

**SB2025 ND Department of Veterans Affairs Budget**  
**Commissioner Lonnie Wangen**  
**House Hearing March 7, 2025**

Per the request of House Appropriations HR Chair Nelson please find the below 15 items with responses.

**1. Explain the purpose of the agency's various divisions/programs  
Cite the North Dakota Century Code provisions and attach an  
organizational chart.**

- 15-10-18.3 Dependent Tuition Waiver
- 23-02.1-27 Death Records of Armed Forces
- 24-01-56 Veteran Bridges and Highways
- 37-01-25.1: Reinstatement to former position – Appeals – Penalty (Employment rights)
- 37-01-34: Recordation of discharge papers
- 37-01-36: Certified copy of record furnished veteran without charge
- 37-01-42: Honorary High School Diplomas-WWII, Korea and Vietnam
- 37-14- Veterans Relief and Rehabilitation
  - 03 to 12: Veterans Loan
  - 14: Post War Trust Fund
    - o Grant Program & other needs
  - 18 & 19: County Veteran Service Officer Appointment, Duties, Salary and Expenses
- 37-18-: Department of Veterans Affairs
  - 01: Establish Department of Veterans Affairs
  - 04 to 08: Commissioner appointment, duties, and department divisions
    - o Coordinate, supervise, implement programs and benefits.
    - o Advise, Assist, Process and represent claims for Federal benefits.
    - o CVSO: qualifications, standards, training, educate and assist.
    - o Disseminate information and do all things necessary and proper to carryout intent of NDCC37-18
  - 11 & 13: Release of records and information
  - 12: Funding authority
  - 15: Commemorative Memorial Coin
  - 16: Veterans' Service Organization Reimbursement for Funeral Honors
- 37-18.1: Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs
- 37-19.1: Veterans Preference
- 39-01-15 DAV plates park in handicapped zone
- 39-03-04: Qualifications of patrolmen-Veterans have preference.
- 39-04 subsections 10.10, 10.14, 10.5, 10.8 and 18: Motor vehicle plates and exempt from registration fees.
- 39-06-14 (6): Veterans indicator on driver's license
- 40-33.1-05: Veterans preference Municipal steam heating authorities
- 43-07-20: Employment preference in contract
- 57-02-08: Property Tax Credit and Homestead credit
- 57-40.3-01-1 Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption

The mission of the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs is to assist veterans of North Dakota and their dependents in obtaining all benefits to which they are entitled, both federal and state, either by direct contact or through the assistance of the County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers.

- Coordinate, supervise, implement State programs and benefits.
  - NDDVA Aid Loan program (NDCC 37-14-03 through 12)
  - NDDVA Grant programs (NDCC 37-14-14)
  - Highly Rural and State Rural Transportation programs (NDCC 37-18)
  - Commemorative Memorial Coin Program (funeral honor coins) (NDCC 37-18-15)
  - Funeral Honor Guard Stipends (NDCC 37-18-16)
- Advise, Assist, Process and Represent claims for Federal benefits. (NDCC37-18)
- County Veteran Service Officer (72 VSO's 50 offices): qualifications, standards, training, educate and assist.
- Disseminate information and do all things necessary and proper to carryout intent of NDCC37-18

**The State Approving Agency (SAA)**, together with the Federal government, manages veterans' education benefits. The SAA's role is to approve and supervise the programs of education and training for eligible veterans, dependents, National Guard members, and reservists. The SAA must specifically approve each plan of education or training in which a veteran or eligible person wishes to use GI. Bill® benefits. Other responsibilities include:

- Reviewing, Evaluating and Approving programs based on state and federal criteria
- Conducting on-site inspection visits to approved facilities and facilities requesting program approval for Education, On the Job Training, and Apprentices programs.
- Providing technical assistance
- Engaging in outreach activities that foster the use of the GI Bill
- Assist military installations to provide base personnel with educational opportunities.

