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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 1:30 P.M. on January 29, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Eber Phelps- excused

Committee staff present:
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research
Betty Caruthers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
General Tod Bunting, The Adjutant General of Kansas
George Webb, Director of Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs

Others attending:
See attached list.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Proehl for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security held on January 24, 2007 and January 25, 2007 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked for any bill introductions of which there were none.

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Goico who moved to reconsider **HB 2067 - KS Commission on Veterans - Criminal History Checks of Employees**, seconded by Representative Ruff.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers recognized Revisor, Art Griggs to summarize the amendments for **HB 2067**.

Moved by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Ruff to amend **HB 2067**.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Ruff that **HB 2067** be passed favorably as amended.

Motion carried. 14 Yea 0 Nay

Chairman Myers opened hearings on **HB 2152 - Commission on emergency planning and response; new members**.

Chairman Myers requested Revisor, Art Griggs to summarize the bill. The fiscal estimate is \$10, 240.

Chairman Myers recognized General Tod Bunting who testified as a proponent for the bill. (Attachment 1) He talked about the expansion of membership and what the duties would include with the main concern being the safety of Kansans.

Chairman Myers noted two written testimonies in favor of the bill, the first being from Pat Eakes with the KS Commission on Disability Concerns (Attachment 2) and the next from the Department of Agriculture (Attachment 3).

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security at 1:30 P.M. on January 29, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Myers closed the hearings on **HB 2152**.

Chairman Myers announced the working of **HB 2152**.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Palmer to pass **HB 2152** out of Committee favorably for placement on the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried. 15 Yea 0 Nay

Chairman Myers recognized George Webb for a briefing on the mission and structure of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs. (Attachment 4) This covered the mission and structure, demographics, Veteran Services Program, State Approving Agency, State Veterans' Cemetery Program, Soldiers' Home and Veterans' Home, Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative and an overview of benefits. Mr. Webb stated that generally a Veteran is defined as someone who has served on active duty and has left active service with an honorable discharge or some definitions say anything but a dishonorable discharge.

Representative Bethel requested follow up numbers for this Committee as well as the Civil Service Budget Committee regarding the Kansas Veterans' Home in Winfield. He wondered if they were funded appropriately what the numbers of people served there would look like?

Chairman Myers adjourned the Committee at 2:55.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007.



KANSAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
Major General Tod M Bunting

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

Testimony on House Bill 2152

**To the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland
Security**

Major General Tod Bunting
The Adjutant General of Kansas

Monday, January 29, 2007

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

I am MG Tod Bunting The Adjutant General and the Director of Homeland Security for Kansas. Thank you for allowing me to testify and support HB 2152 which allows for the expansion of membership to the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response that we know as the CEPR. This important commission as set out in KSA 65-5721 has broad powers and responsibilities and we believe that a broader representation of government agencies and private sector areas should be on the Commission to assist in meeting those responsibilities.

KSA 65-5722 sets out the commission's powers and duties which include: Carrying out all requirements of the federal emergency planning and community right-to-know act, providing assistance and advice in establishing policy for the coordination of state agency activities relating to emergency training, preparedness, planning, and response; providing assistance and advice in establishing policy and procedures for chemical release reporting and prevention, transportation, manufacture, storage, handling, and use; facilitating and advising the division of emergency management, the adjutant

general, and others in the preparation and implementation of all emergency plans prepared by state agencies; preparation of local emergency plans; developing regional emergency medical response teams; designate, and revise as necessary, the boundaries of emergency planning districts; approve the local emergency planning committees (LEPC) for each emergency planning district; review after action reports to responses to disaster emergencies and make recommended improvements; coordinating, advising, or planning tasks related to community right-to-know reporting, toxic chemical release reporting, management of hazardous substances; planning and preparedness for all types of disasters, as defined in K.S.A. 48-904, the adoption of regulations as authorized to carry out the purposes of all state hazard preparedness and planning under the federal law and to approve the fees established by rules and regulations of the adjutant general to cover all or part of the total operational costs of implementing the provisions of federal law.

The statutory responsibilities of this commission along with the requirements of Homeland Security supports the additional members of the commission.

The advantages of having a broader representation of agencies, private organizations and business are many. First, it re-energizes a statutory commission with a broad mandate by bringing together the important parties in Homeland Security planning and response. The expansion will support the National Response plan, State Response Plan and National Incident Management System with regionalization and our regional councils. The requirement for input from experts on persons with special needs is critical in emergency planning, plus additional expertise from law enforcement for a possible terrorist threat is vital.

Next, the expansion will bring together private sector and government agencies into all aspects of planning and response which will encourage interaction and communication. This bill will continue to support federal law with Toxic and Haz-mat issues, release reporting, planning, response, and mitigation. It allows for increased education among all the parties involved.

Finally, the larger commission will support developing and implementing plans for regional emergency medical response teams, incident management teams and other future innovative ideas.

We want to ensure we have everyone at the table necessary when making decisions that impact the lives and safety of Kansans. By increasing the members on the commission, this bill will give the state an effective tool and improve the planning, training, responding and recovery from any and all hazards.

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions.



Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns

Veterans, Military and Homeland Security
Monday, January 29, 2007, 1:30 p.m.

Chairperson Powell and Members of the Committee:

I am Pat Eakes, Legislative Liaison for the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC). We are charged with providing information to the Governor, the Legislature, and to State agencies about issues of concern to Kansans with disabilities (K.S.A. 74-6706). The KCDC Commissioners represent people with disabilities across the state and our state agencies.

