



# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Briefing

for

## **The House Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government**

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presented by

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Commissioner

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# Agenda

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# KDVA Mission

The mission of the KDVA is defined in KRS Chapter 40.310.

*“The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall collect all necessary data and information regarding facilities and services available to veterans, their families, and dependents, and shall cooperate with all information or service agencies throughout the state in informing such persons regarding the existence or availability of all educational, training, and retraining facilities; health, medical, rehabilitation, and housing services and facilities; employment and reemployment services; provisions of federal, state, and local laws affording rights, privileges, and benefits to said persons, their families, and dependents, and all other matters of similar related or appropriate nature. It shall likewise be the duty of the department to assist veterans and their families and dependents in the presentation, proof, and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights, and other benefits which they may have under federal, state, or local laws, and to cooperate with all national, state, and local government and private agencies securing services or any benefits to veterans, their families, and dependents.”*

# KDVA Organization

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



3 January 2020

**Lt. Col. (Ret) Keith L. Jackson**  
Commissioner

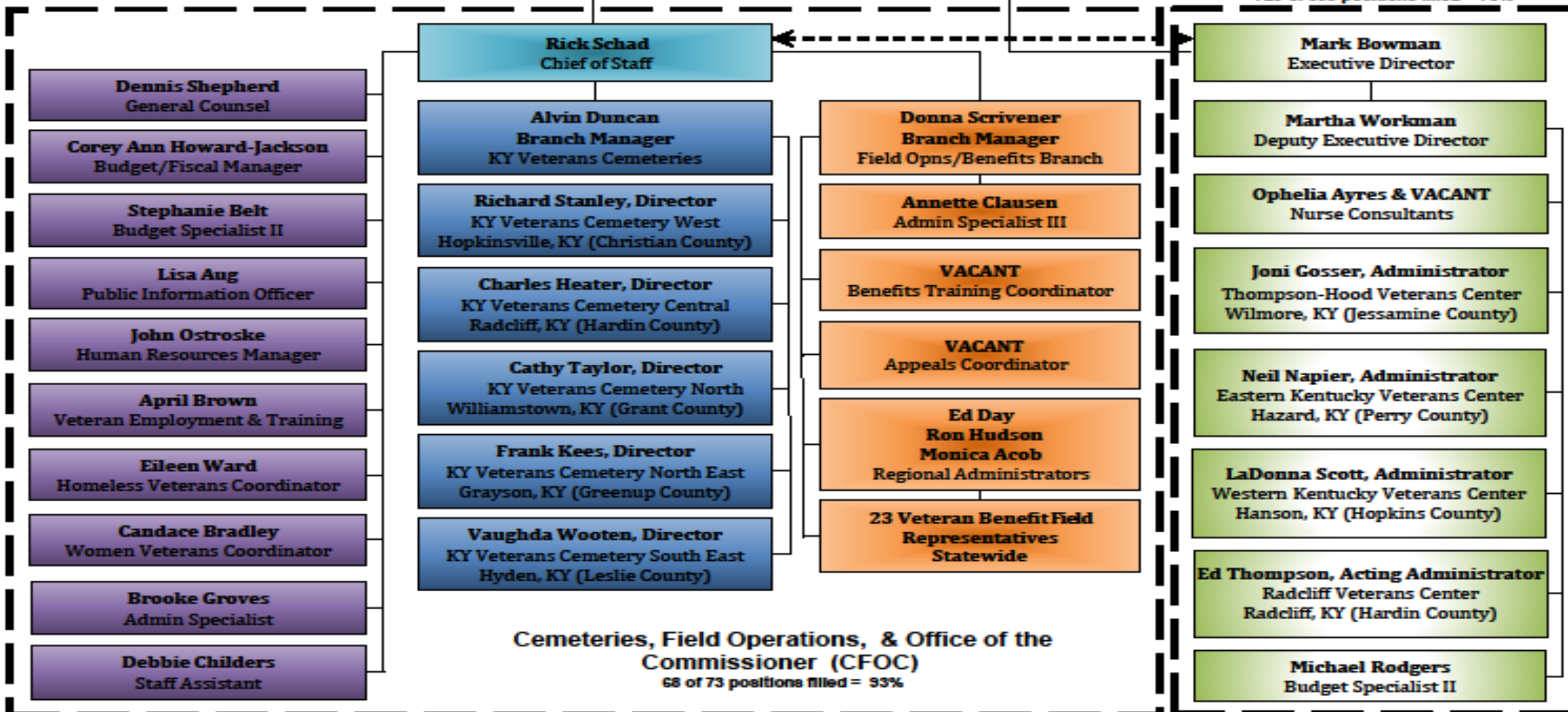
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**CW5 (Ret) Dean E. Stoops**  
Deputy Commissioner



**Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers (OKVC)**

729 of 995 positions filled = 73%



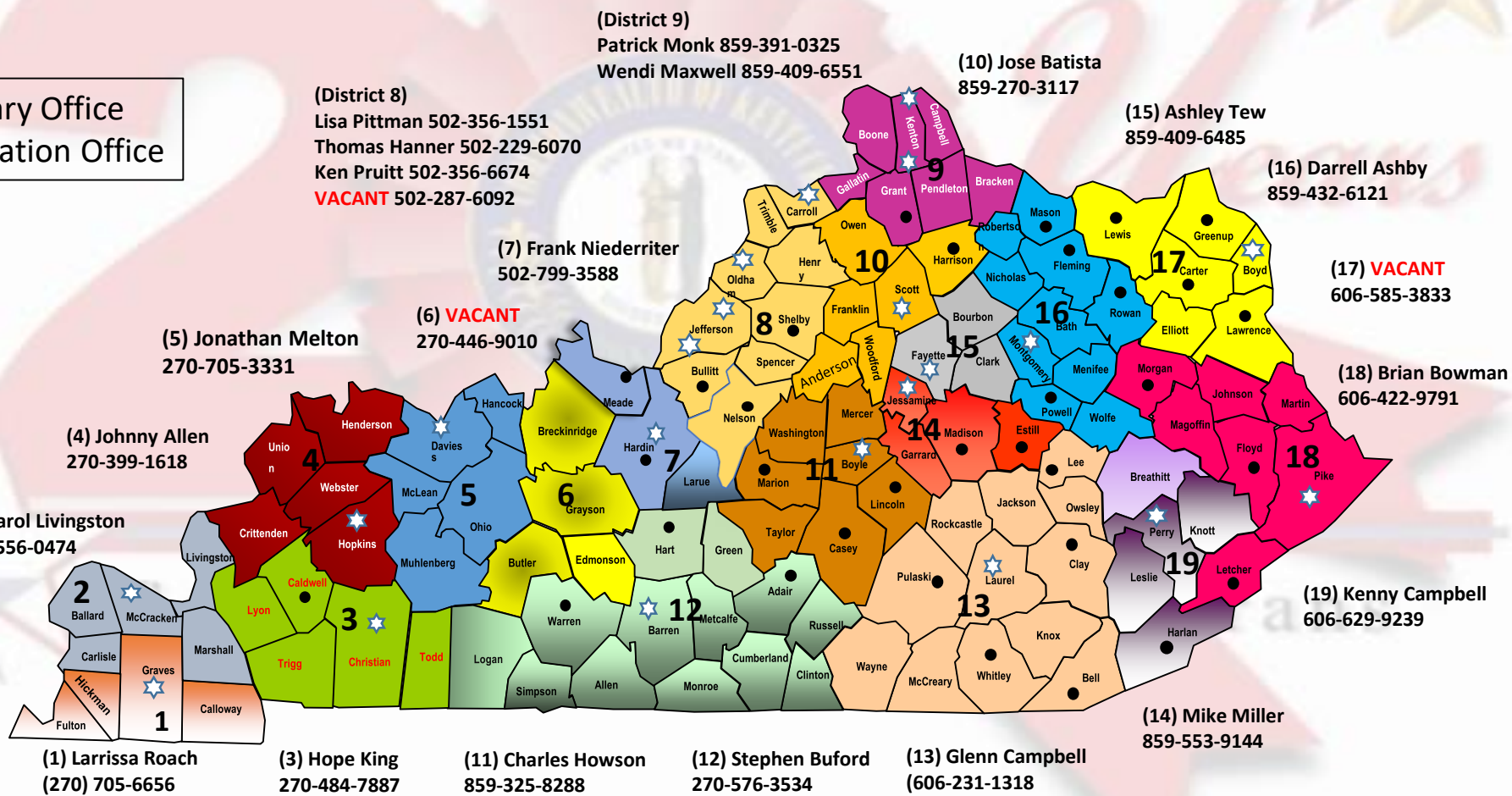




# Benefits Branch Field Offices

23 Field Representatives in 19 Districts

- ★ Primary Office
- Outstation Office




Revised 4 February 2020

# Veterans Cemeteries

As of 1 February 2020

**KVCW, Hopkinsville, Christian County, KY**



**Opened March 1, 2004**

Interments:

Veterans	3,344
Dependents	<u>1,240</u>
Total	4,584

Cremated 1,344

**KVCC, Radcliff, Hardin County, KY**



**Opened June 1, 2007**

Interments:

Veterans	5,425
Dependents	<u>1,354</u>
Total	6,780

Cremated 2,137

**KVCN, Williamstown, Grant County, KY**



**Opened Aug 22, 2008**

Interments:


Veterans	1,547
Dependents	<u>351</u>
Total	1,898

Cremated 739

**Total: 14,474**



**KVCNE, Grayson, Greenup County, KY**



**Opened October 1, 2010**

Interments:

Veterans	946
Dependents	<u>219</u>
Total	1,165

Cremated 354

**KVCSE, Hyden, Leslie County, KY**



**Opened May 1, 2018**

Interments:

Veterans	40
Dependents	<u>7</u>
Total	47

Cremated 13



# Veteran Centers

As of 1 February 2020



**Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore, KY  
(Jessamine County)**

156/285 = 55% (+2% from last month)  
Opened in 1991



**Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, KY  
(Hopkins County)**

88/156 = 56% (-2% from last month)  
Opened in 2002



**Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard, KY  
(Perry County)**

116/120 = 97% (+5% from last month)  
Opened in 2013



**Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff, KY  
(Hardin County)**

74/120 = 62% (+7% from last month)  
Opened in 2017



# Governor's Recommended Budget FY21 & FY22

- The Executive Budget includes additional General Fund in the amount of \$1,057,300 in FY21 and \$1,185,700 in FY22 to fund the cost increases of actuarially determined contributions (i.e., pension contributions, etc.)
