



**STATE VETERANS' COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 12TH 2018**



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



Clinics	Number of Appointments	Wait <30 Days	Wait <30 Days	Average Wait
ALL	2,283,597	2,176,775	96.7%	4.3
Mental Health	330,130	319,197	98.3%	2.9
Primary Care	514,677	505,203	98.2%	3.7
Specialty Care	888,817	814,052	94.4%	6.3

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 (Altoona)	15	2	9	3
Abie Abraham HCC (Butler)	10	1	5	2
Coatesville VAMC	27	2	11	3
Erie VAMC	16	6	6	4
Lebanon VAMC	20	4	12	2
Crescenz VAMC (Philadelphia)	28	4	12	2
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System	17 (Hz) 22 (UD)	6 (Hz) 8 (UD)	8 (Hz) 6 (UD)	4 (Hz) 3 (UD)
Wilkes-Barre VAMC	17	2	13	7
Wilmington VAMC	20	3	9	2

Data updated 9/10/18 with wait times for last 30 days.

[accesstocare.va.gov](https://www.accesstocare.va.gov)

VISN 4 Care in the Community



Provider Agreements	
October 2016	789
December 2017	1,617
February 2018	1,718
July 2018	1,978
Sept. 14, 2018	2,064

Care in the Community Consults (Scheduled and Completed)	
Fiscal Year 2016	64,013
Fiscal Year 2017	70,193
Fiscal Year 2018 (to date as of Sept. 14)	77,719

VISN 4 Trust Data – Inpatients



<i>Statement for Response</i>	<i>All of FY16</i>	<i>All of FY17</i>	<i>FY18 thru May</i>	<i>National</i>
"I got the service I needed" <i>(Effectiveness)</i>	88.1	87.8	90.1	88.2
"It was easy to get the service I needed" <i>(Ease)</i>	83.4	83.5	84	82.3
"I felt like a valued customer" <i>(Emotion)</i>	84.3	84	86.1	84.2
"I trust VA to fulfill our country's commitment to Veterans" <i>(Trust)</i>	83.6	84	87.8	83.9

% 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 June</i>	<i>National</i>
"I got the service I needed" <i>(Effectiveness)</i>	85.9	86	87.5	81.9
"It was easy to get the service I needed" <i>(Ease)</i>	79.1	80.2	81.5	73.6
"I felt like a valued customer" <i>(Emotion)</i>	80.5	81.7	83.2	76.2
"I trust VA to fulfill our country's commitment to Veterans" <i>(Trust)</i>	75.3	77.7	80.4	72.9

% 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 June</i>	<i>National</i>
"I got the service I needed" <i>(Effectiveness)</i>	84.2	84.8	85.1	82
"It was easy to get the service I needed" <i>(Ease)</i>	75.8	77.9	77.2	72.9
"I felt like a valued customer" <i>(Emotion)</i>	79.2	79.3	79	76.3
"I trust VA to fulfill our country's commitment to Veterans" <i>(Trust)</i>	73.9	76.2	76.1	73.6

% of responses with agree or strongly agree

Current Licensure Status

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	12/15/17 Full Standard Licensure Status	11/02/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	10/11/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	08/17/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status
PA Department of Human Services	N/A	N/A	06/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	08/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	03/2017 Full Standard Licensure Status	N/A
US Department of Veterans Affairs	04/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	03/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	06/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	02/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	02/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status	05/2018 Full Standard Licensure Status

Update for Veterans' Homes

Monitoring Civil Service and Veterans' Hiring performance

DMVA has corresponded with the Office of Administration to obtain data as it relates to the hiring procedures including time frames. With the new NEOGOV processes which have recently been established statistical data has not yet been produced at this time.

The Bureau of Veterans' Homes follows all Veteran hiring practices as outlined with Civil Service, NEOGOV and DMVA PIM 13-001, Veterans' Preference in Hiring Decisions.



Initiatives

- Veterans Registry Enhancement
 - Veterans will have option to upload discharge documents
 - OVA will be able to edit the database; produce reports; and edit existing user data
 - Existing users will be able to edit their information & will receive an email providing instructions
 - Expected launch by 30 Nov 18

Meetings/Events

- 13 Oct - Navy Birthday
- 14 Oct – Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services (GAC-VS)
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day
- 7 Dec – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 7 Dec - State Veterans Commission

Community Outreach Event may be found by clicking on the Events Calendar at www.dmva.pa.gov

GAC-VS

- Women Veterans Committee
 - Survey complete and committee is reviewing results
- Aging Committee
 - Contact information for County VA Directors and local Area Agency on Aging Directors shared with both groups to help older Veterans connect with resources
- Veteran Homelessness
 - Workgroups focused on Transitional Housing; Adult Day and LIFE Programs; Cross-system collaboration and resource inventory

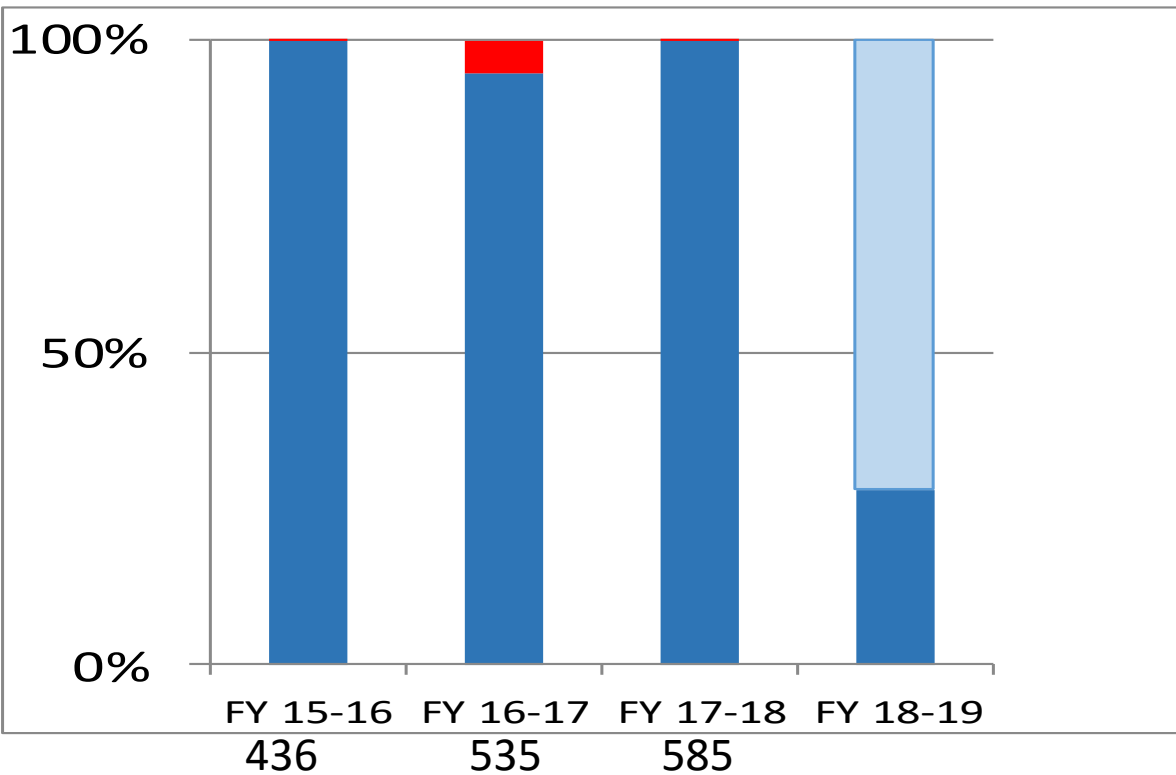
Contact Us

We want to hear from you. If you have ideas/initiatives that you want to share with DMVA, please contact Mr. Joel Mutschler, PIRO Bureau Director, at 717-861-8910 or RA-VA-Info@pa.gov.

VETERANS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE



\$800,000



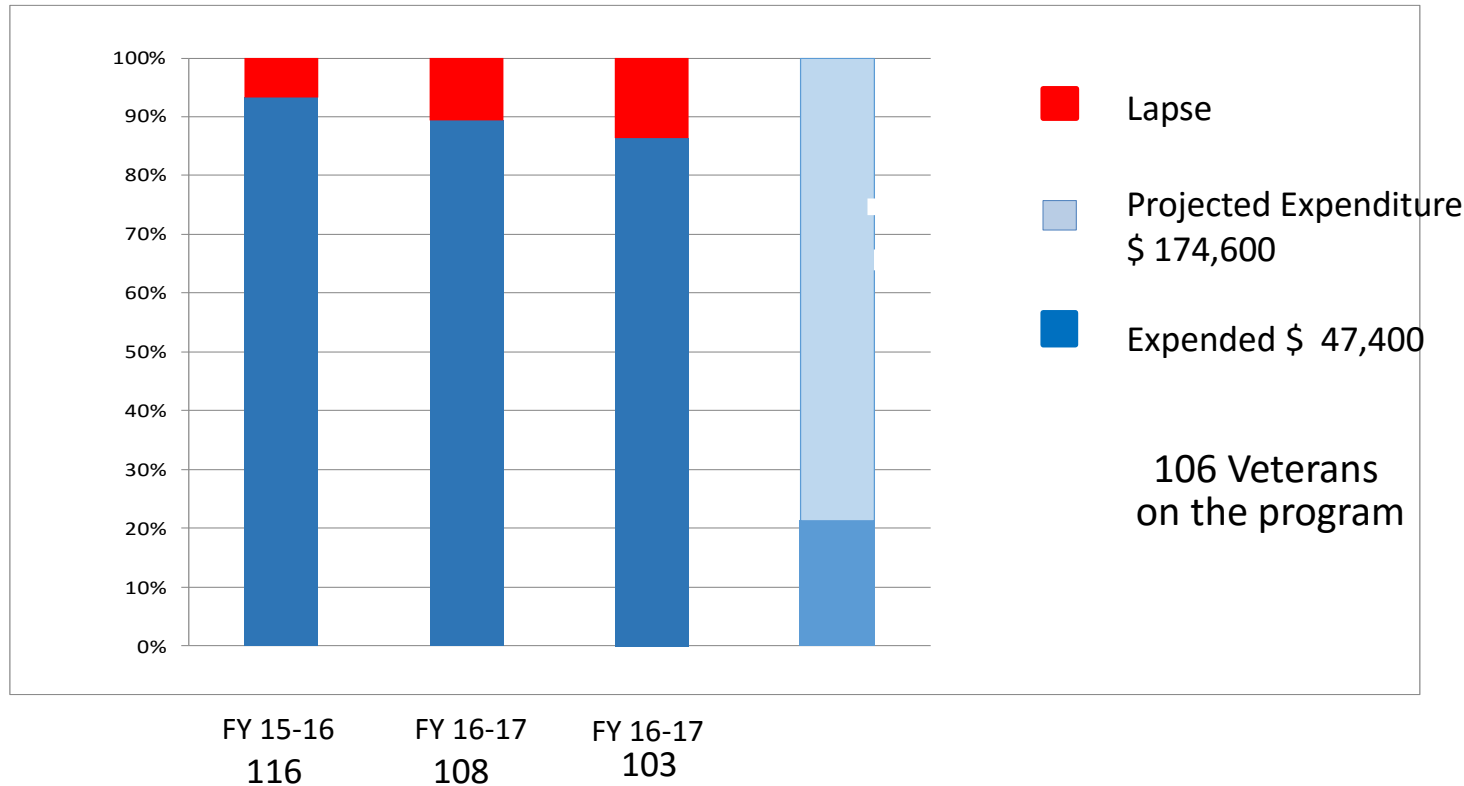
- Lapse \$0
- Projected Expenditures \$ 575,245
- Expended \$ 224,755

