
Wilmington VAMC	18	2	9	2

Data updated 3/12/18 with wait times for last 30 days.

accesstocare.va.gov

VISN 4 Trust Data – Inpatients



<i>Statement for Response</i>	<i>All of FY16</i>	<i>All of FY17</i>	<i>FY18 thru Nov</i>
"I got the service I needed" <i>(Effectiveness)</i>	88.1	87.8	91.9
"It was easy to get the service I needed" <i>(Ease)</i>	83.4	83.5	83.5
"I felt like a valued customer" <i>(Emotion)</i>	84.3	84	88.5
"I trust VA to fulfill our country's commitment to Veterans" <i>(Trust)</i>	83.6	84	88.7

% of responses with agree or strongly agree

VISN 4 Trust Data – Outpatients



<i>Statement for Response</i>	<i>All of FY16</i>	<i>All of FY17</i>	<i>FY18 thru Nov</i>
"I got the service I needed" <i>(Effectiveness)</i>	85.9	86	88.7
"It was easy to get the service I needed" <i>(Ease)</i>	79.1	80.2	81.6
"I felt like a valued customer" <i>(Emotion)</i>	80.5	81.7	84.4
"I trust VA to fulfill our country's commitment to Veterans" <i>(Trust)</i>	75.3	77.7	81.2

% of responses with agree or strongly agree

VISN 4 Trust Data – Specialty Care Outpatients



<i>Statement for Response</i>	<i>All of FY16</i>	<i>All of FY17</i>	<i>FY18 thru Nov</i>
"I got the service I needed" <i>(Effectiveness)</i>	84.2	84.8	87.3
"It was easy to get the service I needed" <i>(Ease)</i>	75.8	77.9	79.1
"I felt like a valued customer" <i>(Emotion)</i>	79.2	79.3	79.8
"I trust VA to fulfill our country's commitment to Veterans" <i>(Trust)</i>	73.9	76.2	77.5

% of responses with agree or strongly agree

VISN 4 Care in the Community



Provider Agreements	
October 2016	789
December 2017	1,617
February 2018	1,718

Care in the Community Consults (Scheduled and Completed)	
Fiscal Year 2016	64,013
Fiscal Year 2017	70,193
Fiscal Year 2018 (to date)	30,743



OLD BUSINESS





DMVA, Chief Counsel
Ms. Elizabeth Pettis





DMVA
POLICY, PLANNING & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
Mr. Joel Mutschler





**DMVA BUREAU OF VETERAN' HOMES
MR. ANDREW RUSCAVAGE**



BUREAU OF VETERANS' HOMES



Regulatory Agency	DVVH	GMVC	HVH	PSSH	SEVC	SWVC
Date of Last Inspection - Status						
PA Department of Health	02/06/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	01/26/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	12/15/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	11/02/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	10/11/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	09/15/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status
PA Department of Human Services	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	License Vacated on 11/27/2012	11/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	08/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	License Vacated on 01/16/2015
US Department of Veterans Affairs	04/2017 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	05/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status

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Upcoming Events for the Pennsylvania Veterans' Homes

April is Volunteer Month

For 2017, the Veterans Homes were the recipients of 83,358 hours of volunteer service. That is 3,474 days or 496 weeks of service donated to the Veterans and their spouses of the homes.

June 19th Annual Fishing Tournament with The Adjutant General

The tournament will take place at the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservation Area on Clarks Creek.

