



VA 2019 Budget Request: Fast Facts

2019 Budget Highlights

Overall: The Budget demonstrates VA's ongoing commitment to providing Veterans more efficient, timely, and quality services by requesting an increase of \$12.1 billion, more than six percent, above the FY 2018 Budget. The Budget makes every dollar count by using management efficiencies and savings, modernizing systems, and focusing resources on foundational services and key priorities.

Medical Care

The Budget expands access to health care and implements reforms to improve management of resources. In FY 2020, the Budget includes an increase of six percent for medical care.

- FY 2019 Medical Care: \$76.5 billion, +\$4.2 billion above 2018 (including \$3.4 billion in collections). Total program resources for Community Care are \$14.2 billion, and the Budget merges the Medical Community Care and Medical Services accounts to improve fiscal operations and management of resources.
 - Mental Health: \$8.6 billion to expand Veteran inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care.
 - Non-Recurring Maintenance: \$1.4 billion to address medical facilities' infrastructure deficiencies.
 - Homelessness: \$1.8 billion to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- FY 2020 Medical Care: \$79.1 billion in advance appropriations (including \$3.6 billion in collections), +\$2.6 billion above 2019. This level includes \$14.7 billion for Community Care in discretionary funds.

Benefits Claims Processing

Strengthens Veterans' benefits programs and reduces the claims backlog.

- Provides \$2.9 billion to VBA to process 1.5 million Veteran rating claims and 4.5 million education claims.
- Hires an additional 225 Fiduciary employees to protect VA's most vulnerable Veterans who are unable to manage their VA benefits.
- Implements the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, the "Forever GI Bill."

Appeals Reform

- Implements the new appeals process that is clear, understandable, and provides Veterans with choices that best meet their needs.
- Provides BVA with \$175 million, which supports 1,025 FTE to implement reform and address legacy appeals.
- Provides VBA with \$74 million to hire 605 appeals FTE to address appeals.

Information Technology

- Provides \$4.2 billion for OIT to enhance Veteran access and improve the Veteran experience, including nearly \$400 million for information security and \$381 million for development in support of top priorities.

Electronic Health Record Modernization

- Includes \$1.2 billion to continue implementation of a single, accurate, lifetime Electronic Health Record for the Veteran to improve care.

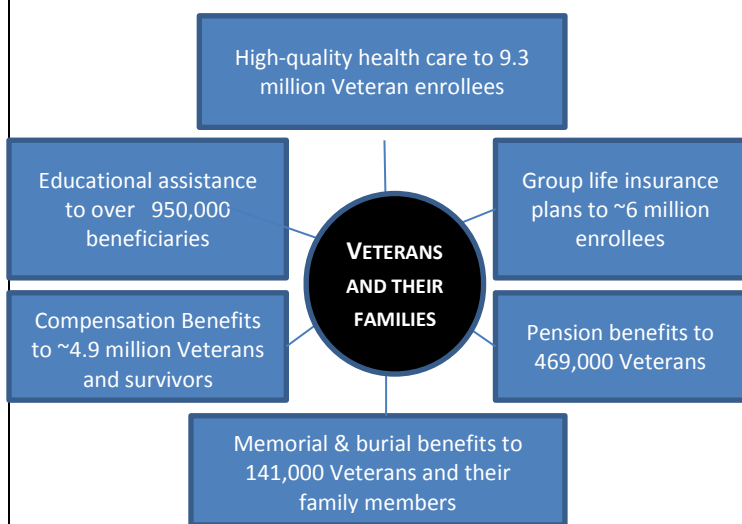
National Cemetery Administration

- Includes \$316 million to expand burial access and enhance NCA's National Shrine Program.

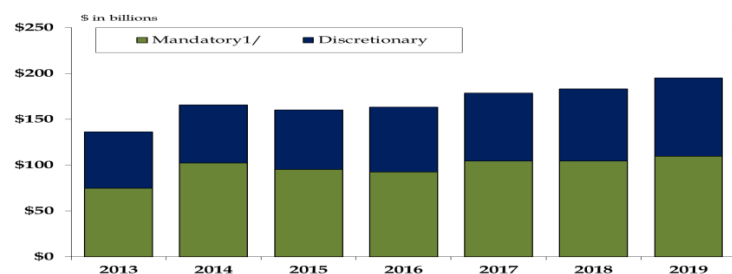
Construction

- Invests \$1.1 billion in Major Construction and \$707 million in Minor Construction for priority infrastructure projects and cemetery expansions.
- Supports a new spinal cord injury unit in Dallas, TX; construction of a community based outpatient clinic & domiciliary renovation in Canandaigua, NY; and four cemetery expansion projects.

Who Do We Serve



VA's Historical Perspective



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Mandatory ^{1/}	74.8	102.4	95.1	92.5	104.3	104.3	109.7
Discretionary	61.4	63.4	65.1	70.9	74.3	78.8	85.5
MCCF	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4
Total VA^{2/}	139.1	168.9	163.5	166.9	182.1	186.5	198.6

^{1/} 2014 Mandatory includes \$15 billion provided by the Veterans Choice Act, and an additional \$2.1 billion in 2017 & 2018

^{2/} Totals may not add due to rounding

VA Discretionary Funding by Appropriation

(\$ in millions)

Medical Care ^{1/}	\$76,542
Medical and Prosthetic Research	727
Electronic Health Record	1,207
Veterans Benefits Administration	2,869
National Cemetery Administration	316
General Administration	368
Board of Veterans' Appeals	175
Information Technology	4,185
Construction/Grants	2,029
Office of Inspector General	172
Credit Reform Administration	202
DoD Transfer for Joint Accounts	128
Total Discretionary	88,920

^{1/} Includes Collections and Veterans Choice Program