

Written Testimony for the Ohio Senate
General Government and Agency Review Committee

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H.B No. 166 – 2020/2021 Operating Budget – Oelslager

Chairman Schuring, Vice Chairman Rulli, Ranking Minority Member O'Brien and the members of the General Government and Agency Review Committee, I am Don McCauley, Executive Director for The AMVETS Department of Ohio. This testimony is on behalf of a Coalition of Veterans Organizations making up the majority of the 13 Veteran Service Organizations in the VTO budget including the American Legion Department of Ohio, American Veterans Department of Ohio (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans Department of Ohio (DAV), the Department of Ohio Marine Corp League (MCL), Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Ohio (MOPH), the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Ohio (VFW) and the Vietnam Veterans of America Buckeye State Council (VVA).

While individually and collectively we all appreciate that Governor DeWine, in his proposed 2020/2021 biennial Operating Budget, recognized and recommended the 13 congressionally chartered State Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) that currently receive State appropriations be increased by 1.85% or \$35,014.00 to be divided unequally by those thirteen (13) VSOs as identified in our House testimony (attached) Codicil B. We felt that the return we provide the State with our service claims work justified us asking for a larger increase since the last increase any of our organizations received was in 2011.

In as much, on April 10, 2019 our coalition members testified in writing and those that were available, in person before the Ohio House Sub-Committee on Transportation (copy of that testimony is included for this Committee's review). After our testimony, the Committee took our request under advisement and on Friday, April 12, 2019, Representative Skindell's office emailed me their proposed budget amendment pertaining to the veterans' organizations (addendum 1). While it is a larger increase out of the committee overall than we requested and

it is also unequally distributed, it appears to favor the six (6) VSOs that are currently doing veteran claims across our state and are a major factor in bringing the 2.4 billion dollars of expendable income to the state as identified in our House Testimony (attached) Codicil A. While some of the remaining seven (7) VSOs groups had their appropriation unknowingly reduced, we urge this Senate committee to concur with the House Sub-Committee on Transportation and push the VTO proposed budget amendment in its current format to the Senate Finance Committee and then the Senate floor to be ratified.

On behalf of our Coalition of Veterans Service Organizations, I would like to personally thank this committee for its time and consideration on this matter, and if necessary, any of our group would be available to answer questions if needed.

- Addendum 1 – House Sub-Committee Budget Amendment
- Addendum 2 – April 10, 2019 Coalition Testimony House Sub-Committee

_____ moved to amend as follows:

- 1 In line 53091, delete "\$31,000 \$31,000" and insert
- 2 "\$30,066 \$31,269"
- 3 In line 53093, delete "\$66,000 \$66,000" and insert
- 4 "\$66,081 \$68,724"
- 5 In line 53095, delete "\$60,000 \$60,000" and insert
- 6 "\$59,403 \$61,779"
- 7 In line 53097, delete "\$37,000 \$37,000" and insert
- 8 "\$35,694 \$37,122"
- 9 In line 53099, delete "\$70,000 \$70,000" and insert
- 10 "\$69,657 \$72,443"
- 11 In line 53101, delete "\$70,000 \$70,000" and insert
- 12 "\$67,721 \$70,429"
- 13 In line 53103, delete "\$217,000 \$217,000" and insert
- 14 "\$223,367 \$232,302"
- 15 In line 53105, delete "\$352,000 \$352,000" and insert
- 16 "\$363,157 \$377,683"
- 17 In line 53107, delete "\$335,000 \$335,000" and insert
- 18 "\$345,849 \$359,683"

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19 In line 53109, delete "\$252,000 \$252,000" and insert
20 "\$259,829 \$270,223"

21 In line 53111, delete "\$136,000 \$136,000" and insert
22 "\$139,305 \$144,877"

23 In line 53113, delete "\$10,000 \$10,000" and insert
24 "\$7,143 \$7,428"

25 In line 53115, delete "\$287,000 \$287,000" and insert
26 "\$296,235 \$308,084"

27 In line 53116, add \$40,507 to fiscal year 2020 and \$119,046
28 to fiscal year 2021

29 In line 53117, add \$40,507 to fiscal year 2020 and \$119,046
30 to fiscal year 2021

31 The motion was _____ agreed to.

32 SYNOPSIS

33 **Veterans' Organizations**

34 **Section 414.10**

35 Reduces GRF appropriation item 743501, American Ex-
36 Prisoners of War, by \$934 in fiscal year 2020 and increases it
37 by \$269 in fiscal year 2021.

38 Increases GRF appropriation item 746501, Army and Navy
39 Union, USA, Inc., by \$81 in fiscal year 2020 and by \$2,724 in
40 fiscal year 2021.

41 Reduces GRF appropriation item 747501, Korean War Veterans,
42 by \$597 in fiscal year 2020 and increases it by \$1,779 in fiscal
43 year 2021.