KCDC recognizes that the issue of emergency planning for people with disabilities is extremely important. KCDC is surveying service providers for persons with disabilities to see if this important issue is being addressed with consumers. We are also creating training and resources for emergency planning for people with disabilities. I attended the Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference (For People with Disabilities, the Elderly, Pediatrics, and Animals) in Washington, DC in December 2006. This was a helpful conference to assist in emergency planning for people with disabilities.

We support the addition of a person with a disability on the commission on emergency planning and response and encourage you to **pass HB 2152**.

If we can be of further assistance as a resource or you would like to discuss the issue, please let us know.

Thank you for your time.

Pat Eakes, Legislative Liaison
Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns
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**Testimony on HB 2152:
Expansion of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR)
To The Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security**

**By
The Kansas Department of Agriculture
January 29, 2007**

House Bill 2152 broadens the membership of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response to include, among others, the Kansas Department of Agriculture. This change will reconcile the commission's membership with the federal requirements for the State Emergency Response Commissionⁱ. This will allow Kansas Department of Agriculture programs specific to hazardous materials and agriculture safety to become full participants in relevant state emergency planning and response activities.

KSA 65-5703 defines the State Emergency Response Commission as: "*state emergency response commission for the purpose of carrying out all requirements of the federal act and for the purpose of providing assistance in the coordination of state agency activities relating to: (1) Chemical emergency training, preparedness, and response; and (2) chemical release reporting and prevention, transportation, manufacture, storage, handling, and use.*" The same statute defines the membership of the State Emergency Response Commission and provides for participation by the secretary of agriculture, or his designee, along with a number of other state officials.

The Commission on Emergency Planning and Response, described as the conversion of the State Emergency Response Commission, is the designated state interagency policy body required by federal lawⁱⁱ to address planning and response activities against accidental or unplanned releases of hazardous substances.

KSA 65-5722, Article 57, outlines the powers and duties of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response, including those specific to the emergency planning and community right-to-know hazardous materials program. The Kansas Department of Agriculture's responsibilities as the lead agency in promoting the safe use, handling and storage of pesticides and fertilizers are in line with both statutory references.

In addition to assuming the State Emergency Response Commission's responsibilities for hazardous materials planning and response, the responsibilities of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response were made more encompassing in its designation and charter, including the following dutiesⁱⁱⁱ:

1. Advise and assist state and local agencies in hazard mitigation;
2. Advise and assist state and local agencies in emergency preparedness (developing all hazard emergency plans, training and exercising);
3. Review responses to disasters and selected emergencies and recommend improvements for mitigation (prevention and risk reduction), preparedness (planning, training and exercising), response and recovery (cleanup, rebuilding lives, property and infrastructure) for future disasters.

The Kansas Emergency Response Plan designates the Kansas Department of Agriculture as the lead coordinating agency for Emergency Support Function #11 Agricultural and Natural Resources. Other department responsibilities include food defense, plant health, flood plain management and dam safety.

CEPR Duties (KSA 65-5722, Article 57)	Kansas Department of Agriculture's Role and Responsibilities
<p><i>(a) Carry out all requirements of the federal emergency planning and community right-to-know act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11001-11005, and amendments thereto, hereinafter called the "federal act";</i></p>	<p>The department regulates pesticide registration, storage and use and fertilizer registration and storage. We investigate reports of misuse of pesticides, and publish two numbers to collect this information (785) 296-4179 or (785) 296-3786. We are the lead response agency in the state's emergency response plans for the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Center in assessing the risks to agricultural assets, and defining response and recovery measures related to crops, food (including milk) and feed products.</p>
<p><i>(b) provide assistance and advice in establishing policy for the coordination of state agency activities relating to emergency training, preparedness, planning, and response;</i></p>	<p>We sponsor and participate in all levels of preparedness activities for state emergency response agencies for incidents related to pesticides and fertilizer, floodplain management, food defense and plant health. We work closely with the Kansas Animal Health Department in support of its foreign animal disease plan and with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on its bioterrorism response plan.</p>
<p><i>(c) provide assistance and advice in establishing policy and procedures for chemical release reporting and prevention, transportation, manufacture, storage, handling, and use;</i></p>	<p>We have staff with specialized or technical expertise and training to provide help with response and remediation actions dealing with pesticides and fertilizer.</p>
<p><i>(d) facilitate and advise the division of emergency management, the adjutant general, and others in the preparation and implementation of all emergency plans prepared by state agencies;</i></p>	<p>We are the lead coordinating agency for Emergency Support Function #11, according to the Kansas Emergency Response plan. We coordinate the development of the Kansas Food Emergency Response Plan, and maintain emergency plans to deal with threats to dairies and crops.</p>

