KENTUCKY KDVA RELATIONS WITH VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

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KDVA MISSION/ VISION





"Ensuring that Kentucky's veterans receive all the benefits and services they have earned."



"Serving Kentucky's Veterans Since 1998."

KENTUCKY KOVA'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH VSOS



□ Serve as a reputable bridge/liaison with:

- □ National/regional federal VA agencies and initiatives.
- □ State government agencies and services available to veterans.
- State boards/commissions such as Governor Advisory Board, Governor Challenge, Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, etc.
- □ Provide unique outreach events, forums and training to:
 - □ Understand new VA benefits/entitlements laws and policies.
 - □ Discuss challenges and issues veterans face.
 - Annual executive-level professional development training for newly elected state VSO commanders/service officers and veterans-board appointed members.
- Attend/participate in traditional veteran events as attendees, speakers and KDVA outreach representatives.

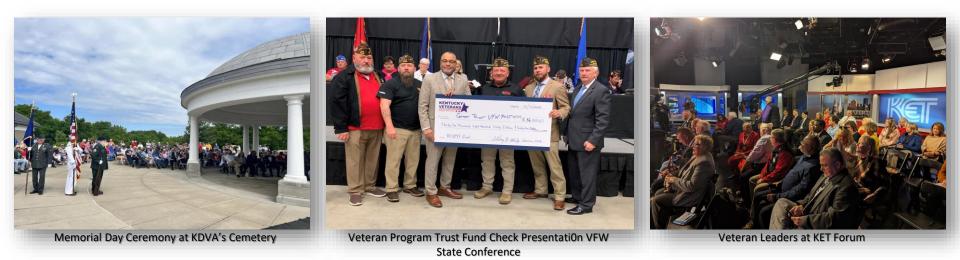
□ KDVA's veterans centers and cemeteries have served as:

- □ Volunteer opportunities for VSO members and organizations.
- Locations for special events such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Wreaths Cross America ceremonies.
- □ VSO provides over 1,000 military honors in FY24 to date.
- Considered integral part of the community.



EXAMPLES OF KDVA INVOLVEMENT WITH KY VSOs







Senator's Paul Veteran Outreach Event

Military Honors Ceremony for WWII Veteran

New KDVA Office Grand Opening Ceremony Pulaski County Government Building



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Memorial Day Ceremony at KDVA's Cemetery

Veteran Program Trust Fund Board Meeting

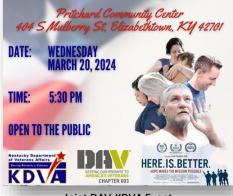


VSO Check Presentation to the veterans of Thomson Hood Veterans Center

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MOVIE SHOWING & PTSD AND SUICIDE AWARENESS TOPIC DISCUSSION

DAV CHAPTER 003 KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Joint DAV-KDVA Event





KDVA Suicide Prevention Virtual Event





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Panel Session with National, State and Local Veterans Community and Service Organizations



Veteran Leaders Hear From VISION 9 Healthcare Leadership



Veterans of Foreign Wars National Director of Services



Lt. Gov Coleman Presents KDVA Ambassador Award to David Best, President, Governor's Advisory Board

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