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44 Reduces GRF appropriation item 748501, Jewish War Veterans,
45 by \$1,306 in fiscal year 2020 and increases it by \$122 in fiscal
46 year 2021.

47 Reduces GRF appropriation item 749501, Catholic War
48 Veterans, by \$343 in fiscal year 2020 and increases it by \$2,443
49 in fiscal year 2021.

50 Reduces GRF appropriation item 750501, Military Order of
51 the Purple Heart, by \$2,279 in fiscal year 2020 and increases it
52 by \$429 in fiscal year 2021.

53 Increases GRF appropriation item 751501, Vietnam Veterans
54 of America, by \$6,367 in fiscal year 2020, and by \$15,302 in
55 fiscal year 2021.

56 Increases GRF appropriation item 752501, American Legion of
57 Ohio, by \$11,157 in fiscal year 2020 and by \$25,683 in fiscal
58 year 2021.

59 Increases GRF appropriation item 753501, AMVETS, by \$10,849
60 in fiscal year 2020 and by \$24,683 in fiscal year 2021.

61 Increases GRF appropriation item 754501, Disabled American
62 Veterans, by \$7,829 in fiscal year 2020 and by \$18,223 in fiscal
63 year 2021.

64 Increases GRF appropriation item 756501, Marine Corps
65 League, by \$3,305 in fiscal year 2020 and by \$8,877 in fiscal
66 year 2021.

67 Reduces GRF appropriation item 757501, 37th Division
68 Veterans' Association, by \$2,857 in fiscal year 2020 and by
69 \$2,572 in fiscal year 2021.

70 Increases GRF appropriation item 758501, Veterans of
71 Foreign Wars, by \$9,235 in fiscal year 2020 and by \$21,084 in
72 fiscal year 2021.

73 Net of the above increases and decreases in GRF
74 appropriations for 13 veterans' organization subsidies is a
75 total GRF increase of \$40,507 in FY 2020 and \$119,046 in FY
76 2021.

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H.B. No. 166 – 2020/2021 Operating Budget,
Section 414.10 VTO VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS page 1756, Line number 53088

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Each of our Department Veteran Service Officers (DSO), coupled with National Veteran Service Officers (NSO), those at the County Veterans Service Commissions (CVSO), and Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) personnel at the Cleveland VA Regional Office have helped Ohio's Veterans file claims and other documents that helped bring in 2.4 billion dollars in VA Compensation & Pension benefits for Veterans in Ohio in 2017. Total VA expenditures in Ohio for 2017 were 8.6 billion dollars (Codicil A); at the time, the State Appropriations for the VSOs was 1.8 million dollars. The VSOs are presumably the only entities receiving state funding that help bring in billions of dollars in disposable income to Ohio, while receiving less than 2

million dollars. The sales taxes on this disposable income alone would more than cover our State Appropriations. That is quite a Return on Investment for the State of Ohio. The VSOs last received an increase during the 2011 Operating Budget process when Speaker Bill Batchelder not only saved us from a 10% cut by the Kasich Administration, but procured a 5% increase for the VSOs. The increases in salaries and benefits for our Veteran Service Officers and the everyday operating costs have increased in the eight (8) years since we received that increase. Some of us would also like to increase the number of VSOs we currently have assisting Ohio's veterans. According to the Social Security Administration, the following is the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment since that increase.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| • January 2012 -- 3.6% | • January 2018 -- 2.0% |
| • January 2013 -- 1.7% | • January 2019 -- 2.8% |
| • January 2014 -- 1.5% | Sub Total: 13.6% |
| • January 2015 -- 1.7% | 2020* 2.0% |
| • January 2016 -- 0.0% | 2021* <u>2.0%</u> |
| • January 2017 -- 0.3% | Total: 17.6% |
| | *Projected COLA |

This Coalition of Veterans Service Organizations is not asking for an 18% increase, our testimony here today is merely a request that this committee support a 4% increase in 2020 (\$75,519.44) and a 4% increase in 2021 (\$78,540.20), totaling \$154,059.64 (Codicil C) or an actual increase of only \$119,045.64 above the Governor's already proposed increase of \$35,014.00. This seems like a meager amount for the massive return we provide this State.

Thank you for your time and consideration; I would like each of the organizations present to read their brief statements if that is permissible by this committee, and after that we are available to answer any questions you might have.

