



OREGON DEPARTMENT
of VETERANS' AFFAIRS

AGENCY OVERVIEW

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PRESENTED BY

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80 YEARS OF SERVICE

TO OREGON VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



MISSION

To honor and serve all Oregon veterans and their families by aligning and delivering earned benefits and services that enhance and improve their lives in recognition of their service to our nation.



VISION

All veterans and their families thrive in Oregon.



VALUES

Stewardship
Excellence
Respect
Vision
Inclusivity
Commitment
Equity



Estimated **259,911 veterans in Oregon** having served across 5 major war eras

77% served during a wartime era

More than **51% of veterans** are age 65 and older

15.4% are veterans of color

10.1% of veterans are women

2.8% of veterans identify as LGBTQ+

0.5% of veterans are houseless

\$4.2 BILLION

TOTAL FY 24 FEDERAL VA EXPENDITURES IN OREGON



\$2 Billion
Health Care
Expenditures

More than **37%** of veterans in Oregon are enrolled in health care from the federal VA.



\$1.9 Billion
Disability Compensation
and Pension Payments

33% of Oregon veterans are service-connected for injuries incurred in service or receiving a pension.



\$125 Million
Education
Payments

In 2024, the average tuition and housing payments made to more than **7,300 veterans** in Oregon was **\$17,033**.



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QUESTIONS?