	We maintain data on bulk storage of pesticides and fertilizer, water structure information, such as dams and levees, and maps of the federally identified floodplains throughout Kansas.
<i>(e) facilitate and advise the division of emergency management, the adjutant general, and others in the preparation and implementation of statewide, interjurisdictional, and local emergency plans prepared in accordance with state and federal law;</i>	We provide planning guidance for food defense and plant emergencies for local and regional implementation.
<i>(f) designate, and revise as necessary, the boundaries of emergency planning districts in accordance with the federal act;</i>	Emergency planning districts and local emergency planning committees are essential to chemical emergency planning and response and, therefore, are important to the department's pesticide and fertilizer program.
<i>(g) approve the local emergency planning committee for each emergency planning district;</i>	
<i>(h) review reports about responses to disaster emergencies and make recommendations to the appropriate parties involved in the response concerning improved prevention, mitigation, and preparedness;</i>	We are the lead state agency responsible for assessing the threats to, and defining the response, control, eradication and disposal mechanisms for food, feed and plant emergencies prior to human or animal consumption. We are an active member of the Kansas hazard mitigation team.
<i>(i) provide assistance and advice to the division of emergency management and the adjutant general in coordinating, advising, or planning tasks related to community right-to-know reporting, toxic chemical release reporting, management of hazardous substances, emergency planning and preparedness for all types of hazards and emergency planning and preparedness for all types of disasters, as defined in K.S.A. 48-904^{iv}, and amendments thereto;</i>	
<i>(j) recommend procedures to integrate, as appropriate, hazardous substance response planning under 42 U.S.C. 11001-11005, federal contingency planning under 33 U.S.C. 1321 and other federal laws as applicable to hazardous substance discharges, and state, regional, and local planning;</i>	
<i>(k) provide recommendations and advice to the adjutant general and the secretary of</i>	We conduct all appropriate actions related to our role as the lead agency on pesticide registration, storage and use, and fertilizer registration and storage.

health and environment regarding the adoption of regulations as authorized to carry out the purposes of all state hazard preparedness and planning laws and the federal act, 42 U.S.C. 11001-11005;

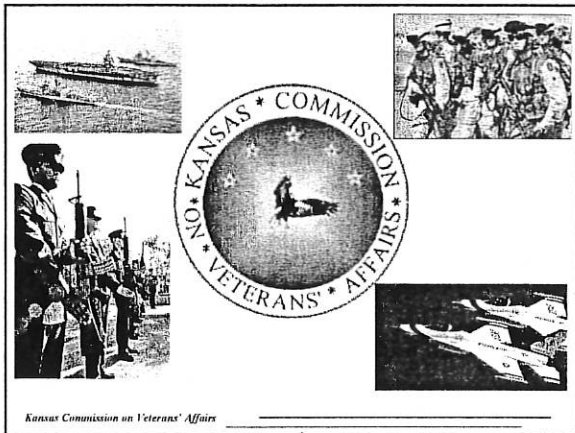
For these reasons, the Kansas Department of Agriculture supports HB 2152.

ⁱ NRT-1 Hazardous Materials Planning Guide, National Response Team, 2001, http://www.kansas.gov/kdem/pdf/library/2001_hazmatguide.pdf

ⁱⁱ Section 301(a) of the "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986" (SARA, Title III)

ⁱⁱⁱ Source: CEPR Charter, http://www.kansas.gov/kdem/commissions/cepr_charter.shtml

^{iv} KSA 48-904 (h) "hazardous material" means any substance or material in a quantity or form which may be harmful or injurious to the health and safety of humans, animals, crops or property when released into the environment. Hazardous material includes, but is not limited to, explosives, radioactive materials, disease-causing agents, flammable liquids, solids or gases, combustible liquids, poisons, poisonous gases, oxidizing materials, corrosive materials, irritants, nonflammable gases, cryogenics and blasting agents.




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AGENDA

- KCVA mission and structure
- Kansas veterans demographics
- Veteran Services Program
- State Approving Agency
- State Veterans' Cemetery Program
- Soldiers' Home and Veterans' Home Overview
- Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative
- Overview on Benefits

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**BRIEFING ON THE KANSAS
COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

January 29, 2007

WHO DO WE WORK FOR?

Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

PURPOSE

To provide information on KCVA mission and structure as well as benefits and services for Kansas' veterans ... and their eligible dependents.

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KCVA MAJOR TASKS

- Provide assistance and advice to veterans
- Serve as state approving agency
- Provide veterans' cemeteries
- Provide domiciliary and long term care to veterans

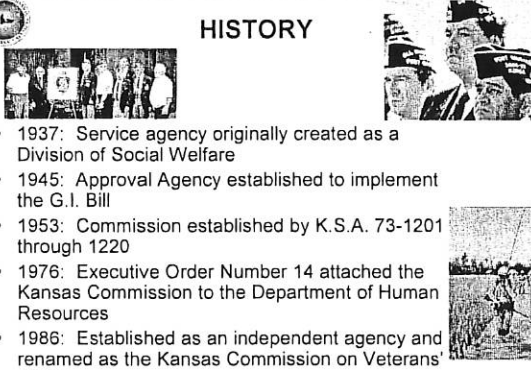
Implied task: Be an effective and active partner with veteran service organizations throughout the state

Caveat: not federal; not KS Department of Commerce

Assists Governor's staff with constituent information, proclamations, and ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day

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HISTORY




- 1937: Service agency originally created as a Division of Social Welfare
- 1945: Approval Agency established to implement the G.I. Bill
- 1953: Commission established by K.S.A. 73-1201 through 1220
- 1976: Executive Order Number 14 attached the Kansas Commission to the Department of Human Resources
- 1986: Established as an independent agency and renamed as the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

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KANSAS VETERANS*

• Gulf War	35,000
• Vietnam	78,000
• Korean Conflict	29,000
• World War II	45,000
• <u>Peacetime</u>	<u>70,000</u>




Kansas veterans 257,000

*Per 2000 census.
Does not include ongoing Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom

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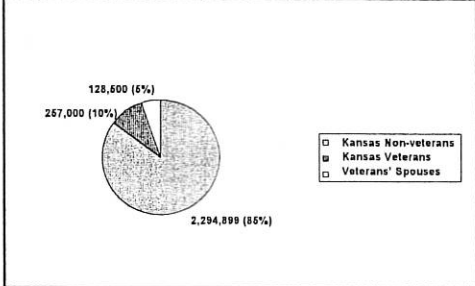
COMMISSION



