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Ms. RimaAnn O. Nelson, the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center Director, has accepted the position of Network Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 10, in Cincinnati, Ohio, effective October 27, 2019. Ms. Nelson will replace Sheila Stovall, who has served as the acting Network Director since May 13, 2019, and will return to the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System as its director.

Ms. Nelson first joined the VA family in 1994 as a student nurse at the Salt Lake City Health Care System, where she rose to the position of Association Director of Clinical Operations. She has served as Director of Medical Centers and clinics ranging from St. Louis, Missouri to Manila, Philippines. She was most recently selected to lead the Phoenix VA Medical Center in October of 2016.

During her tenure in Phoenix, Ms. Nelson led a remarkable turnaround, growing the number of Veterans served by 6.7% in just two years, increasing the number of outpatient visits by 5.9%, and decreasing wait times to just 8 days for non-urgent primary care and 4 days for non-urgent mental health appointments. Ms. Nelson implemented the Phoenix VAMC's first Veteran Resource Center, providing 5,000 Veterans with "one stop shopping" for Veteran services in just a six-month period. Ms. Nelson achieved the highest ever employee survey satisfaction participation rate, received the highest "best places to work" score in Phoenix' history, and improved the Community Living Center to a 5-star facility – the highest possible rating.

Ms. Nelson earned her Master's in Public Health/Health Services Administration from the University of Utah. She also holds two Bachelor's degrees in Nursing and Community Health Education from the University of Utah.

While recruitment efforts are ongoing for a new director in Phoenix, Dr. Alyshia Smith, currently the Associate Director for Patient Care Services at the hospital, will serve as Interim Director.

Dr. Smith began her VA career as the Deputy Chief Nurse at the Washington DC VA Medical Center in 2010, where she was responsible for nursing operations. She joined the Phoenix VA Health Care System (PVAHCS) in

September 2015 as the Associate Director for Patient Care Services (ADPCS) and Nurse Executive. As the longest serving Phoenix VA executive leader, Dr. Smith possesses a deep understanding of the culture of Phoenix, strong community relationships, and clinical expertise. Dr. Smith has nearly 25 years of leadership experience and is directly responsible for the leadership and strategic direction for over 1,350 staff in Nursing, Social Work, Sterile Processing Service, and the Chaplain Service.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 12:19 PM
To: RLW
Cc: (b)(6) Ph.D.; (b)(6); Scott, Traci; Powers, Pamela; Syrek, Christopher D. (Chris); Hutton, James; Tallman, Gary; (b)(6); (b)(6) Osborne, Kimberly
Subject: REMARKS: CFC CLOSEOUT: 4 Feb
Attachments: 2020 02 01-5 CFC CLOSEOUT (cards).docx

Secretary Wilkie, good afternoon.

On February 4, you will make brief remarks (5-8 minutes) in Rm 230, The Sonny Montgomery Room, on the occasion of the 2019 CFC Closeout.

Please find proposed points attached and below—hardcopies on their way up.

DRAFT 5 is current, reviewed and approved by (b)(6)

The objective of your remarks is simply to thank the 2019 CFC team, congratulate them and VACO on the success again this year, and put it in appropriate context.

BACKGROUND: Last year, we exceeded our goal of \$475,000 by raising over \$589,000—124% of our goal. This year was another, even greater success, not only achieving our goal, but also exceeding it, and even exceeding last year's success: raised \$626,569, about 130% of our goal.

More important, it's been another success for the people CFC charities serve, many of whom are Veterans, directly assisted by the charities with housing, employment, and access to health care; they make an impact by helping keep homeless Veterans warm with blankets, knit hats, and gloves; assisting Veterans with food and medication for therapy dogs; training Veterans with skills to enter the civilian workforce, among many, many other ways.

AUDIENCE: The audience is internal and will primarily consist all those directly related to the CFC drive—BVA and other VACO senior leaders, campaign Coordinators, and Keyworkers.

MEDIA: No media planned.

SEQUENCE: The sequence is straightforward:

- National Anthem
- Emcee Welcome
- Remarks: Cheryl L. Mason, CFC Vice Chairperson
- **Remarks: Secretary Wilkie**

- Remarks: Vince Micone, Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) Chairperson
- Closing Remarks & Refreshments

Standing by for recommended changes / re-directs..

Best,

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“There are . . . times when policies or actions are morally unacceptable to us. In this case, a courageous follower must consider refusing to participate in their implementation.” *The Courageous Follower*

DRAFT 5 CFC CLOSEOUT CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Winston Churchill is known for his wise—and sometimes witty—words on a broad range of topics, from politics and government to public speaking.

On occasions like these, I subscribe to his admonition on speeches.

- That is—be bold, be brief, be gone.
- I’ll abide by that principle this morning.

[HUMOR: I see eyes lighting up already.]

But I also turn to Churchill’s observation on charity.

- He said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
- This year, we have given much.

We’re blessed so many of us can help.

- Blessed that we live in a country with freedom and opportunity that so many around the world long for.

And once again this year, we're fortunate we can have such a positive impact on so many people—locally, nationally, and around the globe.

- Our CFC goal was \$475,000.
- You smashed it to pieces.
- Over \$626,569—131% of our goal.

Congratulations!

[LEAD APPLAUSE]

These last several weeks, the Deputy Secretary and nearly 20 other VA leaders have been participating in the nation's annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count.

- Every year, we count the number of people—including Veterans—without stable housing.
- It's a nationwide snapshot of Veteran homelessness on a single, cold, often frigid night in our prosperous nation.
- It's a stark reminder of how critical it is that we continue to work help bring our Veterans out of homelessness.

And it's a stark reminder of how important local communities, advocacy groups, and charities are in helping get Veterans the services and supports they've earned and deserve.

- And that's what CFC is all about.

Many of CFC's charities directly assist Veterans with housing, employment, and access to health care.

- They help keep homeless Veterans warm with blankets, knit hats, and gloves.
- They assist Veterans with food and medication for a therapy dog.
- They train Veterans with skills to enter the civilian workforce.
- Among many, many other ways Veterans are supported.

Thanks to everyone who did whatever they could to contribute—no matter the amount.

- You're why it's a success for CFC.
- You're why it's a success for the people CFC charities serve.

Thanks also to the leaders of this successful campaign:

- CFC Vice Chairman Cheryl Mason.
- Our senior leaders and campaign Coordinators.
- And all the Keyworkers for their tremendous performance this year.

Thomas Jefferson told us that it is “the duty of every man to devote a certain portion of his income for charitable purposes.”

Thanks to you, we've done our duty.

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DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

7:45 – 8:15 am	Daily Sync Mtg	SECVA Suite	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Mike Missal & Bill Hudson	SECVA Suite	
9:00 – 9:30 am	(b)(6) re: Artificial Intelligence ** Dr. Clancy will call into VANTS code (b)(6) #	SECVA Suite	Tab 1
10:00 – 11:00 am	REMARKS: Close Out for CFC	Rm 230	Tab 2
11:30 am – Noon	Dr. Stone & Bill Hudson re: Market Assessments ** COS or DCOS will sit in	SECVA Suite	Tab 3
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	SECVA Suite	
5:30 – 6:00 pm	ERT 400 North Capitol, NW		
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Interview w/ Liz MacDonald, Fox Business "Final Edit"		Tab 4
6:30 – 7:00 pm	ERT VACO		
7:30 – 8:00 pm	ERT Hall of the House of Representatives Arrive NLT 8:00pm		
8:00 – 10:00 pm	State of the Union		Tab 5
10:00 pm	ERT Residence		

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President Trump's Department of Veterans Affairs: Improving Customer Service and Performance

Under President Trump, VA has successfully implemented an unprecedented series of reforms to improve care and benefits for America's Veterans.

VA is seeing more patients than ever before, more quickly than ever before and studies show VA compares favorably to the private sector for [access](#) and [quality of care](#) – and [in many cases exceeds it](#).

Because Veterans like what they see, VA is delivering more care than ever before. In fiscal year 2019, VA completed more than 59.9 million internal appointments – a record high and about 1.7 million more than the year before.

To ensure Veterans receive the care they have earned,, President Trump opened the [White House VA hotline](#), which helps quickly address their VA-related concerns. The 24/7 service is principally staffed by Veterans and family members and has fielded more than 345,000 calls and emails with an average time to answer of ten seconds.

President Trump is Building Veterans' Trust in VA

In the final year of the last administration, Veterans' overall trust in VA was 60 percent. But Veterans' overall trust in VA climbed to 69 percent in President Trump's first year, and now sits at 72 percent. What's more, 87.8 percent of Veterans now trust the VA health care they receive, and in a recent [Veterans of Foreign Wars survey](#), nearly three quarters of respondents reported improvements at their local VA, and more than 90 percent said they would recommend VA care to other Veterans.

President Trump Gave Veterans Real Health Care Choice

President Trump signed the MISSION Act into law in 2018, giving Veterans real choice over their health care decisions. Now Veterans have permanent choice to see non-VA doctors whenever it's in their best medical interest. With MISSION, the future of the VA health care system is in the hands of Veterans – exactly where it should be.

Less than five months after the rollout of the MISSION Act's community care provisions, VA had referred more than 1.4 million Veterans for care in the community.

MISSION Act created a new [urgent care benefit](#) that gives Veterans easy, local access to medical services for things like a sore throat or a sprained ankle. More than 90,000 urgent care visits have been completed since June 6, and it's only getting more popular with Veterans. In October, VA saw more than 5,000 urgent care visits each week, thanks to the 6,400 local urgent care providers that have partnered with VA.

President Trump Made VA Accountable

After years of failing to take steps against employees who didn't meet VA's values, everyone agreed that VA needed more tools – and a culture change – to hold itself accountable.

Under President Trump's leadership, Congress passed the landmark VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, and VA has finally instituted the culture of accountability that Congress, Veterans service organizations and the president have been demanding.

Since President Trump's inauguration, VA has fired more than 8,000 workers for cause.

President Trump is Modernizing VA to Meet the Needs of Today's Veterans

The Trump administration is delivering a win for Veterans that prior administrations could not: a unified electronic health record between the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This will give doctors instant and seamless access to Veterans' military health records and history. The new health record will give clinicians a full picture of Veterans' medical history and enable faster, smarter connections between military service and health outcomes.

VA has embraced telehealth as a way to reach Veterans who aren't close to a VA hospital or clinic. In the last fiscal year, Veterans took advantage of telehealth more than 2.6 million times across the country, and more than 900,000 Veterans are getting care this way.

VA is changing the way it buys medicine and equipment by tapping into the Defense Department's centralized acquisition system. This will mean more efficient purchases, more money spent on Veterans, and less chance for waste, fraud and abuse through millions of local transactions.

After President Trump signed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, VA modernized the process for appealing disability claims to provide more timely and consistent decisions. In the last fiscal year, VA completed more than 95,000 appeals decisions, a record high and a sign VA is moving to provide more clarity to Veterans about their benefits.

Under President Trump, VA has reduced average disability benefits claim processing times from 130 days to 90.

President Trump's VA is Reducing the Use of Harmful Opioids

VA launched an opioid safety initiative in 2013 and became the first hospital system to release its data on opioid prescription rates.

That effort was greatly enhanced by President Trump's 2018 Initiative to Stop Opioids Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand.

Since the President's initiative, the number of patients receiving opioids fell by 19 percent, and it fell 32 percent since the President took office. In the seven-year life of the plan, long-term opioid prescriptions among Veterans has fallen by 55 percent.

The most recent appropriations bill signed by President Trump will help VA do more, as it provides \$400 million for opioid abuse prevention programs.

President Trump's VA is Standing Up for Religious Liberty

There's a long tradition in this country of taking care of our Veterans' spiritual health as well as their physical health. That's why VA recently ended an old policy that prevented Veterans from leaving Bibles or other religious tokens on public display tables. These items are not offensive – they tell the story of what kept our Veterans' hopes alive while they were fighting for our nation.

President Trump's VA is Building Partnerships to Prevent Veteran Homelessness and Suicide

VA is doing all it can to end Veteran homelessness. In 2018, the total number of Veterans experiencing homelessness decreased 5.4 percent, and in 2019, that number dropped another 2.1 percent. In the last two fiscal years, VA has helped 124,900 Veterans and their families by housing them or preventing them from becoming homeless.

But VA can do much more by working with local governments, companies and other stakeholders. Thanks to these partnerships, we've seen 78 communities and three states effectively end Veteran homelessness.

President Trump believes these kinds of partnerships are the same way to fight Veteran suicide. That's why VA adopted a public-health approach to suicide prevention, which focuses on equipping communities to help Veterans connect with local support and resources.

The public-health approach is central to VA's first ever National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide, which was published in 2018, as well as the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS) executive order. PREVENTS aims to bring together stakeholders across all levels of government and the private sector to address the national suicide epidemic and provide our Veterans with the specific mental health and suicide prevention services they deserve.

VA's suicide prevention work has been bolstered by \$8.6 billion in new mental health services funding that President Trump secured from Congress in 2019.

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From: Wagner, John (Wolf)
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 12:30 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Hutton, James; (b)(6)
Subject: SecVA state of the VA / National Press Club

Hi (b)(6)

The Press Club is looking to host the Secretary again on either 5 or 6 February for his State of the VA discussion. Can you hold onto those as available dates?

It will most likely be a luncheon. I'm awaiting confirmation from (b)(6) (CAPT, USN ret) at the Club shortly.

Thanks!

John 'Wolf' Wagner
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
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SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

6:30 – 7:00 am	ERT Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave, NW ** Arrive by 7:00am		
8:00 – 9:30 AM	National Prayer Breakfast w/ (b)(6)	International Ballroom	Tab 1
9:30 – 10:00 am	ERT VACO		
10:00 – 11:30 am	Bi-Weekly w/US & AS	OBCR	Tab 2
11:30 am – Noon	Lunch Set Up	SECVA Suite	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch w/Belgium Ambassador Dirk Wouters	SECVA Suite	Tab 3
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Clean Up	SECVA Suite	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Prep for Upcoming Budget Hearings	OBCR	Hearing Binder

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FY2020 1st Qtr Statistics

	FY2018 EOY	FY2019 EOY	FY2020 1 st Qtr
Hearings/Roundtables	71	65	4
Briefings	863/439P	1,104/546P	304/181P
Responses RFIs	2,814	4,375	1,288
Official Bill Views	92	92	12
Technical Assistance	752	614	213
Constituent Casework			
— Inquiries	41,852	42,814	11,846
— Salesforce files open	846	163	155
GAO Activities			
— Ent/Exit Conferences	82	85	12
— Reports Reviewed	87	102	10
On time Testimony	96%	91%	100% (Goal is 90%)
QFRs on time	36%	51%	91% (Goal is 85%)
CMRs on time	25%	88%	76% (Goal is 85%)
OCLA Concurrence	98%	93%	93% (Goal is 90%)

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY) ... LIMITED PAX
0700-1700 *Travel Day for New TAG Orientation*

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (STATE DAY) ... LIMITED PAX
0730-0800 **B** Travel to New TAG Orientation at NGAUS
0800-0830 Welcome, Agenda, AGAUS Structure
0830-0930 National Guard Framework
0930-1000 Break
1000-1030 NGA/Council of Governors (NGA)
1030-1100 Legislative Affairs (NGAUS)
1100-1130 EMAC, NORTHCOM, and FEMA
1130-1300 **S** Sponsored Lunch **\$1,500**
1300-1400 National Councils and Outreach
1400-1430 NGAUS Priorities and Efforts (NGAUS)
1430-1500 Break
1500-1600 AGAUS Priorities and Efforts
1600-1630 **B** Travel to Residence Inn
1630-1700 *New TAG Personal Time*
1700-1730 **W** *Travel to New TAG Happy Hour*
1730-1900 **YSP, LLC Happy Hour (Non-AGAUS Event)**
1900-1930 **W** *Travel to Residence Inn*

Thursday, February 6, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY) ... LIMITED PAX
0700-1700 **D** *New TAG Orientation (NGB) ... DAY 1*

Friday, February 7, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)
0800-1600 Main AGAUS Travel Day
0700-1700 **D** *New TAG Orientation (NGB) ... DAY 2*

0700-0730 **B** NGA CofG Travel to ?
0730-0900 NGA CofG Breakfast
0900-1100 NGA CofG Plenary Meeting
1100-1200 **B** NGA CofG Travel to Residence Inn

Saturday, February 8, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (STATE DAY)
0700-0730 **B** Travel to NGAUS
0730-0930 Registration (at NGAUS)
0730-0830 **S** Sponsored Breakfast #1 **\$2,500**
0830-0900 Welcome
0900-0945 **Session #1a (Gen. T. J. O'Shaughnessy)**
0945-1000 Session #1b (NGAUS Update)
1000-1015 Session #1c (AUSA Update)
1015-1030 Session #1d (AFA Update)
1030-1100 **S** Sponsored Break #1 **\$1,500**
1100-1130 **Session #2a (DASD-F (b)(6))**
1130-1200 **Session #2b (VA Sec. Hon. Robert Wilkie)**
1200-1300 **S** Sponsored Lunch #1 **\$2,500**
1300-1330 Officer Reports
1330-1430 Session #3 (Committee Breakouts)
1430-1500 **S** Sponsored Break #2 **\$1,500**
1500-1600 Session #4a (Committee Wrap-Up)
1600-1630 **C** Session #4b (CofG Meetings Back-Brief)
1630-1700 **B** Travel to Residence Inn
1700-1830 Personal Time
1830-1900 **B** Travel to Bell Reception (15-Min Shuttle)
1900-2100 **S** Bell Reception (Non-AGAUS Event)
2100-2130 **B** Travel to Residence Inn (15-Min Shuttle)

Sunday, February 9, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (STATE DAY)
0700-0730 **B** Travel to NGAUS
0730-0830 **S** Sponsored Breakfast #2 **\$2,500**
0830-1000 Session #5a (Strategic Engagement)
1000-1030 Session #5b (Gen. David Goldfein, CSAF)
1030-1100 **S** Sponsored Break #3 **\$1,500**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY) ... LIMITED PAX
<--> 0700-1700 *Travel Day for New TAG Orientation*

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (STATE DAY) ... LIMITED PAX
0700-1700 Personal Time (New TAG Spouse)

<--> 1700-1730 **W** *Travel to New TAG Happy Hour*
<--> 1730-1900 **YSP, LLC Happy Hour (Non-AGAUS Event)**
<--> 1900-1930 **W** *Travel to Residence Inn*

Thursday, February 6, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY) ... LIMITED PAX
<--> 0700-1700 **D** *New TAG Orientation (NGB) ... DAY 1*