148 Claimants on the program

BLIND VETERANS PENSION



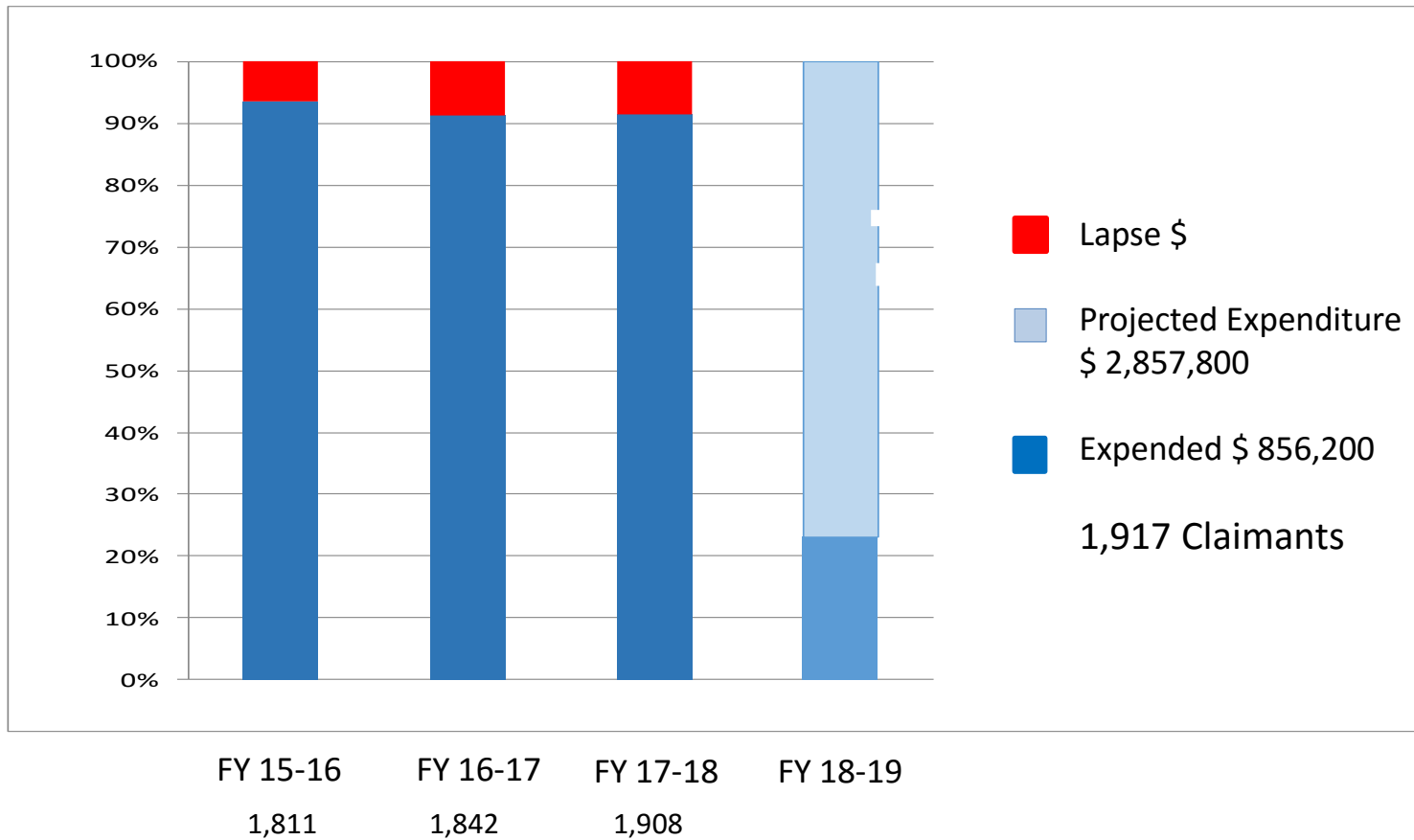
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AMPUTEE & PARALYZED VETERANS PENSION



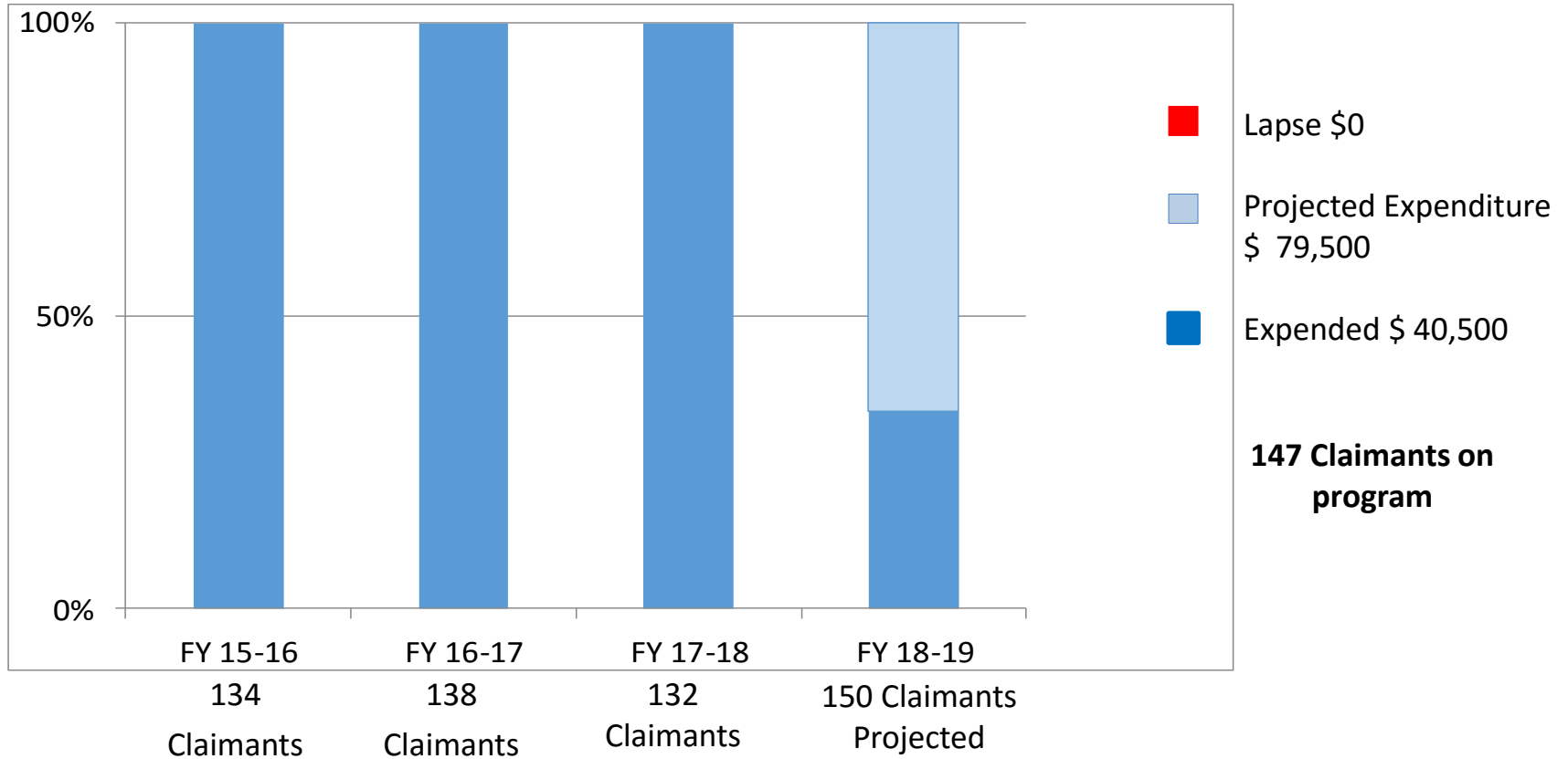
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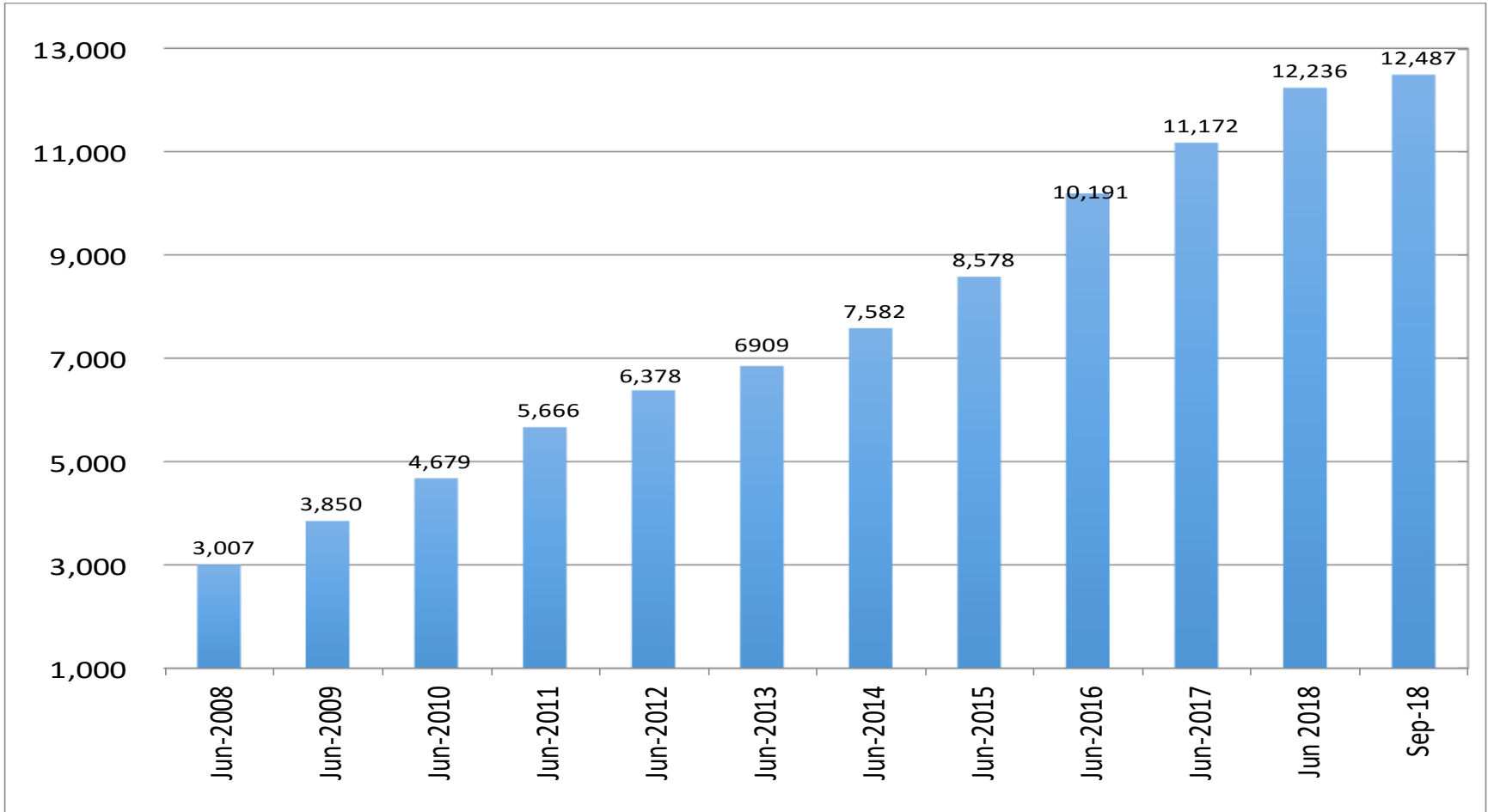
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\$120,000