- **Addendum A** – American Legion Department of Ohio
60 Big Run Road
Delaware, OH 43015 **Individual Testimony**
- **Addendum B** – American Veterans (AMVETS) Department of Ohio
1395 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Suite 222
Columbus, Ohio 43229 **Individual Testimony**
- **Addendum C** – Disabled American Veterans Department of Ohio
35 Chestnut Street, Suite 503
Columbus, OH 43215 **Individual Testimony**
- **Addendum D** – Department of Ohio Marine Corp League
35 E. Chestnut Street, Suite 504
Columbus, OH 43215 **Individual Testimony**
- **Addendum E** – Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut Street, Suite 408
Columbus, OH 43215 **Individual Testimony**
- **Addendum F** – Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut Street, Suite 411
Columbus, OH 43215 **Individual Testimony**
- **Addendum G** – Vietnam Veterans of America Buckeye State Council
35 E. Chestnut Street, Suite 501
Columbus, OH 43215 **Individual Testimony**
- **Codicil A** – FY 17 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX)
- **Codicil B** – Governor’s proposed Biennial VTO budget
- **Codicil C** – VSO’s proposed change to the Biennial VTO budget

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Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation**

April 10, 2019

Chairman Greenspan, Ranking Member Skindell, and members of the Finance Subcommittee on Transportation:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony reference to H.B. 166 – 2020/2021 Operating Budget.

The American Legion Department of Ohio represents 95,000 veterans in Ohio. The American Legion mission is centered on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Every day, The American Legion engages our membership and our communities through various post activities, programs, and advocacy efforts.

The American Legion is extremely appreciative of Ohio's continued commitment of financial investment in its Veteran Service Organizations. The American Legion utilizes its' state appropriations to supplement the cost to train and employ Ohio veterans who become productive Department Service Officers. The American Legion currently staffs 8 full-time and 1 part-time Department Service officers who have effectively represented Ohio veterans to bring over \$6,354,113.32 within the appellate process during the last 3 years.

Overall, The American Legion is responsible for over \$320 million dollars each year in federal benefits paid to veterans that are spent throughout cities and small-town communities in Ohio. The American Legion remains dedicated to "selfless service for something greater" and we ask the Ohio General Assembly for their continued support and investment.

Respectfully,

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Department Adjutant
American Legion Department of Ohio



AMVETS

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Chairman Greenspan, Ranking Member Skindell and members of the Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, as I testified earlier, I am Don McCauley, Executive Director for AMVETS Department of Ohio. The American Veterans of World War II Organization now known as American Veterans (AMVETS) was born almost 75 years ago on December 10, 1944 to advocate for America's Veterans returning from WWII. Congress, under President Harry S. Truman, chartered our organization on July 23, 1947. Since our inception, AMVETS has become the nation's most inclusive Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization, representing the interests of 20 million veterans. The AMVETS Department of Ohio was created on June 14, 1946 to advocate for veterans in Ohio. The Department has grown over the years to accept and advocate for all Veterans who have honorably served our Nation; we currently represent in excess of 30,000 members with 112 posts boasting the largest AMVETS membership in the Nation. The State appropriation AMVETS Department of Ohio receives is the majority of our funding: we receive no funding from our National Headquarters. The bulk of our appropriation is used to fund our Department Service Officers (DSO) program and the administrative costs involved with that. AMVETS Department of Ohio has DSOs located in Columbus, Dayton, Cleveland (Wade Park), NSO's at Cleveland (VA Regional Office), with an additional DSO in Cincinnati pending office space availability and another in Chillicothe planned for 2020 expansion, pending budgetary restrictions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will field any questions you might have at this time.

Don McCauley

Executive Director



**The House Transportation Subcommittee under the Finance Committee
Proponent Testimony for State Standing Budget Appropriations
for the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Ohio
April 10, 2019**

[follows & supplements the testimony of AmVets Executive Director Don McCauley]

My name is Mike Stith. I serve as Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans, the “DAV,” Department of Ohio.

The DAV’s mission is to help build better lives for our nation’s disabled veterans, their widows and orphans. We have been assisting veterans for the last ninety-eight years.

The DAV Department of Ohio is essential to that mission. Through our State office, located on Chestnut Street here in Columbus, we coordinate various activities and services, and provide those services to all veterans, regardless of whether they are members of our organization. Many of you know us or know of us from seeing our vans on Ohio’s roads and highways. Those vans are transporting veterans to VA hospitals and clinics, at no cost to them, for health care services.

In addition to our hospital transportation program, we have other hospital & Ohio veterans home service programs. However, we are best known for our assistance to veterans with service-connected disability claims. In fiscal year 2018, the DAV Cleveland Regional Office served as representative in veterans’ claims that obtained or retained \$558,905,257 in retroactive and first year service-connected disability compensation. We also helped survivors of veterans obtain Dependent Indemnity Compensation amounting to \$6,212,543, as well as non-service-connected veterans’ Pension and Survivor Pension claims amounting to \$10,749,872 and \$700,911 respectively. Of possibly even greater significance to the veterans, our DAV Cleveland Regional Office assisted veterans in VA reviews of their existing service-connected disability claims and retained compensation for most of those veterans. These claims generate and retain federal government benefits that are provided to and spent by Ohio veterans, to the betterment of the State’s economy.

