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H.B. No. 33 – Establishes operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025.

Chairman Patton, Ranking Member Skindell and honorable members of the Ohio House of Representatives Finance Subcommittee on Transportation. I am Don McCauley, a U.S. Army Veteran and Executive Director of the American Veterans (AMVETS) Department of Ohio. I would like to thank the members of the subcommittee for affording me the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on the VTO Veteran's Organizations portion of House Bill 33.

The AMVETS Department of Ohio is currently forecasted to receive appropriations of \$400,000.00 annually for the 2024-2025 fiscal years, a portion of the \$2,475,000.00 proposed per year for the Veteran's Organizations in the 2024-2025 budget. According to statistics from the Veterans Administration, Ohio received over 3 billion in compensation and pensions for fiscal year 2021 thanks to the Veteran Service Organizations and County Veterans Service Commissions. This is a return on investment of more than 1000 to 1. AMVETS uses most of our allotted appropriations to fund and operate our Department Services Officers program. The job our service officers perform is an integral part of the annual compensation and pensions brought into Ohio from the Veteran Administration. Currently, AMVETS has service officers staffed at the 6 facilities: Chillicothe VA Hospital, Cincinnati VA Hospital, Cleveland VA Hospital, Columbus VA Ambulatory Center, Dayton VA Hospital, and Wright Patterson Air Force Base.



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With inflation causing increases in the overhead of assisting Ohio's veterans obtaining their VA benefits, any increase in appropriations would be greatly appreciated.

Chairman Patton, Ranking Member Skindell and other honorable members of the Ohio House of Representatives Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, I once again thank you for allowing me to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 33. At this time, I will entertain questions that any member of this subcommittee might have.

FY21 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDY)

