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Virginia Department of Veterans Services Briefing

for

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

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Overview

- The year ahead: Major 2023 Initiatives
- Introduced Budget

2023 Operating Initiatives

- Gold Standard Digital Hub pilot
- Data Initiatives and Outreach
- Workforce Initiatives: V3: more employers, more hires
- PACT Act
 - New state veterans offices (#35 and 36): "Ribbon Cutting" for Arlington in April and Fort Eustis mid-year.
- Suicide Prevention and Opioid Addiction Services Program
 - First round of community capacity-building and research grants will be awarded May 2023.



More V3 Companies

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Introduced Budget for FY24: \$900,000 (GF) to expand the V3 grant program to incentivize more small businesses to hire veterans.



More Veterans Hired

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Introduced Budget for FY24: \$96,250 (GF) and 1 FTE for HireVetsNow/ Skillbridge: internships, apprenticeships, and employment and job skill development programs for transitioning service members.



Direct Veteran Assistance

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Introduced Budget for FY24: \$416,667 (GF) and 5 FTEs to handle increased number of claims as a result of the federal PACT Act, which expands health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to certain substances during their service.



Honor Their Legacy

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Introduced Budget for FY24: \$400,000 (GF) to eliminate spouse and Guard/Reserve burial fees.



Open New Care Centers

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Introduced Budget for FY24: \$20,500,000 (NGF): working capital advance and NGF spending authority for Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center (Virginia Beach) and Puller Veterans Care Center (Fauquier County).

Introduced Budget

- Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center (Richmond)
 - Renovation: FY23 state matching fund commitment and spending authorization (federal grant) for fire alarm system project: \$244,519 (GF), \$454,106 (NGF)
 - Renovation: FY24 state matching fund commitment – necessary to apply for federal grant funding
- Virginia Veterans Care Center (Roanoke)
 - Replacement facility: FY24 state matching fund commitment – needed in order to apply for federal grant funding

State Veterans Offices

Benefits Services + Virginia Veteran and Family Support

- 1 Abingdon
- 2 Big Stone Gap
- 3 Charlottesville
- 4 Chesapeake
- 5 Danville
- 6 Fairfax
- 7 Fredericksburg
- 8 Hampton
- 9 Henrico
- 10 Loudoun
- 11 Lynchburg
- 12 Manassas
- 13 Norfolk
- 14 Petersburg

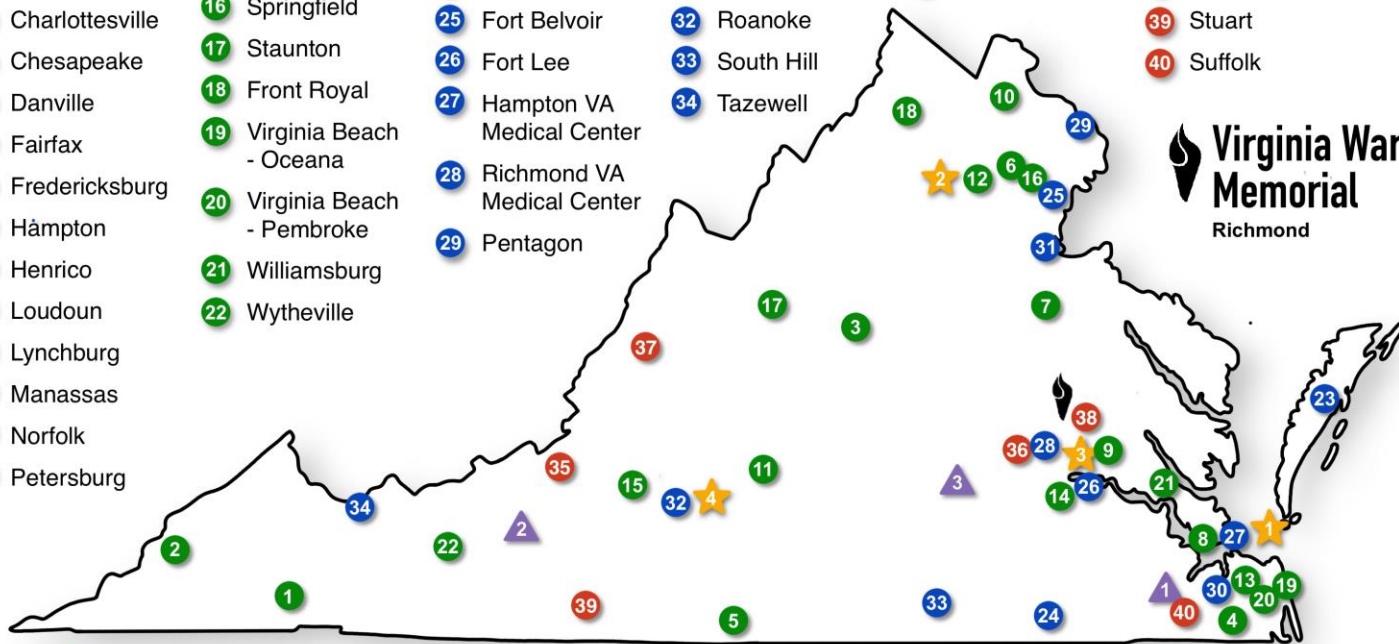
- 15 Salem VA Medical Center
- 16 Springfield
- 17 Staunton
- 18 Front Royal
- 19 Virginia Beach - Oceana
- 20 Virginia Beach - Pembroke
- 21 Williamsburg
- 22 Wytheville

Benefits Services Only

- 23 Accomac
- 24 Emporia
- 25 Fort Belvoir
- 26 Fort Lee
- 27 Hampton VA Medical Center
- 28 Richmond VA Medical Center
- 29 Pentagon
- 30 Portsmouth
- 31 Quantico
- 32 Roanoke
- 33 South Hill
- 34 Tazewell

Virginia Veteran and Family Support Only

- 35 Blacksburg
- 36 Chesterfield
- 37 Covington
- 38 Richmond
- 39 Stuart
- 40 Suffolk



Map current as of November 2022

Care Centers

- ★ Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center, Virginia Beach*
- ★ Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center, Richmond
- ★ Puller Veterans Care Center, Vint Hill*
- ★ Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke

*Location opening 2023

Visit dvs.virginia.gov for more information.

Cemeteries

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



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