Please continue to support a DAV State appropriation, as we continue to support our State’s armed forces veterans, to their physical and mental betterment, and to their and the State’s financial betterment. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak on this matter. It has been an honor to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Marine Corps of Ohio Veterans Service Officer is totally funded with the funds we receive from the State of Ohio. No other funding is available to us, this keeps our program running to help all Veterans with claims against the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Last year we for the first time ran low on funds and had to cut hours and 1 position from our ranks. This hampered our availability to assist Veterans with their claims.



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Commander Jerry Ferris, Financial Officer John Agenbroad, Adjutant Terry Blair, Senior Vice Commander Tom Cunningham and Junior Vice Commander Daniel Hof and the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Ohio have requested that I, Carl Price represent the MOPH before the Transportation Committee to present this testimony on behalf of the organization.

MOPH is not as large as the other organizations having 20 Chapters in Ohio with 1,852 members. MOPH has a membership program that purchases life memberships for our members. Our recruitment efforts are, unfortunately offset by the passage of time and the inevitable sound of TAPS.

MOPH tries to ensure that our veterans receive the best of services that is available.

MOPH received \$65,116.00 from the State of Ohio for our Fiscal Year and are slated to receive the same amount this year.

MOPH has one employees working in the Cleveland VA Regional Office and has had to cease our service officer programs at the Cincinnati/Dayton VA Medical Centers. The funding for those positions was supplemented by the MOPH National VSO programs; but, the contingencies of today's economy the National MOPH could not afford to support employees at all 57 VA Regional Offices..

MOPH has a part-time office manager at the Columbus Ohio headquarters.

Our ability to provide service to our members has been greatly reduced for a number of reasons. We have been straight lined on the budget for years and to match the COLAs since the last funding increase the MOPH would be required to have an increase of 17.2%.

We are not a large membership organization; we are restricted in our membership so we cannot rely upon members fees to support all of the programs that are needed to service veterans.

We appreciate the efforts of the State in supporting our efforts; but, we need to remember that only 1% of today's United States Citizens are serving in the military and that less than 1% of those are eligible for membership to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

We look around and see many benefits that are being given to those who have not served, who have not sacrificed through their blood and as we have stated in the past we truly appreciate the funds that are allocated to the MOPH in support of their programs; but, as we get older the need to service and help our veteran's will mean an increase cost.

Thank you,

Carl K. Price, Legislative Chair
MOPH Department of Ohio



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is the oldest and largest combat veterans' organization in America. Committed to our motto "Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living" by advocating on behalf of Veterans and their dependents every day. Providing free of charge highly trained (80 hours or more of training yearly) Department Service Officers to assist Ohio's veterans in obtaining monetary benefits from the U S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These monetary benefits come in the form of monthly checks which veterans use to purchase goods and services in Ohio. Through the efforts and skill of the VFW Department Service Officers, those VA federal dollars exceed 30 million dollars annually flowing in to Ohio.



Addendum G

Vietnam Veterans of America
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March 18, 2019

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Vietnam Veterans of America
Buckeye State Council

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of my board of directors, members and all the Vietnam veterans our organization represents.

As you are aware, over 1/3 of Ohio's 800,000 veterans are from the Vietnam era. Vietnam Veterans of America is actually increasing our membership both in Ohio and nationally.

The funds we receive from Ohio Department of Veterans Services are what we use to run our entire operation. We do not receive any funding from our national office or our local chapters. This funding is vital to continue our service work in the Cleveland VARO and administration work in our Columbus office.

With the cost's of business and operations increasing yearly, we ask that you consider the increase percentage requested to continue to serve our Vietnam veterans with the benefits they've earned.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Riley
President

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FY17 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDx)