Friday, February 7, 2020

SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)
<--> 0800-1600 Main AGAUS Travel Day
<--> 0700-1700 **D** *NEW TAG Orientation (NGB) ... DAY 2*

Saturday, February 8, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (STATE DAY)
0700-0830 Personal Time
0830-0930 **B** Travel to WRNMMC
0930-1130 WRNMMC Facility Tour
1130-1300 **S** Lunch at WRNMMC
1300-1430 Visit with Service Members
1430-1530 **B** Travel to Residence Inn
1530-1830 Personal Time

<--> 1830-1900 **B** Travel to Bell Reception (15-Min Shuttle)
<--> 1900-2100 **S** Bell Reception (Non-AGAUS Event)
<--> 2100-2130 **B** Travel to Residence Inn (15-Min Shuttle)

Sunday, February 9, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (STATE DAY)
0800-0930 Personal Time
0930-1000 **B** Travel to Brunch (The Jefferson)
1000-1130 **S** Brunch (Yoste Strategic Partners, LLC) **\$2,000**
1130-1200 **B** Travel to Event #3
1200-1400 Event #3 **\$2,000**

1100-1200 Session #6 (Committee Reports)
 1200-1300 **S** Sponsored Lunch #2
 1300-1400 Session #7 (Committee Reports)
 1400-1430 **S** Sponsored Break #4
 1430-1700 Session #8 (General Discussion)
 1700-1830 **S** Sponsored AGAUS Reception
 1830-1900 **B** Travel to Residence Inn

\$2,500

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1400-1430 **B** Travel to Residence Inn
 1430-1630 Personal Time
 1630-1700 **B** Travel to NGAUS
 <--> 1700-1830 **S** Sponsored AGAUS Reception
 <--> 1830-1900 **B** Travel to Residence Inn

Monday, February 10, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)

0700-1700 **D** GSLC Day 1
 1700-1730 Personal Time
 1730-1800 **B** Travel to NGYF ChalleNGe Event
 1800-1930 NGYF ChalleNGe Event
 1930-2000 **B** Travel to Residence Inn

Monday, February 10, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)

0700-1700 **D** GSLC Day 1
 1700-1730 Personal Time
 1730-1800 **B** Travel to NGYF ChalleNGe Event
 1800-1930 NGYF ChalleNGe Event
 1930-2000 **B** Travel to Residence Inn

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)

0700-1700 **D** GSLC Day 2

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)

0700-1700 **D** GSLC Day 2

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

TAG SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)

0700-1700 *Travel Day*

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

SPOUSE SCHEDULE (FEDERAL DAY)

0700-1700 *Travel Day*

Hotel (Residence Inn Arlington Pentagon City)

550 Army Navy Dr, Arlington, VA 22202

Sessions (National Guard Memorial Building)

One Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC)

8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20889

NGA Council of Governors Meeting

TBD

National Guard Youth Foundation (NGYF) Gala

TBD

The Jefferson - Spouse Brunch

1200 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

- B** Coach Bus
- B** Shuttle Bus
- D** DoD Transportation
- M** Metro
- S** Sponsorship
- W** Walk
- C** Closed Session

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DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Monday, February 10, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

7:00 – 7:30 am	ERT White House East Room ** will pick up Dr. Stone @ 7:20am in front of 810 Vermont Ave, NW		
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Reception for Governors of States & Territories ** Dr. Stone will accompany		Tab 1
8:30 am	ERT White House State Floor		
8:30 – 9:15 am	(b)(5) ** Dr. Stone will accompany ** (b)(5) **		Tab 2
9:30 am	ERT VACO		
10:00 – 11:00 am	VA Operations Board Meeting	OBCR	Tab 3
11:30am – Noon	Dr. Stone & VHA re: Coronavirus ** VHA SMEs attending: (b)(6) (b)(6) (will call in (b)(6) #) Dr. Lu Beck	SECVA Suite	Tab 4
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	SECVA Suite	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Phone Call w/ Cong Wasserman Schultz re: EHRM ** she will call us	SECVA suite	
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Phone Call w/ Cong Jim Banks re: EHRM ** Cong will call us	SECVA Suite	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Phone Call w/ Chairman Takano re: EHRM ** we call (b)(6)	SECVA Suite	
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Phone Call w/ Senator Tester re: EHRM ** Sen will call us	SECVA Suite	
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Phone Call w/ Senator Boozman re: EHRM ** Sen will call us	SECVA Suite	
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Phone Call w/ Cong Phil Roe ** Cong will call us	SECVA Suite	
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Phone Call w/ Senator Schatz re: EHRM ** Sen will call us ** <i>trying to move this to 5:15pm</i>	SECVA Suite	

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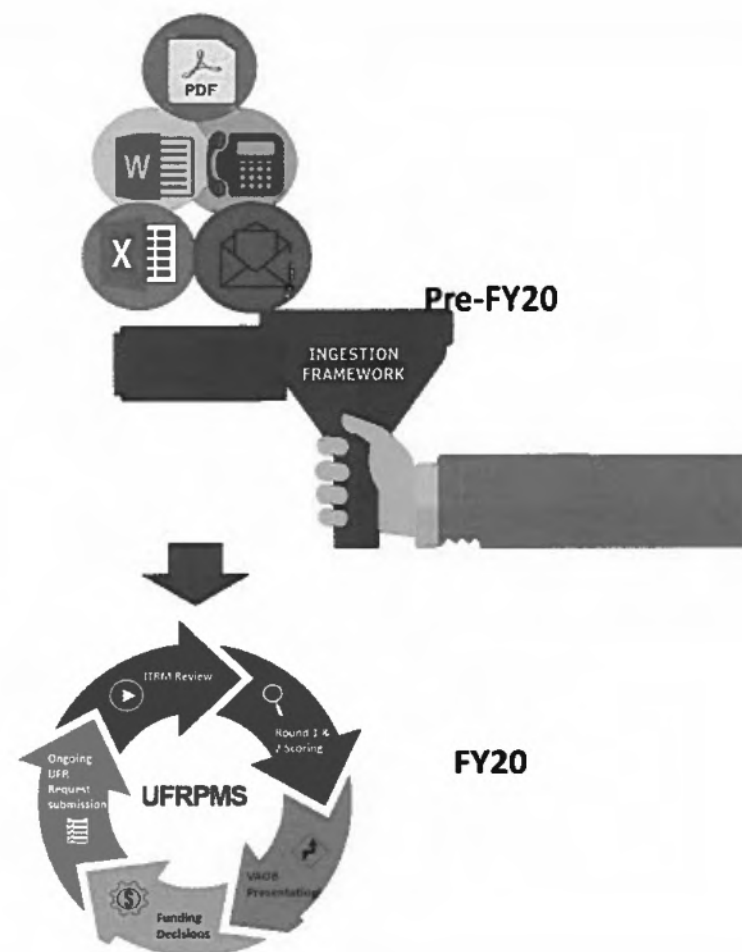
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Introduction

- Governance structure that lays out the process for generating an Integrated Priority List (IPL) for vetting and approval of unfunded requirements
- UFR represents IT requirement that do not provide sufficient funding in the current year Budget
- The UFR process will leverage resource information gathered from Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) management activities and will be employed to satisfy resource management decision-making requirements during the year of Budget Execution



Process and Timeline



Key Highlights

- **First implementation** of VA-wide tool to **track, manage, and prioritize** UFRs
- Direct Administration inputs
- Multi-round independent and objective scoring
- 223 users, 55 scorers (Round 1 and 2 combined) **15,000 unique scores**

70% of UFRs came from **Health and Benefits**

78% of requested funds came from **Health and Enterprise**

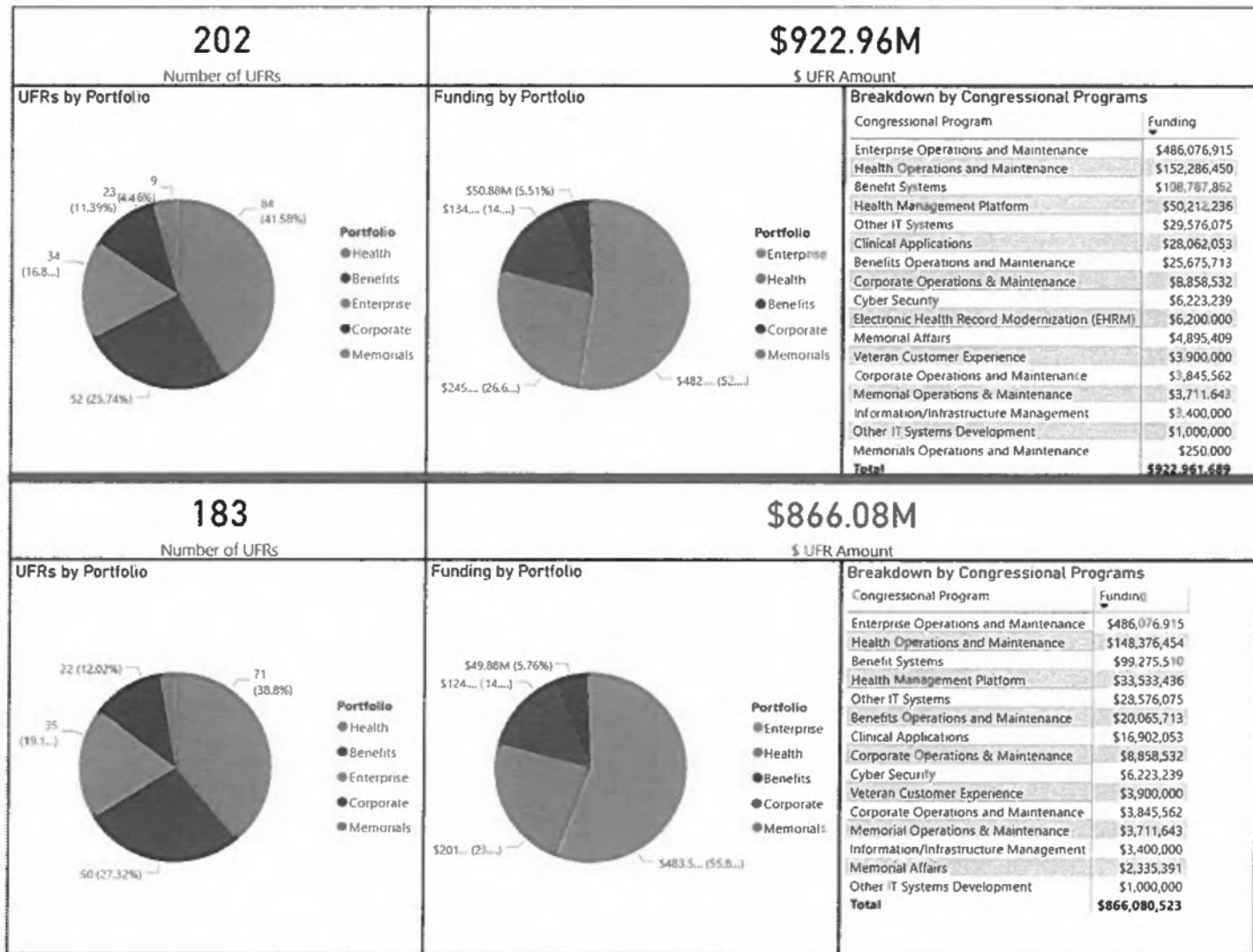
88 of 202 (43%) UFRs received a **perfect score of 5** in Round 1 Scoring

85% (\$733M) of UFRs are from **3 Congressional Programs***



Results Summary

Round 1 Portfolios



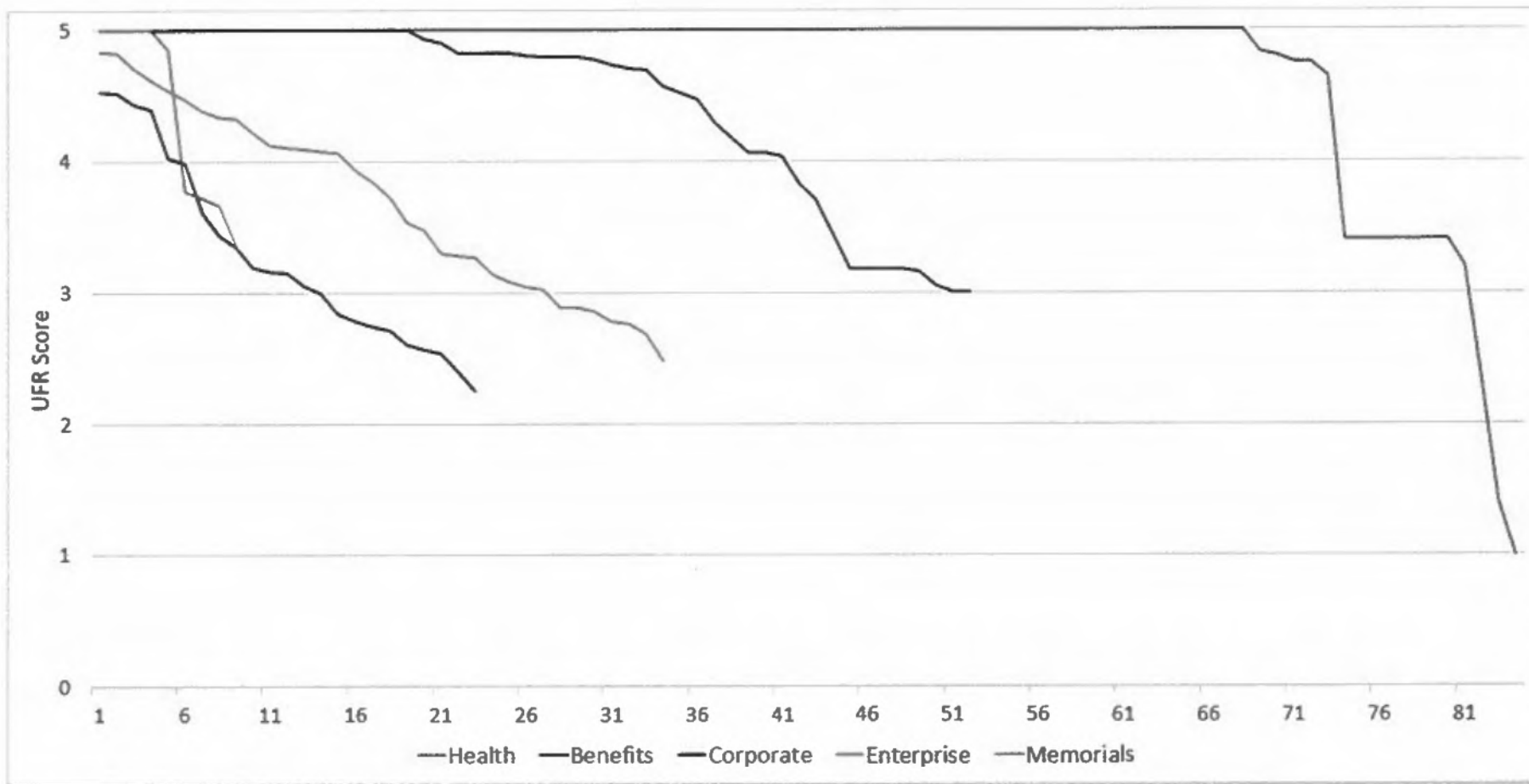
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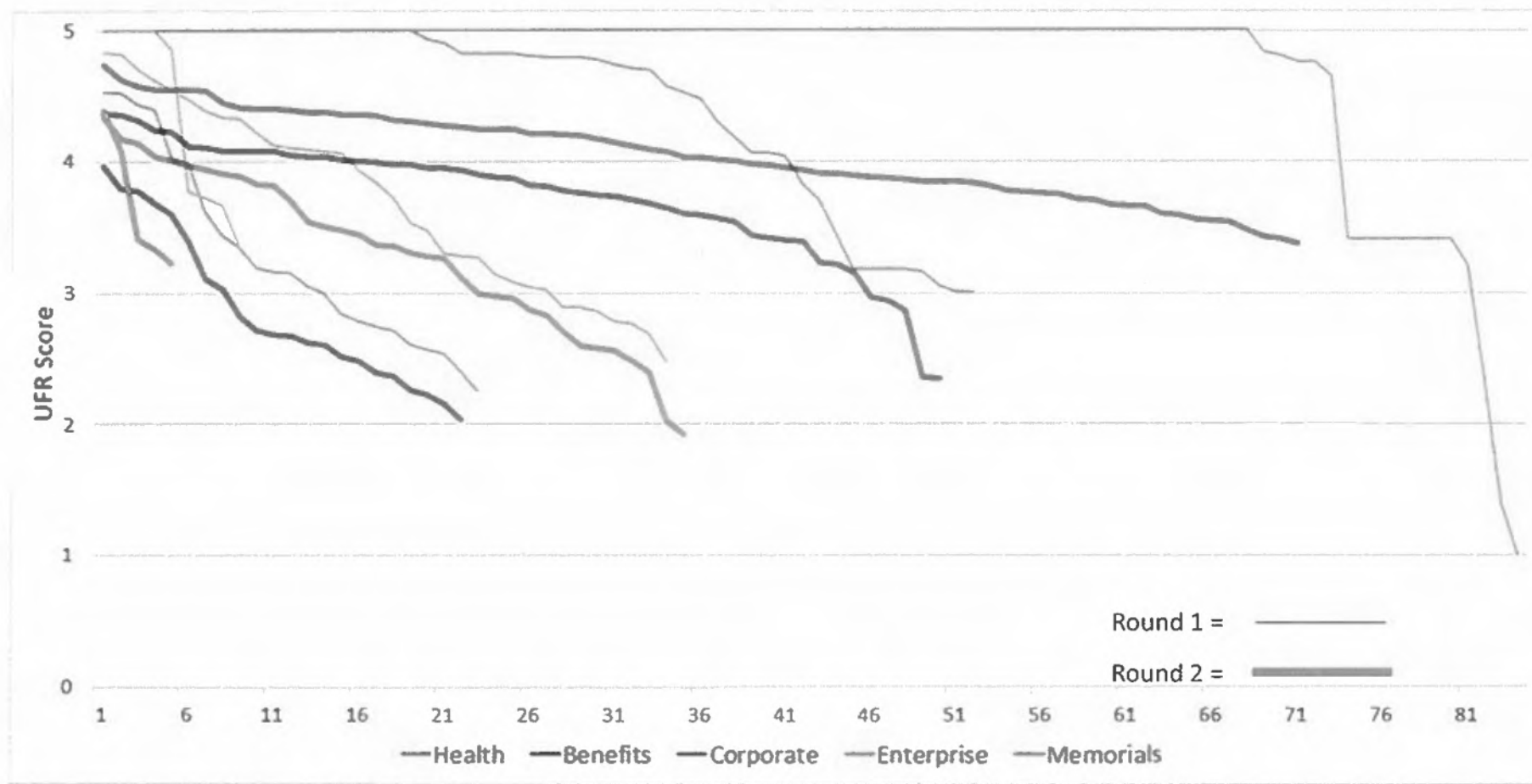
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Results Summary – Round 1 and 2 Scoring Distribution