#### **ND DVA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



## **2. Report any financial audit findings included in the most recent audit and action taken to address each finding.**

- Audit conducted March of 2023
  - The audit did not identify any areas of concern.



### 3. Discuss current biennium accomplishments and challenges and next biennium goals and plans.

#### Accomplishments

- **Appreciation**
  - Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home coins: 15,000
- **Burial / Memorial**
  - Funeral Honor Coins:
    - Sold 1,390
    - Conferred 1,100
- **Education**
  - New Facility Approval (institute of Higher learning)
    - University of Maryland Global Campus at Minot AFB
  - New Facility Approvals (Non-College Degree)
    - Fargo Oak Grove Lutheran High school
  - New Facility Approvals (Apprenticeship & OJT)
    - Lunseth Plumbing and Heating
    - Nelson County Sheriff's Office
    - Thrifty White Pharmacy
    - Montana Dakota Utilities – 11 new Apprenticeships
    - Midwest Ironworks
    - 4T Construction
  - Facility withdrawals
    - Columbia College at Minot AFB (No longer active)
    - Park University- Grand Forks AFB (No longer active)
    - Park University -Minot AFB (No longer active)
    - SkillCutz Barber College
    - Community Ambulance Service - Minot
  - Continuing to facilitate quarterly meetings with the MAAC council.
  - 100% review of all IHL and NCD catalogs-reviewed annually
  - 590 Technical Assistance Actions (contacts made with veterans or schools requiring assistance)
  - Approved Facilities
    - 23 institutes of higher learning
    - 46 extension locations of colleges
    - 11 Non-College degree facilities (not including high schools)
    - 11 high Schools
    - 104 OJT/APP locations representing over 200 + programs
  - **\$45,300,000** in Federal Education benefits in ND (2022 & 2023)
- **Grants and Loans** processed.
  - Grants 161 biennium to date paid out \$234,000.
  - Loans 44 biennium to date \$125,922 approved.
- **Health and Wellbeing**
  - Governors Challenge & ND Hopes
    - 988! Military Culture training (81), SAVE (256), CALM (421), Gun Locks (9,229), Peer support specialist (28), BH training events-military culture (81)
- **Housing**
  - Fisher House **\$9 Million** project approved. Offer on land happening now.
- **Legal Services**



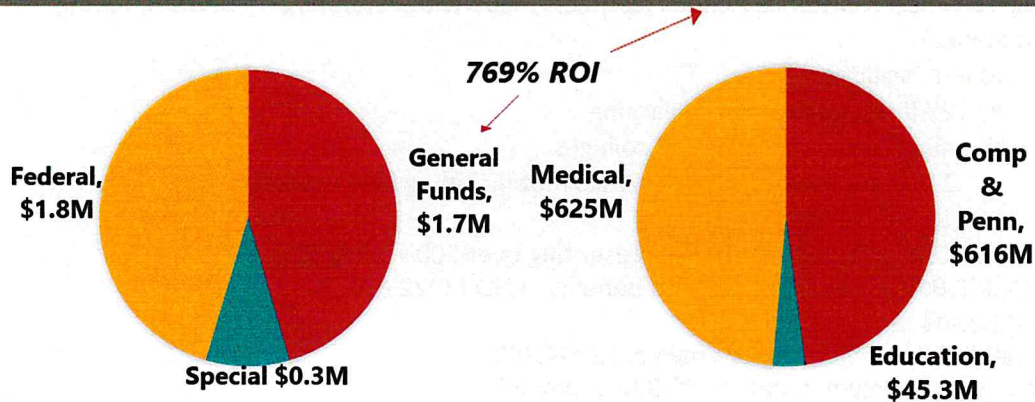
- Grand Forks Veterans Treatment Court opening ceremony May 12, 2023.
  - 4 graduated, currently 7 active and 4 pending. 62 have inquired.
- Cass County approved fall of 2024
- ND Legal Assist awarded federal grant for legal services to veterans at risk of homelessness.
- **Transportation to VA medical appointments**