State Veterans Homes Week for 2018

Events kick off on Sunday June 10th and run through the 16th



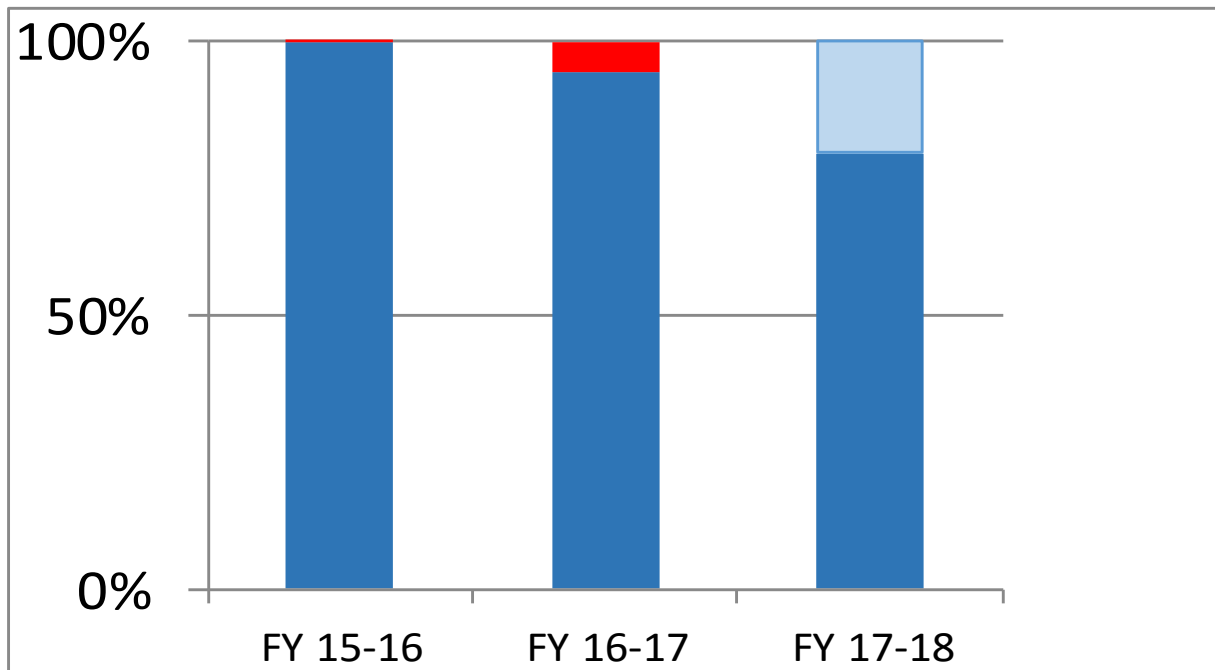
DMVA DIVISION OF SERVICES & PROGRAMS
MR. BRIAN NATALI



