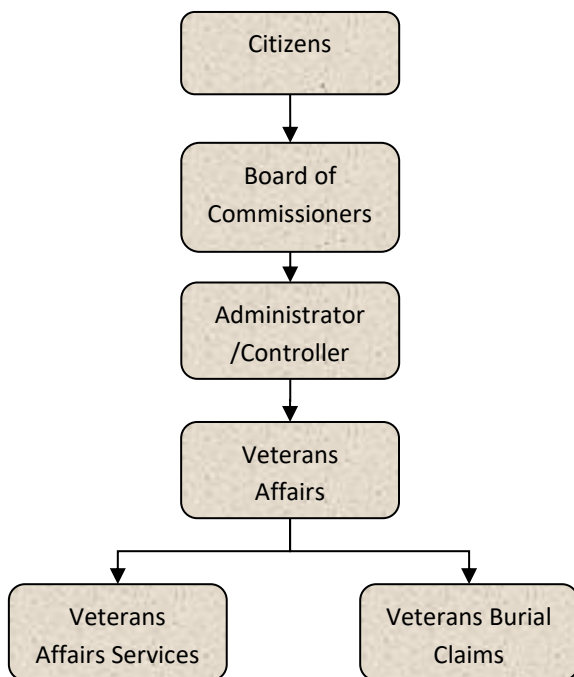


Activities

Veterans Affairs



Veteran Burial Claims – assists families of deceased veterans with expenses for their funerals

Through this office, the County supplies the flags that are placed on all the graves of the veterans buried in Jackson County

Serve as the veteran’s representative to assist veterans and their families in exploring and applying for a wide range of VA benefits.

These benefits include, but are not limited to; disability compensation & pension, education & training, career exploration, home loans, burial benefits, dependent & survivor benefits, healthcare and life insurance claims.

Assist veterans in coordinating social services through related state and local agencies. All Michigan counties are mandated to provide relief and burial benefits to eligible veterans and their family members.

There are 11,905 veterans from Jackson County in the VA census that bring \$34,642,000 into the county in VA benefit money; our focus is to increase those numbers by creating more public awareness of the functions of this office.



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Veteran Affairs Department to ensure that veterans and their families receive all benefits they are entitled to from the VA, State and local programs. To preserve the dignity they deserve at the time of their greatest sorrow and to ensure that the veteran’s family receives the help they need to bury a or to place his/her marker.