TRANSPORTATION:			Biennium total: July 2023-June 2025			
	Hours	Miles	Veterans	Trips	Areas	Vans/svcs
ARPA	2534	78670	193	1004	10	10
DAV	1148	38751	184	204	3	9
HRTG	15023	468175	810	4893	36	14
VA Same Day	0	0	33	33	1	
VA Uber/Taxi	0	0	49	49	1	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18,703.95</b>	<b>585,595.97</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>6,183.00</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>33</b>
*As of 9/30/2024						

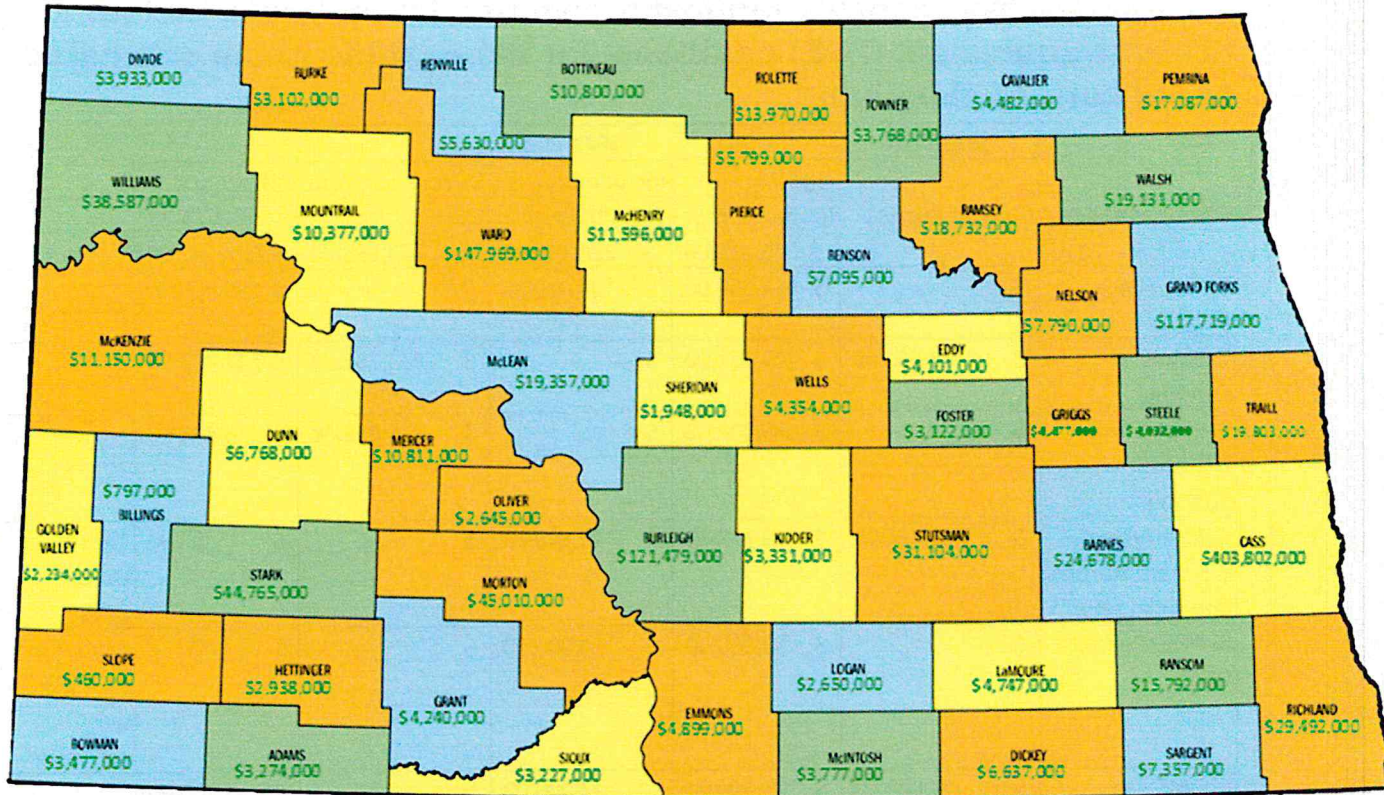
- **CVSO/TVSO support and training**
  - New VSO trained 2021-2022: 10 (compared to 2021-2023: 25)
  - 2 C&TVSO training conferences per year
- **NDDVA VA Benefit claims current biennium to 12/31/2024.**
  - Claims: **6015** (Compared to 2021-2022 **3841**)
  - Appeal: **1303** (Compared to 2021-2022: **918**)
  - Retroactive payments: **\$26,921,307** (Compared to 2021-2022 **\$14,904,443**)
  - **\$1,307,305,000** in VA funds to ND (2022 & 2023)
    - \$625,000,000 medical
    - \$616,000,000 Compensation and Pension
    - \$45,300,000 Education