VETERANS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE



\$800,000



- Lapse \$0
- Projected Expenditures \$ 161,870
- Expended \$ 638,130

433 Claimants
on the program

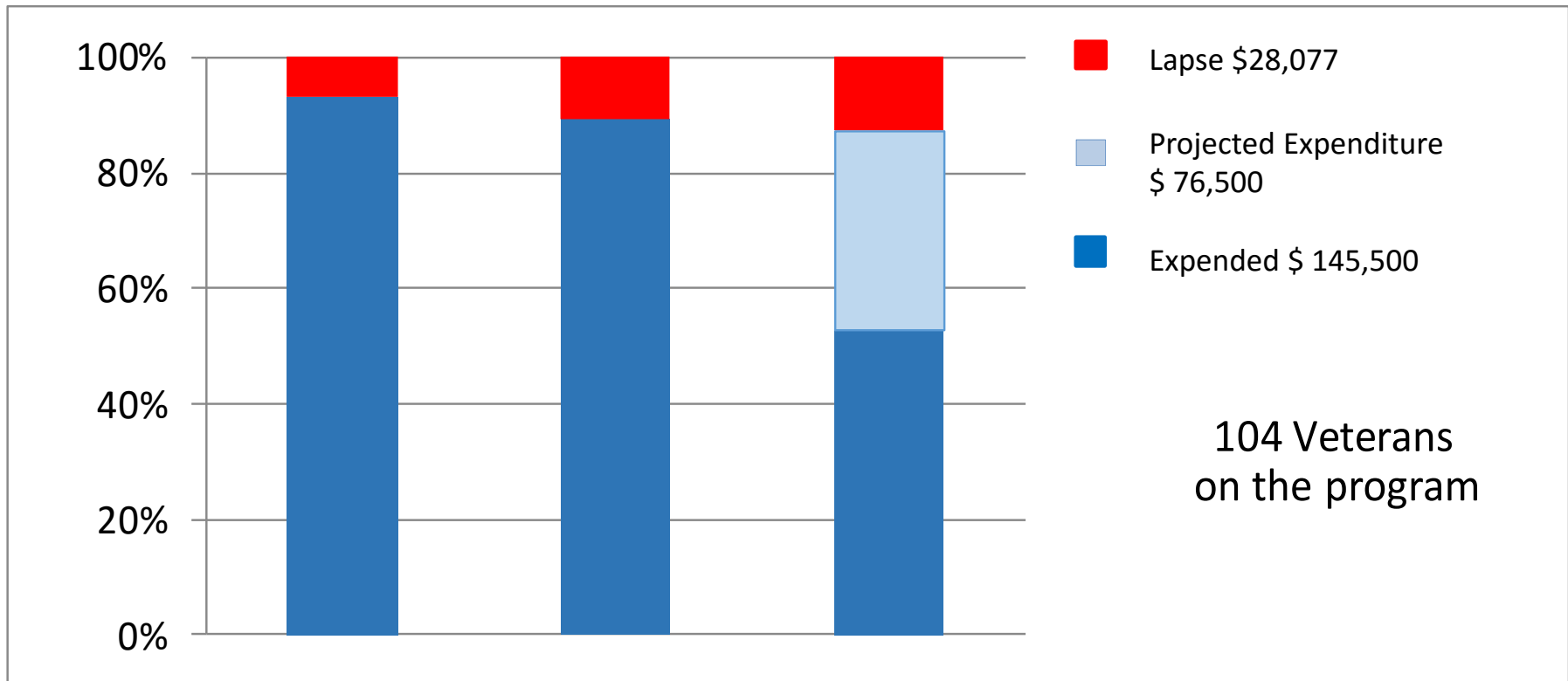
436
Claimants

535
Claimants

BLIND VETERANS PENSION



\$222,000



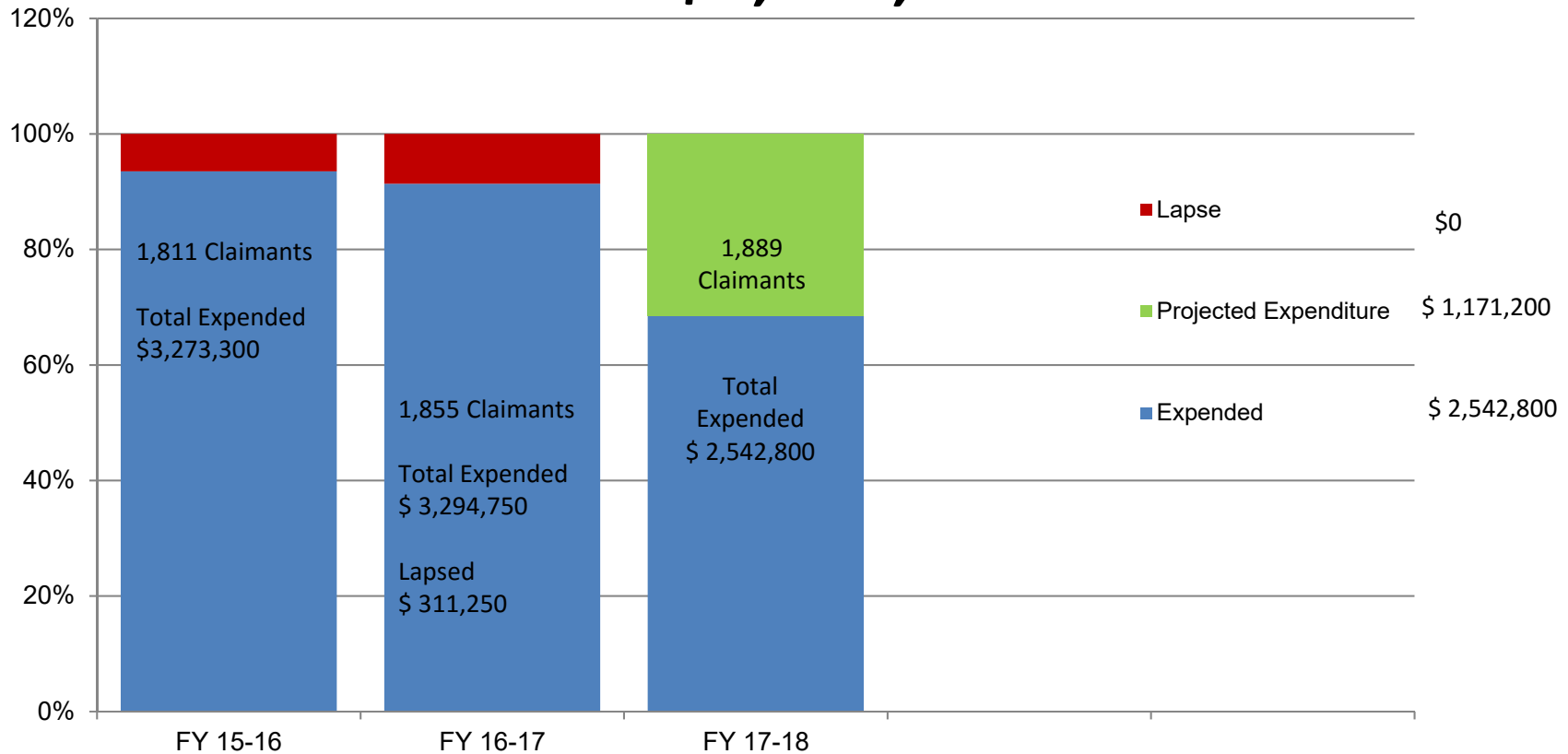
FY 15-16 116 Claimants
FY 16-17 108 Claimants