- 5 MEMBERS (ALL VETS)
 - Appointed by the Governor
 - Staggered 4-year terms
- CURRENTLY SERVING:
 - Jim Buterbaugh – Winfield
 - Joy Moser – Topeka
 - Jack Fowler (Chairman) – Topeka
 - Mike Neer – Overland Park
 - Ed Wiegers (Vice Chair) – Marysville

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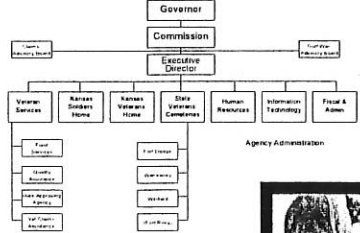
VETERANS AS A PERCENTAGE OF KANSAS POPULATION



Kansas Non-veterans	2,294,899 (85%)
Kansas Veterans	267,000 (10%)
Veterans' Spouses	128,600 (5%)

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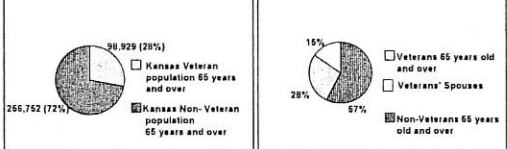
KCVV ORGANIZATION



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KANSAS VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS

Kansas Population 65 Years and Over




Kansas Veteran population 65 years and over	98,929 (28%)
Kansas Non-Veteran population 65 years and over	266,752 (72%)

Veterans 65 years old and over	15%
Veterans' Spouses	28%
Non-Veterans 65 years old and over	67%

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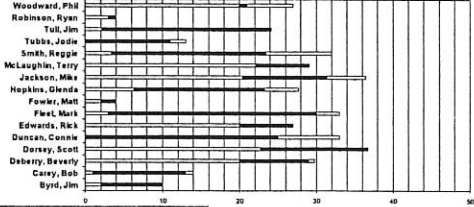
VETERAN SERVICES MISSION

The Veteran Services component of the KCVA is to obtain U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) and state benefits through services and assistance in which the Kansas veteran receives information, advice, direction, medical care, benefits, social support, and superior education and training programs.




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KCVA VETERAN SERVICE REP EXPERIENCE



Name	Other Military Service	Years as VSR	Other State Employment
Woodward, Phil	25	0	0
Robinson, Ryan	10	0	0
Tull, Jim	15	0	0
Tubbs, Jodie	10	0	0
Smkh, Reggie	10	0	0
McLaughlin, Terry	10	0	0
Jackson, Mike	10	0	0
Hopkins, Glenda	10	0	0
Powier, Matt	10	0	0
Fluel, Mark	10	0	0
Edwards, Rick	10	0	0
Dutton, Connie	10	0	0
Dorsey, Scott	10	0	0
Deberry, Beverly	10	0	0
Caray, Bob	10	0	0
Byrd, Jim	10	0	0



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KCVA PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF VETERAN SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES:

- > 15 Field Offices (with itinerant schedules)
- > Assistance & quality control at Wichita VA Medical Center



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VETERANS BENEFITS TO KANSAS: MONETARY AWARD TOTAL FROM ALL KCVA OFFICES

FY2005*	\$ 1,554,000	\$ 103,133,543	\$ 66	\$ 197
FY2006	\$ 1,388,171	\$ 103,408,877	\$ 74	\$ 221
CY2006	\$ 1,376,618	\$ 111,853,205	\$ 81	\$ 241

* Includes Veteran Services SGF and Agency overhead

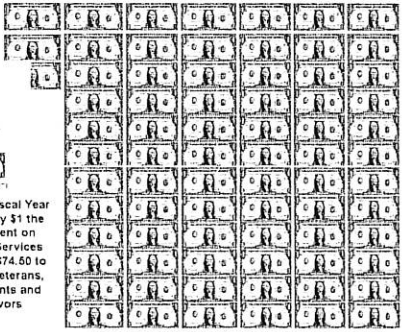
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SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE ON:

- Disability Compensation
- Non-Service Connected Disability Pension
- Death Pension - Burial Benefits
- Health Care Benefits
- CHAMPVA and CHAMPVA for Life
- TRICARE and TRICARE for Life
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Vet Centers
- Education Benefits
- Life Insurance
- Home Loan Guaranties
- State Veterans Nursing Facilities
- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Operation Recognition (High School Diploma Program)
- Requesting DD-214 (Proof of Service)
- Prescription Drug Coverage
- Filing Claims
- Appeals

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VETERANS BENEFITS TO KANSAS:




In State Fiscal Year 2006 every \$1 the state spent on Veteran Services returned \$74.60 to Kansas veterans, dependents and survivors.

Benefits received by Kansas veterans, dependents and survivors \$182,426,017

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STATE APPROVING AGENCY



- KCVA is "SAA" for the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Inspects, approves, and supervises courses, programs, and tests for educational and training institutions pursued by veterans and other eligible persons
- 214 schools and training facilities in Kansas
- Receives 100% federal reimbursement for costs (up to ceiling amount)
- College grad VSRs can assist ... and be reimbursed, too



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KANSAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY PROGRAM

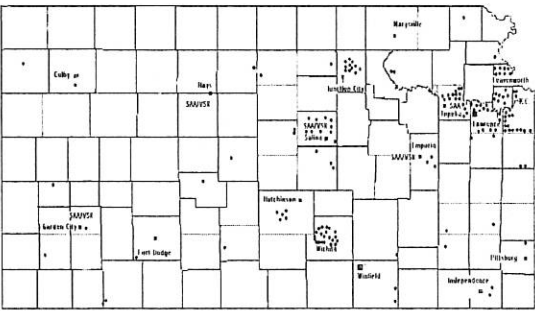
- These cemeteries are memorials to honor veterans, not just places to be buried.
- The Fort Riley State Veterans' Cemetery was first ... but now is last.
- VA Deputy Secretary Mansfield:
 - 1800 vets die every day; of 16M WW II vets, 3.9M are still alive.
 - "SVCs are more important than ever."
 - "A national shrine that shows that we honor the service of those enshrined there."