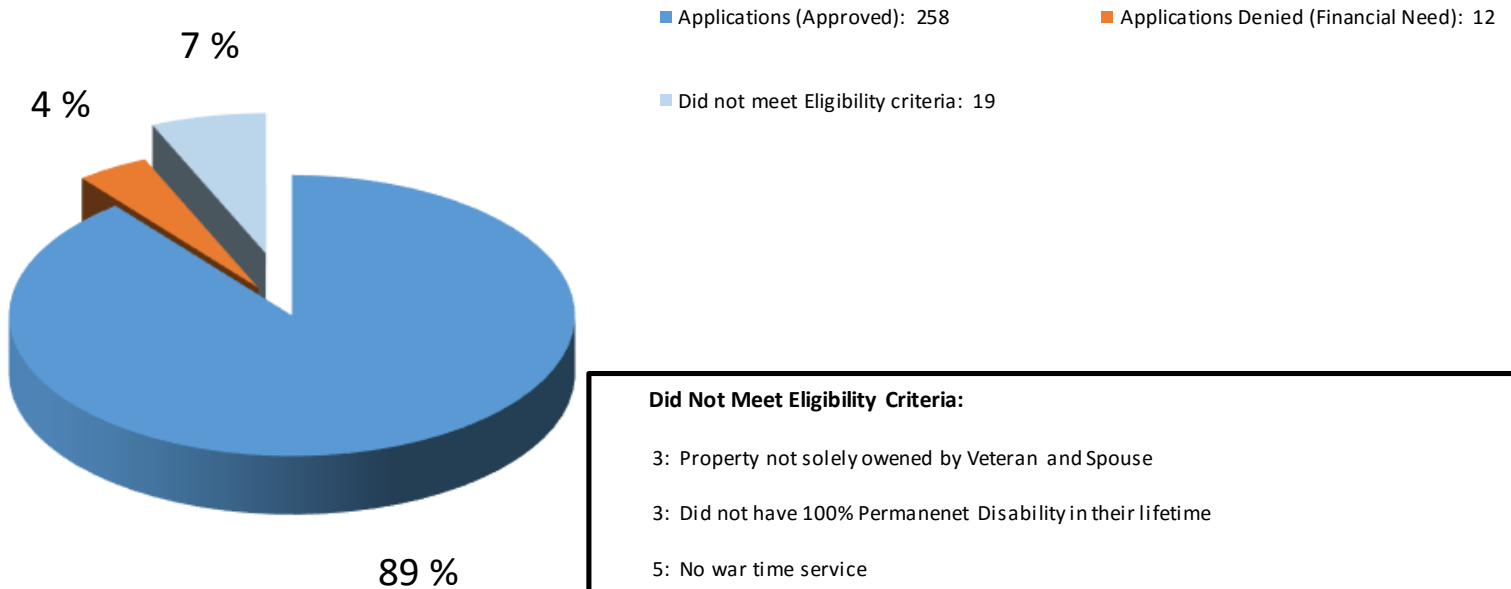
DISABLED VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM



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DISABLED VETERANS' RETX PROGRAM



Did Not Meet Eligibility Criteria:

- 3: Property not solely owned by Veteran and Spouse
- 3: Did not have 100% Permanent Disability in their Lifetime
- 5: No war time service
- 8: Not total or 100% Disabled - Future Exam
- 19 Applications Ineligible by Reason Code

*277 Applications Received since 16 August 2018

PERSIAN GULF VETERANS BENEFIT PROGRAM



Total Applications: 12,843

Payments Sent: 9,763

Total Payments: \$ 4,121,937.50

Average Payment: \$422.20

Average Processing Time: 6.77 days

OVERALL MFRAP CONTRIBUTIONS - FY 2005 THRU 21 September 2018

TOTAL PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 125,973.80
DEPT OF REVENUE - PIT DONATIONS	\$ 1,719,220.57
TOTAL ALL CONTRIBUTIONS - PRIVATE & PIT DONATIONS	\$ 1,845,194.37
APPROVED GRANT APPLICATION PAYMENTS	\$ 845,355.86
ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 999,838,51

PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS MEMORIAL



Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial Trust Fund

Beginning Trust Fund Balance (July 1, 2018)	\$360,657.35
Grants Received	0
Public / Private Donations	\$1,637.19
License Plate Donations	\$23,782.00
Interest	\$1,396.46
Refunds of Expenditures	\$0
Total Receipts	\$26,815.65
Expenses	(\$6,362.28)
Ending Balance	\$381,110.72

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ODAGVA / ACT 66 SUMMARY



FY 18 - 19	
Claims, Compensation and Pension Summary	
Year to Date Claims Submitted	Year to Date Value of Awards
4,955	\$21,582,677.00

FY 17 - 18	
Claims, Compensation and Pension Summary	
Year to Date Claims Submitted	Year to Date Value of Awards
34,708	\$225,309,603.00

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OUTREACH ENGAGEMENTS



Outreach Statistics

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Year to Date
Outreach Events Supported	18				18
Mobile Outreach Van Events	17				17
Veteran Interactions	234				234
Claim referrals to County Directors and Service Organizations	65				65
Legislator Attended Events	8				8

Upcoming Events – October

- **Legislative Events** – Sen. Killion’s Senior Expo, Rep. Hahn’s Senior Expo, Sen. Browne and Rep. Day’s Senior Expo, Rep Hickernell’s Senior Expo, Rep. Milne Senior Expo, Rep. Kreuger-Braneky Veterans Outreach, Rep. Millard’s Veteran Expo
- **Events** – Carlisle Retiree Appreciation Day, Sayre Fall Festival, Palmyra Fire Prevention Open House, Fayette County Senior Expo, Drexel Hill Veteran’s Breakfast, Lawrence County Homeless Stand down, Glen Rock Veteran’s Car Show, Clearfield Veteran’s Expo and Career Fair, Monthly Outreach at Cabela’s, Waymart Senior Expo, Cameron County Veterans Outreach, Sullivan County Health Fair
- **Legislators Attending Events** – Senators Baker and Hutchinson. Representatives Moul, Warner, Oberlander and McMaster

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VETERANS' TRUST FUND



Source	VTF Report			Total	# HOV Sold	
	Week	Month to Date	Fiscal Year Total			
Appropriation Transfer to VTF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700,000.00		
HOV License Plate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$705.00	47	\$45,435.00	3,029
PA Monuments LP	\$0.00	-\$437.00	\$0.00	0	\$23,345.00	1,015
HOV Motorcycle License Plate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	5	\$2,580.00	172
Checkoff & Donations	\$29,101.00	\$70,137.00	\$330,031.50		\$7,914,485.43	
Veterans Trust Fund Online Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		\$4,035.00	
SECA Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,290.14	
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,578.76		\$75,174.04	
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 17-18)	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,481.86		\$800,000.00	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 16-17)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$650,000.00	
VTF Grant NOFA (SFY 15-16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$502,127.20	
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	\$45,800.00	\$74,454.00	\$210,668.00		3,026,046.32	
Working Balance	-\$16,699.00	-\$4,754.00	\$132,254.12		\$2,374,618.42	4,216

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GUEST SPEAKER
MR. SAHEED HAKIM SIMS



Doing Business with PennDOT

A Diverse Business Supportive Services Center Overview

Veterans Commission Meeting

October 12 , 2018

Presented by: DB SSC Director, Saheed Hakim-Sims

Presentation Overview

- Diverse Business Supportive Services Center
 - ✓ Mission
 - ✓ Services
 - ✓ Goals
 - ✓ Outreach
- Identifying Diverse Businesses
- Connecting with Diverse Businesses
- Partnerships
- How to Market your business (Networking 101)

Diverse Business Supportive Center

The Diverse Business Supportive Services Center (DBSSC) was established July 1, 2014 consistent with Section 303 of Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. The function of the DBSSC is to assist in maximizing the participation of DBs on one-hundred percent (100%) state funded transportation related construction and professional services contracts.