104 Veterans on the program

AMPUTEE & PARALYZED VETERANS PENSION



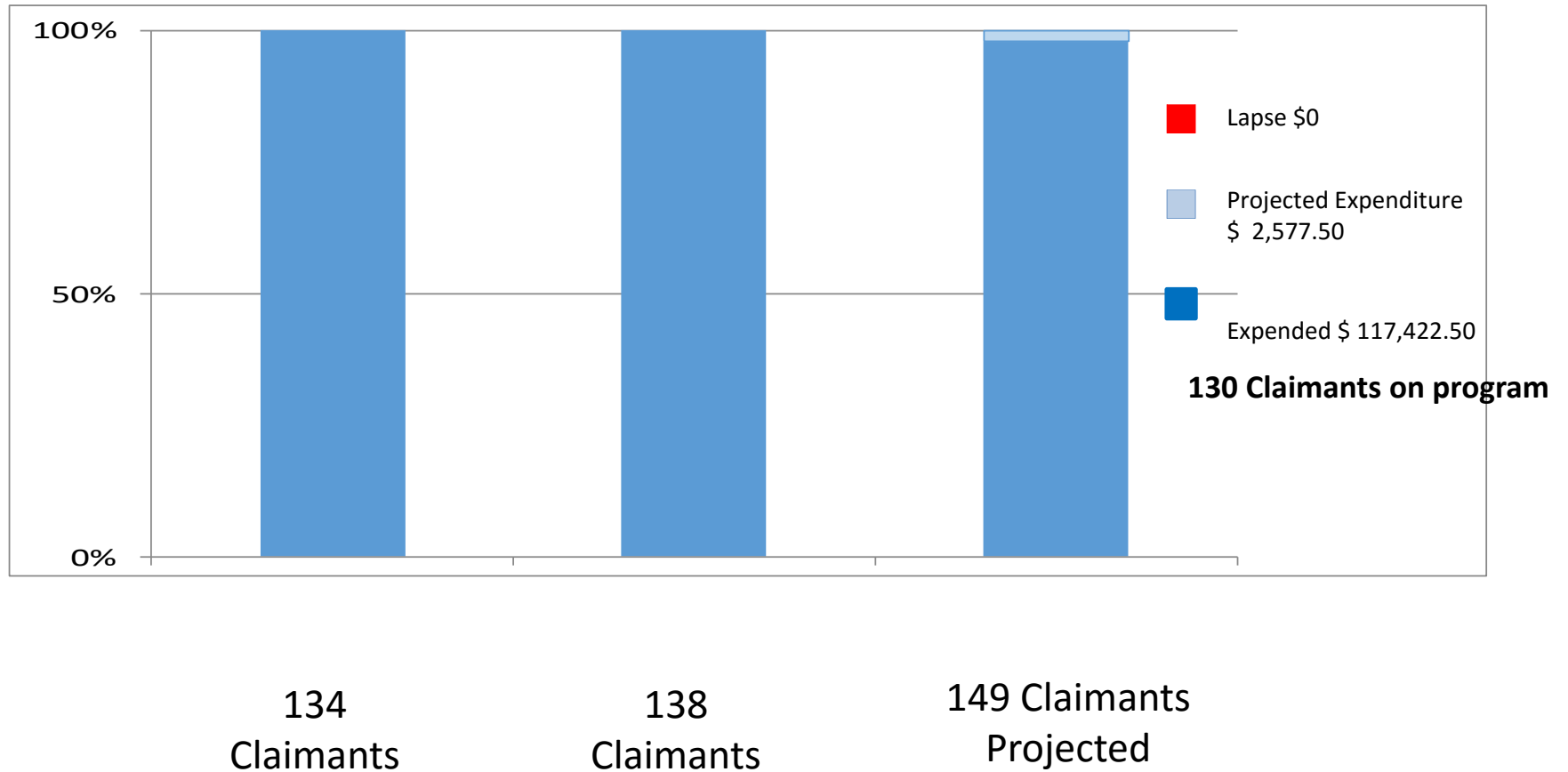
Amputee & Paralyzed Veterans Pension \$3,714,000



