



# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Budget Review Subcommittee

Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue

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Commissioner Benjamin F. Adams, III

Brigadier General, US Army (Ret)



# KDVA At-a-Glance

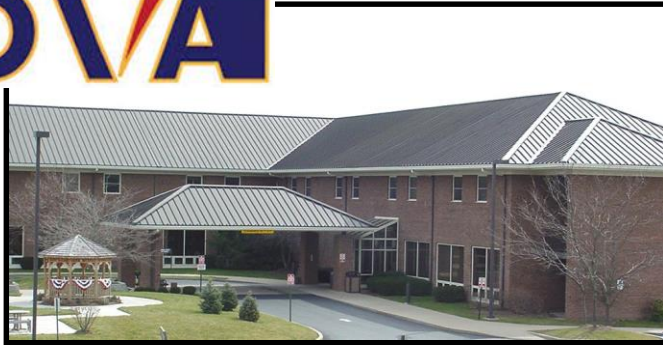


*“Taking care of Kentucky’s 304,000 veterans and their 600,000 family members.”*

- *“Serves Kentucky’s veterans by fostering independence, preserving dignity and providing compassionate care.”*
  - Nursing Centers: manages Kentucky’s four state veterans’ nursing homes which serve the long-term nursing care needs of Kentucky’s elderly veteran population
- *“Ensures dignified internment for veterans in a sacred space that stands as a tribute to their service.”*
  - Cemeteries: maintains Kentucky’s five state veterans’ cemeteries
- *“Provides professional help free of charge to veterans.”*
  - Benefits: assists Kentucky veterans and their families in applying for federal, state, and local veterans’ benefits
  - Homeless Veterans Program: provides assistance to veterans who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless
  - Women Veterans Program: provides advocacy and outreach for women veterans’ programs and issues and encourages and supports recognition of women veterans’ service
  - KyVETS Program: provides resources and support to assist veterans in obtaining gainful employment and training services



# KDVA Veterans Centers



Thomson-Hood Veterans Center  
Wilmore, KY

Est. 1991

285 Beds: 165/285 = 58%



Western Kentucky Veterans Center  
Hanson, KY

Est. 2002

156 Beds: 91/156 = 58%



Radcliff Veterans Center  
Radcliff, KY

Est. 2017

120 Beds: 70/120 = 58%



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center  
Hazard KY

Est. 2002

120 Beds: 108/120 = 90%

# KDVA Veterans Cemeteries

## Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West



Opened March 1, 2004

Interments:

Veterans	3,209
Dependents	<u>1,189</u>
Total	4,398

Cremated	1,263
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## Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central



Opened June 1, 2007

Interments:

Veterans	5,142
Dependents	<u>1,269</u>
Total	6,411

Cremated	1,993
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## Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North



Opened August 22, 2008

Interments:

Veterans	1,463
Dependents	<u>324</u>
Total	1,787

Cremated	694
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## Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East



Opened October 1, 2010

Interments:

Veterans	883
Dependents	<u>195</u>
Total	1,078

Cremated	322
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## Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East



Opened May 1, 2018

Interments:

Veterans	25
Dependents	<u>4</u>
Total	29

Cremated	11
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**Total: 13,703**