Results Summary – Common Themes by Portfolio

Health - \$201,784,631

- Community Care (13)
- Pharmacy (4)
- Vista (4)

Benefits - \$124,811,272

- VEO (17)
- Colmery (8)
- CRM (6)

Corporate - \$49,881,371

- Enterprise Contact Center Modernization (ECCM) (6)
- Human Resources Administration (HRA) (5)
- WSS Support Contracts (3)

Enterprise* - \$483,556,215

- Windows Desktop
- Salesforce license
- Activation Augmentation

Memorials - \$6,047,034

- MBMS (3)
- NCA Infrastructure (2)



IT Tradeoffs (Funding)

Funding Type	UFR	Available IT Resources	Difference (+/-)
Sustainment	\$737,336,100	\$59,859,276	(\$677,476,824)
Enterprise	\$483,556,215	\$0	(\$483,556,215)
Health	\$143,162,195	\$53,170,588	(\$89,991,607)
Benefits	\$73,222,118	\$3,477,045	(\$69,745,073)
Corporate	\$31,949,929	\$0	(\$31,949,929)
Memorials	\$5,445,643	\$3,211,643	(\$2,234,000)
Development	\$128,744,423	\$40,126,615	(\$88,617,808)
Enterprise	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health	\$58,622,436	\$19,298,275	(\$39,324,161)
Benefits	\$51,589,154	\$20,828,340	(\$30,760,814)
Corporate	\$17,931,442	\$0	(\$17,931,442)
Memorials	\$601,391	\$0	(\$601,391)
Grand Total	\$866,080,523	\$99,985,891	(\$766,094,632)



Recommended Funded UFRs

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Source	Funding
1	434	Blood Bank Maintenance-MandatorySUSCloudhost	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,551,341
2	276	Signature Informed Consent (SIC)-cloudhost	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,966,386
3	416	VistAComputerized Patient RecSys-MandatorySUS	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$130,000
4	153	Community Care Reimbursement System/cloudhost	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$7,705,977
5	190	Meds by Mail DAPER Upgrade-VHAcritical	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$366,471
6	271	Emergency Dept Integrated Software-cloudhost	Health	Sustainment-Modernization	\$650,000
7	440	Signature Informed Consent (SIC) DEV	Health	Development	\$1,000,000
8	411	Pharmacy Re-Engineer-PRE-Inbound ePrescribing	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,241,945
9	431	Environment of Care-MandatorySUS	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$870,740
10	402	Vista Maintenance SUS-MandSUS-P3	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$980,740
11	425	Mobile Development	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$8,700,000
12	360	MBMS Production Operations	Memorials	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$3,211,643
13	426	MessagingAdminReposMTN-MandatorySUS	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$339,791
14	422	National Clozapine Coordination-MandatorySUS	Health	Sustainment-Modernization	\$167,000
15	424	My HealtheVet (MHV)-MandatorySUSCloudhost	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,110,400
16	396	Appeals Modernization Caseflow Dev & Spt	Benefits	Development	\$1,673,530
17	346	Colmery LTS Production Operations Support	Benefits	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,084,214
18	414	VistA Maintenance-MandSUS-Part2	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,146,380
19	432	EnterpriseAppMTN-MandatorySUS-part1	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,543,417
20	337	REACH VET/STORM/VINCI - BSL	Health	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$8,700,000
22	308	VEO - VAM NICE Software - ES	Benefits	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,392,831
29	417	Telehealth Management Platform Phase 3	Health	Development	\$1,426,833
30	423	Pharmacy Safety & MPDU Repairs	Health	Development	\$3,200,000
31	343	AFS Colmery Optional Tasks	Benefits	Development	\$1,275,628
42	345	BGS SESD Services Colmery Support	Benefits	Development	\$528,150
43	335	BIP OT 1 (OP2) - Colmery Education VA.GOV	Benefits	Development	\$1,314,523
46	255	BIRLS Migration / Decommissioning	Benefits	Development	\$9,201,661
49	399	Appeals Modernize Caseflow Dev & Spt for VHA	Benefits	Development	\$1,673,530
51	329	VEO Veterans Signals Tech Svcs	Benefits	Development	\$951,504
55	141	BusInfOffice BusIntelSolutions/cloudhost	Health	Development	\$1,412,442
56	270	Tissue & Implant Tracking & Inventory Mgmt	Health	Development	\$4,200,000
58	273	eScreening National Deployment-cloudhosting	Health	Development	\$200,000
60	344	BAM PMO and Technical Services for Colmery	Benefits	Development	\$1,503,412
64	228	CRM Platform Enh Ph 2 %u2013 Scrum Team	Benefits	Development	\$1,750,000
65	397	Tech Support Agile SW Dev Svcs Opt Period 2	Benefits	Development	\$956,402
73	115	eHealth Exchange Enhancements Phase 2	Health	Development	\$7,859,000



Recommendations

- Approve prioritized 1-N list UFRs (see back-up slides 17-22)
- Concur with OIT available resources
- Approve proposed list of funded UFRs
- Approve UFRPMS and process for vetting all IT shortfalls



Next Steps

- **Short Term**

- Formalize OEI's role and establish CXO governance body to drive Secretary's management agendas and strategy
- Comprehensive assessment of IT UFR first-time process

- **Long Term**

- Develop VA-wide planning guidance to address the root cause vs symptom (i.e. Cost Assessment and Program Evaluations – IT/Non-IT investments)



Closing Statements

UFRPMS

- Increase transparency and governance
- Enterprise integration and improvement in collaboration
- Single system of record & historical repository
- Aid in the analysis and feedback into multi year planning (MYP) process



Back-up Slides



Use Case

UFRS that were funded in FY19

Financial Management System (FMS)

- FMS sustainment is paid out of the Infrastructure Operation Service Level Agreement with OIT.
- SLA Amounts: FY20 \$12.2M, FY19 \$11.3M, FY18 \$11.9M

In July of FY19, ITRM was informed that there was an urgent need for a contract for FMS to link to iFams - \$1.9M. This was not in the Budget Operating Plan. All but \$30k was for contractor support.

This was an unfunded requirement for FY19, which would mean that there was no funding in the baseline for FY20. There has been a submission in the MYP, but the impact statement in the submission if not funded is "if the technical support for this contract is not funded, then the legacy system would lack needed services", not a very impactful statement.

MyHealthVet

• Funding Amounts

– Year	Total	Dev	OM
– FY18	\$22.07M	\$8.98M	\$13.07M
– FY19	\$20.65M	\$10.29M	\$10.36M
– FY20	\$18.02M	\$10.59M	\$7.43M

- In FY18, there was a sustainment project funded with returned funds from prior year (\$4.73M). The budgeted amount for FY18 would be \$8.34M if the prior year funds hadn't become available.
- In FY19, there was a sustainment optional task exercised that was not in the BOP (\$3M). The budgeted amount for FY19 would be \$7.36, without this optional task.
- Getting additional funding in the year of execution does not add to the baseline of a project. The only thing that adds to the baseline is through the multi-year process.
- There was a sustainment request in multi year planning for FY21 of \$11M.

CXO Prioritization (1-30)

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Provider	Source	Funding	C1	C2	C3	C4	Score
1	434	Blood Bank Maintenance- MandatorySUSCloudhost	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,551,341	0.92	1.96	1.18	0.69	4.74
2	276	Signature Informed Consent (SIC)-cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,966,386	0.91	1.91	1.19	0.62	4.63
3	416	VistaComputerized Patient RecSys-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$130,000	0.86	1.96	1.15	0.61	4.58
4	153	Community Care Reimbursement System/cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$7,705,977	0.91	1.91	1.11	0.62	4.55
5	190	Meds by Mail DAPER Upgrade-VHAcritical	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$366,471	0.91	1.87	1.14	0.63	4.55
6	271	Emergency Dept Integrated Software-cloudhost	Health	AMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$650,000	0.91	1.91	1.11	0.62	4.55
7	440	Signature Informed Consent (SIC) DEV	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,000,000	0.9	1.96	1.1	0.58	4.54
8	411	Pharmacy Re-Engineer-PRE-Inbound ePrescribing	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,241,945	0.86	1.92	1.07	0.6	4.45
9	431	Environment of Care- MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$870,740	0.88	1.8	1.13	0.6	4.41
10	402	Vista Maintenance SUS-MandSUS-P3	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$980,740	0.87	1.87	1.08	0.58	4.4
11	425	Mobile Development	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$8,700,000	0.9	1.88	1.05	0.57	4.4
12	360	MBMS Production Operations	Memorials	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$3,211,643	0.91	1.78	1.08	0.62	4.39
13	426	MessagingAdminReposMTN-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$339,791	0.88	1.84	1.07	0.6	4.39
14	422	National Clozapine Coordination-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$167,000	0.88	1.88	1.05	0.57	4.38
15	424	My HealtheVet (MHV)-MandatorySUSCloudhost	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,110,400	0.9	1.8	1.07	0.6	4.38
16	396	Appeals Modernization Caseflow Dev & Spt	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,673,530	0.91	1.78	1.03	0.65	4.37
17	346	Colmery LTS Production Operations Support	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,084,214	0.86	1.8	1.1	0.6	4.36
18	414	Vista Maintenance-MandSUS-Part2	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,146,380	0.87	1.78	1.11	0.6	4.36
19	432	EnterpriseAppMTN-MandatorySUS-part1	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,543,417	0.86	1.8	1.1	0.6	4.36
20	337	REACH VET/STORM/VINCI - BSL	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$8,700,000	0.93	1.82	1.03	0.57	4.35
21	495	DVP-ID.Me OP1 and OT CLINs 0005 and 006	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$12,014,122	0.88	1.84	1.1	0.53	4.34
22	308	VED - VAM NICE Software - ES	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,392,831	0.87	1.82	1.03	0.6	4.32
23	428	Laboratory (LSRP)-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,279,216	0.89	1.78	1.08	0.57	4.32
24	148	Community Care (CC) Care Coordination SUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,250,000	0.87	1.87	1.03	0.55	4.31
25	135	Community Care (CC) Referral&Auth Sys (CCR&A)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,535,640	0.9	1.85	1.03	0.51	4.29
26	268	Ntl Cardiac Device Surveillance-cloudhost	Health	AMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$311,520	0.87	1.82	1.03	0.55	4.27
27	409	Vista Schedule Enhance P2 App & Funct Modern	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$3,200,000	0.88	1.8	1.02	0.56	4.26
28	134	Community Care (CC) Provider Profile Mgmt Sys	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,960,000	0.93	1.78	0.97	0.57	4.25
29	417	Telehealth Management Platform Phase 3	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,426,833	0.92	1.8	1	0.53	4.25
30	423	Pharmacy Safety & MPDU Repairs	Health	EPMO	Development	\$3,200,000	0.86	1.8	1.05	0.54	4.25



CXO Prioritization (31 – 60)

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Provider	Source	Funding	C1	C2	C3	C4	Score
31	343	AFS Colmery Optional Tasks	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,275,628	0.86	1.8	1.02	0.56	4.24
32	259	Auto & Dec VBA-Pension, BFFS & Fid BWN Claim	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$17,000,000	0.87	1.82	0.94	0.6	4.23
33	277	Million Veterans Program (MVP)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,461,417	0.92	1.68	1.05	0.56	4.21
34	410	Pharmacy GUI - Adv Med Platform (AMPL)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$307,234	0.82	1.82	1	0.57	4.21
35	405	Pharmacy Re-E - PRE Inbound ePrescribing	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$380,639	0.84	1.78	1.03	0.55	4.2
36	196	Veterans Data Integration Fed (VDIF)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$9,495,708	0.87	1.64	1.11	0.57	4.19
37	146	NLEC2 TBD SD Provisioning	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,998,698	0.76	1.73	1.11	0.58	4.18
38	143	Claims Processing & Eligibility Enhancements	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,693,053	0.89	1.78	1	0.5	4.17
39	142	EP Endpoint Protection-AV/Firewall/Device	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$7,437,205	0.82	1.56	1.17	0.6	4.14
40	266	CPAC Nat Inf refresh growth & COOP rebuild	Health	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$4,000,000	0.87	1.64	1.03	0.6	4.14
41	118	Community Care (CC) One Consult	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$1,120,000	0.88	1.75	0.97	0.53	4.12
42	345	BGS SESD Services Colmery Support	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$528,150	0.82	1.72	1.02	0.56	4.12
43	335	BIP OT 1 (OP2) - Colmery Education VA.GOV	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,314,523	0.86	1.76	0.95	0.54	4.11
44	129	Community Care Provider Profile Mgmt Sys Ph2	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$4,900,000	0.88	1.7	0.97	0.54	4.09
45	361	MBMS Geospaital Capability	Memorials	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$500,000	0.84	1.78	0.97	0.5	4.09
46	255	BIRLS Migration / Decommissioning	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$9,201,661	0.87	1.69	0.94	0.58	4.08
47	306	VEO - VAM Nuance SW -ES	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$327,815	0.86	1.72	0.95	0.56	4.08
48	348	Colmery LTS Sept Operation Support Non-Prods	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,572,367	0.82	1.68	1.02	0.56	4.08
49	399	Appeals Modernize Caseflow Dev & Spt for VHA	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,673,530	0.84	1.76	0.93	0.56	4.08
50	130	Veteran Appointment Online Scheduling (VAOS)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$10,185,832	0.82	1.73	1	0.52	4.07
51	329	VEO Veterans Signals Tech Svcs	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$951,504	0.86	1.68	0.97	0.54	4.05
52	139	DAS SW Maintenance Services for DAS	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,728,069	0.84	1.69	1.03	0.48	4.04
53	317	VEO - VA Profile Pitney Bowes License	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$983,487	0.84	1.68	0.95	0.57	4.04
54	334	VEO ECCM WHH Sust	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,000,000	0.9	1.64	0.95	0.56	4.04
55	141	BusInfoOffice BusInteISolutions/cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,412,442	0.84	1.64	0.97	0.57	4.03
56	270	Tissue & Implant Tracking & Inventory Mgmt	Health	AMO	Development	\$4,200,000	0.87	1.78	0.89	0.5	4.03
57	199	IBM FileNet	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$11,984,437	0.8	1.64	1.03	0.53	4.01
58	273	eScreening National Deployment-cloudhosting	Health	AMO	Development	\$200,000	0.82	1.73	0.92	0.53	4.01
59	398	Appeals Resource Management System (ARMS) Sus	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$750,908	0.84	1.64	0.97	0.56	4.01
60	344	BAM PMO and Technical Services for Colmery	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,503,412	0.82	1.68	0.97	0.53	4



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CXO Prioritization (61 – 90)

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Provider	Source	Funding	C1	C2	C3	C4	Score
61	421	PrimaryCare MGT Module Rehost-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$872,322	0.87	1.6	1	0.53	4
62	260	Blue Water Navy EUO Support	Benefits	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$8,000,000	0.82	1.78	0.94	0.45	3.99
63	150	Community Care (CC) Referral Doc. (REFDOC)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$161,224	0.8	1.69	0.94	0.55	3.98
64	228	CRM Platform Enh Ph 2 %u2013 Scrum Team	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,750,000	0.89	1.64	0.92	0.53	3.98
65	397	Tech Support Agile SW Dev Svcs Opt Period 2	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$956,402	0.84	1.6	1	0.54	3.98
66	167	Fee Basis Claims System-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$950,000	0.84	1.64	0.94	0.53	3.97
67	183	UCI Contractor Support	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,970,127	0.84	1.64	0.94	0.53	3.97
68	380	Financial Management System (FMS)	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,245,562	0.86	1.48	1.1	0.53	3.97
69	191	Patient Statement Enhancement (PSE)	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$860,000	0.8	1.69	0.94	0.52	3.95
70	197	Platform Application Support	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$10,477,441	0.8	1.64	0.93	0.58	3.95
71	463	Colmery LTS Jan Ops Support (Non-Prod)	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$500,000	0.86	1.64	0.93	0.53	3.95
72	182	Community Care Serv NEC Telephony Maint.	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,007,851	0.76	1.69	1	0.5	3.94
73	115	eHealth Exchange Enhancements Phase 2	Health	EPMO	Development	\$7,859,000	0.83	1.65	0.97	0.49	3.93
74	154	Deployment & Help Desk Tier 2 and 3	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$3,525,239	0.82	1.64	0.97	0.49	3.93
75	125	Direct Secure Messaging Phase 3	Health	EPMO	Development	\$850,000	0.82	1.64	0.97	0.47	3.91
76	374	Activations Augmentation	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$68,000,000	0.8	1.56	0.97	0.57	3.91
77	418	VeteransIntegrated RegistriesPFM-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$697,517	0.8	1.6	1	0.51	3.91
78	453	CRM Platform Ehcments Phase 2 %u2013 Scrum Team	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$590,418	0.78	1.68	0.9	0.54	3.9
79	107	Transformation Support Services (TSS)	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$25,554,010	0.82	1.56	1.03	0.48	3.89
80	407	JointLegacyViewerCommunity-MandatorySUS P1	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,400,000	0.8	1.56	1	0.53	3.89
81	203	Platform as a Svc/SW as a Svc(PaaS/SaaS)Spt	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,777,798	0.8	1.64	0.95	0.49	3.88
82	430	JALFHCCNorthChicagoInterfaces-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,677,070	0.78	1.64	0.97	0.48	3.88
83	275	Collabrative Terminology Tooling & Data Mgmt	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,800,000	0.84	1.51	1.03	0.48	3.87
84	389	ECCM - WHHL Agent Expansion	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$500,000	0.88	1.68	0.82	0.48	3.87
85	152	Community Care 2 - Provider Payment Business	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,459,653	0.84	1.6	0.92	0.5	3.86
86	114	Caregiver Record Management Application	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,200,000	0.83	1.6	0.94	0.49	3.85
87	122	Community Care (CC) One Consult Phase 1	Health	EPMO	Development	\$790,000	0.83	1.6	0.94	0.49	3.85
88	282	Pilot - Image Sharing	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,267,200	0.8	1.68	0.9	0.46	3.85
89	429	JAL FHCC N Chic Interfaces Enhancements	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$5,475,624	0.84	1.6	0.94	0.45	3.84
90	200	NetApps Consol/Converged Infra Stor Maint	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$6,800,000	0.8	1.51	0.97	0.55	3.83