Veteran Burial Claims

Strategic Plan Impact

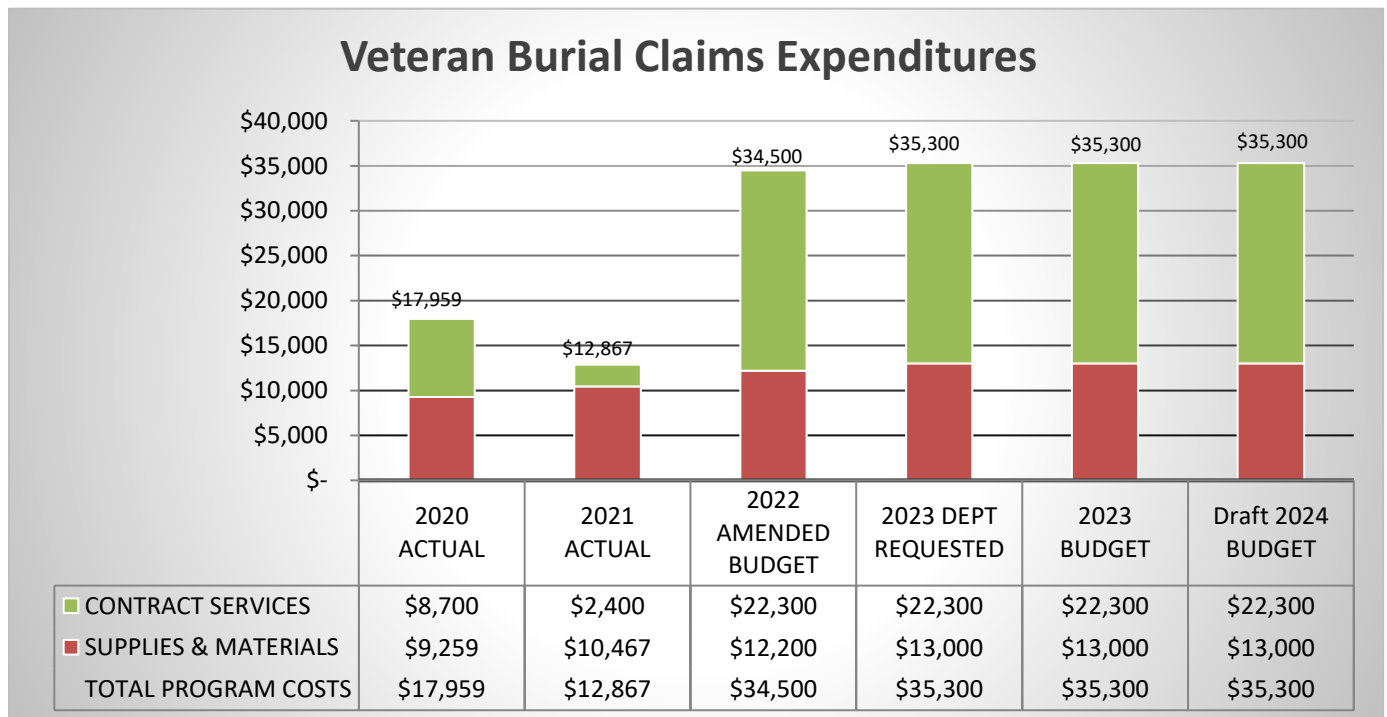
- ✓ Economic Development
By providing assistance with the cost of burial for qualified veterans and their spouses the Veteran Affairs office is able to support the families of these qualified persons with a benefit that will help lift the burden of burial costs.

Accomplishments

- ✓ With training and support we are able to assist the family members that make this claim in a way that will make the process as smooth as possible. We treat every person that makes this application with dignity and respect.

Budget Adjustments

There are no significant adjustments to this budget.



Other Key Indicators

Indicator	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual
Total dollars expended	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$29,400	\$24,012	\$23,702	\$17,958
Flags for cemeteries	12,960	12,960	13,824	13,824	13,824	13,824

Veteran Services

Strategic Plan Impact

✓ **Economic Development**

There is over \$43 million being returned from the VA to the veteran citizens and their families in Jackson County. These are funds that are for VA Compensation and Pension. When all programs from VA are considered there is over \$83 million spent on the veterans of our county.

✓ **Healthy Community**

Through the VA Healthcare program veterans with an honorable discharge are able to enroll into a program that will allow them to visit a doctor’s office that is located within Jackson County and to receive medical treatment and prescriptions. Along with the guidelines of the program VA Healthcare also includes a full service hospital in Ann Arbor. The program not only offers health care in the physical sense but also mental health care. Veterans in Jackson County Used \$39 million in VA health care this year