NDDVA 2023-2025 Funding:  
\$3.5M

2022 & 2023 Economic Impact:  
\$1,307,305,000







### Total Federal Benefits & Expenditures in ND 2022 and 2023

**\$1,307,305,000.00**



**NDDVA Base Budget 2023-2025: \$1,707,420. Return on State Investment: 769%**  
**Just the Comp & Pension of \$616,000,000 in ND @ 5% sales tax = \$30,800,000**  
**(\$18.04 return for every NDDVA General Fund Dollar)**

#### Challenges

- Staffing
  - 30% cut in staffing levels in 2017 300% Increase in workload.
  - 2019-21 NDDVA had more volunteer staff than Paid employees
    - COVID-19 proved volunteer staffing unsustainable for critical needs.
  - Staff compensation:
    - Average of 34% lower pay than CVSO and VA equivalent

#### Next Biennium goals and plans

- Suicide prevention programs at full strength. **988**
- Fisher House site prep/construction started.
- ND Veteran Homelessness at functional zero.
- 2nd Veterans Court opened.
- Veterans' benefits staffing with sustainable workload and goal of growing the **\$1.3 Billion in VA expenditures! -outreach.**
- Transportation expanded to rural areas.
- Federal grants.



**4. Compare the agency's request/recommendation totals, including full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, for the next biennium compared to the current biennium.**

	2023-2024	2025-2027				
		NDDVA	Included in	Difference from	Difference	
Optional Request	Current Budget	Requested	Exec. Budget	Exec. Budget	from 2023-25	
Total:		\$ 646,413.00	\$ 226,148.00	\$ 420,265.00	\$ 608,547.00	
1. Fund Base Budget	\$ -	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ -	\$ 134,000.00	
2. Equity Funding	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 243,767.00	\$ -	\$ 243,767.00	\$ 243,767.00	
3. FTE Veteran Benefits Specialist	\$ -	\$ 176,498.00	\$ -	\$ 176,498.00	\$ 176,498.00	*FTE lost in 2017 RIF
4. Retirement Payment Annual and Sick Leave	\$ 19,066.00	\$ 19,148.00	\$ 19,148.00	\$ -	\$ 82.00	*Retiring October 2025
5. PTSD Service Dogs	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	*Funding for 2023-25 was carryover
6. DAV Van funding (1)	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	
Total FTE	9	10	9	1		

**5. Discuss any new positions approved for your agency for the 2023-25 biennium by the 2023 Legislative Assembly, the timing of filling the positions, amounts transferred from the OMB pool for the filled positions, and funding appropriated and the amount estimated to be spent for each position for the 2023-25 biennium.**

2023-2025 NDDVA 1 part time temporary staff member moved to FTE.

- Already employed so FTE status began July 1, 2023.
- \$125,510 added to budget. Estimate all will be spent.
- (Funding pool removed \$123,407 from budget)

**6. Discuss employee turnover and the number of vacant positions during the 2023-25 biennium to date, the amount of savings relating to the vacant positions and employee turnover to date compared to the vacant position savings removed from your agency's budget by the 2023 Legislative Assembly, the amount of vacant position saving spent for other purposes, and any amounts transferred or anticipated to be transferred from the OMB pool.**

- No turnover or vacant positions.