CXO Prioritization (91-120)

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Provider	Source	Funding	C1	C2	C3	C4	Score
91	355	UDO Development Support	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$2,700,000	0.86	1.64	0.82	0.49	3.82
92	466	Salesforce Enterprise License Agreement - OP1	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$72,586,354	0.76	1.52	1	0.54	3.82
93	408	Enterprise App Maintenance-MandatorySUS P4	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$660,604	0.78	1.52	0.97	0.54	3.81
94	480	Benefits Sustainment Managed Services (BSMS)	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$621,000	0.84	1.6	0.88	0.49	3.81
95	128	iFAMS Hosting & Environment Mgmt	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Marginal	\$3,535,835	0.89	1.38	0.94	0.58	3.79
96	123	iFAMS Hosting & Dev Environment Mgmt Dev	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$4,555,453	0.87	1.42	0.97	0.52	3.78
97	181	Joint Legacy Viewer Community Viewer SUS/P3	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$4,180,865	0.82	1.56	0.92	0.48	3.78
98	314	VEO - CxDW Sustainment	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,200,000	0.9	1.6	0.82	0.45	3.78
99	192	eClinical Quality Measurment/cloudmigration	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$7,000,000	0.8	1.47	1	0.5	3.77
100	119	Community Care IB and AR Phase 2	Health	EPMO	Development	\$2,834,000	0.85	1.5	0.91	0.51	3.76
101	204	Info Assuranc Asmnt & Authorization (A&A) Spt	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,219,523	0.76	1.52	0.93	0.56	3.76
102	341	Clinical Training/Provider Mgmt Systems	Health	EPMO	Development	\$4,130,000	0.82	1.47	0.94	0.52	3.75
103	258	FAS Redesign	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$10,798,339	0.82	1.47	0.89	0.57	3.74
104	325	VEO - VFS Platform Dev FY20	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$4,412,101	0.8	1.68	0.8	0.45	3.73
105	144	Community Care Care Coordination/cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Development	\$7,393,000	0.78	1.6	0.89	0.45	3.72
106	272	Patient ID Wristbands, Labels & Dependent Sys	Health	AMO	Development	\$400,000	0.78	1.51	0.92	0.5	3.71
107	369	VEO - MSDS ESIP ES Contract	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$202,738	0.76	1.52	0.93	0.51	3.71
108	517	Attachmate (Reflection) SW maintenance	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,718,366	0.76	1.48	0.97	0.48	3.7
109	326	VEO - VFS VA.gov App Sust-Mod	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$3,721,863	0.84	1.6	0.8	0.43	3.68
110	521	2020 Veteran Debt Processing Enhancements	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$1,015,000	0.78	1.68	0.82	0.39	3.68
111	184	MCCF EDI Transaction Applications Suite	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,224,524	0.78	1.42	0.92	0.55	3.67
112	133	Program Integrity Tool Enhancements/cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$3,826,574	0.85	1.4	0.91	0.51	3.66
113	185	Off of Com Care Clin & Bus Intel Sol EPRS SUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,849,800	0.8	1.47	0.89	0.5	3.66
114	321	VEO - VFS Platform Sustain-Mod FY20	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$4,412,101	0.78	1.51	0.86	0.5	3.65
115	311	VEO EHBD System Continued Modernization-OT5	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$598,701	0.78	1.51	0.86	0.45	3.6
116	379	Capital Asset Management (CAMS)	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,600,000	0.78	1.32	0.97	0.53	3.6
117	420	Res Assess Inst/Min Data Set-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,780,487	0.74	1.52	0.88	0.46	3.6
118	322	VEO - VFS VA.gov App Dev	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,718,157	0.82	1.52	0.78	0.48	3.59
119	404	GenISIS for Integrative Science-MandatorySUS	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,075,328	0.73	1.51	0.86	0.48	3.59
120	454	VEO VAMES Technical Support	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$342,279	0.7	1.52	0.85	0.49	3.57



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CXO Prioritization (121 – 150)

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Provider	Source	Funding	C1	C2	C3	C4	Score
121	140	Business Information Office Business Intellig	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$919,409	0.78	1.42	0.86	0.5	3.56
122	249	Med Care Collect Fd EDI Trans-Cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Development	\$4,200,308	0.76	1.51	0.83	0.45	3.55
123	145	Mobile Device Mgmt and Identify Acc. Mgmt	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$3,000,000	0.76	1.51	0.86	0.42	3.54
124	269	Blind Rehabilitation Database 5.1(BR5.1)	Health	AMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$650,000	0.73	1.42	0.89	0.5	3.54
125	309	CRM PE 2 %u2013 Integration Team	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$531,961	0.76	1.51	0.78	0.5	3.54
126	505	BISL Cloud Services	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,700,000	0.76	1.52	0.82	0.41	3.51
127	339	Revenue Operations Workflow Tool	Health	EPMO	Development	\$1,000,000	0.71	1.38	0.89	0.5	3.48
128	356	Light Electronic Action Framework (LEAF)	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$600,000	0.74	1.36	0.85	0.53	3.48
129	169	Mobile Dev. Mgmt/Identify Acc. Mgmt Airwatch	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,500,000	0.73	1.29	0.94	0.48	3.45
130	436	VEO - ES IAM Technical Support BP OP2	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$3,723,239	0.76	1.44	0.8	0.43	3.44
131	126	CC & BI Sol Enterprise Rpt Sys (EPRS)	Health	EPMO	Development	\$6,700,000	0.76	1.42	0.81	0.45	3.43
132	368	VEO - VAMES Tech Support Op2	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$342,279	0.72	1.4	0.85	0.45	3.42
133	246	JLV Community Viewer/P2/cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Development	\$6,500,000	0.76	1.42	0.78	0.45	3.41
134	359	MBMS Professional Services	Memorials	EPMO	Development	\$601,391	0.69	1.33	0.89	0.5	3.41
135	458	BGS & CGS Professional Services	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$358,798	0.74	1.4	0.78	0.48	3.4
136	307	CRM PE2 %u2013 Scrum Team (MHEO)	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$1,180,835	0.8	1.47	0.72	0.4	3.39
137	385	WSS Inquiry Routing & Information System	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$6,870,168	0.76	1.52	0.7	0.41	3.39
138	340	Non VA Core Enhancement (FBCS)-Cloudhost	Health	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,450,000	0.76	1.29	0.81	0.53	3.38
139	494	DVP-OKTIdentity Cloud IDaaS Licenses-OP1	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,979,432	0.72	1.44	0.8	0.41	3.37
140	244	Suicide Prevention (ReachVet/STORM)	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,500,000	0.8	1.38	0.75	0.43	3.36
141	504	NCA Infrastructure Modernization %u2013 Telephony	Memorials	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$30,000	0.69	1.38	0.78	0.48	3.33
142	171	TIC GW - General Upgrade	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Marginal	\$3,400,000	0.67	1.33	0.81	0.5	3.31
143	175	OneVA WAN Growth Bal, TPBO/WAN (Networx ATT)	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$15,000,000	0.69	1.38	0.78	0.43	3.28
144	527	Extended Support Deprecated Win 2008 Server	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$5,300,000	0.62	1.28	0.93	0.43	3.26
145	347	Colmery Related MITRE Support	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,000,000	0.66	1.28	0.82	0.46	3.23
146	506	NCA Infrastructure Mod Network/Data Circuits	Memorials	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$1,704,000	0.69	1.29	0.83	0.42	3.23
147	365	VEO - VAMES Technical Support	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$191,583	0.68	1.32	0.8	0.42	3.22
148	438	Pension and Fiduciary 2-in-1 Devices	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Modernization	\$708,806	0.72	1.32	0.65	0.46	3.15
149	179	CMOP Supplement	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,109,262	0.62	1.29	0.78	0.43	3.12
150	117	Cloud Development-MSFT Azure	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$2,500,000	0.69	1.2	0.75	0.47	3.11



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CXO Prioritization (151 – 183)

Priority	ID	Title	Portfolio	Provider	Source	Funding	C1	C2	C3	C4	Score
151	320	HRA Manpower	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$3,000,000	0.76	1.12	0.7	0.45	3.03
152	285	Red Hat Enterprise License Agreement	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$11,506,000	0.64	1.12	0.78	0.45	2.99
153	223	Field Operations Storage - 24 Sites	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$7,500,000	0.62	1.2	0.72	0.43	2.98
154	312	CRM PE2 %u2013 Scrum Team (Member Services)	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$590,418	0.64	1.28	0.63	0.42	2.97
155	106	Enterprise End to End Application Monitoring	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$15,986,320	0.62	1.16	0.78	0.4	2.96
156	437	2-in-1 Devices for VR&E	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$1,844,048	0.69	1.29	0.58	0.38	2.94
157	490	API Dev-OT 2 Tool, Auto, Proc Enh Ph1	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$4,875,962	0.64	1.2	0.65	0.38	2.87
158	313	CRM PE 2 %u2013 DevOps - Base	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$3,605,954	0.66	1.28	0.6	0.32	2.86
159	104	AD (Active Directory) Modernization	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$10,000,000	0.62	1.02	0.75	0.43	2.83
160	303	ECCM - WHHL Agent Expansion	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Enhancement	\$500,000	0.69	1.24	0.58	0.3	2.82
161	333	HRA Workers Without Compensation (WOC)	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Marginal	\$4,000,000	0.68	1.12	0.57	0.34	2.72
162	215	Lifecycle Refresh Printer and Scanners	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$10,000,000	0.6	1.24	0.56	0.3	2.7
163	298	ECCM-Toll Charges for agent count	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,000,000	0.64	1.24	0.5	0.3	2.68
164	465	IRIS Add 500	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$350,854	0.6	1.2	0.55	0.32	2.67
165	301	ECCM-Expand Agent Capabilities	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$720,000	0.64	1.24	0.45	0.28	2.62
166	305	ECCM-Basic Agent Capability- \$300 per	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$3,240,000	0.62	1.2	0.47	0.3	2.6
167	227	WAN Refresh	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$10,000,000	0.58	1.02	0.64	0.35	2.59
168	235	WAN Bandwidth Capacity Baseline	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$36,000,000	0.56	1.02	0.64	0.37	2.58
169	509	Enterprise SAS Analytics Spt and Maintenance	Enterprise	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$700,000	0.54	1.04	0.57	0.41	2.56
170	324	HRA Program Management Office Support	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$2,000,000	0.5	1	0.63	0.39	2.52
171	231	Windows Desktop Lifecycle Refresh	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$84,000,000	0.53	0.98	0.64	0.33	2.48
172	327	HRA Safety and Workers Compensation (S/WIMS)	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$2,000,000	0.54	0.96	0.63	0.36	2.48
173	120	FSC IT Labor UFR	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$860,989	0.58	0.89	0.61	0.32	2.39
174	161	Pckg for Windows Client OS/Win Tech End. supt	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$1,100,000	0.47	0.93	0.64	0.35	2.39
175	522	CORP Management & Tech Services	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,750,000	0.5	0.92	0.6	0.34	2.37
176	450	VSignals - Professional Services	Benefits	EPMO	Development	\$310,691	0.52	0.88	0.63	0.33	2.36
177	310	VEO - EO Support/SLAM Support Con for V360	Benefits	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$165,000	0.5	0.95	0.56	0.34	2.35
178	387	WSS: WSS Sustainment Contract	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$1,132,094	0.48	0.96	0.55	0.27	2.26
179	316	HRA HR Smart - Human Capital Data Warehouse	Corporate	EPMO	Development	\$2,000,000	0.54	0.88	0.53	0.28	2.23
180	386	WSS: Enterprise Content Management Sys (eCMS)	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$505,416	0.44	0.88	0.53	0.32	2.16
181	515	PMO Staff Augmentation	Corporate	EPMO	Sustainment-Mandatory	\$2,500,000	0.44	0.76	0.55	0.28	2.04
182	242	Video Teleconferencing Systems	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$8,000,000	0.42	0.8	0.56	0.25	2.03
183	216	Printers Lifecycle Refresh	Enterprise	ITOPS	Sustainment-Modernization	\$25,000,000	0.44	0.8	0.44	0.23	1.92



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DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

8:15 – 8:45 am	ERT Embassy Suites, Alexandria, VA 1900 Diagonal Rd, Alexandria, VA		
8:45 – 9:45 am	REMARKS: NASVH Conference ** Traci will meet you there		See speech
9:45 – 10:15 am	ERT VACO w/ Traci Scott		
10:15 – 11:00 am	Meet w/ Under Secretaries	SECVA Suite	
11:00 am – Noon	REMARKS: CMV/CWV Black History Month Program	Rm 230	See speech
11:30 am – Noon	Lunch Set Up	SECVA Suite	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch w/ Martha Raddatz, ABC News	SECVA Suite	Tab 1
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Clean Up		
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Phone Call w/ Senator Patty Murray ** Senator will call us	SECVA Suite	
3:15 – 3:30 pm	ERT WH – Joe Grogan's Office		
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Meet w/ Joe Grogan		
3:45 pm	ERT WH Oval Office		
4:00 – 4:15 pm	POTUS Signing Ceremony – Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act	WH Oval Office	Tab 3
4:15 – 4:45 pm	ERT Hyatt Regency, Crystal City 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA		
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Meet/Greet w/ (b)(6) – 100 y/o Lakota Veteran ** Traci Scott will meet you there ** Stephanie Birdwell will meet you upon arrival		Tab 4
5:15 pm	ERT Residence		
5:15 pm	Phone Call w/ Senator Tillis ** SECVA to call Senator's cell		

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Audience Analysis
National Association of State Veterans Homes Winter Conference
Embassy Suites in Alexandria, Virginia
February 11, 2020

On February 11—the day after the budget release—you'll address the National Association of Veterans Homes at their Winter Conference at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria, Virginia.

Expectations: 15-20 minutes of remarks followed by Q&A covering a **VA update (State of VA), MISSION Act and State Veterans Homes**, and how we can **strengthen our partnership serving Veterans**.

Recommendation: Remarks that update NASVH on the State of VA and recognize the importance of NASVH's partnership with VA, followed by ~10-15 minutes Q&A, if you're able to stay.

Note: During the Q&A period, Ms. (b)(6) (VA National Director, Facility Based Care , Geriatrics and Extended Care) and Ms. (b)(6) (VA State Home Construction Grant Program Manager) will be available to assist with a response, if needed. Additionally, Ms. (b)(6) will be presenting to NASVH on several occasions after your remarks.

During Q&A, you could be asked about one of the following topics:

- 1. There is no State Veteran Home representative on the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC):** There were SVH applicants for 2 open seats on the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee. The call in the Federal Register generated significant response with applicants from across the country and a wide range of experiences across the geriatrics spectrum of care. Although the SVH applicants were not selected, their applications **will remain on file for consideration in the event additional seats open**.
- 2. Budget: comment on the budget-level for Grants for State Extended Care Facilities:** historically, VA has asked for \$90M for Grants for State Extended Care Facilities. Because of a backlog in grant requests, we asked for \$150M in FY2018 and Congress gave VA \$685M. In FY2019, not expecting the amount Congress provided in FY2018, we again asked for and received \$150M. Subsequently in FY2020 and again for **FY2021, we asked for the historic amount of \$90M. It is worth noting—and it is reflected in your remarks—that thanks to the increase for FY2018, about 1,400 beds around the country will open-up in the next two years.**

3. Updating the Bed Count Regulations: We are currently updating our bed count, and we're very close to releasing it for public comment (by this summer). Most states are not at their limit. States that are at their limit can still **apply for an exception if there's an underserved area with a sufficient population** (that's 2 hours from any other state home in that particular state). In short, if you have the population to support an exception, apply for it.

4. State Veterans Homes Domiciliary Program: The Domiciliary program in State Veterans Homes is tied to the VA Domiciliary Program. However, State VA and Fed VA missions have changed and are very different on this issue: now, VA Domiciliary Programs focus on mental health and mental health recovery, and State Veterans Homes Domiciliary Programs focus on a lower level of care than nursing home care. **We are now writing a legislative proposal to separate the two programs so that regulations for the SVH programs can be updated to meet the current needs of the Veterans that they serve.** We ask (and have asked, previously) **for NASVH to provide specific suggestions on what changes are needed** to current regulations so we have that input to consider moving forward.

5. 38 CFR Part 51: Per Diem Paid to States for Care of Eligible Veterans: In an August 2019 letter (attached), Mr. Bowman argued that new rules imposing "unnecessary and costly nursing home standards on Domiciliaries, which threaten the financial viability of the mission for many states." You responded in November 2019 (attached).

6. Eligibility criteria for Domiciliary care: Mr. Bowman, Pres. NASVH, raised this concern with you in an August 2019 letter (attached). You responded in November 2019 (attached). **The specific issue in Maine has been resolved. On January 16, VA signed equitable relief—because of a VA error, we are continuing to pay per diem in the cases specific to Maine.**

Audience: ~150, consisting of 90 % NASVH Members, 10% VA employees (Geriatrics and Extended Care, National State Home Per Diem Program & State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program).

You will be introduced by Mark Bowman, President of NASVH & Ex. Dir. of the Office of KY Veterans Centers.

Background:

The first State Veterans Home was established in Rocky Hill, Connecticut in 1864: Fitch's Home for Soldiers & Their Orphans, July 4, 1864.

NASVH was established in 1952 in response to the mutual need of State Homes to promote legislation at the national level and share common problems and experiences.

Today, NASVH is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization whose membership consists of the administrators and senior staffs at **156 State Veterans Homes in all 50 states** and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. With over 30,000 beds, NASVH is the largest provider of long-term care to Veterans.

State Homes receive basic per diem payments from VA for providing skilled nursing care, domiciliary care, and adult day health care (ADHC), which covers about one-third the cost of care. VA also provides construction grants to build, renovate and maintain the Homes, with States required to provide at least 35 percent of the cost for such projects in matching funds.

Introducing you: Mark Bowman, Pres. Of NASVH and Exec. Dir. of the Office of KY Veterans Centers, KY Dept. of VA.

