Overall: The budget demonstrates VA’s commitment to providing Veterans more quality, timely, and efficient benefits and services with a total increase of $22.6 billion, 10.2 percent above the 2020 Enacted level. This includes $109.5 billion for discretionary funding (+14.1 percent) and $133.8 billion for mandatory funding (+7.2 percent).

Medical Care
The budget expands access to health care and fully supports implementation of the VA MISSION Act. It includes an increase of 12.9 percent for medical care (with collections).
- 2021 Medical Care: $94.5 billion (including $4.5 billion in collections), +$10.8 billion (+12.9 percent) above 2020.
- Mental Health: $10.3 billion (+$683 million) to expand Veteran inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care.
- Telehealth: $1.3 billion (+$271 million), to increase access to care.
- Women’s Health: $626 million (+$53 million) to meet the health care needs of women.
- Homelessness: $1.9 billion (+$82 million) to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- 2022 Medical Care: $98.9 billion in advance appropriations (including $4.7 billion in collections), +$4.4 billion (+4.6 percent) above 2021.

Benefits Claims Processing
Strengthens Veterans’ benefits programs
- Provides Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) $3.2 billion to process 1.4 million disability compensation claims and 3.8 million education claims.
- $137 million for Blue Water Navy (BWN) implementation will support 691 FTE including a dedicated team to prepare and process BWN claims.

Appeals Reform
- Provides Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) $198 million to address legacy appeals while simultaneously adjudicating appeals under Modernization.
- BVA adjudicated over 95,000 appeals in 2019, a historic record for the second year in a row.

Information Technology
- Provides $4.9 billion for Office of Information and Technology (OIT) to support critical Veteran-focused investments, IT modernization and transformational efforts, including a total of $309.4 million for MISSION Act implementation initiatives, $250.6 million for Infrastructure Readiness and $495.5 million for development in support of VA’s top priorities.

Electronic Health Record Modernization
- Provides $2.6 billion to continue implementation of a single longitudinal electronic health record from active duty to Veteran status, including accelerated nationwide deployment of the Centralized Scheduling Solution.

National Cemetery Administration
- Includes $360 million to fund the operation of 156 national cemeteries and enhance NCA’s National Shrine and Veterans Legacy programs.

Construction
- Invests $1.8 billion in Major and Minor Construction for priority infrastructure projects, seismic corrections, and cemetery expansions.
- Includes $135 million in grants for state cemeteries and long-term care facilities.
- Requests historic funding levels for construction after significant Congressional plus-ups in 2018 and 2019.