



Virginia Department of Veterans Services



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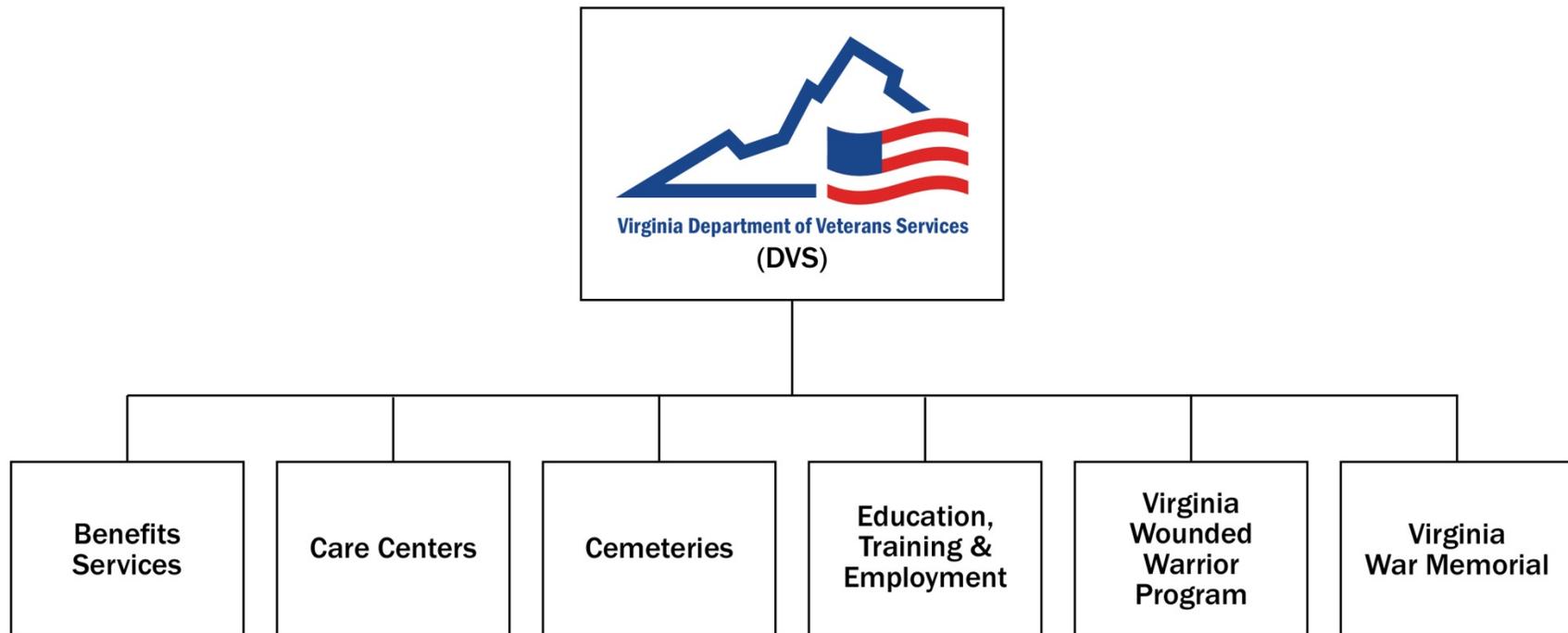


Overview

- Who We Are
- New Care Centers Update: Hampton Roads, NoVa
- Department Budget: Current & Future



Who We Are





DVS Locations

Benefits Services Offices

- 1 Accomac
- 2 Alexandria
- 3 Big Stone Gap
- 4 Bristol
- 5 Cedar Bluff
- 6 Charlottesville
- 7 Chesapeake
- 8 Danville
- 9 Fairfax
- 10 Front Royal
- 11 Hampton
- 12 Hampton VA Medical Center
- 13 Henrico
- 14 Lynchburg
- 15 McGuire VA Medical Center (Richmond)
- 16 Norfolk
- 17 Portsmouth
- 18 Quantico
- 19 Roanoke
- 20 Salem VA Medical Center
- 21 South Hill
- 22 Staunton
- 23 Virginia Beach
- 24 Wytheville