**7. Explain the funding included in each program/line item either in total or by division depending on the size of the agency as follows:**

- a. Amounts included in the base budget and their purpose and use; and  
 b. Amounts included in the request/recommendation and justification for the change from the base level. Discuss changes relating to each line item (salaries and wages, operating expenses, etc.) funding source (general fund, special funds, federal funds), and FTE positions:

220 - Budget Request Summary - Agency				Run Date: 8/5/24		
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2025-27						
Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs				Agency No: 32100		
		2 2021-23 Biennium Expenditures	3 2023-25 Biennium Appropriations	4 2025-27 Base Budget Request	5 2025-27 Optional Budget Changes	6 2025-27 Total Budget Request
Technology Project Carryover - 32151						
603000	IT Contractual Services and Re	3,095	-	-	-	-
Total: Technology Project Carryover		3,095	-	-	-	-
General						
	GEN	3,095	-	-	-	-
Total by Funds: Technology Project Carryover		3,095	-	-	-	-
Transport Vans - 32152						
691000	Equipment Over \$5000	-	18,800	18,800	-	18,800
692000	Motor Vehicles	18,600	-	-	4,200	4,200
Total: Transport Vans		18,600	18,800	18,800	4,200	23,000
General						
	GEN	18,600	18,800	18,800	4,200	23,000
Total by Funds: Transport Vans		18,600	18,800	18,800	4,200	23,000
Grants-Transportation Program - 32162						
511000	Salaries - Permanent	67,249	18,000	-	-	-
534000	Bldg, Grounds, Vehicle Supply	100	-	-	-	-
601000	IT - Data Processing	6,373	-	-	-	-
602000	IT - Communications	504	-	-	-	-
621000	Operating Fees and Services	171,137	-	-	-	-
692000	Motor Vehicles	241,544	-	-	-	-
712000	Grants, Benefits & Claims	583,113	1,108,085	1,319,706	-	1,319,706
Total: Grants-Transportation Program		1,050,020	1,126,085	1,319,706	-	1,319,706
Federal						
	FED	1,050,020	1,126,085	1,319,706	-	1,319,706
Total by Funds: Grants-Transportation Progr		1,050,020	1,126,085	1,319,706	-	1,319,706



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<b>Vets Affairs Administration - 32170</b>						
511000	Salaries - Permanent	805,684	1,014,204	1,195,494	107,952	1,303,446
512000	Salaries - Other	-	19,066	-	262,915	262,915
513000	Temporary Salaries	29,168	-	-	-	-
516000	Fringe Benefits	379,187	385,071	561,106	62,276	623,382
521000	Travel	58,262	80,145	40,145	40,000	80,145
531000	Supplies - IT Software	12,047	11,566	7,474	4,092	11,566
532000	Supply/Material - Professional	997	781	781	-	781
533000	Food and Clothing	29	-	-	-	-
534000	Bldg. Grounds, Vehicle Supply	3,972	3,442	2,442	1,000	3,442
535000	Miscellaneous Supplies	3,110	574	574	-	574
536000	Office Supplies	1,317	2,046	1,046	1,000	2,046
541000	Postage	144	750	750	-	750
542000	Printing	410	500	500	-	500
553000	Office Equip & Furniture-Under	165	-	-	-	-
561000	Utilities	6,626	6,264	3,264	3,000	6,264
571000	Insurance	4,914	4,800	2,800	2,000	4,800
581000	Rentals/Leases-Equipment&Other	13,213	14,528	7,528	7,000	14,528
582000	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	63,425	64,710	30,710	34,000	64,710
591000	Repairs	1,894	2,500	2,500	-	2,500
601000	IT - Data Processing	36,772	45,228	15,150	44,550	59,700
602000	IT - Communications	4,470	4,545	2,545	2,720	5,265
603000	IT Contractual Services and Re	13,374	102,614	1,778	-	1,778
611000	Professional Development	11,455	20,200	10,200	10,000	20,200
621000	Operating Fees and Services	942	500	135,500	-	135,500
623000	Professional Fees and Services	116	4,822	4,822	-	4,822
<b>Total: Vets Affairs Administration</b>		<b>1,451,684</b>	<b>1,789,456</b>	<b>2,027,109</b>	<b>582,505</b>	<b>2,609,614</b>
General	GEN	1,451,684	1,688,620	2,027,109	582,505	2,609,614
Federal	FED	-	100,836	-	-	-
<b>Total by Funds: Vets Affairs Administration</b>		<b>1,451,684</b>	<b>1,789,456</b>	<b>2,027,109</b>	<b>582,505</b>	<b>2,609,614</b>
<b>Funeral Service Reimbursements - 32171</b>						
623000	Professional Fees and Services	-	135,000	-	-	-
<b>Total: Funeral Service Reimbursements</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
General	GEN	-	135,000	-	-	-
<b>Total by Funds: Funeral Service Reimbursen</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Service Dogs - 32172</b>						
712000	Grants, Benefits & Claims	25,000	-	-	50,000	50,000
<b>Total: Service Dogs</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
General	GEN	25,000	-	-	50,000	50,000
<b>Total by Funds: Service Dogs</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>