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VSR LOCATIONS AND SAA TRAINING PROGRAMS

Active VSR
 Vacant Office
 Active SAA/VSR




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1966 FEDERAL CEMETERY STUDY

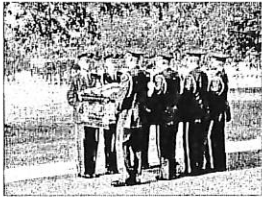
"If the rate of burial in national cemeteries should continue as in Fiscal Years 1963-65, all developed grave sites will be filled by 1974 and the now undeveloped acreage would be exhausted before the year 2000."

"Although the eligibility for burial in federally operated cemeteries now legally extends to approximately 26 million living ex-servicemen, the de facto eligibility is limited by the restricted availability of space as well as inconsistency in the location of the cemeteries and the veteran population."



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THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY PROGRAM




- Authorized by Kansas SB 19 in 1999
- Construction fully funded by federal government
- State maintains sites in perpetuity

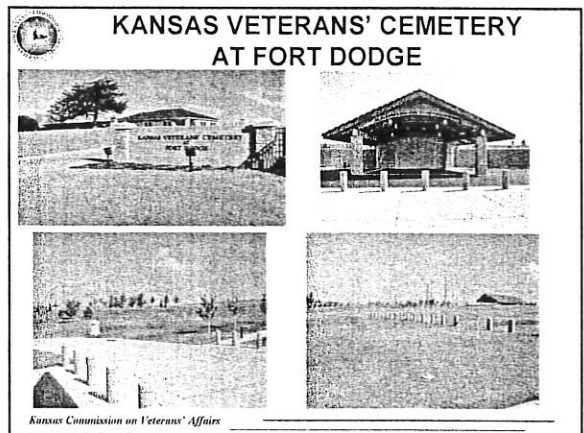
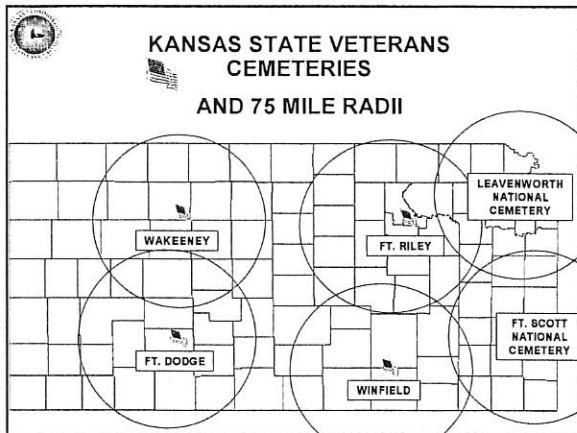
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KANSAS CEMETERY HISTORY

- FORT DODGE: Built in 1890
- 1999: GOV GRAVES APPROVES NEW PROGRAM
 - Improve Ft. Dodge
 - Add 3 new state veterans cemeteries
 - Fully funded by USDVA grant
- FORT DODGE SVC: Completed Nov 02
- WAKEENEY SVC: Completed Sep 04
- WINFIELD SVC: Completed Oct 04
- FT. RILEY SVC: To open 2008



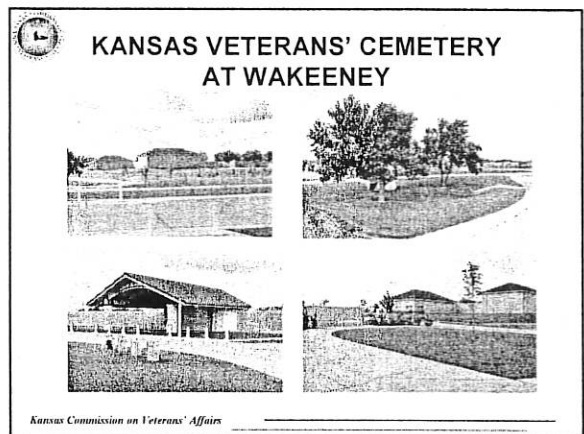
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FOUR LOCATIONS:

- Fort Dodge:
 - Opened December 2002
 - 3,752 spaces
- WaKeeney:
 - Construction began June 2003
 - Opened September, 2004
 - 2,136 spaces
- Winfield:
 - Construction began November 2003
 - Opened October, 2004
 - 11,166 spaces
- Fort Riley:
 - Currently in design
 - Up to 16,000 spaces

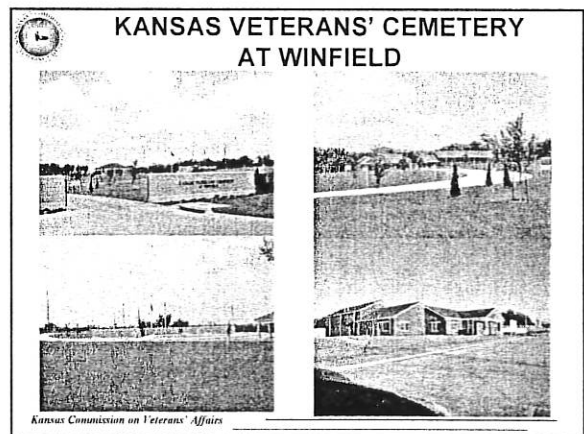
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CONSTRUCTION COST

- Fort Dodge Cemetery \$3,595,000
- WaKeeney Cemetery \$3,329,255
- Winfield Cemetery \$5,864,000
- Fort Riley Cemetery \$6,900,000(est.)