- The Executive Budget includes additional General Fund in the amount of \$102,400 in FY21 and \$332,700 in FY22 to fund cost increases associated with providing a 1% increment pay raise each year.
- The Executive Budget includes additional General Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000 for design and preconstruction of the new Bowling Green Veterans Center.
- The Executive Budget includes Restricted Funds in the amount of \$240,000 each fiscal year for the Nurse Student Loan Repayment program to assist in recruitment and retention of nursing staff at the Veterans' Centers.
- The Executive Budget includes additional General Fund debt service in the amount of \$105,000 in FY21 and \$210,000 in FY22 to support new bonds for capital projects.





# Executive Budget Source of Funds FY21 & FY22

	FY21	FY22
General Fund Recommendation	\$27,182,800	\$27,710,700
Restricted Fund Recommendation	\$68,593,900	\$66,824,300
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$95,776,700</b>	<b>\$94,535,000</b>

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# Capital Projects FY21 & FY22

	FY21 Recommended	FY22 Recommended
1. Nurse Call System - Current Year Increase \$4,500,000 (FY20)		
2. Design for Bowling Green Nursing Home	\$2,500,000	
3. Improve/Expand Pavement & Parking Areas	\$1,600,000	
4. Maintenance Pool	\$600,000	\$600,000
5. Replace Cooling Tower – EKVC	\$400,000	
6. Replace Steam Boiler – THVC	\$300,000	
<b>Total Governor's Recommended Capital</b>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
• Restricted Funds	\$2,300,000	
• Bond Funds	\$2,500,000	
• Investment Income	\$600,000	\$600,000

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Questions?

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