## 220 - Budget Request Summary - Agency

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		2021-23	2023-25	2025-27 Base	2025-27	2025-27 Total
		Biennium	Biennium	Budget	Optional	Budget
		Expenditures	Appropriations	Request	Budget	Request
					Changes	
State Approving Agency - 32174						
511000	Salaries - Permanent	142,561	158,635	207,146	-	207,146
516000	Fringe Benefits	69,018	69,844	89,712	-	89,712
521000	Travel	11,625	18,258	18,258	-	18,258
531000	Supplies - IT Software	-	2,136	2,136	-	2,136
532000	Supply/Material - Professional	-	1,489	1,489	-	1,489
534000	Bldg, Grounds, Vehicle Supply	-	1,274	1,274	-	1,274
535000	Miscellaneous Supplies	-	523	523	-	523
536000	Office Supplies	-	2,825	2,825	-	2,825
541000	Postage	-	1,187	1,187	-	1,187
542000	Printing	-	1,973	1,973	-	1,973
551000	IT Equipment under \$5,000	-	6,279	6,279	-	6,279
552000	Other Equipment under \$5,000	-	264	264	-	264
553000	Office Equip & Furniture-Under	-	1,279	1,279	-	1,279
561000	Utilities	1,836	1,788	1,788	-	1,788
571000	Insurance	51	1,636	1,636	-	1,636
581000	Rentals/Leases-Equipment&Other	-	4,810	4,810	-	4,810
582000	Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	14,534	14,748	14,748	-	14,748
591000	Repairs	-	1,030	1,030	-	1,030
601000	IT - Data Processing	7,401	10,534	10,534	-	10,534
602000	IT - Communications	691	2,873	2,873	-	2,873
603000	IT Contractual Services and Re	-	685	685	-	685
611000	Professional Development	3,398	5,021	5,021	-	5,021
621000	Operating Fees and Services	-	315	315	-	315
623000	Professional Fees and Services	-	3,620	3,620	-	3,620
Total: State Approving Agency		251,104	313,026	381,405	-	381,405
Federal						
	FED	251,104	313,026	381,405	-	381,405
Total by Funds: State Approving Agency		251,104	313,026	381,405	-	381,405
Veterans Home Cemetery - 32175						
712000	Grants, Benefits & Claims	-	291,500	-	291,500	291,500
Total: Veterans Home Cemetery		-	291,500	-	291,500	291,500
Federal						
	FED	-	291,500	-	291,500	291,500
Special						
	SPEC	-	-	-	26,500	26,500
Total by Funds: Veterans Home Cemetery		-	291,500	-	291,500	291,500
American Rescue Plan Act - 32178						
712000	Grants, Benefits & Claims	16,105	500,000	-	-	-
Total: American Rescue Plan Act		16,105	500,000	-	-	-
Federal						
	FED	16,105	500,000	-	-	-
Total by Funds: American Rescue Plan Act		16,105	500,000	-	-	-
Total: Department of Veterans Affairs		2,815,607	4,173,867	3,747,020	928,205	4,675,225