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SPECIAL SCREENING
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
G. V. SONNY MONTGOMERY ROOM 230
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

A Lincoln Penny Films Production

the
Six Triple Eight
No Mail, Low Morale



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Welcoming Remarks

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Special Remarks

Secretary Robert Wilkie,
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

National Anthem

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Closing Remarks



Major Adams and CPT Campbell



PFC Deloris L. Ruddock

The 688th Central Postal Directory Battalion
February 1945 – March 1946
Birmingham, England
Rouen, France

“NO MAIL, LOW MORALE”

2019- U S Army MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

2019 AUDIE MURPHY AWARDEE

2019 Veterans Brain Trust Award

2019 Honor Roll Awardee – World War II Museum

My name is Deloris L. Ruddock. I was born and raised in Washington, D.C. at the age of 19 I enlisted into the United States Army. My rank in the Army was Private First Class/E3. I was Enlisted and part of the Women’s Army Corp in World War 11. My first duty

In February 3, 1945 I and about 850 other women left the Port of New York headed for England. It was rough on the boat and we got chased by submarines. On Feb 11, 1945 we arrive in England and headed for Birmingham, England.

Our mission was to clear the backlog mail that had been in an aircraft hangar for over 2 years. We were giving 6 months to clear the mail out and get it to the Service Members serving here in Europe. We worked around the clock in 3 different shifts to get the mail out and we reduced the backlog in 3 months instead of 6 months.

Because we completed our mission so early, we were then ordered to France. So, we got back on the ship and headed to Rouen, France. We again reduced the mail backlog and got the letters and packages to the Service Members. It was a good feeling to get the mail to the Service Members and they were glad to hear from families back home.

My unit was the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only "All Black Female" Unit to deploy overseas during World War 11. Our motto was *No Mail, Low Morale!*

When I transition out of the Army, I returned home to Washington, D.C. on the train and used my G I Bill to go to Fashion School in New York City, but after graduation there were not many jobs in the fashion field, so I got in Banking and that was my career for the next 30 years.

We now have a monument located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Maybe, you and your family will visit the monument one day. It is truly a beautiful site. The monument presents the courage, spirit, sacrifice, work ethic, devotion, and commitment we (the 6888th) had to have to get the job done no matter what. 2006

And will serve as a reminder to the *Generations that the All-Black Women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion also, Guarantee your freedom*

Deloris L. Ruddock
6888th Member
U S Army



Deloris L. Ruddock



Mail



Workplace-World War 11



2019 AUDIE MURPHY AWARDEE



EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SUMMARY

Title of Event: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veteran and Center for Women Veterans Black History Month Program

Date: February 11, 2020

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

Location: This event will take place in the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Veterans Conference Center, Room 230, 810 Vermont Ave NW Washington, DC.

POINT OF CONTACT: (b)(6) **email:** (b)(6)@va.gov **phone:** (b)(6)

PURPOSE OF EVENT/MEETING: (check one)

Decisional

Informational

Pre-Event

Remarks

Other

Courtesy Call

OVERVIEW OF EVENT: In celebration of Black History Month the Center for Minority Veterans the Center for Women Veterans will celebrate Black History Month with a special screening of *the Six Triple Eight, No Mail, Low Morale*, on Wednesday, February 11, 2020, at VA Central Office (room 230), from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

SECVA ROLE: Provide special remarks

ATTENDEES: DAV Leadership, Joy Ilem, DAV Legislative Director, Veterans, CMV Staff, Women of the Six Triple Eight, Maybelle Campbell, Deloris L. Ruddock

OBJECTIVE:

- Provide special remarks in recognition of Black History Month

BACKGROUND: "Six Triple Eight: No Mail, Low Morale" tells the relatively unknown story of 855 African-American female members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, a Women's Army Corps unit also known as the "Six Triple Eight," the only all African-American female unit sent overseas during World War II. In February 1945, the "Six Triple Eight" was deployed to Europe to clear some two-year backlog of mail for the nearly

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LOGISTICS: When you arrive, you will be greeted at the door by Stephen B. Dillard, Executive Director of CMV and Jacquelyn Hays-Byrd of CWV. The SecVA will speak from a podium.

AGENDA: Attached

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THE SIX TRIPLE EIGHT

SPECIAL SCREENING & LUNCHEON

Hosted by the Center for Women Veterans
& the Center for Minority Veterans



Guest Speaker

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

Department of Veterans Affairs
G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Veterans
Conference Room, Room 230
February 11, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Missina Schallus
at 202-461-6195 or Denise Wright at 202-461-6178

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Special Guests: Women of the Six Triple Eight,
Maybelle Campbell & Deloris L. Ruddock

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Closing Remarks

PFC Maybelle Rutland Tanner Campbell currently resides in (b)(6) Her hometown was (b)(6)

(b)(6) She enlisted in the Woman's Army Corps on 4 August 1943 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa and discharged from the Army after serving overseas with the 6888 Central Postal Battalion. She went on to work as a clerk at the Government Printing Office for 33 years. In June 2018, she took a Dream Flight in a restored 1940's Boeing Stearman open cockpit biplane from World War II sponsored by Ageless Dream Foundation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESIDENT

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TODAY'S DATE: February 10, 2020

PROJECT OFFICER: Eric Ueland

WORKING CONTACT/POC: Lindsey Morton

EVENT TITLE: Bill Signing Ceremony for the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act

PROPOSED DATE: On or before Friday, February 14, 2020

PROPOSED TIME: TBD

TYPE OF EVENT: Bill Signing Ceremony

PURPOSE: To sign into law S. 153, the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act, while highlighting this Administration's prioritizing of veterans

BACKGROUND: S. 153 encourages the participation of veterans in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields, including by making veterans eligible for certain National Science Foundation (NSF) programs. The NSF is required to encourage veterans to pursue STEM careers in coordination with other federal agencies that serve veterans--and to submit a plan to Congress for enhancing veterans outreach in this regard. The bill provides for veterans' participation and outreach in various existing scholarship and fellowship programs and existing grant programs. The Office of Science and Technology Policy will establish an interagency working group to coordinate federal programs and policies for transitioning and training veterans and military spouses for STEM careers.

On December 18, 2019, the Senate passed S. 153 by unanimous consent. On January 27, 2020, the House passed the Senate-passed bill without amendment by voice vote; Congress presented the enrolled bill to the President on February 3, 2020; and the last day for action is February 14, 2020.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), and he has suggested that the President do a public signing ceremony for this legislation. The bill has 12 bipartisan cosponsors in the

Senate, with Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) as the only original cosponsor alongside Sen. Rubio.

Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL) introduced the House companion (H.R. 425), which passed the House by voice vote on February 25, 2019. Rep. Conor Lamb (D-PA) was the only original cosponsor alongside Rep. Dunn.

LOCATION: Oval Office

LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION: 15 minutes

PRE-BRIEF REQUIRED: No

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Not Requested

INTERNAL PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Robert O'Brien (NSC), Michael Kratsios (OSTP), Joe Grogan (DPC), Amy Swonger (OLA)

EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS: Secretary Robert Wilkie
Secretary Betsy DeVos
NSF Director France Cordova
Senator Marco Rubio
Senator Kevin Cramer
Senator Steve Daines
Senator Deb Fischer
Senator Cory Gardner
Senator John Hoeven
Senator Mike Rounds
Senator Roger Wicker
Rep. Neal Dunn
Rep. Brian Babin
Rep. Jim Banks
Rep. Roger Marshall
Rep. Michael Waltz

EVENT FORMAT/PROGRAM: Standard bill signing format: Remarks from POTUS, POTUS yields to key guests for their brief comments, bill signing.

REMARKS: Yes

PRESS PLAN: White House Press Pool

FUNDING SOURCE (If Applicable): N/A

**BACKGROUND/
PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Martha Raddatz

ABC News' Chief Global Affairs Correspondent.

By

ABC News

December 6, 2019, 3:32 PM

4 min read



Martha Raddatz is ABC News Chief Global Affairs Correspondent and co-anchor of "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

— -- Martha Raddatz is ABC News chief global affairs correspondent and co-anchor of “This Week with George Stephanopoulos.” She has covered national security, foreign policy and politics for decades – reporting from the Pentagon, the State Department, the White House and conflict zones around the world.

She began covering war during the crisis in Bosnia in the late 1990s, but it is Iraq and Afghanistan where she has spent most of her time overseas. Even during her stint as White House correspondent during President George W. Bush’s administration, she continued to make regular trips into war-torn Iraq.

Raddatz embedded with U.S. forces during dozens of trips abroad, from the sands of Al Anbar province to the mountains of the Hindu Kush. She is the only television reporter allowed to fly in an F-15 fighter jet on combat missions over Afghanistan, spending nearly 10 hours in the air on two separate missions. In 2011 she reported exclusive details on the raid that killed Osama

Bin Laden. That same year she was one of the few reporters on the last major convoy out of Iraq. She also had an exclusive interview on the USS Kearsarge off the coast of Libya with the Marines who helped rescue two American pilots who had gone down in Libya. In 2012, Raddatz was on a U.S. destroyer as it made its way through the Strait of Hormuz. Raddatz reported exclusively from the USS George H.W. Bush, covering the airstrikes against ISIS in Syria and Iraq in 2014, and again in March 2016 from the USS Truman. In 2015, she was granted exclusive access to the anti-ISIS command center at an undisclosed location in the Middle East and anchored “This Week” from an air base from which drone warfare is conducted.

In addition, her reporting trips have taken her to Yemen, Iran, Pakistan, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, India, Turkey, Libya, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and numerous countries in Africa and Asia.

In October 2012, Raddatz moderated the only Vice Presidential debate between Congressman Paul Ryan and Vice President Joe Biden, which covered both domestic and foreign topics. Post-debate Raddatz received an outpouring of praise for asking pointed questions on a range of issues while asserting control over the conversation. She received the Walter Cronkite Award for excellence in political journalism with a special commendation for debate moderation. During the 2016 election Raddatz co-moderated the Democratic and Republican primary presidential debates on ABC as well a presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, for which she once again received praise for her moderating skills.

From 1993-1998, Raddatz was the Pentagon correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR). Prior to joining NPR in 1993, she was the chief correspondent at the ABC News Boston affiliate WCVB-TV. In addition to covering several Presidential campaigns, she reported from the former Soviet Union, Africa, the Middle East, the Philippines and Europe.

In 2012, Raddatz received the First Amendment Award from the Radio Television Digital News Foundation (RTDNF) for excellence in journalism, as well as the prestigious Fred Friendly First Amendment Award. She received four Emmy Awards, including an Emmy for being on the team covering the inauguration of Barack Obama, the attacks of September 11th and the killing of Osama Bin Laden. She was also the recipient of the 2007 International Urbino Press Award, the 2005 Daniel Pearl Award from the Chicago Journalists Association, and a 1996 Overseas Press Club Award for her live coverage of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. In 2007 the White House Correspondents' Association awarded her the Merriman Smith Memorial Award for excellence in Presidential news coverage under deadline pressure. In 2018, she received the George Catlett Marshall Medal for sustained commitment to the men and women of America's armed forces.

Raddatz is the author of "The Long Road Home—a Story of War and Family," a highly acclaimed book about a battle in Iraq that made both The New York Times and The Washington Post bestseller lists. The Washington Post described the book as "a masterpiece of literary non-fiction that rivals any war-related classic that has preceded it."

Raddatz is the mother of a daughter and a son. She is also on the board of the Bob Woodruff Foundation that supports wounded veterans and their families.

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EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SUMMARY

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Native Americans - Grantee Meeting
Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Regency Ballroom E & F
Arlington, VA
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
16:30-16:40

POINT OF CONTACT: (b)(6) ACF/ANA
(b)(6) @acf.hhs.gov or (b)(6)

PURPOSE OF EVENT/MEETING: (check one)

Decisional Informational Pre-Event
 Remarks Other Courtesy Call

OVERVIEW OF EVENT: *This is a biannual meeting of HHS grantees working on the ground in Native communities throughout the U. S. The Guest of Honor this year is (b)(6) a WWII Veteran, Lakota Elder, and lifelong public servant.*

SECVA ROLE: *SECVA is there to coin WWII Veteran and Lakota Elder (b)(6) This will be done during the plenary session of the meeting. Ms. (b)(6) was featured by VA last year as their "Veteran of the Day."*

ATTENDEES: *On stage will be:*

- **Lynn Johnson**, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families
- **Scott Lekan**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, ACF and Commissioner of the Office of Child Support Enforcement
- **Clarence Carter**, Director, Office of Family Assistance
- **Jerry Milner**, Commissioner, Children's Bureau
- **Liz Darling**, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families
- **Dr. (b)(6)** Office of Head Start
- **Jeannie Hovland** (moderator), Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans
- (b)(6) (event MC)

There will be approximately 500 attendees in the audience, including a number of veterans.

OBJECTIVE: Recognize (b)(6) and thank her for her service to her country and community.

BACKGROUND:

- This is a unique opportunity to meet a decorated WWII veteran who is an internationally recognized Native American Elder.
- Ms. (b)(6) will have been recognized earlier in the morning with an honor song, but she is remaining in attendance for the afternoon to be recognized by SECVA and SECHHS
- This coining is occurring in the middle of a panel discussion titled, "Primary Prevention and Economic Mobility" (running from 4:15pm-5:30pm). We will pause this session once the SECVA arrives.
- This is an open event; press has not been invited but may be present.

BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION/GROUP: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. We promote the economic and social well-being of children, families, individuals and communities with leadership and resources for compassionate, effective delivery of human services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (If any)

OUTCOMES: Recognition and appreciation of Ms. (b)(6)

LOGISTICS:

- When SECVA arrives to the hotel, proceed to the elevators and go down two floors to the Ballroom level
- On the ballroom level, walk across the foyer to the Regency Ballroom E-F and proceed inside to the AV table (next to the stage) and notify the staff that SECVA have arrived.
 - (b)(6) is the onsite POC and is managing the stage. He will be at the AV table. (b)(6)
 - Backup POC is (b)(6) - (b)(6)
- Tom will signal to the stage SECVA has arrived.
- Either HHS Secretary Azar OR HHS/ACF Assistant Secretary Lynn Johnson will welcome (b)(6) back to the stage and invite SECVA to come up on stage.
- SECVA will proceed to the stage, thank A/S Johnson for inviting you, and will provide brief remarks to recognize Ms. (b)(6) (you may use a hand-held microphone or a podium).

- Items to possibly note in your brief remarks:
 - She was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.
 - She served in England, France, and Belgium. Her service included caring for those injured in the **Normandy Landings** and **on the front line during the Battle of the Bulge**.
 - She is a recipient of the French Legion of Honor Award.
 - Marcella is from Eagle Butte, South Dakota where she is a member of the Two Kettle Band of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.
 - She recently celebrated her 100th birthday.
- SECVA will then coin Ms. (b)(6)
- A/S Johnson will thank you and depart the stage.

AGENDA: See attachments.

VA'S SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION: Partners with HHS/ACF on efforts to support veterans. SECVA met with ACF DAS Jeannie Hovland in December 2019.

WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO KNOW:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. *Talking Points (To Be Attached)*
2. *ACF/ANA Grantee Draft Agenda*
3. *Bios*

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(b)(6) (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Lee, Andrea M., VBAVACO; Terrell, Brandye, VBAVACO; Jensen, Jon M.; (b)(6)
Cc: Wagner, John (Wolf); Verschoor, Thayer; (b)(6)
Subject: SECVA - Governor of Guam MEETING - February 7 @ 10am
Importance: High

FYI Andrea and Jon,

1. The SECVA will potentially meeting with the Governor of Guam on February 7 @ 10am.
2. Post confirmation by the Governor's Office the Undersecretary's will be included on the calendar invite by the Secretary's Office.
3. The Governor would appreciate update on potential for Claims Processing Center on Guam and utilization of the Guam Naval Hospital by a VA-DOD joint agreement.
4. Please see reference issues from DEPSECVA meeting below.

Best

Guam Background Information from September 24, 2019 DEPSECVA meeting:

1. Status of community care services and expansion?

Response: (b)(5)
(b)(5)

2. Expand medical and addiction treatment care/suicide prevention? Suicide Prevention (Guam 2x national average):

Response: (b)(5)
(b)(5)

General Information: Guam VA Clinic is the only VA facility in the Pacific territories with an HBPC Program, which provides multi-disciplinary, longitudinal care for those Veterans with complex co-morbidities which make accessing health care services very difficult, even if those services are located close by. Members of the team travel to the patient's home to provide health care services according to the needs of the patient. In addition to mental health programs administered by VAPIHCS, there is a Vet Center located on Guam, in Maite. Vet Centers provide a wide range of social and psychological services including readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families to support a successful transition from military to civilian life.

3. Status on CBOC and expansion?

Response: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

4. Can Guam utilize facilities in the Philippines? Closer travel than Hawaii. Does VA have an MOU with the Philippines?

Response: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

5. VHA follow-up with Army Corp estimate of a private hospital potential.

Response: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

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DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

8:00 – 9:00 am	Appropriations Subcmte Member Breakfast	OBCR	Tab 1
11:30 am – Noon	Guam Governor Leon Guerrero	OBCR	Tab 2
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	SECVA Suite	
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Ginger Miller, President & CEO, Women Veterans Interactive ** COS & Jacquie Hayes-Bird to sit in	SECVA Suite	Tab 3
5:30 – 6:00 pm	ERT Capitol Hill Club w/ (b)(6) 300 First St, SE		
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Birthday Celebration for (b)(6)		Tab 4
7:00 – 7:30 pm	ERT Residence		

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SECVA Talking Points: Congressional Breakfast – FY 2021 Budget

Thank you all for being here today.

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for enacting our 2020 appropriation in December and to have an opportunity to talk about the 2021 request that was submitted to Congress on Monday.

VA has had **many successes over the last year** –

- VA staff **completed 2.8 million more VHA, internally-provided visits** in 2019
- We oversaw **5.0 million more external visits** in the community
- More than **5,000 Veterans per week** are using the **new Urgent Care** benefit; 90 percent of eligible Veterans now covered by a network urgent care provider within 30 minutes of a site
- Expanding telehealth and **increased secure video sessions by 235%** in 2019
- **Overall trust** in VA is **72 percent**, up from 55 percent in 2016
- 88 percent of Veterans now trust the VA health care they receive

The President's budget will allow VA to sustain the progress we've made in our transformation.

- **Overall, a 10% increase** over FY 2020 enacted level
- Our total request is \$243.3B (including collections), compared to \$220.6B in 2020
- The **discretionary request** is a **14% increase** over FY 2020, at \$109.5B.

With the growing demand for VA services, hiring more staff is a one of our top priorities

- We **plan to hire an additional 14K employees; over 7K are clinical** (physicians, nurses, technicians) to support VA's internal health care system.
- Overall going from 390K budgeted FTEs in FY 2020 to 405K in FY 2021.

