



North Carolina
**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

***DEPARTMENTAL BRIEF
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2020***



Agenda

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- Introduction
- State Veterans Homes Program
- State Veterans Cemeteries Program
- Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship Program
- Closing





- Kernersville State Veterans Home
- Raleigh State Veterans Home
- Coronavirus Update



State Veterans Homes – Kernersville

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- Under Construction – 15% Complete
- Original Construction Estimate - \$42,779,880.00
 - VA Grant (Federal Cost Share) - \$27, 806,922.00
 - VA Grant (State Cost Share) - \$14,972,958.00 *
 - * NOTE: State Cost Share comes from North Carolina State Veterans Home Trust Fund
- Actual Construction Bid Received – approximately \$50,000,000.00
 - VA Grant (Federal Cost Share) - \$27, 806,922.00
 - VA Grant (State Cost Share) - \$22,193,078.00 *
 - * NOTE: State Cost Share comes from North Carolina State Veterans Home Trust Fund



State Veterans Homes – Raleigh

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- Original Construction Estimate - \$42,779,880.00
 - VA Grant (Federal Cost Share) - \$27, 806,922.00
 - VA Grant (State Cost Share) - \$14,972,958.00 *
 - * NOTE: State Cost Share comes from North Carolina State Veterans Home Trust Fund
- Actual Construction Bid Received – approximately \$62,000,000.00
- Cancel current grant and apply for new VA Grant in April 2020
- Construction estimate has been revised to more accurately reflect future cost of construction versus estimate previously submitted in 2015
- Remaining appropriation from 2015 to be applied to requirement for new grant



State Veterans Homes – Coronavirus Update

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- Nursing Home Management Company
- Potential New Residents
- Current Residents
- Nursing Home Staff



State Veterans Cemeteries

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- Location of Cemeteries
- Cemetery Historical Data



State Veterans Cemeteries

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- Coastal State Veteran Cemetery (Jacksonville)
- Western Carolina State Veteran Cemetery (Black Mountain)
- Sandhills State Veteran Cemetery (Spring Lake)
- Eastern State Veteran Cemetery (Goldsboro)



State Veterans Cemeteries

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	Coastal Carolina Veteran Cemetery	Western Carolina Veteran Cemetery	Sandhills Veteran Cemetery	Eastern Carolina Veteran Cemetery
Year opened	1993	1993	1997	2016
Original acreage	10	25	11	15
Current acreage maintained	25	30	17	15
Total Number interment spaces maintained (burial, cremation, columbarium)	5,067	7,292	7,638	811
Burial	3388	3898	6019	531
cremation	1201	3394	1611	66
columbarium	478	0	8	214
Approximate annual interments per year (All types)	320	390	420	210
Number of maint. employees	4	3	4	3
Total Number employees at each cemetery	6	5	6	5
How many years, by projection, will each cemetery reach capacity?	20	18	15	40
What is the anticipated year?	2040	2038	2035	2060
Do all 4 cemeteries have columbarium's now??	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



State Veterans Cemeteries

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COASTAL CAROLINA VETERANS CEMETERY

- Received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Division of Cemeteries in 2018 for \$504,533.00. The purpose was to align headstones with the emplacement of a grid system. This was completed in October 2019 and final payment made in November 2019.
- Additionally, awarded funds for Renovation and Restoration (R&R) in the amount of \$85,000.00.
 - Maintenance building bay doors have been replaced
 - Sidewalks repaired
- Upon approval from State Construction, we will move forward to:
 - Replace the carpet in the office and chapel
 - Replace the tile floors in the restrooms
 - Replace the Chapel doors
 - Paint the admin building and chapel roof (metal)
- **Future Needs**
- The committal shelter needs replacement. This shelter has been there since the beginning. This structure is tubular steel and is rusting from the inside out. Moisture over the years that penetrated the structure has rusted from the inside. Today's estimated cost for replacement is \$125,000.00.
- We are also requesting funds for a new irrigation system. The current system has been in the ground for 27 years and the underground piping is failing daily. The estimated cost is \$150,000.00.



State Veterans Cemeteries (Cont.)

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SANDHILLS VETERANS CEMETERY

- Requested and received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs - Division of Cemeteries for expansion in 2018 for \$5.7m.
- The purpose was to expand the burial size of the cemetery. We added 6 acres and 2280 burial sites as well as a columbarium that accommodates 880 interments. This expansion began in September 2018.
- There are two punch list items that remain to be completed. One is the grade on the back side and place additional stone for erosion control measures.
- The second is replace the cover stones for the three columbarium buildings. These are granite capstones that cover the tops of the columbarium's and enhances the appearance of the facility.
- The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs received a grant from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs – Division of Cemeteries, in 2018 for \$351,292.00 for the purpose of aligning headstones with the placement of a grid system and is scheduled to be completed by May 2020.

WESTERN CAROLINA VETERANS CEMETERY

- Requested and received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs - Division of Cemeteries in 2018 for \$3.2 m.
- The purpose was to expand the burial size of the cemetery. We added 5 acres and 1300 burial sites as well as a columbarium that accommodates 1400 interments. This expansion began in December 2018 and is scheduled for completion by April 15th, 2020.



Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship

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- Use of Additional Funds for Scholarship Program
- Senate Bill 560
- Scholarship Budget Program
- Scholarship Historical Data



Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship

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- FY 2020 Budget
- Base Budget \$9,190,468
- Carry Forward \$ 319,000
- Total Budget FY 2020 \$9,509,468
- FY 2020 Fall Semester Scholarship planning and expenses
- ½ of total budget FY 2020 = \$4,754,734 (½ used fall 2019, ½ used spring 2020)
- Tuition, Fees, Room & Board Fall Semester 2019
- \$4,855,493 Paid amount for fall semester at the reduced room and board rate
- \$ 839,000 Amounts to be paid the universities & community colleges for students to be held harmless (additional room & board rates)
- **\$5,694,493 Total amount to be paid fall semester 2019 for tuition, fees, room and board**
- ****As of March 3, 2020, we have paid an additional \$581,397 of the room & board difference. All institutions have not billed as yet.**



Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship

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- **Total Population in higher learning with scholarship for fall semester 2019:**
- 598 in State supported Universities that room, and board was paid
- 67 in State supported community colleges that room and board was paid
- 139 in Private Universities/College (flat rate; no room & board paid)
- 351 in State supported universities that room, and board was not paid (Class Ib)
- 48 in community colleges that room and board was not paid (Class Ib)
- 1203
- **There are 1280 students in school this semester, spring 2020, that will bill DMVA for scholarships. This is an increase of 77 students from the fall semester 2019.**
- **Total Budget FY 2020** **\$9,509,468**
- **Plus the appropriated funds from the Escheats Fund** **\$2,400,000**
- **Total Budget for Scholarship of Children of War Time Veterans** **\$11,909,468**
- **WE ANTICIPATE THE TOTAL COST FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY 2019-2020 TO BE:**
\$11,753,581



Children of Wartime Veterans Scholarship

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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Total Scholarship Applications Received:	694	629	516	545	477	524	539	
Total Scholarships Awarded By Class								
1-A	34	19	19	15	18	10	12	Automatic
1-B	124	110	114	149	152	149	193	Automatic
II	99	99	100	98	96	94	100	
III	97	97	92	93	96	96	100	
IV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Annual Scholarships Awarded	354	325	325	355	362	349	405	
Total Number Students Enrolled per year	1199	1132	1048	1076	1119	1109	1203	
Current total Active/ Awarded	2551	2467	2421	2413	2359	2308	2109	





Questions

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