**8. Discuss the purpose and use of any one-time funding items for the current biennium.**

Current Biennium 2023-2025				
General Fund	Budgeted	Expected use by 6/30/2025	Balance	
	\$ 19,066.00	\$ -	\$ (19,066.00)	
Accrued leave	\$ 19,066.00	\$ -	\$ 19,066.00	
Federal and Special	Budgeted	Expected use	Balance	
	\$ 1,523,231.41	\$ 1,202,505.00	\$ 320,726.41	
Veterans' Home Cemetery repairs (Fed and Melvin Norgard)	\$ 291,500.00	\$ -	\$ 291,500.00	
Fisher House Construction (ARPA)	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	
Transportation Grant (ARPA)	\$ 130,895.41	\$ 108,852.95	\$ 22,042.46	use by 12/2026
Scanning project (ARPA)	\$ 100,836.00	\$ 93,652.05	\$ 7,183.95	use by 12/2026
		\$ -	\$ -	
*VH Cemetery is an authorization to accept and expend funds if Federal grant is awarded				
*Moving up Federal Funding List				
*Fisher House: Intend to transfer when land is acquired. Spring of 2025.				
*Transportation from 2022: 147,000. Used \$16,104.59 in 2021-2023. \$130,895.41 carried over to 2023-2025				
*Transportation services may use remaining funds by end of 2025				
*Scanning project: *uploading files program, uploading fee, remaining documents to be uploaded				
*Expect remaining documents and programs completed in 2025				

**9. Identify and justify the need for any one-time funding being requested.**

Optional One-Time Requests	2025-2027		
	NDDVA	Included in	
General Funds	Requested	Exec. Budget	Difference
Total:	\$ 19,148.00	\$ 19,148.00	\$ -
Retirement Payment Annual and Sick Leave	\$ 19,148.00	\$ 19,148.00	\$ -
			\$ -
	2025-2027		
	NDDVA	Included in	
Federal & Special Funds	Requested	Exec. Budget	Difference
Total:	\$ 291,500.00	\$ 291,500.00	\$ -
Veterans' Home Cemetery repairs	\$ 291,500.00	\$ 291,500.00	\$ -
*This is an authorization to accept and expend funds if Federal grant is awarded			
*VA Priority Group 4			

**Retirement Payment Annual and Sick Leave:****\$19,148**

1 staff member expected to retire after over 45 years of service.



**10. Discuss any fees the agency charges, the appropriateness of the fee amount, fee collections that are deposited in the general fund or a special fund, and any anticipated changes from 2023 legislative session estimates during the 2023-25 biennium and estimated changes for the 2025-27 biennium.**

NDDVA does not collect fees for any services.

NDDVA provides Commemorative Memorial Coins (NDCC37-18-12) to families of at Veteran's funerals. These coins are also offered for sale with the proceeds used to purchase more coins. Donations are also requested and accepted for this program. These funds are deposited in the NDDVA fund 410 along with spendable income from the PWTF.