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ARRANGING BURIALS

- Specific gravesites cannot be reserved in advance.
- Before scheduling the burial, eligibility must be determined.
- Burials services are scheduled on business days only, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.
- Every effort will be made to accommodate the next of kin and the funeral director's wishes as scheduling permits.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Criteria for burial in state veterans' cemeteries are the same as those for burial in national cemeteries.
- Veterans are eligible for interment if they meet the requirements for military service.
- In most cases, spouse and dependent children of eligible veterans may be interred at a state veteran cemetery.
- Any veteran convicted of a federal capital crime* or state capital crime is not eligible for burial in the Kansas State Veteran Cemeteries.
- No residency requirement

* Congress passed law to remove Rader's (BTK) eligibility

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PRE-CERTIFICATION

- Pre-certification is a means of establishing burial eligibility early and may help indicate intent.
 - By mail
 - At any state veterans cemetery
 - With any KCVA service rep
- Veteran and spouse fill out KCVA Form 200 and provide necessary documentation.
- Does not guarantee a gravesite; does help avoid confusion at time of need.
- No obligation to use the cemetery at time of death.
- Other states respect KS pre-certifications.

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BENEFITS

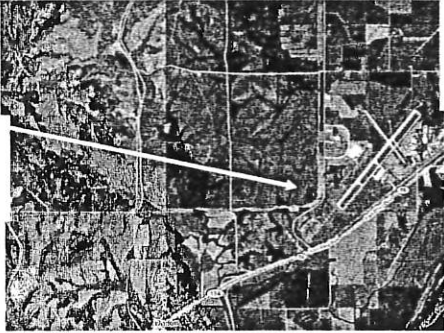
- Burial space
- Grave liner
- Opening and closing of grave
- Perpetual care
- Placement of cremation remains in columbarium wall or in-ground
- Scattering garden
- Up-right granite headstone
- Burial at no cost (but request VA \$300 plot allowance for vet)

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FT. RILEY CEMETERY SITE

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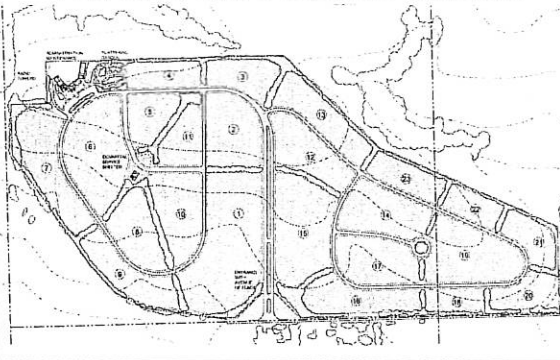
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KANSAS SOLDIERS' HOME
CENSUS INFORMATION
COUNTIES SERVED IN FY 05

Clark	Kiowa
Comanche	Lincoln
Doniphan	Morton
Edwards	Pawnee
Ellis	Rawlins
Ellsworth	Reno
Finney	Saline
Ford	Sedgwick
Franklin	Seward
Gray	Shawnee
Harvey	Wyandotte
Kingman	

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SITE DEVELOPMENT: POTENTIAL PLAN FOR FORT RILEY STATE VETERANS CEMETERY



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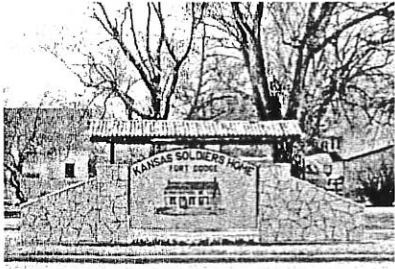
KANSAS SOLDIERS' HOME
HISTORY AND FUNDING

- OLD CAVALRY POST
 - Converted to Soldiers' Home in 1889
 - Home comprises 130 buildings/796 acres
- THREE INCOME STREAMS
 - SGF (34%)
 - Federal per diem (32%)
 - Fee funds (34%)
- CONSIDERING SPECIAL CARE UNIT (ALZHEIMERS)



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FACILITIES

- Gas Distribution
- Water Distribution
- Water Tower
- Sewer Lift Station
- Boiler System
- Clothing Store
- Post Office
- Gift Shop
- Sutler's Store/Canteen
- Tourist Attraction
- Chapel



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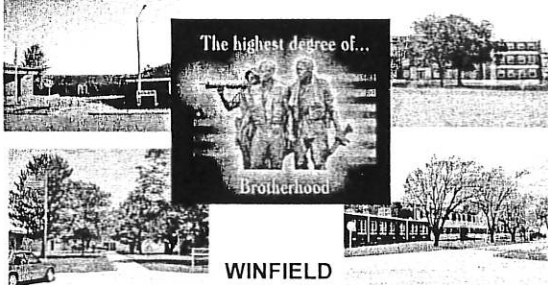
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	<u>Filled</u>	<u>Max Occupancy</u>
Nursing Bed	60	86
Domiciliary Cottages	43	96
	71	93
Total:	174	275

