



# Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

## Overview for Senate Finance Public Safety Subcommittee

Secretary Carlos L. Hopkins

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# Year One Accomplishments

- Executive Order 20 – DMA Transfer
- Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program
- Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program
- Suicide Prevention Amongst Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- Opening of new Virginia National Guard Headquarters – DSCR
- Women Veterans Coordinator
- Veterans Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Coordinator
- Pentagon Benefits Office
- Southwest Virginia Veterans Coalition

# Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DVS Benefits

*\$500,000 and 5 FTEs (Item 466)*

- 4 Veterans Service Representatives (VSRs) – 1 per region
  - Meet rising workload and service demand
- 1 Claims Specialist at the Center of Excellence
  - Quality check all claims submissions to the VA which are time sensitive
- Training costs for additional VSRs

# Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)

*\$634,000 and 8 FTEs*  
*(Item 466)*

- 8 resource specialists
  - Ensure continuation of veterans homelessness efforts
  - Identify and meet demand for behavioral health and supportive services for veterans service members, and their families
  - Connect to resources and monitor progress
- First major staff expansion since 2008 launch

# Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DVS Education, Transition, & Employment

*\$460,692 and 4 FTEs*  
*(Item 466)*

- 2 Regional VTAP Coordinators – Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia
  - Meet rising workload and service demand
- Regional V3/VTAP Coordinator for Western and Southwest Virginia
- Credentialing and Training Manager for VETE

# Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DVS

## *Virginia War Memorial – \$513,800* *(Central Appropriations)*

- Funding for Virginia War Memorial building/ground maintenance
  - 28,000 square foot expansion opens September 2019

## *Agency Leadership/Infrastructure – \$140,000 and 1FTE* *(Item 468)*

- Funding for a new deputy director position to assist with agency administration and oversight

# Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments – DMA

## *\$1.5Million for Tuition Assistance (Item 414)*

- Funding for tuition assistance for members of the Virginia National Guard to help recruitment and retention of Guard members
  - Needed incentive in order to meet end strength goals

## *\$150,000 for Cyber-security Assessments (Item 416)*

- Funding to provide cyber-security assessments for local governments and state agencies.

## *\$12Million to Improve Readiness Centers (C-33)*

- Funding (\$9 Million NGF and \$3Million in Bond Proceeds) to be used as a match for federal funding

# Governor's FY20 Budget Amendments

Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Total:

18 FTEs and \$1,734,692 GF

Department of Military Affairs (DMA) Total:

\$1,650,000 GF

\$12 Million NGF and bond proceeds

Secretary of VADA TOTAL: \$3,384,692 GF

\$12 Million NGF and bond proceeds



## Benefits Services Offices

## Care Center

## Cemetery

- 1 Accomac
- 2 Big Stone Gap
- 3 Bristol
- 4 Cedar Bluff
- 5 Charlottesville
- 6 Front Royal
- 7 Hampton
- 8 Lynchburg
- 9 Norfolk
- 10 Quantico
- 11 Richmond
- 12 Roanoke
- 13 South Hill
- 14 Staunton

★ Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke

▲ Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia



# DVS Growth from 2003 to 2018

## Benefits Services Offices

- 1 Abingdon
- 2 Accomac
- 3 Big Stone Gap
- 4 Charlottesville
- 5 Chesapeake
- 6 Danville
- 7 Emporia
- 8 Fairfax
- 9 Fort Belvoir (planned)
- 10 Fort Lee
- 11 Fredericksburg
- 12 Hampton
- 13 Hampton VA Medical Center
- 14 Henrico
- 15 Loudoun
- 16 Lynchburg
- 17 Manassas
- 18 McGuire VA Medical Center (Richmond)
- 19 Norfolk
- 20 Oceana/Virginia Beach (planned)
- 21 Pentagon
- 22 Petersburg
- 23 Portsmouth
- 24 Quantico
- 25 Roanoke
- 26 Salem VA Medical Center
- 27 South Hill
- 28 Springfield
- 29 Staunton
- 30 Strasburg
- 31 Tazewell
- 32 Virginia Beach
- 33 Williamsburg
- 34 Wytheville

\* **VVFS:** Underlined offices indicate co-location of VVFS and Benefits Services offices.

## Care Centers

- ★ Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center, Richmond
- ★ Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke

## Virginia Veteran and Family Support Regions

- North
- East
- Central
- West

## Cemeteries

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



So, what's next?



# Questions?

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