We're also making major investments in Mental Health (\$10.2B); Suicide Prevention (\$313M); Homelessness Programs (\$1.9B); Telehealth (\$1.3B); Women Veterans (\$626M for gender specific care); Opioid Treatment (\$504M); and Precision Oncology (\$75M).

We are continuing to process Blue Water Navy Claims – we **expect 70,000 claims** in 2021

We have **9 major construction** projects planned and will **open 4 new cemeteries** in 2021.

- By 2021, over 93 percent of Veterans will have access to a national, state, or tribal Veteran cemetery with 75 miles of their residence.

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EXECUTIVE BRIEFING SUMMARY

The Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
11:30am
OBCR – Gift Exchange

POINT OF CONTACT:

Mr. Thayer Verschoor
Executive Director
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, OPIA

(b)(6) – Direct

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Mr. (b)(6)
Administrative Assistant
Governor's Office

(b)(6)
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Ms. (b)(6)
Veterans Affairs Protocol Officer

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@va.gov

PURPOSE OF EVENT:

- Courtesy Call

OVERVIEW OF EVENT:

Gift Exchange –

Pursuant Governor's chief of staff – *“Gift is a commemorative Guam quarter, produced by the Treasury, encased in a clear latte stone acrylic case. There are other goodies in the bag too.”*

General Background –

1. Informal meeting as follow-up to the SECVA/COSVA travel to Guam in July/August 2019.
2. During the visit the Secretary/COSVA met with the Lt. Governor of Guam, Josh Tenorio and attended a Veterans Roundtable.
3. The Deputy Secretary met with first advocacy trip to Washington by the Republican Legislative Leadership of Guam on **24 September 2019**.
4. The Deputy Secretary met with the Lt. Governor in Washington on **30 September 2019** – *Governor Guerrero cancelled her Washington due to a Dengue Fever outbreak. During the SECVA/COSVA August 2019 trip to Guam they met with the Lt. Governor.*

Guam Top Concerns: (Source: Governor's Chief of Staff)

1. Guam Veteran Population:

- September 30, 2017 – 10,026
- Veteran Pop. Estimate 2045 – 11,000
- Disability Comp. Benefits – 2,900

2. Guam Homelessness Statistics:

- Guam Veteran Homelessness: 14
- Guam Total Homelessness: 854

3. (VHA) Expand Access to Care:

4. (VBA) Executive Order – Discharging the Federal Student Loan Debt of Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans:

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11. (NCA) Cemetery Expansion Grant:

Secretary Other Potential Discussion Topics: – Improvements in Veteran Healthcare Delivery – Improved Veteran Customer Experience – VA Suicide Prevention Initiatives – VA Homelessness Initiatives

OBJECTIVE:

Foster open and collaborative and proactive communication with the Governor's Office.

ATTENDEES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

1. The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Secretary
2. Ms. Pam Powers, Chief of Staff
3. Mr. Chris Syrek, Deputy Chief of Staff
4. The Honorable James Hutton, Assistant Secretary, OPIA
5. Ms. Margarita Devlin, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, VBA
6. Mr. Larry Connell, Chief of Staff, VHA
7. Mr. Wolf Wagner, PDAS, OPIA
8. Mr. Thayer Verschoor, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, OPIA

Governor's Office:

9. The Honorable Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
10. Mr. Tony Babauta Chief of Staff
11. Ms. Vera Topasna, Military Affairs Advisor
12. Ms. Madeleine Bordallo, Guam Federal Director
13. Mr. Lester Carlson, Bureau of Budget and Management Director

AGENDA:

N/A – Informal Discussion

BACKGROUND:

PRESS –

Lieutenant Governor goes on 2-week trip

September 27, 2019

Guam Daily Post

Lt. Gov. Joshua Tenorio and governor's chief of staff Tony Babauta will be in New York and Washington, D.C., over the next two weeks to attend a United Nations environmental event and meet with U.S. federal agency officials on a plethora of issues, according to Adelup.

A Thursday morning press release stated the governor "dispatched" the lieutenant governor to lead "an aggressive mission" to advance Guam's agenda on several federal issues, including the military buildup, federal land return, extension of Medicaid funds set to expire on Oct. 1, decolonization, war claims and the limit of foreign labor on H-2B visas.

"My focus is on managing our response efforts right here at home. I can do that because I know lieutenant governor Josh will represent Guam well during these important meetings and work sessions," the governor said in the release.

Tenorio also will be participating in United Nations Climate Week, which is focused on the U.N.'s 2030 Initiative for Sustainable Development, the press release states. Guam was invited in recognition of the joint effort between the Office of the Governor, the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability and the Global Island Partnership, the release stated.

The press release didn't mention any meetings that involve the governor's liaison to Washington, Madeleine Bordallo. Questions sent regarding the lieutenant governor's itinerary and meeting schedule in New York and D.C. weren't returned as of press time.

On Thursday night, governor's spokeswoman Janela Carrera confirmed that Babauta will be traveling with the lieutenant governor. The duo departed Wednesday night and would be making their way to a series of meetings. At least a portion of the travel will be funded through the governor's office. Carrera said more information will be provided today.

In advance of Tenorio's participation in climate change activities with the United Nations, Gov. Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order 2019-23, creating the Guam Green Growth Working Group, which is intended to support a "public-private partnership approach to solutions and programs consistent with the U.N.'s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

"Islands in the Pacific contribute the least to global warming, but our neighbors are dealing with its harmful effects every day," the lieutenant governor stated in the press release. "Armed with this knowledge and information, and as leaders of our island, the governor and I are taking proactive steps to combat climate change and support sustainable development on a global scale. That includes promoting the UN's goals on sustainability."

August 22, 2019 (AP) – Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero on Wednesday night said she's "not happy" and "very worried" about senators' decision to suspend discussion about a war claims payment bill, despite assurances from her administration and Interior Assistance Secretary for Insular Affairs Doug Domenech that a local program is achievable.

The governor's office released to senators' copies of emails between Adelup, Interior and Treasury officials about the local war claims payment program. The emails show GovGuam, Treasury and Interior working together to establish the process for paying still living war survivors, and then get GovGuam reimbursed by Treasury.

But after hearing from Del. Mike San Nicolas via phone conference, senators decided to rise from the committee of the whole without a recommendation to send Bill 181 to the voting file ahead of fiscal 2020 budget discussions.

San Nicolas to senators: \$7.5M local war claims payment bill risks \$30M-plus payment for all San Nicolas told senators that Bill 181's goal of paying some 750 living war survivors using up to \$7.5 million in local funds poses significant risks for all 3,000-plus war claims, which could total up to \$40 million.

Autopsies Delays on Guam After Medical Examiner Retires April 4, 2019

HAGATNA, GUAM (AP) — Guam has experienced significant delays in autopsies since the retirement of the island's chief medical examiner. The Pacific Daily News reported Wednesday that the retirement at the end of January has caused delays of criminal cases and examinations of people who died of natural causes.

Funeral officials say grieving families have waited for days for postmortem examinations to be conducted by a Saipan-based pathologist who travels 136 miles (219 kilometers) to Guam and stays a few days during each visit. Officials say autopsies must be performed on those who die within 24 hours admission to hospitals and on bodies transported off the island or cremated.

1. Guam Veteran Population:

- September 30, 2017 – **10,026**
- Veteran Pop. Estimate 2045 – **11,000**
- Disability Comp. Benefits – **2,900**

2. Guam Homelessness Statistics:

- Guam Veteran Homelessness: **14**
- Guam Total Homelessness: **854**

3. (VHA) Expand Access to Care:

Governor's Chief of Staff Comments – 7 January

- "DOD-VA Partnership

- *Both the Secretary and Deputy Secretary believed that Guam Naval Hospital was an underutilized facility and that veterans on Guam could benefit from the hospital being designated so that veterans could access care at the facility.*
- *This designation seemed very promising from when the Secretary visited and when the Lt. Governor sat down with the Deputy Secretary 30 September 2019.*
- *Lieutenant Governor Tenorio asked if the VA could review the number of veterans in the Asia Pacific region.*
- *We believe that the total population could justify establishing a processing center on Guam.*

Expanded Access to Care Option –

- For clinical services that are not available at the Guam VA Clinic, the primary medical provider on-island is US Naval Hospital (USNH), Guam.
- VAPIHCS has a sharing agreement with USNH Guam through which they provide inpatient medicine and specialty care services to Veteran patients on a space available basis.
- Because of this longstanding agreement, USNH Guam is the first referral source for most inpatient and outpatient services that cannot be provided at the VA clinic, including emergency services.
- If, for whatever reason, the service cannot be provided at USNH Guam, Veterans may obtain care on-island from several community providers through direct VA referral or through care in the community. Under the Veterans Choice Program, TriWest has agreements with Guam Memorial Hospital and Guam Regional Medical City on Guam, and the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan, CNMI.
- All three hospitals are Medicare certified, but only Guam Regional Medical City is accredited by The Joint Commission.
- When needed clinical services cannot be provided on-island, Guam VA Clinic staff will refer patients for care off-island. For Guam Veterans, the most frequent destination for care is VAPIHCS or their Joint Venture partner, Tripler Army Medical Center, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

4. (VBA) Executive Order – Discharging the Federal Student Loan Debt of Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans:

Presidential Memorandum on Discharging the Federal Student Loan Debt of Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans

Issued on: August 21, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION & THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: *Discharging the Federal Student Loan Debt of Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans*

Since our Founding, the United States has been blessed with men and women willing to serve in defense of our Nation and our ideals. Many of those answering the call to serve make the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and many others carry physical and emotional scars for the rest of their lives.

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act in 2008 and other acts (Higher Education Act), honors veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of their service to the Nation by providing for the discharge of their Federal student loan debt. Borrowers who have been determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be unemployable due to a service-connected condition and who provide documentation of that determination to the Secretary of Education are entitled to the discharge of such debt.

For the last decade, veterans seeking loan discharges have been required to submit an application to the Secretary of Education with proof of their disabilities obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The process has been overly complicated and difficult, and prevented too many of our veterans from receiving the relief for which they are eligible. This has inflicted significant hardship and serious harm on these veterans and has frustrated the intent of the Congress that their Federal student loan debt be discharged.

Only half of the approximately 50,000 totally and permanently disabled veterans who currently qualify for the discharge of their Federal student loan debt have availed themselves of the benefits provided to them by the Higher Education Act. This has created a serious and critical problem for disabled veterans, who must deal with the day-to-day consequences of their service-connected injuries, and for our military, as readiness and recruitment suffer when we do not take care of our veterans. There is a pressing need to quickly and effectively resolve this problem. Therefore, my Administration will take prompt action to ensure that all totally and permanently disabled veterans are able to obtain, with minimal burden, the Federal student loan debt discharges to which they are legally entitled.

Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to express the gratitude of our Nation for the service of our totally and permanently disabled veterans, I hereby direct the following:

Section 1. Policy. It shall be the policy of the Federal Government to facilitate — in a manner that is quick, efficient, and minimally burdensome — the discharge of Federal student loan debt for totally and permanently disabled veterans.

Sec. 2. Directive to the Secretaries of Education and Veterans Affairs. (a) The Secretary of Education is hereby directed to develop as soon as practicable a process, consistent with applicable law, to facilitate the swift and effective discharge of the Federal student loan debt of totally and permanently disabled veterans pursuant to section 437 of the Higher Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1087; section 455 of the Higher Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1087e; and section 464 of the Higher Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1087dd. To the maximum extent feasible and consistent with applicable law, the process developed by the Secretary of Education should account for and make use of disability determinations made available to the Secretary of Education by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) The Secretaries of Education and Veterans Affairs (Secretaries) shall take appropriate action to implement the policy set forth in section 1 of this memorandum as expeditiously as possible. To that end, the Secretaries shall consider all pathways for the Department of

Veterans Affairs to share disability determinations with the Department of Education, so that veterans may be relieved of the burdensome administrative impediments to Federal student loan debt discharge.

Sec. 3. Definitions. As used in this memorandum:

(a) the term “Federal student loan debt” means liability to repay Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program loans, and Federal Perkins Loans.

(b) the term “discharge” means discharge of FFEL Program loans and Direct Loan Program loans and cancellation of Federal Perkins Loans.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(d) The Secretary of Education is hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

VBA Status –

- Under the new Presidential Memorandum, the Department of Education (ED) partnered with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically discharge federal student loans of Veterans who are totally and permanently disabled.
- VA exchanges data with ED on Veterans who have a permanent service-connected evaluation at 100%, and those Veterans in receipt of Total Disability Individual Unemployability (TDIU).
- Veterans meeting the listed category are entitled to have their federal student loans discharged. Previously, ED would notify the Veteran and solicit an application from the Veteran for loan discharge. Under this revised process, the burden is no longer on the Veteran to apply for discharge.
- Applicable Veterans with student loans are sent notice from ED advising them of the program and the intent to automatically discharge the student loan within 60-days, unless the Veteran opts-out. This new process frees up these heroes, so they can focus on their lives, not paperwork or loan payments.

5. (VBA) Regional Processing Center Designation:

Governor’s chief of staff comments – 7 January

- *“The Deputy Secretary and Lt. Governor discussed that there is enough of a veteran population in the region that would likely warrant the regional processing center.*

- *It makes sense given Guam's location because Hawaii's operating hours don't fit well with our region."*

6. (VHA) WH Executive Order – PREVENTS:

Governor's chief of staff comments – 7 January

- *"Expand medical and addiction treatment care/suicide prevention? Suicide Prevention – Guam 2x national average."*
- *"Guam could contribute and participate in any national effort to address the incidences of suicide amongst the veteran community."*

7. (VHA) SVH Grants/Per Diem:

- *"Information on State Home per/diem - this seemed like a program already being implemented and we would need information on how we apply or access the funding and what our agencies need to do to provide homes for veterans."*

NOTE: IGA advised the cos that the Guam VA State Director has these contacts and protocols to move forward on grant proposals.

8. (VHA) Community Care Expansion:

Governor's chief of staff comments – 7 January

- *"Please let us know potential partnership opportunities."*

General Information –

- Guam VA Clinic is the only VA facility in the Pacific territories with an HBPC Program, which provides multi-disciplinary, longitudinal care for those Veterans with complex co-morbidities which make accessing health care services very difficult, even if those services are located close by.
- Members of the team travel to the patient's home to provide health care services according to the needs of the patient. In addition to mental health programs administered by VAPIHCS, there is a Vet Center located on Guam, in Maite.
- Vet Centers provide a wide range of social and psychological services including readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families to support a successful transition from military to civilian life.

NOTE: VHA is exploring the most appropriate structure to purchase care on the island and look forward to partnering with Guam providers to assure access to care with its Veterans.

9. (VHA) CBOC and Expansion:

Governor's chief of staff comments – 7 January

- *"Realizing that the size and capability of the CBOC has been an issue since they opened their doors, I believe that having Guam identified as a location where the VA-DOD partnership to fully utilize underutilized facilities for veteran's care will relieve the immediate pressure of expanding the CBOC."*
- *"We were very excited to learn of the VA-DOD partnership and want to stay close to this issue with the VA given that DEPSECA Byrne highlighted that Guam would be an ideal location."*

NOTE: VHA – pending determination.

- The Guam VA Clinic is a VA-staffed Primary Care CBOC which has been providing services to Guam Veterans since 1982. It is a full-time outpatient clinic, open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm for scheduled appointments.

- The Guam VA Clinic offers scheduled appointments for Primary Care, Psychiatry, and Psychology. The clinic can also accommodate same day appointments which are triaged for urgency as the clinic is not equipped to handle emergencies.
- VA does not directly provide any in-house emergency or acute inpatient services on Guam. Supplemental Primary Care and Mental Health services are also available to Guam Veterans through Telehealth encounters with providers at VA Pacific Islands Health Care System's (VAPIHCS) Honolulu campus.
- The clinic also offers Homeless Veteran programs and some specialty care services (Dermatology, Endocrinology, Podiatry, Gastroenterology) through providers that travel from Honolulu.

10. (VHA) Utilization of Philippine Facilities:

Governor's chief of staff comments – 7 January

- "Closer travel than Hawaii.
- *Does VA have an MOU with the Philippines?*

NOTE: VHA does not have an MOU with the Philippines. If a Veteran from Guam went to the Philippines and received service-connected care the Foreign Medical Program (FMP) would cover it. It is important to note the FMP cannot cover any travel expenses.

11. (NCA) Cemetery Expansion Grant:

Governor's chief of staff comments – 7 January

- "Grant applications currently pending NCA review."
- \$2.34M grant was awarded in FY 1986. The grant funded the establishment of this Veterans Cemetery.
- \$3.5M grant was awarded in FY 1991. The grant funded the expansion of this Veterans Cemetery.
- \$3.2M grant was awarded in FY13. The grant funded the expansion of this Veterans Cemetery, 949 Pre-placed Crypts, 1,120 Columbarium niches, Roadways, irrigation, landscaping and supporting infrastructure.
- \$160K grant was awarded in FY13 for Operation and Maintenance. This grant funded the Raising, Realigning and Cleaning of 3,000 headstones and 120,000 Square feet of turf.
- Total Grant Awards: \$9.20M

ATTACHMENTS:

1. The Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
See bio below
2. The Honorable Joshua Tenorio, Lt. Governor of Guam – *Informational Only*
See bio below
3. Mr. Tony Babauta, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
See bio below
4. Ms. Madeleine Bordallo, Guam Washington Rep
See bio below
5. Ms. Vera Topasna, Military Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office
See bio below
6. Mr. Lester Carlson, Bureau of Budget and Management Director
See bio below

7. Guam Top Concerns –
See above in overview section

Governor Lourdes Aflague Leon Guerrero
State of Guam
In attendance



The Honorable Lourdes "Lou" Aflague Leon Guerrero is one of three children born to the late Jesus S. Leon Guerrero and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero. Along with her brothers Tony and Jesse, she learned from her parents the importance of hard work, compassion, and the responsibility we all must give back to our community. Graduating from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Governor Leon Guerrero embarked on a career in nursing, securing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from California State University, and later a Master of Public Health from UCLA.

She has worked as a staff nurse in hospitals in both California and Guam. Governor Leon Guerrero also has held several management positions in health care at both Guam Memorial Hospital and FHP Inc., as well as serving on the GMH Board of Trustees. To this day, Governor Leon Guerrero continues to be passionate about health care and has maintained her licensure as a registered nurse. In 1994, Governor Leon Guerrero was elected to the first of five terms in the Guam Legislature. As a Senator, Governor Leon Guerrero held the posts of Majority Leader as well as Chair of the Rules and Health Committees. Among her achievements are laws creating the Healthy Futures Fund and banning smoking in restaurants and bars. With the passing of her brother Tony, Governor Leon Guerrero assumed the helm at the Bank of Guam as its new CEO and President. Under her leadership, the Bank of Guam doubled its assets to become a \$2 billion enterprise.