Care Centers

- Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center, Richmond
- Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke



Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, Regional Offices

- Region I - Fredricksburg
- Region II - Leesburg
- Region III - Blacksburg
- Region IV - Richmond
- Region V - Hampton

Cemeteries

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





Veterans Care Centers

 Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center, Richmond

 Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke

 Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center

 Hampton Roads Veterans Care Center





New Veterans Care Centers Update Hampton Roads, NoVa

- **FY 2015/2016 Budget Language**
- **Solicitation for Proposed Sites**
 - **Proposals DUE July 13, 2015**
 - City of Virginia Beach
 - Prince William County
- **September 2015-April 2016: Site Evaluation, VA Application**
- **May 1, 2016: Site Selected**
- **October 2017: Ground Breaking of First Facility**



New Veterans Care Centers Update Hampton Roads, NoVa



Future:

- Construction \$ for 2nd Facility
- Hire key leadership early – fully involved in design and construction
- GF \$ for operations until break-even



Department Budget: Current

Fund Source	FY15	FY16
General Fund	\$11,073,397	\$14,088,521
Nongeneral Fund (sub-total)	\$47,143,168	\$47,106,978
Special	\$30,312,194	\$30,109,004
Federal Trust	\$16,320,974	\$16,262,974
Dedicated Special	\$510,000	\$735,000
Grand Total	\$58,216,565	\$61,195,499

- **27% increase in General Fund budget**



Benefit Services



- FY15: 36 veterans service representatives (VSRs); 24 benefit services offices
- FY16: 60 VSRs; 26 offices; implement career development plan – hiring, retention, and training
- Future: continue career development plan, additional VSRs and offices





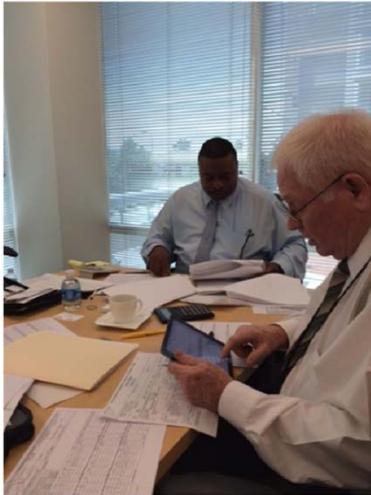
Veterans Homelessness



- 3 new housing resource specialists in FY16
- 743 homeless veterans housed since October
- End veterans homelessness by end of 2015
- Have systems in place to ensure that veterans homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring
- Future: continued focus and resources



Employment and Transition V3 and VTAP



- 300 V3 Companies
- 12,000 jobs pledged – 9,000 hired
- V3 Employment Grant launches July 1
- FY15: 2,300+ veterans assisted in transitioning from military
- Future: new employment/transition director – increase focus on our newest veterans: jobs, transitions, entrepreneurship opportunities
- Future: military spouse employment





Education: G.I. Bill



- 1,000+ education and training institutions for Virginia veterans and dependents
- 62,000+ G.I. Bill students (#4 in nation)
- VCCS Bill – Credit for Military Training!
- Future: resources to help vets achieve success on campus, especially at community colleges





Education: New G.I. Bill Responsibility



- DVS now certifies Virginia flight training programs
- Specialized area – subject matter expertise





Virginia War Memorial



- Phase 2 – Shrine of Memory, education, parking
- Visitation way up – 11,000 in May!
- 70,000 visitors expected in FY15
- Future: O&M budget and people to open/operate new wing and deliver expanded programs/services





Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (Virginia Veterans and Family Support)



- Rebrand – launch October 1
- Same services, plus more...
- Growing demand: 5,400 services in FY13; 7,000+ services in FY15; expected to grow to over 8,000/year by FY18
- Level funded in FY16 – new assets will be needed in FY17/18



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Questions

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