FY17 Summary of Expenditures by State										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
ADAMS	1,841	\$ 18,324	\$ 9,110	\$ -	\$ 384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81	\$ 8,749	722
ALLEN	7,038	\$ 40,216	\$ 22,990	\$ -	\$ 2,519	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 476	\$ 14,231	1,922
ASHLAND	3,931	\$ 25,772	\$ 12,302	\$ -	\$ 1,535	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187	\$ 11,748	1,364
ASHTABULA	8,180	\$ 62,047	\$ 28,012	\$ -	\$ 2,106	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371	\$ 31,557	3,017
ATHENS	3,297	\$ 35,048	\$ 18,118	\$ -	\$ 2,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 271	\$ 14,241	1,255
AUGLAIZE	3,168	\$ 14,772	\$ 8,241	\$ -	\$ 751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ 5,655	846
BELMONT	5,226	\$ 31,699	\$ 16,139	\$ -	\$ 920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 336	\$ 14,303	1,777
BROWN	3,437	\$ 26,413	\$ 11,226	\$ -	\$ 905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ 14,184	1,341
BUTLER	23,449	\$ 148,562	\$ 66,923	\$ -	\$ 8,869	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,351	\$ 71,420	6,179
CARROLL	2,356	\$ 12,930	\$ 5,050	\$ -	\$ 376	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 7,456	746
CHAMPAIGN	3,079	\$ 15,814	\$ 8,130	\$ -	\$ 704	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344	\$ 6,636	702
CLARK	13,185	\$ 80,116	\$ 39,334	\$ -	\$ 3,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530	\$ 36,402	3,186
CLERMONT	14,574	\$ 94,914	\$ 41,621	\$ -	\$ 4,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960	\$ 47,406	4,344
CLINTON	3,203	\$ 26,710	\$ 13,279	\$ -	\$ 1,093	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127	\$ 12,211	963
COLUMBIANA	8,733	\$ 53,684	\$ 27,433	\$ -	\$ 2,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 465	\$ 23,661	3,051
COSHOCTON	2,680	\$ 15,311	\$ 8,114	\$ -	\$ 577	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115	\$ 6,505	979
CRAWFORD	3,523	\$ 20,886	\$ 10,215	\$ -	\$ 751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ 9,687	1,142
CUYAHOGA	69,969	\$ 3,854,631	\$ 236,252	\$ 1,155	\$ 27,778	\$ -	\$ 3,155,928	\$ 7,749	\$ 425,770	24,385
DARKE	3,651	\$ 21,578	\$ 10,223	\$ -	\$ 608	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ 10,432	952
DEFIANCE	2,656	\$ 18,275	\$ 10,091	\$ -	\$ 844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 347	\$ 6,993	848
DELAWARE	9,948	\$ 46,185	\$ 23,284	\$ -	\$ 4,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,157	\$ 17,425	2,028
ERIE	6,205	\$ 48,083	\$ 23,559	\$ -	\$ 1,527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382	\$ 22,615	2,237
FAIRFIELD	11,075	\$ 70,157	\$ 33,701	\$ -	\$ 4,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 501	\$ 31,536	3,563
FAYETTE	2,112	\$ 16,550	\$ 6,408	\$ -	\$ 665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 9,445	663
FRANKLIN	68,428	\$ 457,249	\$ 193,803	\$ 8,746	\$ 41,013	\$ -	\$ 868	\$ 5,656	\$ 207,163	19,540
FULTON	2,725	\$ 15,041	\$ 8,147	\$ -	\$ 966	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106	\$ 5,821	810
GALLIA	2,235	\$ 21,075	\$ 10,723	\$ -	\$ 599	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105	\$ 9,648	794
GEAUGA	5,077	\$ 27,450	\$ 13,644	\$ -	\$ 1,197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 495	\$ 12,114	1,474
GREENE	16,871	\$ 133,735	\$ 74,695	\$ -	\$ 16,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,263	\$ 41,512	3,577
GUERNSEY	3,088	\$ 26,276	\$ 13,647	\$ -	\$ 1,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182	\$ 11,407	1,297
HAMILTON	44,091	\$ 370,575	\$ 125,053	\$ 5,138	\$ 19,672	\$ -	\$ 1,825	\$ 4,586	\$ 214,301	13,217
HANCOCK	5,298	\$ 21,670	\$ 10,932	\$ -	\$ 1,527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226	\$ 8,985	1,259
HARDIN	2,047	\$ 11,998	\$ 6,445	\$ -	\$ 524	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174	\$ 4,855	555
HARRISON	1,316	\$ 8,548	\$ 4,095	\$ -	\$ 366	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 4,062	487
HENRY	2,024	\$ 7,853	\$ 4,519	\$ -	\$ 485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ 2,723	474
HIGHLAND	3,316	\$ 33,119	\$ 12,910	\$ -	\$ 957	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176	\$ 19,076	1,199
HOCKING	2,245	\$ 17,821	\$ 8,442	\$ -	\$ 641	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77	\$ 8,661	839
HOLMES	1,421	\$ 15,539	\$ 3,823	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181	\$ 11,356	428
HURON	4,096	\$ 27,862	\$ 15,037	\$ -	\$ 1,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 411	\$ 11,181	1,344