Governor Leon Guerrero has also served on the boards of many civic organizations. Governor Lou is a founding member, past board member and past President of the Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce. Her many awards and honors include FHB/Guam Business 2010 Executive of the Year, SBA -Women in Business Champion, AOLG Hall of Fame and American Nurses Association Excellence in Nursing award. Governor Leon Guerrero is married to First Gentleman of Guam, Attorney Jeff Cook and they have two children and six grandchildren.

Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio
State of Guam

Not in attendance – Informational Only



Joshua Franquez Tenorio is the 10th elected Lieutenant Governor of Guam. He lives in Talofofu and was raised in Sinajana by his parents, the late Jesus Atoigue Tenorio and Therese Taitano Franquez Tenorio. His late grandfather Jose Cruz Franquez is his role model. Lieutenant Governor Tenorio graduated from the Guam Community College Vocational High School.

He served as Speaker of the 17th Guam Youth Congress and earned a B.A. in Political Science and History from the University of Guam. He is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management at the National Center for State Courts and is a certified court manager and executive. Tenorio began his government service as a Caseworker and Legislative Assistant to Congressman Robert A. Underwood in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Upon returning to Guam, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, concurrently serving as Director of the Bureau of Planning and later as Deputy Director of the Bureau of Budget & Management Research. He led disaster response and recovery efforts as the Governor's Authorized Representative to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Typhoons *Paka*, *Chata 'an*, *Pongsona* and the 2001 earthquake.

In the Guam Legislature, Tenorio served as Chief of Staff to Senator Randy Cunliffe and Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz. As Administrator of the Courts, Tenorio led efforts to improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems, expand drug courts and language access programs, and upgrade law enforcement training standards for the marshals and probation services. He brings experience in Guam's construction, media, and automobile industries, having served most recently as Vice President of Guam Autospot.

He is a former member of the Guam Contractors Association. Lieutenant Governor Tenorio is the past Chairman of the Guam Preservation Trust, Guam Historic Preservation Review Board, Department of Chamorro Affairs Board of Trustees, *Pa'a Taotao Tana*, and Films by Youth Inside. He has also served on the Guam Election Commission and Sinajana Municipal Planning Council, and as Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Guam and 2008 Obama for America Guam Campaign Manager.

Lieutenant Governor Tenorio is an active volunteer on the Guam-CNMI Committee for Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve and is a charter member of the Talofofu Ranger Lions Club.

Tony Babauta
Chief of Staff
Guam Governor's Office

In attendance



Anthony Babauta currently serves as chief of staff to the Governor of Guam, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero. In this role, he is the principal member of her staff carrying out the Administration's agenda to make reforms and improve efficiencies in the government of Guam. Prior to accepting this position, he was the Principal of Babauta & Associates from 2013 through 2018, a boutique government and business consulting firm.

From 2009-2013, Mr. Babauta served as President Barack Obama's Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, U.S. Department of the Interior. In this position, he oversaw the federal administration of the United States territories of Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. His responsibilities also included the financial and political oversight of the Compacts of Free Association relationship between U.S. and the countries of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau (FAS).

While Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Babauta was also chosen to serve on the *President's White House Task Force on Puerto Rico*, the *White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders*, and the *President's Interagency Task Force and the Senior Policy Operating Group on Anti-trafficking in Persons*. In addition, Mr. Babauta was instrumental in the Presidential Executive Order (EO 13537) re-establishing and elevating the Interagency Group on Insular Areas, which he co-chaired, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, with the White House's Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

Initiative Highlights - During his tenure, former Assistant Secretary Babauta sought to implement an aggressive agenda to create new economic opportunities, foster transparency in local governments, improve island infrastructure, and support non-profit organizations.

Insular Plan for Alternative and Renewable Energy (IPARE) – Begun early in 2010, IPARE is a successful comprehensive effort, which has resulted in each U.S. Pacific territory adopting a plan to reduce fossil fuel consumption and increase efficiencies and the integration of renewable/indigenous and alternative fuel sources. Mr. Babauta further extended the IPARE program to the FAS in November 2012.

Insular Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms (Insular ABC's) – Initiated in 2010, Insular ABC's was created to conduct a baseline inventory and deferred maintenance assessment of 125 public elementary, middle and high schools comprising of approximately 1,600 buildings in all U.S. territories (except Puerto Rico).

Economic Data for Insular Areas – Mr. Babauta entered into an interagency agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to establish a program within the BEA, which would report on insular economic data. The collection

and reporting of the data, is analyzed using the same or similar metrics in comparison to a State and is the first reporting by the BEA on any U.S. territory in the history of the Nation.

As Assistant Secretary, Mr. Babauta also increased the focus of funding under his authority to improve water and waste systems, increase the delivery of public services by island governments, ensure availability of emergency vehicles and equipment to provide for safer communities, and preserve island cultures, languages, and arts. In addition, he worked to facilitate stakeholder interests to establish a US-Caribbean energy grid, played a principal role in U.S. renegotiations with the Republic of Palau on expiring financial provisions of its Compact of Free Association agreement, increased private sector employment in the CNMI, supported the establishment of the Salt River Bay marine Research and Education Center, funded the sole public *Fale* in American Samoa, led interagency efforts to address concerns raised by Guam as a principal locale for the realignment of U.S. forces in the Pacific theater and to implement the normalization of U.S. immigration law to the CNMI.

U.S. House of Representatives

Prior to being nominated by President Obama in 2009, Mr. Babauta had worked for twelve years as professional staff on the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee under Ranking Member George Miller (D-CA) and later Chairman Nick Rahall (D-WV). For two of his twelve years, he served as staff director for the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, and Wildlife. During his years on Capitol Hill, he earned a reputation as a policy expert on insular issues, a consensus builder, negotiator, and problem solver.

Some of his notable accomplishments include working towards the passage of legislation advancing a process to determine Puerto Rico's future political status, the creation of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, the establishment of a chief fiscal officer for the U.S. Virgin Islands, the addition of a non-voting representative to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Northern Mariana Islands, the approval of the renegotiated Compacts between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia with the U.S., the extension of U.S. immigration laws to the Northern Mariana Islands, and the expansion of the Guam Visa Waiver program to include the Northern Mariana Islands and the inclusion of Russia and China within the program. He also led several Congressional Staff Delegation trips to the Caribbean and the Asia-Pacific region.

Throughout Mr. Babauta's career in public service, he has developed strong and extensive relationships throughout the Asia-Pacific and Caribbean regions. In addition to interfacing with local government leaders, he established relationships with leading private sector businesses, community leaders, U.S. military leaders, US Embassy officials in the Pacific, and non-profit organization

Madeleine Bordallo
Washington Rep
Guam Governor's Office
In attendance



Madeleine Bordallo is a Guamanian politician, who served as the Delegate from the United States territory of Guam to the United States House of Representatives.

She is the first woman ever to serve as Guam's Delegate, the first female Lieutenant Governor of Guam (from 1995 to 2003), the first female candidate for Governor of Guam (in 1990), and the first female Democrat elected to the Legislature of Guam. Her 1990 campaign also made her the first non-Chamorro gubernatorial candidate in Guam. As the wife of Ricardo Bordallo, she was also the First Lady of Guam from 1975 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1987.

Madeleine Mary Zeien was born on May 31, 1933 in Graceville, Minnesota, to a family of educators who moved to Guam after her father took a job with the Guam Department of Education. She attended St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, and the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she studied music. In the 1950s and 1960s, Bordallo was a television presenter for KUAM-TV, the NBC affiliate that was the first television station on Guam.

Bordallo was married to Ricardo Bordallo, who served as Governor of Guam from 1975 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1987. While serving as first lady, she worked to emphasize the arts in the classroom and to increase awareness of the local Chamorro culture. Bordallo's husband, the former governor, committed suicide in 1990 when his appeals were unsuccessful and convictions of witness tampering and conspiracy to obstruct justice would require incarceration in federal prison. Bordallo was the first woman Democrat to be elected to the Guam Legislature, and served five terms as a senator from 1981 to 1982 and again from 1986 to 1994. During the 1988 U.S. presidential election, Bordallo was a member of Guam's uncommitted delegation to the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

Bordallo and Carl Gutierrez

Bordallo was an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Guam in 1990, following the death of her husband. Ping Duenas ran as Bordallo's running mate for lieutenant governor in the 1990 gubernatorial election.

Vera A. Topasna
Executive Director, Military Affairs
Guam Governor's Office

No photo

Vera Topasna was appointed to serve as the Executive Director for the Guam Military Buildup Office, Office of the Governor of Guam on January 7, 2019. Vera has combined federal/local and private sector experience spanning 25 years.

She has held positions with the US Navy Resident Officer In Charge of Construction (ROICC) Camp Pendleton, California, the US Navy Commander Fleet Activities Purchasing and Contracting Division, Okinawa Japan and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff Environmental Management Department Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Upon returning home, Vera started her Government of Guam career as a Field Supervisor for Census 2000. She served as Planner for Guam Dept of Labor assigned to the Civilian Military Task Force, providing grant writing/strategic planning in Workforce Development. With her federal government contracts background, she was selected to serve as Program Manager for the University of Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center to provide technical assistance to Guam small businesses.

Shortly thereafter, she served as Program Manager for U.S. GSA ServMarts at Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Base Guam overseeing the transition to the new Fourth Party Logistics (4PL) operation. Vera also worked in the private sector providing contract administration/labor compliance support for Defense contractors. She has held numerous management positions with experience in DoD regulatory compliance, contract compliance, labor compliance, grant writing/grants management and human resources. She received numerous outstanding performance awards from the Navy as well as Letter of Appreciation from the US Small Business Administration Office of Government Contracting and the University of Guam. She completed course work with the Defense Acquisition University and University of Maryland University College.

Lester L. Carlson, Jr.
Bureau of Budget and Management Director



Lester L. Carlson, Jr. brings 30 years of government service and nearly a decade of private sector experience to the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration. Mr. Carlson earned his BBA in Finance and Economics at the University of Guam and most recently has held the Deputy and Acting Director positions at the Bureau of Budget and Management Research since 2015. He and Amoretta P. Carlson have been married for 33 years and are the proud parents of three daughters, Krysten, Alyssa and Kelsey.

DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

8:00 – 9:00 am	Member Breakfast w/HVAC/SVAC Leaders	OBCR	Tab 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	SECVA Suite	

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Meet WVI'S President: Ginger Miller

Ginger Miller is a native New Yorker and former homeless service disabled veteran. After taking care of her husband, a disabled veteran who has suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for over a decade and experiencing homelessness with her family, Ginger decided to form John 14:2, Incorporated.

John 14:2, Inc is a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to assist military veterans and their families experiencing homelessness, substance abuse, and mental illness to reintegrate back into the community, retain permanent housing, maintain sobriety, and regain their pride, dignity, and most of all, hope. Since the inception of John 14:2, Inc in 2009, the organization has helped over 300 veterans. John 14:2 Inc was instrumental in hosting the first Prince George's County Homeless Veteran Stand Down.



Ginger's advocacy and outreach efforts have lead her to host veteran roundtable discussions in Annapolis, Maryland with state Veterans Agencies and elected representatives. She facilitates workshops for veteran caregivers and frequently receives invitations to speak at various government agencies including the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Veteran's Affairs, HUD, and the Secret Service. In March of 2010 Ginger was invited by Senator Patricia Murray of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs to advocate with U.S. senators at a press conference to save potential cuts to the HUD VASH Program.

In the summer of 2011, Ginger started Women Veterans Interactive, a division of John 14:2, Inc that is dedicated to serving and supporting women veterans while meeting them at their points of need. In March 2012, Women Veterans Interactive received a Governor's Citation from Governor O'Malley for the dedication and service to women veterans. Since the inception of Women

Veterans Interactive, the organization has supported over 500 women veterans through outreach and support services.

Keeping in the spirit of service, Ginger currently volunteers her time to serve our nation's veterans through several state and local appointments to include Chairwoman of the Prince George's County Veterans Commission, Commissioner of the Maryland Commission for Women, Member of the Maryland Veterans Resilience Advisor Council, Maryland Minority Business Economic Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council.

The White House Champion Of Change Award



Ginger was honored with the White House Champion of Change Award for Women Veterans in March of 2013 and Veterans Champion Award by the United Black Fund, Inc in July 2012. The DAV September-October 2011 issue highlight's Ginger as the President and CEO of John 12:2, Inc discussing issues as it relates to women veterans at the 2011 Women Veterans Summit. Ginger is featured as a "Woman of Valor" in the December 2011 issue of Essence Magazine. In February 2012 the Washington Wizards honored Ginger and John 14:2, Inc. Ms. Miller was featured in the Washington Post as she supported John 14:2, Inc's Women Veterans Lunch on December 27, 2011. The Prince George's County Gazette featured articles on Ginger advocating for homeless veterans on November 5, 2009 and December 10, 2009.

Ginger served in the U.S. Navy from 1989 to 1992, received a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, and is currently simultaneously pursuing a master's degree in nonprofit management and master's of business administration at the University of Maryland University College.

She enjoys spending quality time with her husband of 23 years, William Miller, and her two sons, William Jr. and Andre James. Ginger enjoys meeting people, traveling, watching movies, and attending church.

SECVA Talking Points: Congressional Breakfast – FY 2021 Budget

Thank you all for being here today.

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for enacting our 2020 appropriation in December and to have an opportunity to talk about the 2021 request that was submitted to Congress on Monday.

VA has had **many successes over the last year** –

- VA staff **completed 2.8 million more VHA, internally-provided visits** in 2019
- We oversaw **5.0 million more external visits** in the community
- More than **5,000 Veterans per week** are using the **new Urgent Care** benefit; 90 percent of eligible Veterans now covered by a network urgent care provider within 30 minutes of a site
- Expanding telehealth and **increased secure video sessions by 235%** in 2019
- **Overall trust** in VA is **72 percent**, up from 55 percent in 2016
- 88 percent of Veterans now trust the VA health care they receive

The President's budget will allow VA to sustain the progress we've made in our transformation.

- **Overall, a 10% increase** over FY 2020 enacted level
- Our total request is \$243.3B (including collections), compared to \$220.6B in 2020
- The **discretionary request** is a **14% increase** over FY 2020, at \$109.5B.

With the growing demand for VA services, hiring more staff is a one of our top priorities

- We **plan to hire an additional 14K employees; over 7K are clinical** (physicians, nurses, technicians) to support VA's internal health care system.
- Overall going from 390K budgeted FTEs in FY 2020 to 405K in FY 2021.

We're also making major investments in Mental Health (\$10.2B); Suicide Prevention (\$313M); Homelessness Programs (\$1.9B); Telehealth (\$1.3B); Women Veterans (\$626M for gender specific care); Opioid Treatment (\$504M); and Precision Oncology (\$75M).

We are continuing to process Blue Water Navy Claims – we **expect 70,000 claims** in 2021

We have **9 major construction** projects planned and will **open 4 new cemeteries** in 2021.

- By 2021, over 93 percent of Veterans will have access to a national, state, or tribal Veteran cemetery with 75 miles of their residence.

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From: Herb Rosenbleeth (b)(6)@jwv.org
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:12 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Cara Rinkoff; Norman Rosenshein-Civ; Norman Rosenshein-Comcast; Byrne, Greg; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: NEC Invitation Letter to Sec. Wilkie

Dear Jackie,

Yes, thank you! You have made my day! We would like the Secretary to speak at 1 pm on Friday, Feb 14, and to be the guest of our senior leadership for lunch at 11:30. We are meeting at the Crystal City Marriott.

Heather, thank you for your help on this!

Best regards and wishes,

Herb Rosenbleeth
Colonel, US Army(Ret)
National Executive Director
Jewish War Veterans of the USA
1811 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009



From: (b)(6)@va.gov
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: NEC Invitation Letter to Sec. Wilkie

Hello Mr. Rosenbleeth – I am writing from the office of VA Secretary Robert Wilkie regarding your invitation for him to address your group on February 13 or 14 at the Crystal City Marriott. The Secretary appreciates the invitation very much and gladly accepts. He looks forward to addressing the group. Is there a particular date/time that works best for the group? Please let me know.

Thank you.

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Executive Assistant to the Secretary

Department of Veterans Affairs

From: Herb Rosenbleeth (b)(6)@jwv.org>
Date: Monday, Dec 16, 2019, 11:16 AM
To: (b)(6)@va.gov>
Cc: Cara Rinkoff <CRinkoff@jwv.org>, Norman Rosenshein-Civ (b)(6)@mail.mil>, Norman Rosenshein-Comcast (b)(6)@comcast.net>, Byrne, Greg <gbyrne@jwv.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: NEC Invitation Letter to Sec. Wilkie

Dear (b)(6)

Would you please check on the status of this invitation letter to Secretary Wilkie? Thank you.

I wish you and your family a very, very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Heather, thank you again for the nice chat we had that day at the VA. I appreciate you!

My best,



Herb Rosenbleeth
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Subject: NEC Invitation Letter to Sec. Wilkie

Herb,
Here is the letter you asked me to send you.

Cara Rinkoff
Programs and Public Relations Coordinator
Jewish War Veterans of the USA
1811 R Street NW
Washington DC 20009
(202) 265-6280 ext. (b)(6)
crinkoff@jwv.org

DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Friday, February 14, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

7:45 – 8:15 am	Daily Sync Mtg	SECVA Suite	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	WH All Cabinet Call re: Coronavirus ** 202-395-6392 / code (b)(6)	SECVA Suite	
12:30 – 1:00 pm	ERT Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA		
1:00 – 1:30 pm	REMARKS: Jewish War Veterans Winter Conference		Speech Binder
1:30 – 2:00 pm	ERT VACO		
2:50 – 3:00 pm	Quick Prep for Dr. (b)(6) Mtg ** COS & Karen Brazell	SECVA Suite	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Dr. (b)(6) re: VA Procurement & Coronavirus Accompanying Dr. (b)(6): Brendan McCommas, Policy Advisor (b)(6) VA Attendees: COS Dr. Stone Mike Valentino Karen Brazell	SECVA Suite	Tab 1

4/1/2020 11:16 AM

November 18, 2019

Secretary Robert Wilkie
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Wilkie:

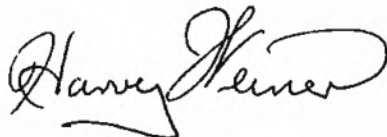
On behalf of the officers and membership of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), it gives me great pleasure to invite you to address our members at our annual National Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, February 13 or Friday, February 14 at the Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Virginia.