Identifying Diverse Businesses

A Diverse Business is a business entity that is at least 51 percent owned and operated by one of the following constituent groups:

- Veteran or disabled Veteran
- Women
- Minority (African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Alaskans or Pacific Islanders)

Project Goals



- Increase the number of certified and registered DBs
- Manage and maintain a database of certified DBs
- Foster relationships between DB subcontractors and Primes
- Create networking opportunities for DB Primes

Step 1: Becoming a Certified Business

Third Party Certifying Organizations

- National Minority Supplier Development Council
- The Women's Business Development Enterprise National Council
- The Small Business Administration
- The United States Dept. of Veteran Affairs
- The Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PAUCP)

Step 1: Becoming a Certified Business

- **National Minority Supplier Development Council**
- 1. <http://www.nmsdc.org>
- 2. Click on MBE Certification
- 3. Will bring you to a page where it provides “How to” instructions
- 4. Click on “Regional Affiliates” tab
 - ❖ Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council -Web: www.emsdc.org
- 5. Go to the Minority Business Tab
 - ❖ Select “View certification” tab at bottom of the screen
 - ❖ **Complete on line application**

Step 1: Becoming a Certified Business

– Woman’s Business Enterprise Council

1. <http://www.wbecouncil.org/>
2. Select Woman’s Business Enterprise Certification from menu
3. Click on the certification page
 - ❖ Benefits, Criteria, Application process etc.
4. Select WBENC Certification Application
 - ❖ Click on link and it will open an online application page
 - ❖ Will prompt you to sign in a as a returning user or register as a new user.
 - ❖ **You can also download an excel spreadsheet of application questions and instructions**

Step 1: Becoming a Certified Business

- **Small Business Administration**

1. <http://www.sba.gov>
2. Type “certification” in the search bar
3. Select the first tab “ Certified small business certification”
 - ❖ This will bring you to a “Office of Business Development/Resources page
4. Under the “ How to certify” section
 - ❖ Link for “ Register as a vendor”
 - ❖ ***Link for System for Award Management (SAM)***
 1. ***Create account***

Step 1: Becoming a Certified Business

- **Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PAUCP)**
- 1. <https://www.paucp.com/>
- 2. Select the “Learn how to become certified” link at bottom of screen
- 3. This will bring you to a “Contact Us” page listing the participant locations: Alleghany, PennDOT, SEPTA, City of Phila., and Port Authority
- 4. On that same page, click “Application Forms” from the left side menu
- 5. Go the “Forms, Instructions, Applications” at bottom of the page
- 6. ***Download both the NEW DBE Application and the NET Worth Statement.***
- 7. Submit both forms to the participating partner that you chose.

Step 2: ECMS Registration

The Engineering and Construction Management System (ECMS) can give you background on the types of work planned and advertised even before you become a registered business partner, and you have no obligation to register.

The ECMS web site can be found at:

<http://www.dot14.state.pa.us/ECMS/>

Step 2: ECMS Registration



- ECMS Training
 - Business Partner Registration
 - Contractor Prequalification and Consultant Qualification Packages

Step 2: ECMS Registration

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Business Partner Solicitation Engineering Agreements Construction Projects References

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LOGIN BULLETINS

Bid Letting

NOTICE TO BIDDERS affecting projects bid after February 18, 2016:
NOTICE TO BIDDERS AFFECTING PROJECTS BID AFTER FEBRUARY 18, 2016:

Strike-Off Letter 481-16-01, *Certification and Acceptance of Steel Products*, advises Business Partners of a recent decision relating to Buy America, which is incorporated into the Letter.

PennDOT Facilities Projects List

APRIL 6, 2016 UPDATE!

Facilities projects have been advertised, and their status can be found [here](#).

PennDOT has been given the authority to design, bid, and construct over 100 facility projects located throughout the state. These projects in the Engineering and Construction Management System (ECMS). The types of projects include new buildings and various other structures and repair and modification of existing structures, including electrical systems.

For more information and the list of these facilities projects, click [here](#)

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

AWARD REQUIREMENTS – NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please ensure you are aware of the bidding and contract requirements. As a reminder: **ALL** projects require a Public Works Employment Agreement (PWEA) form. Effective October 2, 2015 with Change 9 of Pub 408, information regarding the PWEA form is available in *Section 107.31 Public Works Employment Agreement*.

ALL projects require compliance with DSP4 OR DSP7. These submissions are required within 7 days by 3:00pm of bid opening, **or your bid will be rejected**.

ALL DSP7 submissions are required to include NAICS codes as part of the minority participation and commitments, **or your bid will be rejected**.

Step 2: ECMS Registration

Please take a few minutes and register on the ECMS site. After registering, we will e-mail you a username and password to browse through the public areas of the site.

Please print the Business Partner Agreement form, complete, and return it by mail to:

**ECMS System Registration
PA Department of Transportation
Bureau of Project Delivery, Systems Management Section
P.O. Box 3662
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3662**

Select Business Partner Type to make BP Agreement File available.

- Government Agency
- Private Sector Organization



Business Partner Agreement.pdf

[Download or Print Instructions](#)

Your registration request will be incomplete until the agreement form is received. All requests will remain active for 45 days.

All Government and Private Sector Business Partners that desire to complete financial transactions with PENNDOT should also register with the Commonwealth to obtain a SAP Vendor Number. The registration form can be found at <http://www.vendorregistration.state.pa.us>.

Continue the registration process by clicking the "Register" button below.

Register ←

Step 2: ECMS Registration



Business Partner Registration

• denotes required fields

General Info	Legal Address	Mailing Address	Administrator Info	Authorized Signatory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Partner Name: <input type="text"/> • Federal ID Number (FID): <input type="text"/> • Phone Number: <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> Ext: <input type="text"/> • Fax Number: <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> • Email: <input type="text"/> • Number of Employees this Location: <input type="text"/> • Doing Business As: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bonding Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Owner / Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Planning Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> DUI Association <input type="checkbox"/> ePermitting <input type="checkbox"/> External Utility <input type="checkbox"/> HBMS <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Printing Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Public Private Partnership, P3 <input type="checkbox"/> Rail Freight, Ports, Waterways <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Surety Company 				

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CONSULTANT INFORMATION PORTAL

Custom Searches

- [Advanced Search](#)

All "Certified" disadvantaged business partners will count toward the DBE goal commitment.

Template Downloads

- [General Information](#)
- [Project Experience](#)
- [Resumes for Consultant Qualification Package](#)
- [Resumes for Construction Inspection \(WORD\)](#)
- [Resumes for Construction Inspection \(EXCEL\)](#)

You are currently logged in as **Anonymous**. If this is incorrect, please

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CONTRACTOR PORTAL

Contractor Search

- Advanced Search

Express Searches

- ECMS DBE Listing**
The ECMS DBE listing includes contractors who are certified as a DBE, registered as a ECMS Business Partner, and are either a prequalified contractor or designated as a Service or DBE Supplier. These contractors are available to be listed on the DBE commitment screens in ECMS.
- PA UCP DBE Listing**
The PA UCP DBE listing includes DBEs that may not be registered as an ECMS Business Partner and therefore may not be available to be listed on the DBE commitment screens in ECMS.
Disclaimer: It is to be specially noted that the ECMS DBE listing is subject to updates and/or changes without notice. Verification of any entry can be obtained from PENNDOT's Bureau of Equal Opportunity.

Prequalification

- Additional Code Request
- Line of Credit Form
- New Prequalification Application - Prime ←
- New Prequalification Application - Subcontractor ←
- Prequalification Renewal - Prime
- Prequalification Renewal - Subcontractor

Construction Phase

- Conditional Prequalification Guidelines
- General Highway Contractor Designation
- Provisional Prequalification Guidelines
- Suspension or Debarment for Three Contract Ineligibilities

Step 3: ECMS Marketing-Consultants

PLANNED PROJECTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS PORTAL

Planned Project Custom Searches

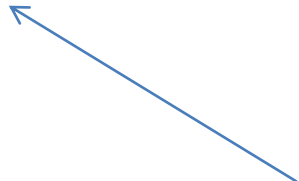
- Advanced Search

Advertisement Custom Searches

- Advanced Search

State/PTC Planned Projects Express Searches

- Planned Projects Published (Last Month)



State/PTC Advertisements Express Searches

- State Consultant Inspection Advertisements
- State Consultant Management Advertisements
- State Design Engineering Advertisements
- PTC Advertisements
- State/PTC Advertisements : Published (Last 2 Weeks)
- State/PTC Advertisements : Statement of Interest Deadline (Next 2 Weeks)

Municipal Advertisements Express Searches

- Municipal Consultant Inspection Advertisements
- Municipal Design Engineering Advertisements
- Municipal Advertisements : Published (Last 2 Weeks)
- Municipal Advertisements : Statement of Interest Deadline (Next 2 Weeks)