FY21 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	1,714	\$ 22,639	\$ 10,524	\$ -	\$ 370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 11,706	693
ALLEN	6,689	\$ 50,862	\$ 27,265	\$ -	\$ 2,145	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243	\$ 21,209	1,889
ASHLAND	3,409	\$ 32,177	\$ 15,588	\$ -	\$ 863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 212	\$ 15,514	1,334
ASHTABULA	6,292	\$ 82,257	\$ 37,689	\$ -	\$ 1,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 369	\$ 42,395	2,947
ATHENS	3,069	\$ 43,454	\$ 22,379	\$ -	\$ 1,539	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463	\$ 19,074	1,260
AUGLAIZE	2,685	\$ 19,867	\$ 10,892	\$ -	\$ 533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 8,371	885
BELMONT	4,395	\$ 38,774	\$ 20,163	\$ -	\$ 785	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232	\$ 17,593	1,777
BROWN	3,279	\$ 35,508	\$ 13,278	\$ -	\$ 726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 21,448	1,288
BUTLER	21,126	\$ 185,045	\$ 87,127	\$ -	\$ 8,407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,422	\$ 88,090	6,331
CARROLL	1,941	\$ 12,428	\$ 6,006	\$ -	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ 6,118	716
CHAMPAIGN	2,766	\$ 19,907	\$ 10,542	\$ -	\$ 706	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ 8,414	712
CLARK	11,011	\$ 91,619	\$ 49,603	\$ -	\$ 2,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267	\$ 38,758	3,177
CLERMONT	13,775	\$ 127,210	\$ 57,509	\$ -	\$ 4,807	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 580	\$ 64,314	4,517
CLINTON	3,053	\$ 30,098	\$ 16,283	\$ -	\$ 1,029	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194	\$ 12,593	970
COLUMBIANA	7,870	\$ 68,477	\$ 35,109	\$ -	\$ 1,687	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 668	\$ 31,013	2,978
COSHOCTON	2,695	\$ 20,633	\$ 11,153	\$ -	\$ 401	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85	\$ 8,994	908
CRAWFORD	3,166	\$ 23,632	\$ 11,525	\$ -	\$ 572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159	\$ 11,376	1,039
CUYAHOGA	69,192	\$ 5,118,052	\$ 283,266	\$ 2,069	\$ 19,210	\$ -	\$ 4,339,609	\$ 4,618	\$ 469,279	23,711
DARKE	3,282	\$ 26,186	\$ 12,839	\$ -	\$ 780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ 12,495	931
DEFIANCE	2,467	\$ 22,147	\$ 12,856	\$ -	\$ 739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152	\$ 8,402	791
DELAWARE	9,835	\$ 68,511	\$ 36,330	\$ -	\$ 3,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 27,810	2,415
ERIE	5,140	\$ 52,974	\$ 28,582	\$ -	\$ 1,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186	\$ 22,737	2,138
FAIRFIELD	10,302	\$ 101,262	\$ 47,849	\$ -	\$ 4,436	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499	\$ 48,479	3,893
FAYETTE	1,920	\$ 21,976	\$ 7,994	\$ -	\$ 683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 13,289	681
FRANKLIN	66,414	\$ 554,016	\$ 242,476	\$ 1,373	\$ 29,765	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,733	\$ 275,668	19,293
FULTON	2,654	\$ 20,355	\$ 11,301	\$ -	\$ 965	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264	\$ 7,826	841
GALLIA	2,004	\$ 29,387	\$ 12,746	\$ -	\$ 664	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 15,927	812
GEAUGA	5,437	\$ 37,111	\$ 19,664	\$ -	\$ 1,064	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 358	\$ 16,026	1,610
GREENE	14,848	\$ 169,708	\$ 104,131	\$ -	\$ 14,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 823	\$ 50,727	4,471
GUERNSEY	3,056	\$ 35,270	\$ 16,467	\$ -	\$ 831	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118	\$ 17,854	1,237
HAMILTON	42,593	\$ 429,267	\$ 144,903	\$ 15,399	\$ 14,595	\$ -	\$ 1,558	\$ 3,034	\$ 249,776	12,947
HANCOCK	4,419	\$ 25,843	\$ 13,588	\$ -	\$ 1,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 363	\$ 10,714	1,309
HARDIN	1,793	\$ 15,239	\$ 7,752	\$ -	\$ 449	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 6,978	533
HARRISON	1,291	\$ 9,814	\$ 5,249	\$ -	\$ 299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 4,215	430
HENRY	1,847	\$ 9,312	\$ 5,093	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147	\$ 3,752	458
HIGHLAND	3,256	\$ 39,643	\$ 15,680	\$ -	\$ 792	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213	\$ 22,959	1,218
HOCKING	2,348	\$ 21,247	\$ 9,956	\$ -	\$ 254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78	\$ 10,958	749
HOLMES	1,428	\$ 16,123	\$ 4,477	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 11,458	419
HURON	4,056	\$ 35,374	\$ 19,168	\$ -	\$ 1,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 14,667	1,266