Accomplishments

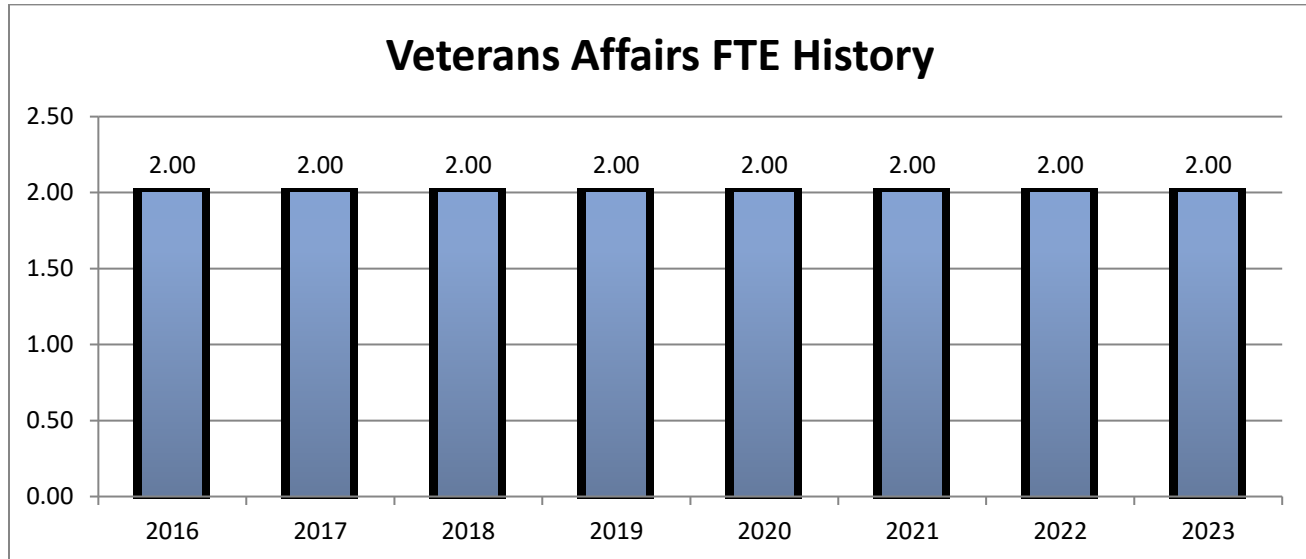
- ✓ With the loss of three Service Organizations to the Jackson County office With the Commitment from the American Legion Dept. Of Michigan to provide an Accredited service officer to our office 2 days a week and 3 days a week every other week we have cut the delay in service to just 4 days instead of 7days.
- ✓ With limited outside assistance the county office has been able to maintain a standard of excellence and efficiency and is still able meet deadlines for filing claims within VA guidelines.

Veterans Affairs

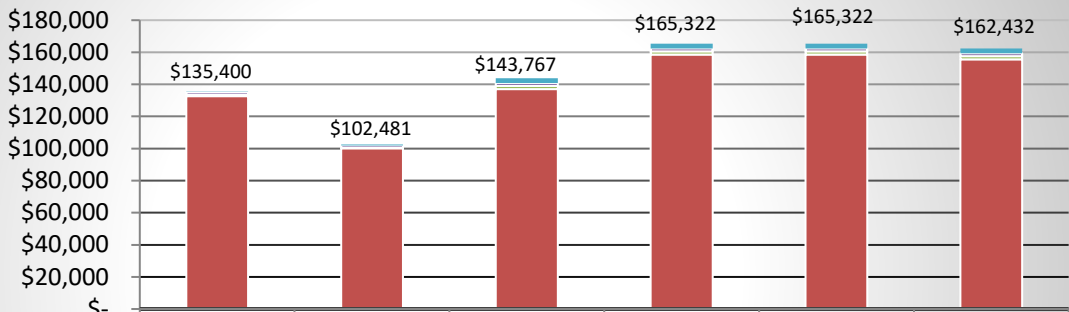
- ✓ We have maintained the quality and efficiency of the office to the level that is expected

Budget Adjustments

No significant budget adjustments



Veterans Affairs Expenditures



	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2022 AMENDED BUDGET	2023 DEPT REQUESTED	2023 BUDGET	Draft 2024 BUDGET
OTHER EXPENSES	\$234	\$585	\$3,004	\$3,004	\$3,004	\$3,004
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$1,441	\$1,593	\$1,737	\$1,737	\$1,737	\$1,737
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$976	\$80	\$2,056	\$2,056	\$2,056	\$2,056
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$132,749	\$100,223	\$136,970	\$158,525	\$158,525	\$155,635
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$135,400	\$102,481	\$143,767	\$165,322	\$165,322	\$162,432



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