Council A

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JACKSON	2,415	\$ 30,361	\$ 12,559	\$ -	\$ 488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ 16,884	1,049	
JEFFERSON	5,307	\$ 34,625	\$ 17,621	\$ -	\$ 1,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 492	\$ 15,282	1,727	
KNOX	4,394	\$ 23,308	\$ 12,016	\$ -	\$ 1,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ 9,873	1,279	
LAKE	16,105	\$ 107,797	\$ 48,650	\$ -	\$ 5,091	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,109	\$ 52,947	5,373	
LAWRENCE	4,639	\$ 56,680	\$ 24,484	\$ -	\$ 1,156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ 30,708	2,002	
LICKING	13,389	\$ 82,454	\$ 40,585	\$ -	\$ 3,848	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 816	\$ 37,205	4,525	
LOGAN	3,403	\$ 19,647	\$ 10,406	\$ -	\$ 964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145	\$ 8,132	795	
LORAIN	22,888	\$ 128,028	\$ 60,562	\$ -	\$ 6,658	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,368	\$ 59,440	7,100	
LUCAS	25,775	\$ 135,206	\$ 65,918	\$ -	\$ 8,457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,643	\$ 59,189	7,052	
MADISON	2,767	\$ 16,410	\$ 8,351	\$ -	\$ 764	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ 7,204	672	
MAHONING	16,980	\$ 108,705	\$ 52,720	\$ -	\$ 4,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,474	\$ 49,997	6,030	
MARION	4,772	\$ 28,018	\$ 14,216	\$ -	\$ 1,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ 12,351	1,399	
MEDINA	12,157	\$ 65,440	\$ 33,074	\$ -	\$ 3,867	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,555	\$ 26,944	2,968	
MEIGS	1,787	\$ 14,259	\$ 6,426	\$ -	\$ 376	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53	\$ 7,405	677	
MERCER	2,501	\$ 14,337	\$ 8,066	\$ -	\$ 582	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129	\$ 5,561	686	
MIAMI	8,387	\$ 50,810	\$ 24,887	\$ -	\$ 2,818	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 441	\$ 22,665	1,963	
MONROE	1,205	\$ 7,397	\$ 3,925	\$ -	\$ 154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 3,294	451	
MONTGOMERY	43,062	\$ 390,307	\$ 159,147	\$ 1,070	\$ 19,961	\$ -	\$ 3,897	\$ 2,659	\$ 203,573	12,635	
MORGAN	1,191	\$ 8,927	\$ 5,857	\$ -	\$ 172	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43	\$ 2,856	439	
MORROW	2,680	\$ 13,930	\$ 6,246	\$ -	\$ 468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 7,183	882	
MUSKINGUM	6,464	\$ 42,979	\$ 21,408	\$ -	\$ 1,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 596	\$ 19,226	2,170	
NOBLE	968	\$ 5,531	\$ 2,517	\$ -	\$ 134	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ 2,713	386	
OTTAWA	3,482	\$ 21,787	\$ 11,783	\$ -	\$ 824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ 8,876	1,104	
PAULDING	1,425	\$ 7,282	\$ 3,444	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ 3,514	360	
PERRY	2,589	\$ 18,050	\$ 9,916	\$ -	\$ 854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 7,198	817	
PICKAWAY	4,131	\$ 37,698	\$ 16,791	\$ -	\$ 1,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184	\$ 19,387	1,481	
PIKE	1,974	\$ 31,003	\$ 10,939	\$ -	\$ 477	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68	\$ 19,519	997	
PORTAGE	10,565	\$ 70,174	\$ 31,320	\$ -	\$ 5,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 806	\$ 32,651	3,303	
PREBLE	3,116	\$ 22,165	\$ 9,818	\$ -	\$ 959	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 11,223	891	
PUTNAM	1,753	\$ 7,338	\$ 4,281	\$ -	\$ 456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ 2,493	400	
RICHLAND	9,502	\$ 61,507	\$ 28,004	\$ -	\$ 2,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 712	\$ 29,985	3,930	
ROSS	6,074	\$ 107,836	\$ 27,620	\$ 8,599	\$ 1,686	\$ -	\$ 1,290	\$ 367	\$ 68,275	2,760	
SANDUSKY	4,313	\$ 20,143	\$ 10,322	\$ -	\$ 601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ 9,064	1,280	
SCIOTO	5,592	\$ 51,510	\$ 26,127	\$ -	\$ 1,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 252	\$ 23,840	2,159	
SENECA	3,864	\$ 19,051	\$ 10,785	\$ -	\$ 995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ 6,939	1,191	
SHELBY	3,197	\$ 18,826	\$ 8,431	\$ -	\$ 887	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94	\$ 9,414	802	
STARK	25,896	\$ 165,555	\$ 82,229	\$ -	\$ 8,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,050	\$ 72,642	8,470	
SUMMIT	34,610	\$ 208,132	\$ 93,481	\$ -	\$ 10,646	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 101,005	10,622	
TRUMBULL	17,493	\$ 106,733	\$ 51,512	\$ -	\$ 3,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,024	\$ 50,546	5,949	

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FY17 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDx)