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JACKSON	2,101	\$ 34,400	\$ 13,911	\$ -	\$ 474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 19,839	979
JEFFERSON	5,311	\$ 41,008	\$ 22,045	\$ -	\$ 832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371	\$ 17,760	1,640
KNOX	4,070	\$ 32,179	\$ 16,225	\$ -	\$ 1,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 14,656	1,241
LAKE	14,219	\$ 146,647	\$ 65,818	\$ -	\$ 4,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,108	\$ 75,608	5,499
LAWRENCE	4,041	\$ 77,978	\$ 29,426	\$ -	\$ 1,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226	\$ 47,213	2,028
LICKING	12,890	\$ 112,410	\$ 51,741	\$ -	\$ 3,608	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 509	\$ 56,552	4,586
LOGAN	3,271	\$ 26,072	\$ 13,421	\$ -	\$ 978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280	\$ 11,392	812
LORAIN	19,960	\$ 166,316	\$ 78,117	\$ -	\$ 6,359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 984	\$ 80,855	7,212
LUCAS	24,805	\$ 162,119	\$ 77,840	\$ -	\$ 8,082	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,147	\$ 75,050	7,099
MADISON	2,616	\$ 22,989	\$ 11,216	\$ -	\$ 1,060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 276	\$ 10,437	683
MAHONING	15,640	\$ 132,973	\$ 67,178	\$ -	\$ 3,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,252	\$ 60,552	5,807
MARION	4,381	\$ 33,190	\$ 16,557	\$ -	\$ 965	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141	\$ 15,526	1,382
MEDINA	11,218	\$ 84,434	\$ 44,975	\$ -	\$ 3,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 895	\$ 34,812	3,252
MEIGS	1,693	\$ 17,017	\$ 8,284	\$ -	\$ 281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 8,427	635
MERCER	2,342	\$ 16,222	\$ 8,442	\$ -	\$ 442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226	\$ 7,111	670
MIAMI	6,463	\$ 66,766	\$ 35,813	\$ -	\$ 3,519	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 440	\$ 26,994	2,143
MONROE	1,013	\$ 9,009	\$ 4,371	\$ -	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ 4,440	411
MONTGOMERY	41,073	\$ 472,086	\$ 208,081	\$ 1,908	\$ 19,942	\$ -	\$ 1,549	\$ 2,023	\$ 238,583	13,476
MORGAN	1,054	\$ 11,006	\$ 6,595	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 4,068	447
MORROW	2,476	\$ 19,584	\$ 7,508	\$ -	\$ 547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87	\$ 11,442	906
MUSKINGUM	5,766	\$ 53,746	\$ 25,915	\$ -	\$ 1,602	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ 26,193	2,094
NOBLE	1,401	\$ 7,220	\$ 3,502	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 3,613	365
OTTAWA	3,432	\$ 27,167	\$ 13,993	\$ -	\$ 835	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174	\$ 12,164	1,064
PAULDING	1,205	\$ 10,417	\$ 4,575	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 5,629	365
PERRY	2,323	\$ 21,181	\$ 11,453	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278	\$ 9,020	801
PICKAWAY	3,851	\$ 44,694	\$ 20,736	\$ -	\$ 1,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216	\$ 22,583	1,513
PIKE	1,969	\$ 29,531	\$ 11,822	\$ -	\$ 447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 17,198	870
PORTAGE	9,743	\$ 86,129	\$ 42,433	\$ -	\$ 3,463	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 515	\$ 39,718	3,473
PREBLE	2,869	\$ 27,031	\$ 13,255	\$ -	\$ 612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ 13,031	898
PUTNAM	1,764	\$ 9,065	\$ 5,614	\$ -	\$ 335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 3,064	417
RICHLAND	9,210	\$ 79,091	\$ 37,252	\$ -	\$ 2,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 730	\$ 38,506	3,702
ROSS	5,700	\$ 124,493	\$ 33,948	\$ 637	\$ 1,566	\$ -	\$ 1,685	\$ 160	\$ 86,497	2,757
SANDUSKY	4,210	\$ 25,431	\$ 13,837	\$ -	\$ 905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ 10,443	1,286
SCIOTO	4,655	\$ 64,040	\$ 29,225	\$ -	\$ 1,387	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 433	\$ 32,995	2,080
SENECA	3,516	\$ 23,418	\$ 13,163	\$ -	\$ 984	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ 9,206	1,115
SHELBY	3,123	\$ 21,897	\$ 10,839	\$ -	\$ 820	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 10,199	788
STARK	25,226	\$ 208,598	\$ 106,544	\$ -	\$ 6,862	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,346	\$ 93,847	8,701
SUMMIT	33,355	\$ 246,092	\$ 115,859	\$ -	\$ 8,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,044	\$ 119,211	10,744
TRUMBULL	14,487	\$ 140,363	\$ 65,595	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 695	\$ 70,473	5,807