As of June 30, 2019

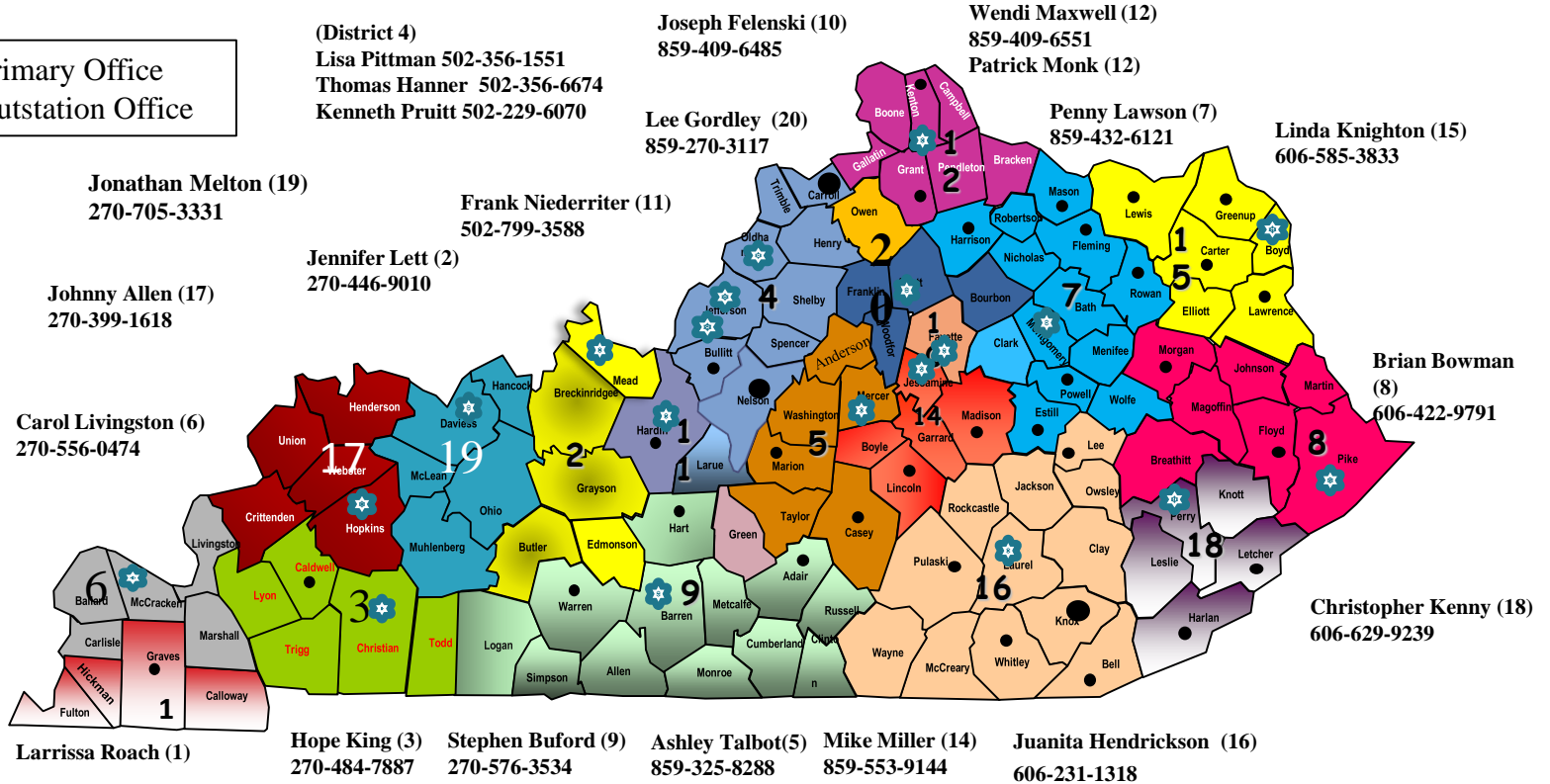


# KDVA Benefits Branch Field Offices



22 Field Representatives in 19 Districts

 Primary Office  
 Outstation Office



Revised 8 May 2019



KDVA

Office of the Commissioner



- Homeless Veterans Program

FY 2019

• Total assistance paid out	\$57,458.32
• Average per veteran	\$241.42
• Veterans assisted with housing	119
• Veterans assisted with utilities	119
• Total veterans assisted	238

- Women Veterans Program

- Women Veterans Conference  
November 2019, Louisville

- KyVETS Program

- Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC)  
June 2020, Lexington



# KDVA Personnel



## On-Hand / FY20 CAP

			<u>Full-time</u>	<u>Part-time</u>	<u>Interim</u>
<b>CFOC</b>	Commissioner's Office		10/11	0/0	4/4
	HR Branch		1/1	0/0	0/0
	Field Operations Branch		32/32	0/0	0/0
	KVC–West		6/6	0/0	0/0
	KVC–Central		8/9	0/0	0/0
	KVC–North		5/5	0/0	0/0
	KVC–Northeast		3/4	0/0	0/0
	KVC–Southeast		4/4	0/0	0/0
<b>OKVC</b>	Exec Dir Office		7/9	0/0	0/0
	THVC		285 / 354	13/19	1/15
	EKVC		170 / 176	0/1	0/3
	WKVC		148 / 197	0/1	4/10
	RVC		157 / 260	1/1	0/0
			<b>836 / 1068</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>9/32</b>

as of June 30, 2019



# KDVA Annual Budget



## Fiscal Year 2019

General Fund:	\$25,098,600
Restricted Fund:	\$78,959,900
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$104,058,500</b>

## Fiscal Year 2019

Field Services and Cemeteries:	\$7,840,500
Kentucky Veterans' Centers:	\$96,218,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$104,058,500</b>

## Fiscal Year 2020

General Fund:	\$25,810,200
Restricted Fund:	\$78,964,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$104,774,770</b>

## Fiscal Year 2020

Field Services and Cemeteries:	\$7,926,000
Kentucky Veterans' Centers:	\$96,848,700
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$104,774,770</b>





# KDVA Capital Projects 2020-2022



General Funds \$11,778,200  
Federal Funds \$21,873,800  
Total \$33,652,000

1. Maintenance Pool KDVA \$1,000,000
2. THVC Dishwasher and Hood Vent Replacement \$200,000
3. Construct Bowling Green Veterans Center \$30,000,000
4. EKVC Cooling Towers Replacement \$400,000
5. Combined Driveway Parking Lots Repaved or Constructed for THVC and RKVC \$1,752,000
6. THVC Steam Boiler Replacement \$300,000



# Veterans Legislation



2019 Enacted:

- ▶ HB 296: Creates a student loan repayment program for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who will be employed by KDVA
- ▶ HB 323: Grants occupational license reciprocity to members of the reserve, National Guard, veterans, and their spouses
- ▶ HB 338: Gives interview preference for state jobs to service members and their families
- ▶ SB 55: Adds a veterans-at-risk “Green Alert” to the “Golden Alert” System
- ▶ HB 243: Requires Kentucky State Police to provide personal protection to Kentucky Medal of Honor recipients at public events and ceremonies
- ▶ HB 316: Allows service members who receive official orders requiring relocation to terminate or suspend select services without penalty or fee
- ▶ HB 356: Allows service members, spouses and dependents to maintain residency status after being accepted or enrolled in a Kentucky public postsecondary institution, if the service member receives official orders to relocate
- ▶ HB 399: Allows military families moving into the state on official orders to pre-enroll their children in a school district before obtaining an address



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