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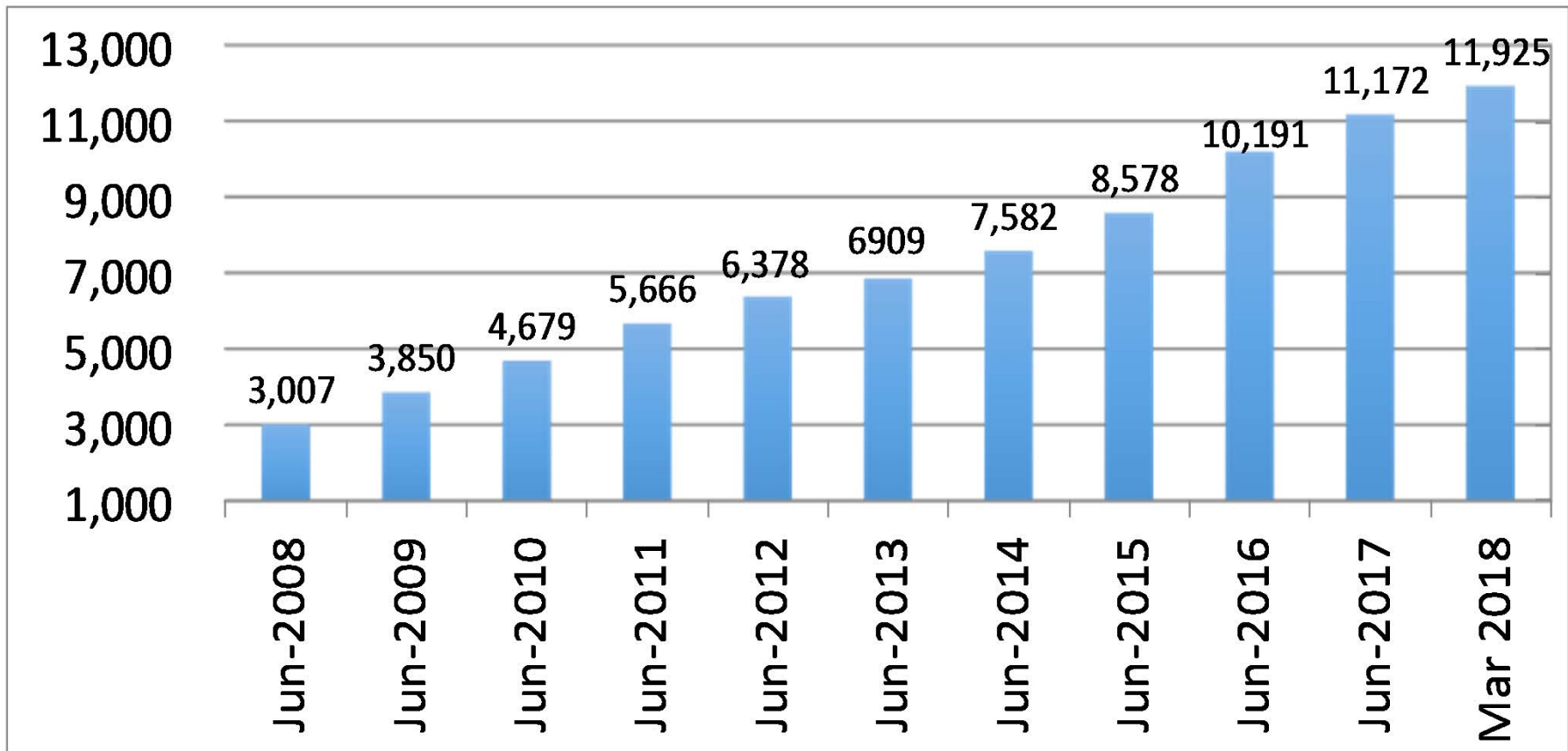
\$120,000



