2020 Budget Highlights

**Overall:** The Budget demonstrates VA’s ongoing commitment to providing Veterans more quality, timely, and efficient services by requesting a total increase of $19.3 billion, 9.6 percent above the FY 2019 Budget. This includes $97 billion for discretionary funding (+7.5 percent) and $123.2 billion for mandatory funding (+11.1 percent).

**Medical Care**
The Budget expands access to health care and fully supports implementation of the VA MISSION Act. In FY 2020, the Budget includes an increase of 9.5 percent for medical care.
- FY 2020 Medical Care: $84.1 billion (including $3.9 billion in collections), +$7.3 billion above 2019. This level includes $15.3 billion for Community Care.
  - Mental Health: $9.4 billion to expand Veteran inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care.
  - Women’s Health: $547 million (+$42 million) to meet the health care needs of women.
  - Homelessness: $1.8 billion to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- FY 2021 Medical Care: $91.8 billion in advance appropriations (including $4.1 billion in collections), +$7.7 billion (+9.1%) above 2020.

**Benefits Claims Processing**
Strengthens Veterans’ benefits programs
- Provides $3.0 billion to VBA to process 1.5 million disability compensation claims and 4.2 million education claims.
- Supports the continued implementation of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, the “Forever GI Bill.”

**Appeals Reform**
- Provides BVA with $182 million and 1,125 FTE to address legacy appeals and implement reform. The Board adjudicated over 85,000 appeals in 2018, a historic record for any one year.
- Supports the implementation of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, effective February 2019.
- Delivers a new, simpler, and more timely appeals process that gives Veterans choices and control.

**Information Technology**
- Provides $4.3 billion for the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to enhance Veteran access and improve the Veteran experience, including a total of $327.2 million for Infrastructure Readiness and $401 million for development in support of VA’s top priorities. The request includes $36 million for the FY 2020 MISSION Act implementation initiatives.

**Electronic Health Record Modernization**
- Includes $1.6 billion to create and implement a single longitudinal electronic health record from active duty to veteran status.

**National Cemetery Administration**
- Includes $329 million to fund the operation of 144 national cemeteries and enhance NCA’s National Shrine and Veterans Legacy programs.

**Construction**
- Invests $1.8 billion in VA’s Construction programs for priority infrastructure projects, seismic corrections, cemetery expansions, and grants for state cemeteries and long-term care facilities.
- Fully funds the construction of a new hospital in Louisville, KY and renovation and restoration of the Manhattan, NY Medical Center.

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- **Life insurance for nearly 5.9 million Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families**
- **Educational assistance for nearly 877,000 trainees**
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### VA’s Historical Perspective
![Chart showing VA’s Historical Perspective](chart.png)

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