Since its inception in 1896, JWV has served a dual role in America. As a veterans' organization, JWV has a patriotic mission, promoting Americanism and the contributions of those who fought to preserve the freedoms of this country. As a Jewish organization, JWV is a voice for religious freedom throughout the world. We continue to be forceful advocates on behalf of our veteran population and for the benefits promised and earned by our fighting men and women.

As National Commander of JWV, I would be honored to have you address the members who will be attending our event this coming February.

Please have your staff contact JWV Programs and Public Relations Coordinator Cara Rinkoff at 202-265-6280 ext. (b)(6) with any questions.

Sincerely,



Harvey Weiner
National Commander



Common Spend

FY 19 – 1st Qtr FY 20

Presented By: Ms. Karen Brazell

Date: February 12, 2020



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FY19 Spend by Category

Total FY19 Common spend \$27.4B / Common Spend Under Management \$19B / Not Managed Under Spend \$8.4B

Total: \$3.6B (\$2.3B)

Facilities & Construction

- Construction Related Materials
- Construction Related Services
- Facilities Purchase & Lease
- Facility Related Materials
- Facility Related Services

Total: \$1.8B (\$308M)

Professional Services

- Business Admin Services
- Financial Services
- Legal Services
- Management & Advisory Services
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Research & Development
- Social Services
- Technical & Engineering Services

Total: \$4.6B (\$1.12B)

IT

- IT Software
- IT Hardware
- IT Consulting
- IT Security
- IT Outsourcing
- Telecomms

Total: \$14.4B (\$2.74B)

Medical

- Drugs & Pharmaceutical Products
- Healthcare Services
- Medical Equipment, Accessories, & Supplies

Total: \$461M (\$58M)

Transportation & Logistics

- Fuels
- Logistics Support Services
- Motor Vehicles (non-combat)
- Package Delivery & Packaging
- Transportation Equipment
- Transportation of Things

Total: \$501M (\$47.9M)

Industrial Products & Services

- Basic Materials
- Fire/Rescue/Safety/ Environmental Protection Equipment
- Hardware & Tools
- Industrial Products Install/Maintenance/Repair
- Machinery & Components
- Oils, Lubricants, & Waxes
- Test & Measurement Supplies

Total: \$78.4M (\$33.6M)

Security & Protection

- Ammunition
- Protective Apparel & Equipment
- Security Animals & Related Services
- Security Services
- Security Systems
- Weapons

Total: \$96.1M (\$53M)

Human Capital

- Compensation & Benefits
- Employee Relations
- Human Capital Evaluation
- Strategy, Policies, & Ops Planning
- Talent Acquisition
- Talent Development

Total: \$165M (\$35M)

Office Management

- Furniture
- Office Management Products
- Office Management Services

Total: \$289M (\$236M)

Travel

- Employee Relocation
- Lodging
- Passenger Travel
- Travel Agent & Misc. Services



FY20 1st QTR Spend by Category

Total FY20 Common spend \$5.9B / Common Spend Under Management \$3.5B / Not Managed Under Spend \$2.4B

Total: \$261M (\$656M)

Facilities & Construction

- Construction Related Materials
- Construction Related Services
- Facilities Purchase & Lease
- Facility Related Materials
- Facility Related Services

Total: \$244M (\$154.8M)

Professional Services

- Business Admin Services
- Financial Services
- Legal Services
- Management & Advisory Services
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Research & Development
- Social Services
- Technical & Engineering Services

Total: \$662M (\$300M)

IT

- IT Software
- IT Hardware
- IT Consulting
- IT Security
- IT Outsourcing
- Telecomms

Total: \$1.92B (\$1B)

Medical

- Drugs & Pharmaceutical Products
- Healthcare Services
- Medical Equipment, Accessories, & Supplies

Total: \$219.8M (\$22.8M)

Transportation & Logistics

- Fuels
- Logistics Support Services
- Motor Vehicles (non-combat)
- Package Delivery & Packaging
- Transportation Equipment
- Transportation of Things

Total: \$138.3M (\$48M)

Industrial Products & Services

- Basic Materials
- Fire/Rescue/Safety/ Environmental Protection Equipment
- Hardware & Tools
- Industrial Products Install/Maintenance/Repair
- Machinery & Components
- Oils, Lubricants, & Waxes
- Test & Measurement Supplies

Total: \$24.1M (\$14M)

Security & Protection

- Ammunition
- Protective Apparel & Equipment
- Security Animals & Related Services
- Security Services
- Security Systems
- Weapons

Total: \$18.3M (\$16.5M)

Human Capital

- Compensation & Benefits
- Employee Relations
- Human Capital Evaluation
- Strategy, Policies, & Ops Planning
- Talent Acquisition
- Talent Development

Total: \$20.5M (\$7.3M)

Office Management

- Furniture
- Office Management Products
- Office Management Services

Total: \$35.7M (\$152M)

Travel

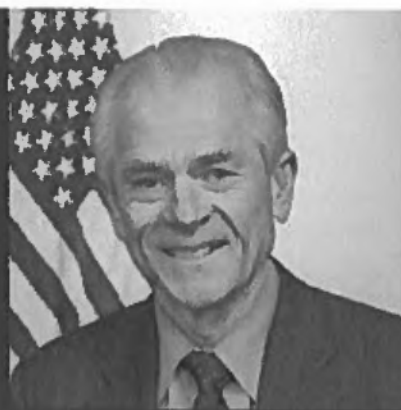
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- Lodging
- Passenger Travel
- Travel Agent & Misc. Services

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Peter Navarro

Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Trade
and Manufacturing Policy

Dr. Peter Navarro received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University and is a professor emeritus of economics and public policy at the University of California, Irvine. He was an economic and trade advisor for President Donald J. Trump during the 2016 Presidential campaign, and joined the White House staff on Inauguration Day.

At the White House, Dr. Navarro is the Director of the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy (OTMP), an office established by President Trump to defend and serve American workers and domestic manufacturers. In his role as Director of OTMP, Dr. Navarro advises the President on policies to increase economic growth, decrease the trade deficit, and strengthen America's manufacturing and defense industrial bases. Dr. Navarro has helped to reform the conventional arms transfer and unmanned aerial systems policies of the United States, and to expand foreign military sales to our Nation's partners and allies.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Navarro appeared regularly as a financial market analyst and China expert in such media outlets as CNBC, Fox Business, the BBC, CNN, MSNBC, and the CBS News, including *60 Minutes*. He is the author of numerous books on economics, financial market analysis, and macroeconomics, including *Death by China*, *Seeds of Destruction*, *Always a Winner*, *The Coming China Wars*, *If It's Raining in Brazil*, *Buy Starbucks*, and *The Well-Timed Strategy*.

DAILY BRIEFING BOOK

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE

7:45 – 8:15 am	Daily Sync Mtg	SECVA Suite	
9:00 – 9:30 am	Bi-Weekly w/Pete & Traci re: Upcoming Speeches	SECVA Suite	
10:00 – 10:30 am	Prep for PREVENTS Lunch w/Second Lady Pence	SECVA Suite	Tab 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	SECVA Suite	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Radio Interview w/Frankie DeLeon, KTEX 100.3 FM, Rio Grande Valley, TX	SECVA Suite	Tab 2

4/1/2020 11:16 AM

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) EOP/OVP <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@ovp.eop.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:07 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Van Dahlen, Barbara L.
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invitation from Second Lady Karen Pence

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon (b)(6) & (b)(6)

I am writing to see if Secretary Wilkie and Dr. VanDahlen would be available to meet with Second Lady Karen Pence on February 20 or February 26 for a 90 minute working lunch to take place at the Vice President's Residence around lunchtime. We are flexible on the exact start time of the meeting.

Mrs. Pence would like to invite them to participate in a working lunch to provide a high-level briefing and engage in a discussion regarding PREVENTS and ongoing suicide prevention efforts. We would also plan to extend the invitation to a few additional individuals working in this space (full list follows) so the working lunch could serve as time for a small group of experts from within and outside the VA and DoD to engage in a substantive conversation about the work taking place.

It is important to our office to include, if at all possible, both the Secretary and Dr. VanDahlen, and if we can work to find a date and time that works for both of their schedules, we would then move forward to extend invitations to other attendees and to work with your staff members to solidify the agenda and focus for the lunch meeting.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional information or answer any questions.

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Policy Director to the Second Lady
Office of the Vice President

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Invitees for Working Lunch with Second Lady Karen Pence Regarding PREVENTS & Suicide Prevention

VA

- 1) Secretary Robert Wilkie
- 2) Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen, Executive Director of the Task Force to create the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS)
- 3) Dr. Richard Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration
- 4) Dr. David Carroll, Executive Director, VA Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

DoD

- 5) Lt. Gen. Ronald Place, Director of the Defense Health Agency
- 6) Dr. Karin Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office
- 7) Dr. (b)(6) Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness
- 8) (b)(6) Director, Military Community Support Programs, DoD, Military Community and Family Policy

Outside VA/DoD

- 9) Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use (OAS), SAMHSA

- 10) Dr. Joshua Gordon, Director of the NIMH
- 11) Paula M. Stannard, Senior Advisor, Immediate Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- 12) Dr. Jerry Reed, Senior Vice President for Practice Leadership | Portfolio Lead, Suicide, Violence, and Injury Prevention, Education Development Center
- 13) Dr. Matthew Nock, Edgar Pierce Professor of Psychology, Harvard College Professor, Chair, Department of Psychology, Harvard University

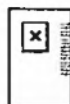
DAILY BRIEFING BOOK**Wednesday, February 19, 2020****SECRETARY ROBERT L. WILKIE**

7:45 – 8:15 am	Daily Sync Mtg	SECVA Suite	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Prep for Upcoming Budget Hearings	OBCR	Hearing Binder
10:30 – 11:00 am	Prep for PREVENTS Lunch w/Second Lady Karen Pence	SECVA Suite	Speech Book
11:30 am – Noon	ERT VP Residence		
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch Mtg w/ Second Lady Karen Pence re: PREVENTS & Suicide Prevention ** You're providing brief remarks ** COS will accompany ** Dr. Van Dahlen also attending		Speech Book
1:30 – 2:00 pm	ERT VACO		
2:00 – 3:00 pm	REMARKS: PPS Best Places to Work Recognition Event 2020	Rm 230	Speech Book
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Pete & Traci re: Upcoming Speeches	SECVA Suite	
4:00- 4:30 pm	Monthly w/ OIG Mike Missal	SECVA Suite	

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From: The White House <noreply@whitehouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 10:57 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RSVP Confirmation



Dear Robert,

Thank you for submitting your RSVP. We have received your information. Please reach out to your point of contact with any questions.

Sincerely,
The White House



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PREVENTS

**The President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans
and End a National Tragedy of Suicide**



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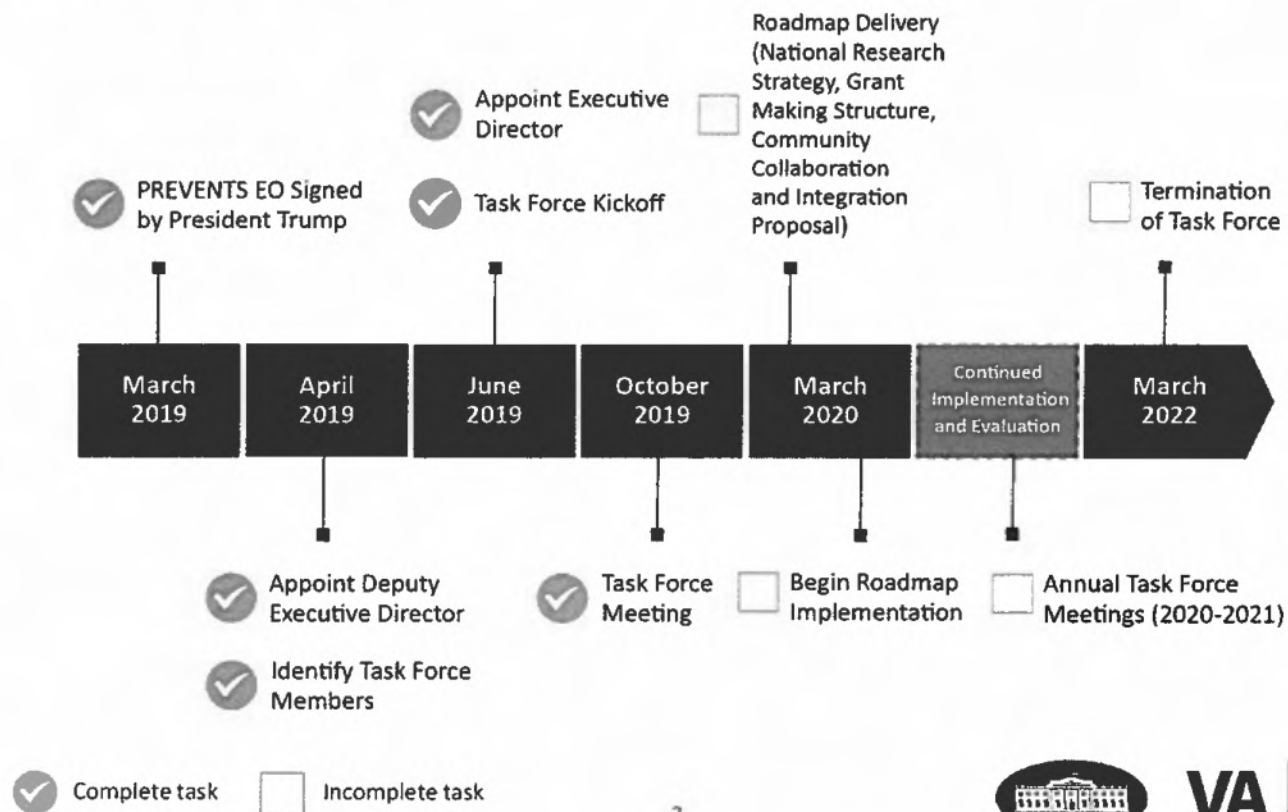
Executive Order 13861: PREVENTS

Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen

Executive Director, PREVENTS

February 2020

Task Force Timeline



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A PREVENTS is implementing the Roadmap across 4 core themes

Aspiration: PREVENTS will prevent suicide for VETERANS – leading the way for all Americans – by employing a public health approach to empower every individual through a nationally driven, community implemented 4-part integrated strategy



Focus areas:

Communications Campaign:

Develop and drive a national public health campaign

Research:

Prioritize precision medicine and an evolved research ecosystem

Programs:

Scale data-backed programs at the community, local, state levels

Policies:

Develop and support policies to improve prevention

What success looks like:

- Universal awareness of risk factors and protective factors that support help seeking across all communities and Veterans in particular
- Culture of openness, support, and belonging surrounding the topic of suicide and mental health more broadly

- Proliferation of prevention and intervention methods tailored to each Veteran's unique suicide risk profile
- Coordinated federal research ecosystem that engages non-federal research partners and accelerates scientific solutions while promoting reproducibility, shared datasets, and team science

- Streamlined access to comprehensive end-to-end mental health and suicide prevention care for all communities with a specific focus on Veterans
- Widespread adoption of suicide prevention initiatives and programs for employers, schools, faith-based communities, and other stakeholders

- Legislative proposal/grant structure that drives grant funding to communities, enabling them to increase collaboration & integration of services to Veterans
- Widely adopted policies that allow for more coordinated, action oriented research and the implementation of evidence-based suicide prevention programs



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Starting in 2020, PREVENTS will focus on implementing 9 priority initiatives

Area/theme	2020 initiatives
Communications Campaign	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National public health campaign: Partner with every agency in the Task Force, non-governmental organizations, and communities to provide targeted messaging through high visibility channels empowering the public to recognize risks and take action to prevent suicide 2. PREVENTS Ambassadors: High profile individuals engaged and active as PREVENTS champions
Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Research ecosystem: Accelerate scientific discovery through structural changes, policy, and incentives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accelerate release of critical data b. Develop, with OSTP, an interagency implementation plan for the PREVENTS national research strategy
Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. State, local and community empowerment: Begin implementation of highly feasible, low cost initiatives in advance of allocated funding 5. State Proclamations: PREVENTS State Proclamations in all 50 states + territories & tribal communities 6. Suicide PreventionX Challenge: Launch an interagency challenge to promote innovation to end Veteran Suicide 7. Employer Pledges: Employers representing >25% of the national workforce committed to prioritizing mental health and well-being in the workplace
Policies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Grant authority: Identify department and/or agency partner(s) to administer grants, ensuring alignment of priorities between identified partner(s) and PREVENTS. Prepare for implementation of grants to communities 9. Professional credentialing and certification: Increase number of frontline health care professionals and mental health clinicians trained in evidence-based suicide prevention assessment and intervention



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PREVENTS Office Accomplishments



- Engaged:
 - Faith-based leaders
 - Agency experts
 - Public and private sector thought leaders and subject matter experts
 - Universities and nonprofits
 - Veteran Service Organizations



- Hosted multiple events focused on:
 - Health care delivery
 - Research
 - Suicide prevention best practices
 - Interagency faith-based efforts



- Establishing multiple partnerships
 - Collaborating with 27 community and faith-based organizations
 - Chamber of Commerce/Hiring Our Heroes



PREVENTS Community Visits

- Texas, Arizona, Tennessee, Florida and California
- Activities:
 - Town Hall Meetings focused on Veteran suicide prevention
 - Site visits to VAMCs to discuss programs including:
 - Creative Forces, Tampa
 - Community Veterans Engagement Boards/Veterans Coalitions
 - Roundtables with local suicide prevention advocates, criminal justice, faith-based leaders, first responders, tribal Veterans and educators
 - Meetings with academic institutions focused on suicide prevention and improving mental health



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Barbara Van Dahlen, Ph.D.
Executive Director
PREVENTS Executive Order Task Force
Office of the Secretary
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of Veterans Affairs**

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From: VACO Special Announcement <vacospecann@va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:52 AM
To: VACO Special Announcement
Subject: SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 - Best Places to Work Ceremony



“Save the Date”

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs cordially invites you to the ceremony celebrating the VA achievement of being voted as one of the “Best Places to Work” in a national survey by federal employees on Wednesday, the nineteenth of February at two o’clock in the afternoon

*Business Attire
RSVP by February 14th
RSVPprotocol@va.gov
(202) 461-0054*

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