Step 3: ECMS Marketing-Consultants

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Agreement	Status	Initiating Organization	Project Name	Published
E03736	Published	Bureau of Design	Sign Structure Standards' LRFD Update	04/12/2016
E03718	Published	Bureau of Planning and Research	Aprvd Products Low Vlm Local Roads	04/11/2016
E03685	Published	Bureau of Public Transportation	Shared Ride Technical Assistance	03/17/2016
E03725	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Bridge Near Hazen	04/01/2016
E03724	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Falls Creek Bridge #1	04/01/2016
E03722	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Turnip Hole #3	03/30/2016
E03721	Published	Engineering District 10-0	South Leatherwood Bridge	03/30/2016
E03705	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Balls Bend Realignment	03/18/2016
E03704	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Route 286 US 422 East	03/18/2016
E03703	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Three Degree Road	03/18/2016
E03625	Published	Engineering District 10-0	Mars Railroad Bridge West Expansion	03/18/2016
E03699	Published	Engineering District 12-0	District 12 Bridge Group 2016 - 3	03/30/2016
E03698	Published	Engineering District 12-0	District 12 Bridge Group 2016 - 2	03/30/2016
E03731	Published	Engineering District 2-0	Traffic Services and Engineering	04/04/2016
E03711	Published	Engineering District 2-0	Centre County SR 2007 Section A02	03/14/2016
E03717	Published	Engineering District 3-0	Engineering and Environmental Open End	04/04/2016
E03716	Published	Engineering District 3-0	Engineering and Environmental Open End	04/04/2016
E03715	Published	Engineering District 3-0	Engineering and Environmental Open End	04/04/2016
E03714	Published	Engineering District 3-0	SR 2014 Reconstruction	03/25/2016
E03713	Published	Engineering District 3-0	Marsh Creek Greenway	03/25/2016
E03675	Published	Engineering District 4-0	Open End construction inspection	03/18/2016
E03710	Published	Engineering District 5-0	Resurface SR 2021 03M in Berks County	03/16/2016
E03735	Published	Engineering District 6-0	I-95 Central Access Philadelphia	04/12/2016
E03719	Published	Engineering District 6-0	Local County Bridge Inspection	03/29/2016
E03135	Published	Engineering District 6-0	STAMPP survey 2016-2018	04/11/2016
E03660	Published	Engineering District 8-0	Cumberland County 2016-2018 CI and CM	04/11/2016
E03422	Published	Engineering District 8-0	Department Force Bridge Replacements	04/08/2016
E03730	Published	Engineering District 9-0	Engineering/Environmental Open End	04/07/2016
E03729	Published	Engineering District 9-0	Engineering/Environmental Open End	04/07/2016
E03697	Published	Engineering District 9-0	Sunset Road Improvements	03/21/2016
E03696	Published	Maintenance and Operations	MS4 Program	03/17/2016
T00038	Published	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission	OE CM-CI Services for Facility Projects	04/11/2016
T00037	Published	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission	Traffic Ops. ITS and Safety Services O/E	04/11/2016

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PLANNED PROJECT

Publishing Controls

Initiating Org: Bureau of Design
Agreement Type: Open End - Project Specific
100% State Funded: No
Services Requested: Design and Misc Services
Selection Process: Modified

Status: Published

This Planned Project was created from Agreement: [E03736](#)

Detail

Agreement(s): [E03736](#) - Updating Department's Sign Structures & Traffic Structures Standards for Compliance with 2015 AASHTO

Project Name: Sign Structure Standards' LRFD Update

Description of Work: The Department will select a consulting firm to update its Sign and Traffic Structure Standards to be in compliance with AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 1st Edition. This work will consist of reviewing the LRFD Specifications and performing design using the Department's provided updated Sign Structure Computer Program to obtain design information for specific standard drawings. Updating other traffic signal standards and design aides. Updating design and construction publications associated with incorporation of the AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals, 1st Edition.

Est. Agreement Amount: 2,000,000

Anticipated Adv: 05/09/2016

Attachment:

Location

Location	State Route	Section
Statewide		

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Reference

- [Planned 6-Month Letting Schedule \(PDF\)](#)
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PLANHOLDERS

Project: Standard / Non - Federal (100% State) [Advertised](#)

Short Description: A251-1031 Erie Roof Replacement County: Erie District: 01	SR: 0000 Group ID: FMD	Org Code: 4300 Section: --- Municipality: MILLCREEK
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Let Date: 04/15/2016

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- ✓ DBSSC Maintains a database of firms throughout the state that can be used to connect firms (primes, subs and consultants) with other firms that are looking for DB participation
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Thank You

State Veterans Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 7th, 2018
 10:02 AM to 1201 PM
 Southeaster Veterans' Center
 Spring City, PA 19745

Call to Order	Chairman Edgar Burris
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The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission (SVC) meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Edgar Burris.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Chairman Burris and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Chairman Samuel Petrovich.

Commission Introductions

Brig Gen Michael Regan	TAG Designee, Deputy Adjutant General- Air
Chairman Edgar Burris	Chairman, State Veterans Commission
Maj Gen (Ret) Eric Weller	Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs
Mr. Paul Shipley	Designee, AMVETS
Mr. Thomas Hanzes	Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mr. John Getz	Adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mr. Samuel Petrovich	Adjutant, Disabled American Veterans/SVC Vice-Chairman
Mr. Matthew Zamosky	President, County Directors for Veterans Affairs Association
Mr. Harold Cooney	President, Military Officers Association of America
Mr. Richard Hudzinski	Designee, Vietnam Veterans of America
Mr. Chris Fidler	Representative, Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America
Mr. William Kelley	Representative, Korean War Veterans
Mr. Charles Jackson	Adjutant, Military Order of the Purple Heart
Mr. Kit Watson	Adjutant, The American Legion
Mr. James Vollrath	Commander, The American Legion
Ms. Constance Snavely	Member at Large
Mr. Robert Ziltz	Commandant, Marine Corps League
Mr. John Cyprian	Member at Large
Mr. Nicholas Taylor	Designee, Catholic War Veterans
Mr. Gary Stopyra	Commander, Disabled American Veterans
Mr. Thomas Bremer	Commander, Italian American War Veterans

Others Present

Dr. Michael Adelman	VISN 4
Bernie McDonald	American Veterans
Kory Auch	Office of Administration
Robert O'Neill	Vietnam Veterans of America
Jeffrey White	Vietnam Veterans of America
Dr. Robert Cudworth	Disabled American Veterans
Nancy Burris	Guest
Timothy Bremer	Guest
Jodi Zucco	Office of Attorney General

Louis Santangelo	Korea War Veterans
Gilbert E. Condorsa	Korea War Veterans
Justin Slep	PSACDVA/Franklin County
Eugene Bell	NERA Keystone Chapter
Matthew Ernst	Easterseals
Virginia Anderson	Easterseals
Rick Hamp	DMVA-OVA
Andrew Ruscavage	DMVA-OVA
Gene Mizdail	DMVA-OVA
Joel Mutschler	DMVA-OVA
Brian Natali	DMVA-OVA
Chip Gilliland	DMVA-OVA
Joan Nissley	DMVA-Public Affairs
Brett Anne Beatty	DMVA-Philadelphia Field Office
Greg Holler	DMVA-OVA
Chairman Burris introduced Southeastern Veterans' Center Commandant Rohan Blackwood, Deputy Commandant Mildred Butler and Executive Secretary Kathy Knob-Hardy and thanked them for everything they did on behalf of the SVC and the excellent tour of the facility. Commandant Blackwood thanked SVC members for choosing the SEVC. He offered anyone who had missed the morning tour a tour following the meeting; the staff welcomes tours because they are proud of what they do.	
Oath of Office	Brig Gen Regan
General Regan administered the Oath of Office to the following newly appointed Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission members:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Zamosky-PSACDVA, Robert Ziltz-MCL, Gary Stopyra-DAV, Thomas Hanzas-VFW, James Vollrath-TAL. 	
Awards/Recognition	
Chairman Burris presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing SVC member Mr. William Kelley for his dedicated and unwavering service to the SVC. Certificates of Appreciation were prepared for the following outgoing members not in attendance- Misters: Desrosiers, Hanke, Fuhrman, Kennedy, Foresman and Powell. They will have their awards mailed to them.	
Approval of the April 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes	
Chairman Burris asked if there were any questions/comments regarding the April 6th minutes, none were raised. Chairman Burris moved to have the minutes approved.	
Motion: Mr. Zamosky motioned to approve the minutes.	
Second: Mr. Clooney Seconded the motion.	
The body agreed, motion carried.	
Military Update	Brig Gen Regan
General Regan reported there currently are 720 PANG soldiers and airmen stationed all over the world. There are 500 PANG members stationed throughout the Middle East who are expected to return in December 2018. Everyone is safe and sound. CSM Buchanan had recently flown over to the Middle East to check on the PANG men/women. He reported they are "hanging in there, as expected." General Regan offered to answer any questions, but none were asked.	
VISN 4	Dr. Michael Adelman
Dr. Adelman noted that SVC members had received his slides with updated access, wait time, trust and community care data as a read-ahead. Dr. Adelman addressed two questions/issues from the 1 June meeting: First question/issue regarded medical records from non-VA physicians being entered into the MY HealtheVet for Veterans to access.	

- Currently, outside records are not viewable by Veterans through My HealtheVet. However, Veterans can request a copy of their records. He said when the facility community care coordinators set up non-VA appointments, they should let the provider know to send the resulting medical records to a secure fax machine in the community care office. Once processed, the records are scanned into the Vista Imaging which is part of the Veteran's electronic health record but is not accessible in My HealtheVet. If a VA provider reviews the records received from a community provider, and creates a VA Clinical note regarding those records, that will be available in My HealtheVet. To learn more about the sharing of electronic records, including how to sign up and what non-VA providers are enrolled, visit www.va.gov/VLER/.

Second question regarded the use of wrist bands displaying the full name and social security number of the Veteran.

- The VA is required to use social security numbers because they don't have a system to assign Veterans a unique medical number as a form of identification. This system is used as a unique identifier. The full social security number plays an important role in promoting patient safety by supporting accurate, direct and efficient patient identification. The Joint Commission requires two human readable unique identifiers, thus the use of the full name on the wrist band as well. This system reduces errors and ensures appropriate electronic entry and reduces medication being issued to the wrong patient. However, the VA has recognized that a OneVA Unique Identifier is necessary to provide a single/unified view of the Veteran and dependent data across all information systems and processes. VHA-level initiatives are being considered to enable the creation and use of a OneVA Unique Identifier for Veterans and dependents as an alternative to the use of the social security number as the primary identifier. This endeavor to change over to a OneVA Unique Identifier will take time to develop and will not come without significant challenges due to the complexity of the information system.