Commemorative Memorial Coins	2023-2025	2025-2027
Coin Sales (\$7.67 NET of coins sold @ \$15)	\$ 10,661.30	\$ 12,000.00
Donations	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
Estimated 3,200 Coins conferred @\$2.49 each	\$ 7,968.00	\$ 7,968.00
Net +/-	\$ 7,793.30	\$ 9,132.00
**2023 & 2024 coins sales: 1,391		

**11. Identify any federal state fiscal relief funds remaining to be spent by your agency by December 2026. Provide the amount, the purpose, and a timeline of anticipated expenditures.**

As of 12/31/2024	ARPA					Obligated to 12/31/2026
	NDDVA approved	Spent to date	Difference	Invoiced	Difference	
Total:	\$ 1,231,731.41	\$ 140,189.35	\$ 1,091,542.06	\$ 1,062,315.65	\$ 29,226.41	\$ 29,226.41
Transportation	\$ 130,895.41	\$ 59,352.95	\$ 71,542.46	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 22,042.46	\$ 22,042.46
Scanning	\$ 100,836.00	\$ 80,836.40	\$ 19,999.60	\$ 12,815.65	\$ 7,183.95	\$ 7,183.95
Fisher House	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
*Transportation: Continue transporting veterans. Will need carry over of balance to 2025-2027 budget						
*Scanning: Initial programing fees, migration fees expectto pay by 6/30/2025						
*Additional scanning and programing to finish up expected by 12/31/2025						
*Fisher House: Paying once land is acquired. Expected spring of 2025.						

**12. Discuss the need for any other sections to be added to the appropriation bill.**

-Carry over funding

-ARPA funding: Transportation and Scanning.

-INTERN Salary.

-Appreciation funding.

**13. Discuss any other bills being considered by the Legislative Assembly and their potential budgetary impact on your agency.**

- HB 1090, 1091, 1092, 1140, 1173, and 1228. Bridges for Fallen. *No budget impact.*
- HB 1094: Hunting license allocation. Add 501C19. *No budget impact.*
- HB 1135 Veteran Aid Loan. Increase maximum amount. No fiscal impact.
- HB 1147 Hunting. Amend from 100% to 50% disabled. *No NDDVA budget impact.*
- HB 1148 Armed Forces Month (May) May 3 is Armed Forces Day. *No budget impact.*
- HB 1169 G.U.A.R.D./Shark act-protect veterans from claim sharks. Require accreditation. *No budget impact.*
- HB 1180 Individual Unemployability updated on benefits. *No budget impact.*
- HB 1190 Committee - Bridges for the Fallen. ***Small budget impact.***
- HB 1212 Hwy 18: PFC Henry Gurke Memorial Highway. *No NDDVA budget impact.*
- HB 1293 Burial medallion for NG. ***\$45,000 Minor NDDVA impact.***
- HB 1390 Property Tax Credit. Raise Cap. *No NDDVA budget impact.*
- HB 1403 POW/MIA day. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September. *No budget impact.*
- HB 1504 PWTF add to principal. *No NDDVA budget impact.*
- SB 2046 WSI credit for new veteran entrepreneur. *No NDDVA impact.*
- SB 2199 Hunting: 100% disabled veteran exempt from lottery. *No budget impact.*
- HCR 3005 USS Frank E Evans lost 74 Resolution. *No budget impact.*
- HCR 3011 HBOT-resolution. *No budget impact.*
- SB 2198-possibly Definition of a Veteran. *No budget impact.*
- Military/veteran licensing compacts. *No NDDVA impacts.*



**14. Provide a one-page itemized listing of the changes your agency is requesting the committee to make to the executive recommendation.**

**NDDVA is asking the Senate Appropriations to...**

- Support Governor Armstrong's budget recommendations replace items removed by Senate:
  - 1-FTE: \$176,498
  - Commissioner Salary \$75,000
  - Accrued leave for retiring staff \$19,148
- and add:
  - \$243,767 in equity funding
  - Carry-over of remaining ARPA funds
  - Intern/temp funding.

**Consider adding principal to Post War Trust Fund  
HB 1504**

**15. Provide additional information as necessary.**

**NDDVA is an investment in North Dakota's,**

- **70,000 + Veterans**
- **Their Dependents**
- **State economic health.**

**NDDVA staff bring Federal Dollars to ND. The additional Staff we request will bring more of those Federal Dollars to ND while decreasing use of state funded programs.**

**Over \$1.3 Billion per biennium!!  
Small Budget-Big Return**