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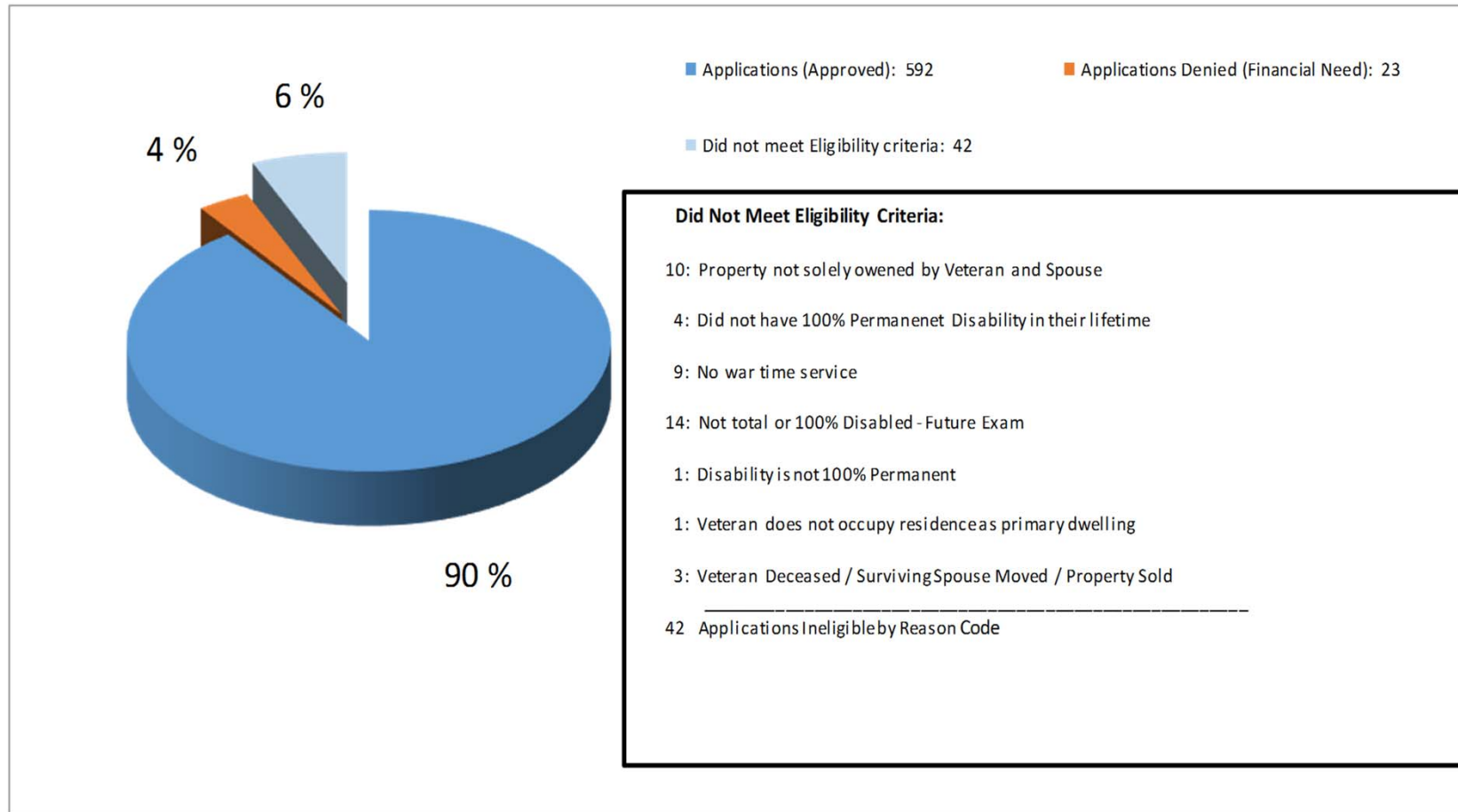
DISABLED VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM



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DISABLED VETERANS' RETX PROGRAM



