

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs / January 21, 2025



PRESENTED BY

Dr. Nakeia Council Daniels, Director

8@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



Veterans' Bill Becomes Law

Snell Puts Okeh On G. I. Program

STATEHOUSE, Salem, March 12 (Special)—Governor Earl Snell Monday signed a house bill, by Representative Harvey Wells and others, creating a department of veterans' affairs and the office of director, Creation of this department was requested by the governor in his message to the legislature.

Oregon Veteran Home Loan Established & Agency Founding

eteran Conservatorship in Program Begins ed & Serving Veterans



State Pass-through Funding to Counties for Veteran Service Officers



First Oregon Veterans' Homes Opens in The Dalles



Veteran Service Officer Certification Program



Special Advocacy and Outreach Established by Legislature



Lottery Funding Creates New & Expanded Veteran Services



Veteran Education Program Established

1945 1964 1995 1997 2005 2015 2017 2019



Estimated **266,690 veterans in Oregon** having served across 5 major war eras

75% served during a wartime era

More than 50% of veterans are age 65 and older

13.8% are **veterans of color**

9.8% of **veterans are women**

2.5% of veterans identify as LGBTQ+

0.5% of veterans are houseless

\$4.0 BILLION

TOTAL FY 23 FEDERAL VA EXPENDITURES IN OREGON



\$1.83 Billion

Health Care Expenditures

More than 36% of veterans in Oregon are enrolled in health care from the federal VA.



\$1.9 Billion

Disability Compensation and Pension Payments

Nearly 31% of Oregon veterans are service—connected for injuries incurred in service.

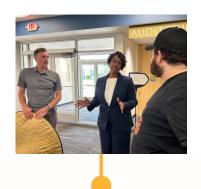


\$128 Million

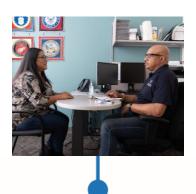
Education Payments

In 2023, the average tuition and housing payments made to nearly 7,000 veterans in Oregon was \$18,486.















Operations

- Director's Office
- Veteran Advisory Committee
- Financial Services
- Information Services
- Facility Services
- Human Resources
- Public Information
- Administration of Home Loan Program

Home Loan Program

 Constitutional program to provide home loans to eligible veterans

Appeals & Special Advocacy

- Training and Certification
- Appeals Office
- Houseless Veterans
- Women Veterans
- LGBTQ+ Veterans

Strategic Partnerships

- Pass-through to Partners
- Grants To Partners
- Grants to Veterans
- Tribal Veterans
- Incarcerated Veterans
- Education

Oregon Veterans' Homes

 State veteran homes providing skillednursing and memory care (The Dalles and Lebanon)

Aging Veteran Services

- Conservatorship
- Representative Payee
- Aging Veterans
- Veteran Volunteers
- Administrative oversight of Oregon Veterans' Homes



2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget

- Supporting Veteran Housing Stability
- Investing in Veteran Behavioral Health
- Continuing Support for Veteran Education
- Reaching Underserved Veterans
- Honoring and Serving Veterans at Every Life Stage
- Strengthening ODVA's Operations

2017-19

- Veteran Services Grant
- Campus Veteran Resource Grant
- Tribal Veteran Services Pass-through
- Military Helpline Pass-through
- Aging Veteran Outreach
- Veteran Volunteer Program
- Expanded Pass-through Funding to Counties

2019-21

- Rural Veteran Healthcare Transportation Grant
- Veterans Educational Bridge Grant
- State Approving Agency
- Tribal Veteran Coordinator
- Houseless Veteran Coordinator

2021-25

- Establish new programs funded in prior biennia's
- COVID-19



HB 2341:

Adds a uniformed service member's or veteran's e-mail address to the information that the Director of Human Services, Early Learning System Director, Director of Transportation and Director of the Oregon Health Authority are required to provide to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2344:

Relating to the World War II Memorial located on the Capitol Mall to ensure ODVA has authority and funding to make needed structural and administrative changes to the memorial.

HB 2559:

Defines "honorable conditions" as related to the discharge or release of a veteran.

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