FY17 Summary of Expenditures by State										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
TUSCARAWAS	6,474	\$ 46,741	\$ 23,383	\$ -	\$ 1,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 631	\$ 21,106	2,693
UNION	3,188	\$ 14,775	\$ 7,075	\$ -	\$ 1,155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226	\$ 6,320	838
VAN WERT	1,966	\$ 9,832	\$ 4,762	\$ -	\$ 405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 4,574	553
VINTON	933	\$ 11,314	\$ 4,544	\$ -	\$ 98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 6,626	433
WARREN	14,825	\$ 76,921	\$ 35,948	\$ -	\$ 6,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,314	\$ 33,336	3,301
WASHINGTON	5,169	\$ 33,739	\$ 18,968	\$ -	\$ 1,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 313	\$ 13,032	1,726
WAYNE	6,863	\$ 47,272	\$ 19,815	\$ 3,339	\$ 1,917	\$ -	\$ 2,231	\$ 566	\$ 19,404	1,997
WILLIAMS	2,586	\$ 15,375	\$ 8,601	\$ -	\$ 412	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119	\$ 6,244	817
WOOD	7,769	\$ 33,200	\$ 17,970	\$ -	\$ 3,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ 11,207	1,783
WYANDOT	1,554	\$ 9,072	\$ 4,274	\$ -	\$ 291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 4,471	394
OHIO (Totals)	774,935	\$ 8,652,675	\$ 2,417,454	\$ 28,046	\$ 286,437	\$ -	\$ 3,166,039	\$ 58,044	\$ 2,696,656	238,817
CONG. DIST (01)	43,071	\$ 327,666	\$ 116,061	\$ 5,340	\$ 18,927	\$ -	\$ 1,825	\$ 4,251	\$ 181,261	12,147
CONG. DIST (02)	47,334	\$ 396,736	\$ 159,987	\$ 0	\$ 16,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,367	\$ 217,044	15,697
CONG. DIST (03)	42,074	\$ 309,739	\$ 119,163	\$ 7,348	\$ 25,218	\$ -	\$ 868	\$ 3,478	\$ 153,664	13,775
CONG. DIST (04)	51,779	\$ 283,879	\$ 146,520	\$ 136	\$ 14,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,143	\$ 119,948	14,673
CONG. DIST (05)	47,392	\$ 235,126	\$ 125,464	\$ -	\$ 14,426	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,025	\$ 92,211	12,074
CONG. DIST (06)	54,867	\$ 409,207	\$ 202,018	\$ 9	\$ 13,197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,801	\$ 190,181	19,878
CONG. DIST (07)	50,241	\$ 323,763	\$ 153,092	\$ -	\$ 15,244	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,825	\$ 151,602	16,797
CONG. DIST (08)	52,562	\$ 327,231	\$ 153,681	\$ 34	\$ 17,283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,841	\$ 153,391	13,400
CONG. DIST (09)	44,149	\$ 311,912	\$ 135,272	\$ -	\$ 14,717	\$ -	\$ (28)	\$ 3,591	\$ 158,359	14,238
CONG. DIST (10)	61,733	\$ 538,186	\$ 239,302	\$ 834	\$ 36,793	\$ -	\$ 3,897	\$ 3,949	\$ 253,410	16,797
CONG. DIST (11)	37,408	\$ 507,150	\$ 122,051	\$ 1,155	\$ 14,288	\$ -	\$ 67,664	\$ 3,991	\$ 298,001	15,382
CONG. DIST (12)	48,061	\$ 271,765	\$ 135,397	\$ 547	\$ 18,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,802	\$ 113,511	13,644
CONG. DIST (13)	51,637	\$ 331,891	\$ 150,944	\$ -	\$ 14,872	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,961	\$ 162,114	17,732
CONG. DIST (14)	46,895	\$ 3,403,306	\$ 142,660	\$ -	\$ 14,723	\$ -	\$ 3,103,444	\$ 3,560	\$ 138,919	14,310
CONG. DIST (15)	49,095	\$ 392,761	\$ 173,030	\$ 9,304	\$ 21,355	\$ -	\$ 1,290	\$ 2,799	\$ 184,982	15,185
CONG. DIST (16)	46,638	\$ 282,359	\$ 142,811	\$ 3,339	\$ 16,415	\$ -	\$ (12,921)	\$ 4,658	\$ 128,057	13,088
OHIO (Totals)	774,935	\$ 8,652,675	\$ 2,417,454	\$ 28,046	\$ 286,437	\$ -	\$ 3,166,039	\$ 58,044	\$ 2,696,656	238,817

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FY17 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY17 Summary of Expenditures by State Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
Notes:										
* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2017, are produced by the VA Predictive Analytics and Actuary Service (VetPop 2016).										
# Prior to FY 08, "Loan Guaranty" expenditures were included in the Education & Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (E&VRE) programs. Currently, all "Loan Guaranty" expenditures are attributed to Travis County, TX, where all Loan Guaranty payments are processed. VA will continue to improve data collection for future GDX reports to better distribute loan expenditures at the state, county and congressional district levels.										
** Unique patients are patients who received treatment at a VA health care facility. Data are provided by the Allocation Resource Center (ARC).										
Expenditure data sources: USASpending.gov for Compensation & Pension (C&P) and Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) Benefits; Veterans Benefits Administration Insurance Center for the Insurance costs; the VA Financial Management System (FMS) for Construction, Medical Research, General Operating Expenses, and certain C&P and Readjustment data; and the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) for Medical Care costs.										
1. Expenditures are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. For example, \$500 to \$1,000 are rounded to \$1; \$0 to \$499 are rounded to \$0; and "\$-" = 0 or no expenditures.										
2. The Compensation & Pension expenditures include dollars for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disabilities; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for nonservice-connected disabilities; and burial and other benefits to veterans and their survivors.										
3. Medical Care expenditures include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical Care expenditures do not include dollars for construction or other non-medical support.										
4. Medical Care expenditures are allocated to the patient's home location, not the site of care.										