Dr. Adelman provided the following Leadership Update:

- Karin McGraw, director of VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, and Daniel Hendee, director of the Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia, have both announced that they will retire at the end of the year. The process to recruit replacements has already begun.
- Since July 9th, Dr. Jo-Anne Suffoletto has been detailed to VA Butler Healthcare as interim chief of staff. Dr. Suffoletto is the associate chief of staff for education and innovative learning as well as the medical director of the simulation program at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

Dr. Adelman noted the following leadership changes:

1. Lebanon's Camp Hill VA Clinic currently located at 25 North 32nd Street is being relocated to a site 4.1 miles from the current clinic. VA Pittsburgh Healthcare Systems' Fayette County VA outpatient Clinic currently located at 635 Pittsburgh Road in Uniontown is being relocated to a site just a few doors down from its current location in the shopping plaza.
2. The VISN/4 has relocated its office from North Shore Drive near downtown Pittsburgh to the H.J. Heinz campus of VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, which is in O'Hara Township near Aspinwall.

Question/Comments:

Mr. Hudzinski enquired as to why VISN/4 had reduced funding for the homeless Veterans in the Wilkes-Barre/greater Lehigh area and for Support Services for Veterans Families. He noted that it was his understanding the funding for SSVF in that region was reduced by \$350,000.00 last year. Dr. Adelman said he wasn't sure the funding was reduced but would investigate it and report back. Dr. Adelman did state there were some service changes which might have impacted the perspective of the funding. However, Dr. Adelman stated that there never is a reduction in funding for homeless Veterans.

Mr. Jeffrey White commented that he didn't understand how a "low level bureaucrat" could arbitrarily reduce the personal care stipend of his daughter-in-law from a level 2 to a level 1. Dr. Adelman stated to Mr. White he should follow the appeal process.

Mr. Matthew Zamosky stated certain VAs are requesting Veterans to fill out data sheets ahead of time. Mr. Zamosky asked if the data sheets are designed for determination of eligibility. Dr. Adelman stated it was a staff

oversight. The data sheet is designed to speed up information for clinical appointments and not for determination purposes. He said the oversight was corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Discussion

Chairman Burris

Chairman Burris stated that since the wrong copy of the Bylaws had been sent out to the members there will not be a discussion or vote. The correct version of the Bylaws was included in the recent read-ahead. The discussion and vote on them will occur at the next meeting. He noted Mr. Peterovich will discuss Bylaws during his committee report.

DMVA Chief Counsel

Ms. Elizabeth Pettis

Ms. Pettis was not present, there weren't any comments or questions.

DMVA Policy, Planning & Legislative Affairs

Mr. Gilbert Durand

Mr. Durand was not present, there weren't any comments or questions.

DMVA Bureau of Veterans' Homes

Mr. Andrew Ruscavage

Mr. Ruscavage thanked the SVC members for choosing the Southeastern Veterans Center as their meeting location this month. He reported all BVH licensures are up to date and in the green status. The SEVC currently has a new maintenance building under construction which will house both maintenance and housekeeping. The bottom floor at SEVC will be converted to an Adult Day Care facility, the concept is currently in the design phase and will most likely take two years before it will be completely operational. Mr. Ruscavage noted the PA DMVA-BVH will be the fourth state in the U.S, to have Adult Day Care for Veterans. Mr. Ruscavage briefed on changes at the Delaware Valley Veterans' Home which will undergo an entire renovation. At DVVH personal care patients have all been moved to the other Veterans' homes. Once the renovations are finished DVVH will be a skilled nursing facility. Renovations will begin in November 2018.

Questions/Comments:

- Mr. Hudzinski recommended amending the licensure chart on the DMVA website. He recommended removing the personal care and domiciliary services listing for Gino J. Merli Veterans Center and the Southwest Veterans' Center as they will be vacated. Mr. Ruscavage agreed to black them out.
- General Weller requested Mr. Ruscavage explain the reason for moving DVVH to solely skilled nursing, the initiative to address more personal care to Veterans who live in rural areas and who will staff these prototype Veterans' homes. Mr. Ruscavage reported that the Philadelphia area had a long waiting list of Veterans who are acutely ill and needed skilled nursing; so, it was decided to make DVVH a skilled nursing facility to address the issue. The need is that great for skilled nursing care that considerations are already being given to expand the facility to allow for more beds. Mr. Ruscavage said the initiative to extend care to Veterans in rural areas would build partnerships between DMVA-BVH and county homes or other nursing facilities in these rural areas. The proposal is designed to identify the need and level of Veteran care in targeted areas, identify a county home/nursing facility that would be willing, and would need the financial assistance, to engage in a partnership allowing the BVH to operate independently within their facility. For example, the BVH would take over a floor within the facility, staff it with BVH state employees and provide the same high level of quality care to the Veteran that he/she would receive if the Veteran were at any of the BVH facilities. Mr. Ruscavage noted the VA is working diligently with the DMVA-BVH on this initiative and the concept has reached the planning stages that now require lawyers to review operational procedures, proposals and subsequent contracts.
- Mr. Hudzinski asked how the proposal would work with county homes that are contracted out to private enterprises. Mr. Ruscavage said DMVA-BVH contracts would be written in such a manner to maintain the same level of care and standards that Veterans' receive at the six state homes.
- Mr. Hudzinski asked General Weller to brief the SVC members on the LIFE program and Adult Day Care as he did at the PWVC. General Weller said he didn't have a lot of information on the LIFE program. He said the folks who run the LIFE program will hold a hearing with the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on September 26th. He said BVH doesn't have any programs of in-home care at this time. General Weller said it's his understanding there is legislation out there that may

impact increased funding for Adult Day Care. He noted the DMVA-BVH has a higher PPD ratio than the state average and the ratio is based only on hands-on care givers. General Weller said Adult Day Care will cost something, nothing is free and that's the point they will have to drive home to the budget office and the legislators.

- Mr. Petrovich asked regarding the proposal to partner with county homes, how many and where? Mr. Ruscavage said they are aware of the need in the Lehigh and South-Central areas and have reviewed a previous study. However, they are not at the point where exact numbers can be discussed. General Weller said they have been discussing county partnerships and collecting information for a couple of years and needed to figure out the best way forward, no matter which way forward it will cost money. He wants to get the proposal documented with due diligence, put it in front of the decision makers and have a decision in the next three or four months.

Mr. Ruscavage reported that VISN/4 and BVH are moving forward with telemedicine making routine checkups easy for Veterans. He said it should be operational in all facilities relatively soon.

DMVA PIRO

Mr. Joel Mutschler

Mr. Mutschler said it was an honor for him to serve the Veterans of Pennsylvania. He pointed out two key issues. First, regionalization was moving forward in the process of connecting with non-profits throughout PA and then connecting resources between non-profits and VSOs. The second, was working through the VSOs to concentrate all their efforts in a team concept. He said he would like to hear from all the VSOs of what they think and need to make a difference.

DMVA Services & Programs

Mr. Brian Natali

Mr. Natali stated all materials were presented in the read-ahead, asked for questions, but none were asked. He asked for a vote.

Approval of Programs Reports

Motion: Mr. Zamosky made a motion to approve the programs reports.

Second: Mr. Cyprian seconded the motion.

The body agreed, motion carried.

DMVA Outreach & Reintegration

Mr. Chip Gilliland

Mr. Gilliland was not present. Mr. Mutschler asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the materials in the read-ahead. There weren't any.

Motion: Mr. Hanzes made the motion to approve the Outreach and Reintegration report.

Second: Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

The body agreed, motion carried.

SVC Bylaw Committee

Mr. Samuel Petrovich

Mr. Petrovich began by explaining why the Bylaws were not going to be voted on today, the version of the Bylaws sent out in June were incorrect. The correct version was only sent out in the recent read-ahead packet and members needed more deliberation time. He provided each member with his email address and invited them to comment on the Bylaws. He said, depending on the comments, he may call a committee meeting to address those comments.

Questions/Comments:

- Mr. Jackson stated that in the May 9th version [the correct version] of the Bylaws it has the SVC subordinated to the TAG; he didn't believe that is correct and needed to be changed. He further stated the section addressing members-at-large needed to be tweaked. Mr. Jackson wanted the section, stating SVC members need permission from the TAG or DMVA-PPL before going to legislators as SVC representatives, removed. The last issue Mr. Jackson spoke about the inability of the SVC to make changes to amendments to the Bylaws without TAG approval. Mr. Petrovich stated the section addressing members-at-large was strictly under the purview of the Governor's Office and once the decision is made, there is nothing the SVC can do about it.

Mr. Stopyra did not have a committee report.

Questions/Comments:

- Chairman Burris said he sent an email to the Act 66 Committee suggesting that since it took so long to get the \$500,000.00 maybe they could ascertain a method to request a little less but without going so long between increased funding periods. Mr. Petrovich said it was his belief that the \$500,000.00 was the amount that was to be put into the budget as an increase each year over a five-year period. He noted the Act 66 Committee of the PWVC is now working with the state legislature to have the \$500,000.00 increase each year in the budget and if the SVC Act 66 Committee does it differently, it would be counterproductive and confusing. Mr. Hudzinski supported Mr. Petrovich's statement, adding it was former Adjutant General Craig who agreed with the five-year \$500,000.00 per year increase in funding.
- Mr. Hamp explained that the current situation with the \$500,000.00 in the budget has now become a cost to carry item and not listed as an increase in the budget each year. Mr. Hamp agreed with Mr. Hudzinski regarding Adjutant General Craig; however, what the Act 66 Committee took downtown was a one time increase as a cost-to-carry item. Mr. Hudzinski remarked that now they must argue each year for more money, saying he didn't know where the SVC wanted to go with this, but we need to press for more money. Mr. Petrovich pointed out the Act 66 Committee who took the one-time funding increase downtown was the PWVC Act 66 Committee. The SVC Act 66 Committee was only formed last year. He said the SVC Act 66 Committee needs to have continuity with the members who serve on it from year to year and both Act 66 Committees must show unity. He called on the Chairman to have the SVC Act 66 Committee work hand in hand with the PWVC counterpart.
- Chairman Burris thanked Mr. Petrovich for his comment and agreed with having the two committees work in a unified effort, noting it will bring more clout for Veterans.
- Mr. Jackson said it was his understanding that last year an agreement was reached where the PWVC Act 66 Committee would lobby at the capitol for additional funding and the SVC Act 66 Committee would oversee the management of the funds. He then asked "how does the SVC get good reporting" and how do participants manage their funds. There is no agreement among the Act 66 Committees on how to use the funds or a structure to address it. Mr. Watson suggested the same members who serve on the SVC Act 66 Committee should also serve on the PWVC Act 66 Committee to bring uniformity. Chairman Burris complimented everyone for a good committee discussion and requested the names of the PWVC Act 66 Committee members. He said he believed the key was communication between the SVC and the PWVC.
- Mr. Hudzinski opined that he can see a confluence of events occurring here today. If the SVC is viewed as only an advisory council and beholden to and having to obey the TAG it will be limited in its effectiveness. However, if the SVC can operate as an independent body, as does the PWVC, then overall the SVC will acquire more cooperation and benefits for Veterans.
- General Weller explained, regardless of who goes downtown requesting funding increases, it remains the sole decision of the TAG on whether he puts an increase for funding in the budget. He then offered to approach the TAG to determine if he would be interested in doing so this year. Mr. Hudzinski suggested the SVC present argument to the TAG to include increased funding in the budget. General Weller said for the TAG to act, the TAG will need a recommendation from the SVC in a proposal and vote format. Mr. Hudzinski called on Chairman Burris to act.
- Mr. Burris said that, based on all the discussion he heard, action will need to be taken to decide which Act 66 members should also serve on the PWVC Act 66 Committee. Mr. Burris stated a motion with a vote should be taken on requesting the TAG to place a \$500,000.00 increase in funding for Act 66 each year for the next four years.