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KANSAS VETERANS' HOME



WINFIELD

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**KANSAS SOLDIERS' HOME
STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

- Basic requirements and Commission authority are contained in K.S.A. 76-1908 Persons eligible for admission; application; discharges, hearing; priorities for admission. (a) The following, subject to the rules and regulations that may be adopted by the Kansas commission on veterans affairs for the management and government of the Kansas soldiers' home shall be eligible to admission to the Kansas soldiers' home
- (1) Any person who served in the active military service of the United States during any period of war, or who served in the active military service of the United States during peacetime and is entitled to veterans administration hospitalization or domiciliary care under title 38, United States code and veterans administration rules and regulations, and who has been discharged or relieved there from under conditions other than dishonorable, who may be disabled by disease, wounds, old age or otherwise disabled, and who, by reason of such disability, is incapacitated from earning a living. (f) The Kansas commission on veterans affairs shall have authority by resolution to discharge any member from the soldiers' home on a showing that the member has gained admittance into the soldiers' home by misrepresentation of the member's financial or physical condition, or a showing that the financial or physical condition of such member has been so altered since admittance so that the further maintenance of the member in the soldiers' home is not justified. (g) The rules and regulations for admission of members to the Kansas soldiers' home: (1) Shall require that a veteran who has no adequate means of support, and such members of the family as are dependent upon such person for support, shall be given priority over other applicants for admission; The Last amendment to this statute occurred July 1, 1989.

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**KANSAS VETERANS' HOME
HISTORY AND FUNDING**

- BEGUN IN 1997**
 - From old Winfield State Hospital
 - Substantial federal funding for construction/renovation
 - Adjacent to Winfield Correctional Facility
- THREE INCOME STREAMS:**
 - SGF (25%)
 - Federal per diem (37%)
 - Fee funds (38%)
- HAS A SPECIAL CARE UNIT (DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMERS')**

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WHAT THE VA PAYS

- Up to 50% of the daily cost of care for a maximum rate of \$63.40 for long term care and \$29.31 for domiciliary care.
- VA Per Diem is based on 1/3 of the national average cost of care of all State Veterans Homes.
- Monthly Per Diem Based on Resident Days of Care for veterans. Furloughs greater than 96 hours not paid from start of furlough.

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**KANSAS VETERANS' HOME
HISTORY**

- The Kansas Veterans' Home at Winfield was established by KSA 76-1951 et seq
- Situated on part of the former grounds of WSH&TC
 - 154.5 acres
 - 15 buildings
 - 255,000 Square Feet
- Initial Federal Grant \$17,171,428
 - VA Portion \$10,641,428
 - State Portion \$ 5,280,000
 - Cowley County Portion \$ 1,250,000
 In support of 120 Domiciliary Beds & 227 Nursing Care Beds
Residential services for 347 veterans & eligible dependents
- 2004 Federal Grant \$3,940,579
 - VA Portion \$2,561,376
 - State Portion \$1,379,203
 Principle Projects:
 - re-roofing
 - two tornado shelters
 - new windows
 - tuck point and sealing of two residential buildings
 - two loading docks
 - connecting walkway

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KANSAS VETERANS' HOME SERVICES AT KVH

- Domiciliary – Assisted Living
 - Shelter, food, and necessary medical care on an ambulatory self-care basis.
 - Disability, disease, or defect that incapacitates the veteran from earning a living
 - Does not need hospitalization or LTC services.
- Long-Term Care
 - Incapable of earning a living.
 - Skilled or intermediate nursing care but not hospitalization.
 - Administration of medications, treatments.
- Special Care for Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia
 - Must have diagnosis for Alzheimer's/dementia
 - Receives LTC services, but CNA's and nurses receive specialized training.
 - Specialized activities for behaviors.

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VA COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS

VA MEDICAL CARE AND CBOCs IN KANSAS

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KANSAS VETERANS' HOME

	<u>Filled</u>	<u>Max Occupancy</u>
Nursing Bed	108	227
Assisted Living/ Dom	45	120
Total:	153	347

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KANSAS PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS HEALTH INITIATIVE

- Research & service program authorized in 1997 (KSA 73-1223 et seq.)
- Mission:
 - Investigate health problems
 - Serve as information resource
- Serves Gulf War veterans
- Major survey of KS vets 1999-2001

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VA COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS

•CBOCs are clinics placed to support veterans who are not close to the VA medical centers in Leavenworth, Topeka, and Wichita

•Ft. Dodge CBOC located at Soldiers' Home; KCVA service reps work in Salina and Hays CBOCs

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KANSAS PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS HEALTH INITIATIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- THREE VETERANS
 - Am Legion, VFW, DAV
- MEDICAL SPECIALISTS
 - Epidemiology
 - Toxicology
 - Genetics
 - Family Dynamics
- TWO LEGISLATORS
 - Senator Goodwin
 - Representative Morrison

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KANSAS PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS HEALTH INITIATIVE

- Board meets regularly (every two months)
- Ongoing work includes:
 - Assessing medical needs of current vets in SWA
 - Addressing PTSD
 - Encouraging further Kansas research (KSU and KU)
 - Participating in state's reintegration task force
 - Considering recommendation of a second survey
 - Bill pending to broaden mission as Kansas Veterans Health Program

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KANSAS BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO VETERANS: TAXES & FEES