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Organization	2019	2020	Increase Amount	Increase	2021	Budget Increase
American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 28,910.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 2,090.00	7.23%	\$ 31,000.00	0.00%
Army and Navy Union, USA Inc	\$ 63,539.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 2,461.00	3.87%	\$ 66,000.00	0.00%
Korean War Veterans	\$ 57,118.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 2,882.00	5.05%	\$ 60,000.00	0.00%
Jewish War Veterans	\$ 34,321.00	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 2,679.00	7.81%	\$ 37,000.00	0.00%
Catholic War Veterans	\$ 66,978.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 3,022.00	4.51%	\$ 70,000.00	0.00%
Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 65,116.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 4,884.00	7.50%	\$ 70,000.00	0.00%
Vietnam Veterans of America	\$ 214,776.00	\$ 217,000.00	\$ 2,224.00	1.04%	\$ 217,000.00	0.00%
American Legion of Ohio	\$ 349,189.00	\$ 352,000.00	\$ 2,811.00	0.81%	\$ 352,000.00	0.00%
AMVETS	\$ 332,547.00	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 2,453.00	0.74%	\$ 335,000.00	0.00%
Disabled American Veterans	\$ 249,836.00	\$ 252,000.00	\$ 2,164.00	0.87%	\$ 252,000.00	0.00%
Marine Corps League	\$ 133,947.00	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 2,053.00	1.53%	\$ 136,000.00	0.00%
37th Division Veterans Association	\$ 6,868.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,132.00	45.60%	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 284,841.00	\$ 287,000.00	\$ 2,159.00	0.76%	\$ 287,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 1,887,986.00	\$ 1,923,000.00	\$ 35,014.00	1.85%	\$ 1,923,000.00	0.00%

Organization	2019	2020	Increase Amount	Proposed Increase	2021	Increase Amount	Proposed Increase
American Ex-Prisoners of War	\$ 28,910.00	\$ 30,066.40	\$ 1,156.40	4.00%	\$ 31,269.06	\$ 1,202.66	4.00%
Army and Navy Union, USA Inc	\$ 63,539.00	\$ 66,080.56	\$ 2,541.56	4.00%	\$ 68,723.78	\$ 2,643.22	4.00%
Korean War Veterans	\$ 57,118.00	\$ 59,402.72	\$ 2,284.72	4.00%	\$ 61,778.83	\$ 2,376.11	4.00%
Jewish War Veterans	\$ 34,321.00	\$ 35,693.84	\$ 1,372.84	4.00%	\$ 37,121.59	\$ 1,427.75	4.00%
Catholic War Veterans	\$ 66,978.00	\$ 69,657.12	\$ 2,679.12	4.00%	\$ 72,443.40	\$ 2,786.28	4.00%
Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 65,116.00	\$ 67,720.64	\$ 2,604.64	4.00%	\$ 70,429.47	\$ 2,708.83	4.00%
Vietnam Veterans of America	\$ 214,776.00	\$ 223,367.04	\$ 8,591.04	4.00%	\$ 232,301.72	\$ 8,934.68	4.00%
American Legion of Ohio	\$ 349,189.00	\$ 363,156.56	\$ 13,967.56	4.00%	\$ 377,682.82	\$ 14,526.26	4.00%
AMVETS	\$ 332,547.00	\$ 345,848.88	\$ 13,301.88	4.00%	\$ 359,682.84	\$ 13,833.96	4.00%
Disabled American Veterans	\$ 249,836.00	\$ 259,829.44	\$ 9,993.44	4.00%	\$ 270,222.62	\$ 10,393.18	4.00%
Marine Corps League	\$ 133,947.00	\$ 139,304.88	\$ 5,357.88	4.00%	\$ 144,877.08	\$ 5,572.20	4.00%
37th Division Veterans Association	\$ 6,868.00	\$ 7,142.72	\$ 274.72	4.00%	\$ 7,428.43	\$ 285.71	4.00%
Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$ 284,841.00	\$ 296,234.64	\$ 11,393.64	4.00%	\$ 308,084.03	\$ 11,849.39	4.00%
Total	\$ 1,887,986.00	\$ 1,963,505.44	\$ 75,519.44	4.00%	\$ 2,042,045.66	\$ 78,540.22	4.00%