Motion: Mr. Vollrath made the motion to request that the TAG increase the funding.

Second: Mr. Hudzinski seconded the motion.

The body agreed, motion carried.

SVC RETX Committee	Mr. Matthew Zamosky
Mr. Zamosky said he did not have a report to present at this time.	
<u>Questions/Comments:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Weller requested the committee work with the DMVA-PPL to focus on one bill that everyone likes which can get across the finish line. Mr. Zamosky said he reviewed almost all the data given to him from the previous committee chair. He will soon set up a teleconference with the other committee members and include the DMVA-PPL representative. 	
SVC Legislative Committee	Mr. James Vollrath
Mr. Vollrath did not present a report. Instead, he briefly outlined what his committee would be doing in the future. Mr. Vollrath said his committee will align their agenda with the PWVC Legislative Committee and continue what his predecessor did “piggyback off of the PWVC.” Mr. Vollrath said he will have a report for the October 12 th meeting. Chairman Burris called on Mr. Vollrath to acquire the names of his counterpart committee members with the PWVC to build a strong corroborative union.	
SVC Pensions & Relief/Grave Marking/State Military Cemetery Committee	Mr. John Brenner
Mr. Brenner was not present. Chairman Burris asked if there were any questions, comments or discussion. Nothing was raised.	
NEW BUSINESS	
December 7 Date Discussion	Mr. Ed Burris
Chairman Burris informed the members, when he held a meeting with the new incoming members a discussion ensued regarding moving the SVC meeting on December 7 th (Pearl Harbor Day) because so many VSOs hold events on that day. A brief discussion occurred, Mr. Vollrath then stated “what better day to do our business for Veterans than on Pearl Harbor Day.” Chairman Burris moved for a motion to keep December 7 th as the meeting date and called for a vote.	
Motion: Mr. Vollrath motioned to keep the SVC meeting as scheduled.	
Second: Hudzinski seconded the motion.	
The body agreed, motion carried.	
*Mr. Hudzinski requested to reopen new business at the end of the guest speaker’s presentation. Chairman Burris granted permission.	
Mr. Hudzinski presented two motions in proposal form addressing the implementation of Act 71/Senate Bill 1037 and the maintenance of Veterans preferences. Mr. Hudzinski’s concern was Act 71 wasn’t being properly executed, he wanted the SVC to act as an oversight of the DMVA regarding Act 71. He wanted to establish a good reporting system with only DMVA data at this time.	
*Motions below are directly and accurately copied from Mr. Hudzinski’s submitted notes to Chairman Burris.	
<u>Motions:</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To monitor if the DMVA is dutifully applying Veteran’s preference under Act 71 of 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DMVA report each SVC, using NEOGOV data provided by its OA Human Resources Center, the veterans hiring percentage by major occupational group and the hiring rate for each of them after dividing into two categories: civil service and non-civil service. 	
<u>Question/Comments:</u>	
Chairman Burris asked for questions, comments and discussion. There were none. He put the motion up for a vote.	
Motion: Mr. Hudzinski put his motion forth.	
Second: Mr. Vollrath seconded the motion.	
The body agreed, motion carried.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in assuring the SVC our state Veterans homes are properly staffed under Act 71 2018. 	

- The DMVA determines its critical occupations (jobs) necessary to nursing home and secure portion of the operation.
- From this list, DMVA reports for each home and in total for the five critical occupations with the most vacancies, using NEOGOV data provided by its OA Human Resources Center for select criteria.
- (1) the number of positions required for the full staffing.
- (2) the number of positions open.
- (3) the median and average turnover rate.
- (4) the median and average days from date of vacancy to date of job announcement.
- (5) the median and average days from start of job announcement to end of job announcement.
- (6) the median and average days from end of job announcement to date of job fill.

Questions/Comments:

- Mr. Jackson immediately moved to second Mr. Hudzinski’s motion; however, before a vote could be taken Mr. Taylor asked what the SVC intended to do with the collected data. Mr. Hudzinski said the intention was to determine how Act 71 was progressing and identify any problems. He further stated, that the motions were intended to address a decade-old problem with hiring Veterans. Mr. Hamp said all those were good points and the DMVA is currently working on the data requested. He reported it will take a little time to build a complete data stream and network flow which is necessary for a proper analysis. Mr. Hamp informed the members that doing this type of analytical reportage will put a burden on the already overloaded workforce; he then requested the members to give their full support when the DMVA asks for more manpower. Mr. Hudzinski said it was not his intent to find fault and the purpose is to ensure the proper care of the Veterans and have the SVC act in an investigative capacity. Mr. Burris called for a vote on the motion.

Motion: Mr. Hudzinski put his motion forward.

Second: Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

The body agreed, motion carried.

Guest Speaker-Easterseals

Mr. Mathew Ernst

Mr. Ernst provided the members with a brochure and accompanying materials describing what his organization does for military families.

- Mr. Ernst briefed that in 2010 Easterseals wanted to expand their efforts beyond helping disabled people to include special needs groups. It was determined they should focus on an underserved pocket group which led them to military families. They decided they could best serve the military families by putting their efforts into weekend and summer camps for children of military families. The camps have tailored designed programs for the children, such as art, archery and even falconry. The camps also provide a little relief for the parent(s)/caregivers. The camps bring children together from across the Commonwealth. He said right now one of their major challenges is they only serve a small portion of that targeted group of children, they want to expand their programs.
- Mr. Ernst briefly touched on the programs that Easterseals has for Veterans with disabilities; such as specialized water skiing, rock climbing and other challenging programs.
- Mr. Ernst said Easterseals does not charge military families. They have partnership sponsors and are always exploring new revenue streams. He mentioned the American Legion and VFW are participants.

Questions/Comments:

- General Weller asked if anyone in the room would be interested in speaking with Mr. Ernst regarding any possibilities of providing assistance. General Weller advised Mr. Ernst to hand out his card to the members. General Weller then asked Mr. Ernst if Easterseals was aligned with the Combined Federal Campaign and SECA. Mr. Ernst said not at this time but agreed to explore it.

SERVICE ORGANIZATAION UPDATES

Service Update – Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mr. Thomas Hanzes

<p>Mr. Hanzes reported the VFW Headquarters is in Harrisburg, PA. In June 2019 the VFW will celebrate its 100th Convention to be held in Erie, PA. He said the VFW has 450 posts and 75,000 members divided into 24 districts throughout the Commonwealth. The VFW supports 29 VSOs strategically located to assist Veterans with any help they need, or claims made. There are 250 VFW Auxiliaries with 35,000 members. He noted the VFW's current issues are gaming, the non-smoking exemptions, (55 posts are now non-smoking), and low membership rolls that all service organizations are experiencing. He suggested all the organizations should work in a collaborative manner to address shrinking membership. Mr. Hanzes closed with a quote from a college commencement speech, "If you don't remember anything from being here- remember to give back, it makes you a winner" He said everyone at the meeting were "givers."</p>	
<p>Service Update – Catholic War Vets</p>	<p>Mr. Nicholas Taylor</p>
<p>Mr. Taylor reported he was assigned the designee for Commander Wright who had an emergency. Mr. Taylor reported the CWV had recently held its 83 National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA and they decided to move their headquarters in Alexandria, VA back to the CWV's birth place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Astoria, NYC. He was proud to announce the CWV will have the honor of the annual laying of the wreaths at Arlington Cemetery in 2019. He said following the ceremony a reception will be held at the Fort Myers Officers Club.</p>	
<p>Service Update – Jewish War Veterans</p>	<p>Mr. Sanford Silver</p>
<p>Mr. Silver was not present.</p>	
<p>Service Update – American Veterans</p>	<p>Mr. Paul Shipley</p>
<p>Mr. Paul Shipley reported that Commander Elliot had sustained a heart attack in August at the end of the AMVETS National Convention in Orlando, FL and was medically prohibited from participating today. However, Mr. Elliot expressed through Mr. Shipley that he will have a report for the October 12th meeting.</p>	
<p>Good Of The Order/Announcements</p>	
<p>Mr. Taylor briefed the members on the outstanding low-vision program the Lebanon VA is providing for our Veterans. He related a testimonial of a CWV member who attended the Lebanon VA low-vision program, how it changed the member's living conditions and vastly improved the quality of his life. Mr. Petrovich announced the passing of Carmen DeSanti who was described as a man who did "great things" for Veterans. He informed the members he has the funeral arrangement schedule and those interested in attending can get the details from him. Mr. Vollrath announced the American Legion will hold a ceremony on September 21st in the Wormleysburg area for POW/MIA.</p>	
<p>For Next Meeting</p>	
<p>Chairman Burris announced the guest speaker for the October meeting will be Mr. Saheed Hakim Sims, a contract employee with PennDOT. Mr. Sims will present on how he can assist Veterans with starting a business and establishing a business plan.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	
<p>Friday, Oct 12th, 2018 at 10:00AM Arrowhead Community Club Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	
<p>Chairman Burris adjourned the meeting at 12:01PM.</p>	