*573 Applications Received since 17 January 2018

PERSIAN GULF VETERANS BENEFIT PROGRAM



Total Applications: 12,351

Payments Sent: 9,531

Total Payments: \$ 4,036,287.50

Average Payment: \$423.49

Average Processing Time: 6.19 days

MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



OVERALL MFRAP CONTRIBUTIONS - FY 2005 THRU 16 MARCH 2018

TOTAL PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 124,403.80
DEPT OF REVENUE - PIT DONATIONS	\$ 1,676,865.36
TOTAL ALL CONTRIBUTIONS - PRIVATE & PIT DONATIONS	\$ 1,801,269.16
APPROVED GRANT APPLICATION PAYMENTS	\$ 815,142.86
ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 986,126.30

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PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS MEMORIAL



Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial Trust Fund

Beginning Trust Fund Balance (July 1, 2017)	\$437,082.29
Grants Received	0
Public / Private Donations	\$5,976.50
Interest	\$3,375.18
Refunds of Expenditures	\$0
Total Receipts	\$9,351.68
Expenses	(\$74,463.08)
Ending Balance	\$371,970.69

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**DMVA DIVISION OF
OUTREACH & REINTEGRATION
MR. CHIP GILLILAND**



ODAGVA / ACT 66 SUMMARY



FY 17 - 18	
Claims, Compensation and Pension Summary	
Year to Date Claims Submitted	Year to Date Value of Awards
22,457	\$70,100,422.00

FY 16 - 17	
Claims, Compensation and Pension Summary	
Year to Date Claims Submitted	Year to Date Value of Awards
40,818	\$179,368,987.00

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OUTREACH ENGAGEMENTS



Outreach Statistics

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year to Date
Outreach Events Supported	43	38	7		88
Mobile Outreach Van Events	40	31	4		79
Veteran Interactions	695	414	328		1,437
Claim referrals to County Directors and Service Organizations	111	52	43		206
Legislator Attended Events	17	16	0		33

Notes

- Two outreach vans are operational and supporting outreach events

Upcoming Events – April

- **Legislative Events** – Rep. Daryl Metcalfe’s Senior Expo
- **Events** – Lower Southampton TWP Veteran Event, York Veteran’s Expo and Job Fair, Perry County Health and Wellness Fair, Indiana County Rural Veterans Outreach, Veteran’s Service Program Fly Fishing, Somerset County Rural Veterans Outreach, Everett Rural Veterans Outreach, Whitehall Annual Senior Fair
- **Legislators Attending Events** – None

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VETERANS' TRUST FUND



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	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$3,405.00	227	\$43,500.00	2,900
PA Monuments LP	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$1,173.00	51	\$17,089.00	743
HOV Motorcycle License Plate	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$420.00	28	\$2,385.00	159
Checkoff & Donations	\$33,597.00	\$76,596.00	\$1,210,267.50		\$7,114,176.93	
Veterans Trust Fund Online Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$830.00		\$3,835.00	
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,183.96		\$49,645.16	
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 16-17)	\$0.00	-\$18,098.00	-\$26,553.47		\$650,000.00	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 15-16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$521,301.68	
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	
Veterans Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$23,059.00	
VTA	\$13,600.00	\$31,816.00	\$631,327.00		2,648,626.32	
Working Balance	\$20,012.00	\$63,368.00	\$630,505.93		\$2,697,150.42	3,802

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RETX Committee



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MILITARY CEMETERY COMMITTEE**



Pensions & Relief/Grave Marking/Cemetery Committee



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NEW BUSINESS





Position on Veterans Preference





HALL OF FAME



Donald Ronald Lobaugh

(February 7, 1925 – July 22, 1944)

-Joined the Army in May of 1942 and served in the 127th Infantry Regiment.

-On July 22, 1944 he was serving as a private near Afua, New Guinea and single-handedly attacked an enemy machine gun emplacement which was pinning down one platoon of his company. Lobaugh was killed in the attack and, on April 17, 1945, posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

-Lobaugh, aged 19 at his death, was buried at Rimersburg Cemetery in Rimersburg, PA. In 2004 he was inducted into the Hall of Valor at the Soldiers and Sailors National Military Museum and Memorial in Pittsburgh.



**GOOD OF THE ORDER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**





SERVICE ORGANIZATION UPDATES





The American Legion





Military Order of the Purple Heart





Catholic War Veterans





Blinded Veterans Association





FOR NEXT MEETING



NEXT MEETING



Friday, June 1, 2018

at 10:00AM

Hollidaysburg Veterans Home

500 Municipal Drive

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648