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TUSCARAWAS	6,183	\$ 53,670	\$ 28,130	\$ -	\$ 1,212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 228	\$ 24,101	2,521
UNION	2,951	\$ 25,171	\$ 12,510	\$ -	\$ 1,016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141	\$ 11,504	948
VAN WERT	1,812	\$ 13,724	\$ 6,332	\$ -	\$ 385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123	\$ 6,884	525
VINTON	833	\$ 13,447	\$ 5,387	\$ -	\$ 201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 7,857	437
WARREN	14,264	\$ 107,095	\$ 55,491	\$ -	\$ 5,359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 845	\$ 45,401	3,786
WASHINGTON	4,604	\$ 47,245	\$ 26,667	\$ -	\$ 974	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ 19,449	1,805
WAYNE	6,437	\$ 58,623	\$ 24,180	\$ 8,817	\$ 1,628	\$ -	\$ 144	\$ 372	\$ 23,482	2,011
WILLIAMS	2,390	\$ 20,498	\$ 10,637	\$ -	\$ 497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278	\$ 9,086	783
WOOD	8,056	\$ 44,030	\$ 23,731	\$ -	\$ 3,439	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 513	\$ 16,347	1,929
WYANDOT	1,502	\$ 9,181	\$ 4,808	\$ -	\$ 226	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 4,146	384
OHIO (Totals)	725,991	\$ 11,090,091	\$ 3,070,000	\$ 30,204	\$ 240,872	\$ -	\$ 4,344,545	\$ 42,335	\$ 3,362,135	240,451
CONG. DIST (01)	41,557	\$ 400,809	\$ 148,345	\$ 15,415	\$ 14,712	\$ -	\$ 1,558	\$ 2,789	\$ 217,990	12,408
CONG. DIST (02)	44,988	\$ 487,452	\$ 195,620	\$ 9	\$ 14,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,371	\$ 275,443	15,612
CONG. DIST (03)	40,232	\$ 364,633	\$ 146,886	\$ 1,128	\$ 18,031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,867	\$ 195,721	13,063
CONG. DIST (04)	47,589	\$ 360,480	\$ 186,083	\$ 8	\$ 13,166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,091	\$ 159,132	14,492
CONG. DIST (05)	45,436	\$ 296,915	\$ 157,185	\$ -	\$ 13,429	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,804	\$ 123,498	12,336
CONG. DIST (06)	49,881	\$ 517,885	\$ 249,187	\$ 80	\$ 10,831	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,840	\$ 254,947	19,462
CONG. DIST (07)	47,729	\$ 400,177	\$ 199,112	\$ -	\$ 12,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,551	\$ 185,851	16,713
CONG. DIST (08)	45,465	\$ 402,525	\$ 201,206	\$ 1,669	\$ 16,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,402	\$ 180,806	13,682
CONG. DIST (09)	41,076	\$ 359,457	\$ 161,620	\$ -	\$ 12,240	\$ -	\$ (723)	\$ 2,213	\$ 184,107	13,875
CONG. DIST (10)	57,521	\$ 658,995	\$ 318,874	\$ 224	\$ 34,538	\$ -	\$ 1,549	\$ 2,854	\$ 300,957	18,533
CONG. DIST (11)	36,942	\$ 534,603	\$ 147,430	\$ 2,069	\$ 10,205	\$ -	\$ 40,688	\$ 2,432	\$ 331,779	14,478
CONG. DIST (12)	46,635	\$ 369,096	\$ 179,520	\$ 100	\$ 15,878	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,427	\$ 171,171	14,133
CONG. DIST (13)	47,002	\$ 412,543	\$ 193,370	\$ -	\$ 12,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,871	\$ 203,626	17,439
CONG. DIST (14)	42,231	\$ 4,692,212	\$ 186,365	\$ -	\$ 11,586	\$ -	\$ 4,302,264	\$ 2,827	\$ 189,169	14,749
CONG. DIST (15)	46,744	\$ 481,203	\$ 219,832	\$ 684	\$ 17,667	\$ -	\$ 1,685	\$ 3,113	\$ 238,222	15,686
CONG. DIST (16)	44,963	\$ 351,105	\$ 179,363	\$ 8,817	\$ 12,800	\$ -	\$ (2,476)	\$ 2,883	\$ 149,716	13,790
OHIO (Totals)	725,991	\$ 11,090,091	\$ 3,070,000	\$ 30,204	\$ 240,872	\$ -	\$ 4,344,545	\$ 42,335	\$ 3,362,135	240,451

FY21 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDx)

FY21 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, 2021, are produced by the VA Predictive Analytics and Actuary Service (VetPop 2018).										
# 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.										