The minutes of this meeting are respectfully submitted by:

Maj Gen (Ret) Eric G. Weller
Deputy Adjutant General
Veterans' Affairs

Agenda

Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission

12 October 2018 at 10:00 AM

Arrowhead Community Center

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| 1000 () | CALL TO ORDER | Chairman Ed Burris |
| | Invocation | |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | Vice-Chair Sam Petrovich |
| 1007 () | OATH OF OFFICE | Maj General Carrelli |
| | Misters: Santangelo, Elliot | |
| 1017 () | Approval of the June 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes | REQUIRES A VOTE |
| 1019 () | DMVA Military Update | Maj General Carrelli |
| 1029 () | VISN 4 Update | Dr. Michael Adelman |
| | OLD BUSINESS | |
| 1034 () | Bylaws Discussion | Chairman Burris |
| | New Committee Members Discussion | Chairman Burris |
| | Act 66 Motion Discussion | Chairman Burris |
| 1044 () | DMVA, Chief Counsel | Ms. Elizabeth Pettis |
| 1047 () | DMVA, Policy, Planning & Legislative Affairs | Mr. Gilbert Durand |
| 1050 () | DMVA, Bureau of Veterans Homes | Mr. Andrew Ruscavage |
| 1053 () | DMVA, Bureau of Programs, Initiatives, Reintegration and Outreach (PIRO) | Mr. Joel Mutschler |
| 1056 () | Approval of Programs Report (Report provided by DMVA) | REQUIRES A VOTE |
| | DMVA, Division of Services & Programs | Mr. Brian Natali |
| 1101 () | DMVA, Division of Outreach & Reintegration | Mr. Chip Gilliland |
| 1103 () | SVC Bylaw Committee | Mr. Samuel Petrovich |
| 1108 () | SVC Act 66 Committee | Mr. Gary Stopyra |
| 1113 () | SVC RETX Committee | Mr. Matthew Zamosky |
| 1118 () | SVC Legislative Committee | Mr. James Vollrath |
| 1123 () | SVC Pensions/Relief/Grave Marking/Military Cemetery Committee | Mr. John Brenner |
| | NEW BUSINESS | |
| 1128 () | SSVF Funding Discussion | Chairman Burris |
| 1130 | 2019 Meeting Calendar | Chairman Burris |
| 1132 | Point of Order- Written Motion | Chairman Burris |
| 1132 (10) | Guest Speaker-Business Enterprises | Mr. Saheed Hakim Sims |
| | Service Organization Updates: | |
| 1142 (3) | American Veterans | Jeffrey Elliot |
| 1145 (3) | Good of the Order/Announcement | |
| 1148 (3) | Discussion Topics for next meeting | Chairman Burris |
| 1151 (3) | Election/Written Ballot | Ms. Elizabeth Pettis |
| 1154 (3) | Next Meeting: Friday, December 7th, 2018 @ 10:00am
Arrowheads Community Club, Annville | |
| 1200 | ADJOURNMENT | Chairman Ed Burris |
| | RETIRING OF COLORS | Vice-Chair Sam Petrovich |

2019 STATE VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Friday, February 1, 2019 - 10:00 am

Arrowheads Community Club
Building # 9-65, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002

Friday, April 5, 2019 - 10:00 am

Arrowheads Community Club
Building #9-65, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002

Friday, June 7, 2019 - 10:00 am

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home
560 East Third Street
Erie, PA 16512

Friday, September 6, 2019 - 10:00 am

Southwestern Veterans' Center
7060 Highland Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Friday, October 4, 2019 - 10:00 am

Arrowheads Community Club
Building # 9-65, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002

Friday, December 6, 2019 - 10:00 am

Arrowheads Community Club
Building # 9-65, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002

***Note – Meeting locations are subject to change upon special event or circumstance**

Summary of Activity from 8/16/2018 to 9/21/2018

APPS APPROVED	258
NEW	123
REVIEW	135

APPS DENIED	
Financial Need	12
Ineligible	19
No Response	18
Change of Eligibility	56

HH Over Income	44
NEW	27
REVIEW	17

17%
22%
13%

APPS CREATED	277
TOTAL ADJUDICATED	363

RETX- Exempt list(New)

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Summary of Current Applications (Exempt)

Count	No Activity	Review Process Started	Review App Received	New Apps Pending
12487	12211	263	13	84

Summary of Activity from 08/16/2018 to 09/21/2018

Apps Created : 277	
New	158
Review:	119
Apps Approved : 258	
New	123
Review	135
Apps Denied Fin:	12
Apps Denied (Ineligible):	19
Apps Removed from Exempt List (No Response):	18
Apps Removed from Exempt List(Eligibility Changed):	56

Summary of Ineligible Reason

Reason	Count
The property for which you claim exemption is not owned solely by you, or as an estate by the entirety with your spouse.	3
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that the veteran did not have a total and/or 100% permanent disability during their lifetime.	3
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that the veteran did not serve during a period of war or armed conflict.	5
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs stated that you have a future exam , therefore, your disability has not been rated as total or 100% permanent.	8

	258
DAUPHIN	3
LEBANON	4
ADAMS	1
ALLEGHENY	12
ARMSTRONG	1



Health Net Federal Services Contract Close Out Overview For Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contract with Health Net Federal Services (HNFS) is ending on **September 30, 2018**. HNFS is the third-party administrator for the eastern region of the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) and Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) networks. When the contract with HNFS ends, VA will take over all activity previously performed by HNFS. VA will work with Veterans, community providers, and VA staff to transition care coordination from HNFS to VA as seamless as possible.

The end of VA's contract with HNFS does not affect VA's contract with TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which administers the western region of the VCP and PC3 networks. No immediate action is needed on your part. However, if you are requesting care in the community, please contact VA to coordinate all care after **September 30, 2018**.

Distance Eligible Veterans

If you are a Distance Eligible Veteran (located outside of 40 miles of the nearest VA medical facility) and need to schedule an appointment in the community after **June 30, 2018**, please contact VA for authorization and care coordination at the numbers listed below.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the contract with HNFS ending?

VA's contract with HNFS is scheduled to end on September 30, 2018 per the contract agreement.

2. Is the VCP program ending?

The VCP program will continue but the PC3 network will be discontinued on September 30, 2018 for Veterans in the HNFS regions.

3. How do I contact VA to obtain care after September 30, 2018?

All care delivered after September 30, 2018 will be

coordinated through VA. The VCP customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours and can be reached at 1-866-606-8198 (VCP). PC3 customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours through September 30, 2018 and can be reached at 1-800-979-9620 (PC3).

4. What happens after September 30, 2018 if I already have an appointment scheduled through HNFS?

HNFS will be issuing updated authorization letters to Veterans and providers with authorizations that extend beyond the contract expiration date to reflect an end date of September 30, 2018. Existing appointments under the HNFS contract must be completed before the end of the contract. Appointments after September 30, 2018 must be coordinated by a VA staff who will work together with your community provider to ensure a seamless transition for care authorization, coordination, billing and payments.

5. Do my providers need to submit my PC3 or VCP claims by September 30, 2018, to be paid for services rendered?

HNFS will continue to process claims after the September 30, 2018 contract end date. Claims for services on or after October 1, 2018 will be coordinated directly between your community provider and VA. This information has also been communicated to your community provider.

6. Who do I call if I have questions about appointments, authorizations, or billing?

The VCP customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours and can be reached at 1-866-606-8198 (VCP). PC3 customer service lines will remain active and open during normal business hours through September 30, 2018 and can be reached at 1-800-979-9620 (PC3).

Bureau of Veterans' Homes
Available Beds Monthly Status Report
from August 1 to 31, 2018

Delaware Valley Veterans' Home, Philadelphia - Peter Ojeda - Commandant						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Average Beds Vacant	Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	100	100	0		100%	37
Secured	30	30	0		100%	11
TOTAL	130	130	0	3	100%	48
Non-Veteran Census Percent				2	4%	
Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center, Scranton - James Miller - Commandant						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Average Beds Vacant	Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	156	134	22		86%	0
Secured	40	33	7		83%	0
TOTAL	196	167	29	14	85%	0
Non-Veteran Census Percent				21	10%	
Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, Hollidaysburg - Deborah Nesbella - Commandant						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Average Beds Vacant	Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	231	214	17		93%	0
Secured	26	21	5		81%	0
Personal Care	101	64	37		63%	0
Domiciliary	66	49	17		74%	0
TOTAL	424	348	76	74	82%	0
Non-Veteran Census Percent				75	12%	
Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home, Erie - Barbara Raymond - Commandant						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Average Beds Vacant	Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	51	50	1		98%	24
Secured	32	32	0		100%	11
Personal Care	80	50	30		63%	1
Domiciliary	20	20	0		100%	0
TOTAL	183	152	31	21	83%	36
Non-Veteran Census Percent				26	12%	
Southeastern Veterans' Center, Spring City - Rohan Blackwood - Commandant						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant		Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	208	207	1		100%	57
Secured	30	30	0		100%	1
Personal Care	54	52	2		96%	8
TOTAL	292	289	3	16	99%	66
Non-Veteran Census Percent				10	13%	
Southwestern Veterans' Center, Pittsburgh - Richard R. Adams - Commandant						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Average Beds Vacant	Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	196	193	3		98%	0
Secured	40	35	5		88%	0
TOTAL	236	228	8	11	97%	0
Non-Veteran Census Percent				10	15%	
Recapitulation / Pennsylvania Bureau of Veterans' Homes						
Level of Care	Available Beds	Beds Assigned	Beds Vacant	Average Beds Vacant	Percentage Filled	Waiting List Veteran
Nursing Care	942	898	44		95%	118
Secured	198	181	17		91%	23
Personal Care	235	166	69		71%	9
Domiciliary	86	69	17		80%	0
TOTALS	1,461	1,314	147	129	90%	150
Non-Veteran Census Percent				138	12%	

Non-Veteran Census Number

DVVH	5	4%
GMVC	16	10%
HVH	40	12%
PSSH	18	12%
SEVC	35	13%
SWVC	32	15%
Total	146	12%