



VA 2021 Budget Request: Fast Facts

2021 Budget Highlights

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.

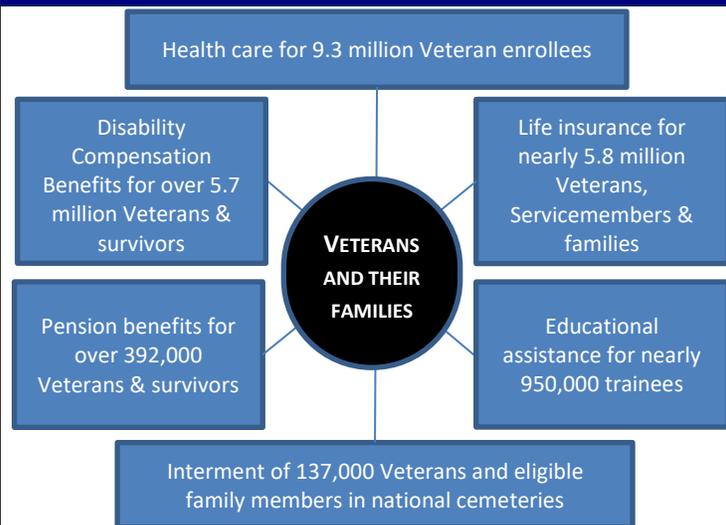
National Cemetery Administration

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

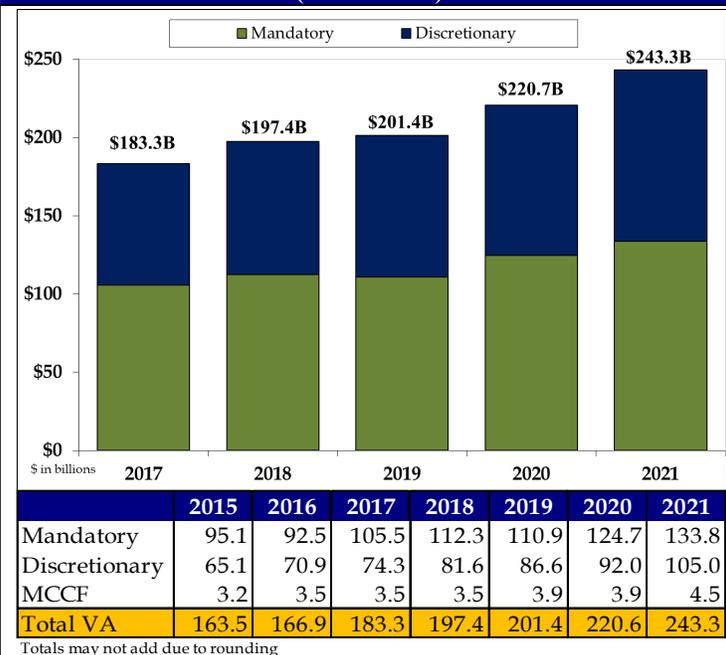
Construction

- 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.

Who Do We Serve



Historical Perspective (\$ in billions)



2021 Discretionary Funding (\$ in millions)

Medical Care with Collections	94,493
Medical Research	787
Electronic Health Record Modernization	2,627
Information Technology	4,912
Veterans Benefits Administration	3,207
Board of Veterans Appeals	198
National Cemetery Administration	360
General Administration	413
Construction (Major and Minor)	1,773
Grants (Extended Care Facilities and Cemeteries)	135
Inspector General	228
Loan Administration & DoD Transfers for Joint Accounts	358
Total Discretionary Funding	109,491