- **VEHICLE TAX:** No tax reduction in KS (plates available)
- **PROPERTY TAX:** No tax reduction in KS
- **STATE INCOME TAX:** Military retirement not taxed by state; exemption for bonuses for military recruitment & student loan repayments
- **OCCUPATIONAL TAX:** No tax reduction in KS
- **DRIVERS LICENSES:** No fee reduction in KS
- **HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE FEES:** No fee reduction in KS to vets; KSNG gets free
- **STATE PARK FEES:** No fee reduction to vets; free entry to KSNG
- **LICENSE PLATES:** Seven plates; CMOH free

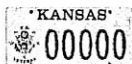



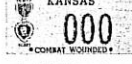



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KANSAS MILITARY BILL OF RIGHTS AND OTHER BENEFITS

- State employee: pay differential; one-time \$1000 payment upon activation of RC
- State pays life insurance for deployed KSNG troops (\$250K for troops in combat zone)
- State income tax exemption for bonuses for military recruitment or student loan repayments
- Credit for tuition paid to KS regents school if activated
- Tuition waivers to dependents of SM killed in military service (retroactive to Sep 11, 2001; SM must have been Kansas resident)
- Tuition waivers to SM who were POWs after 1 Jan, 1960 (KS resident upon entry)
- Free hunting & fishing licenses to KS National Guard members
- Free entry to state parks for KS National Guard members
- Continued in-state tuition status to military dependents when SM PCSs from state
- Veterans preference: guaranteed interview for state employment; preference if qualified for city/county employment

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KANSAS BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO VETERANS: LICENSE PLATES

	\$33.50		No charge
	\$.50		\$.50
	\$33.50		\$33.50
	\$33.50		Decals \$2 each

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KANSAS BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO VETERANS

- **VETERANS CEMETERIES:** 3 (one pending)
- **NURSING HOMES:** 2; none pending; need in NE Kansas
- **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE:**
 - Tuition waivers to dependents of SM killed in military service (retroactive to Sep 11, 2001; SM must have been Kansas resident)
 - Credit for tuition paid to KS regents school if activated
 - Tuition waivers to SM who were POWs after 1 Jan, 1960 (KS resident upon entry)
 - In-state rates for active duty SM and families; continued in-state tuition status to military dependents when SM PCSs from state (new)
- **LOAN PROGRAM:** None
- **WAR BONUS:** WW I only; last KS WW I vet just passed away
- **BURIAL ALLOWANCE:** None
- **OPERATION RECOGNITION:** Yes (diplomas for WW II and Korean Conflict non-HS grads)

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KANSAS BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO VETERANS

- **PERSIAN GULF WAR ASSISTANCE:** State survey in 1999; PGWVHI board meets to review past and current issues; no ongoing survey
- **MEMORIAL / GRANTS:** None (SB 110 in 2005 authorized program but w/o funds)
- **PENSION / ANNUITY:** None
- **ADAPTED HOUSING:** None
- **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** None for KS vets; Governor launched program for assistance to families of deployed Guard & Reserve troops
- **BIRTH / MARRIAGE / DEATH CERTIFICATES:** Free if for vet benefits and requested thru KCVA
- **HOMELESS PROGRAM:** None just for vets except what is provided by the VA

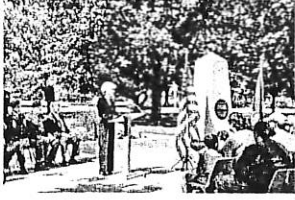
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- **VETERAN PREFERENCE:** Guaranteed interview for state jobs; vet preference for city/county jobs; under review by Attorney General
- **WOMEN VETERANS NETWORK:** None; KCVA has POC
- **AGENT ORANGE PROGRAM:** None; info available from KCVA
- **TRANSPORTATION TO VA MED CENTERS:** Nothing for veterans (homes provide transport for residents)
- **REDUCED BUS FARE:** None
- **ESTATE MANAGEMENT:** None
- **WELCOME HOME PROGRAM:** Ongoing work with TAG, VA, KCVA on reintegration program for RC
- **I OWE YOU PROGRAM:** None (VA provides demob info)
- **CLAIMS PROCESSING:** Yes – through KCVA VSRs

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“ We must honor them by never—not for a single moment— taking for granted the freedoms and blessings that their sacrifices helped protect.”




Governor Kathleen Sebelius
November 11, 2003

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BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO VETERANS TO CONSIDER (WHAT WE HEAR ABOUT MOST)

- Casino/slot machine money for veterans services or VSOs
- Additional Veterans' Home in NE Kansas
- Free hunting/fishing licenses to veterans
- Reduced property taxes for veterans
- Waiver of vehicle property taxes for veterans (esp disabled veterans)
- Campaign recognition program (MO: \$3M program)
- Dementia/Special Care Unit at KSH
- State-funded memorials
- Reduction of fees at homes
- Not counting service-connected comp in income for state homes/Medicaid

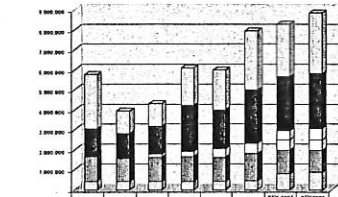
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AGENCY BUDGET HISTORY

Multi-Year Comparative of State General Funds



	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
21 Veterans Team	2,112,000	2,110,000	2,100,000	2,110,000	2,090,000	2,010,000	2,000,000
22 Cemetery	1,170,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000
23 Cemetery Program	9,225	2,000	161,700	227,200	437,000	437,000	437,000
24 Veterans O&M	1,210,000	1,150,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,210,000
25 Veterans Services	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000
26 Veterans Services	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	425,000

ADMIN SEPARATED OUT IN 2005: \$425K IS INTERPOLATION

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