NASDVA – Who we are

• National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Inc.
• Directors of Veterans Affairs of all 50 States, DC, and 5 Territories
• Constitutionally established 1946 (70th Anniversary)
• Second largest provider of services to Veterans & Family Members
• ~ $10B annual funding; > 100,000 employees
• Purpose:
  o Foster effective representation of Veterans entitled to benefits
  o Share “best practices” and exchange ideas and programs
  o Facilitate reciprocal relationships between states/DC/territories
  o Maintain an interest in all Veterans legislation – State and Federal
  o Work with all VSOs
• Veterans see only one VA – one image
USDVA – NASDVA Partnership

• Memorandum of Agreement between USDVA-NASDVA
  o Signed 27 February 2017 by VA Secretary David Shulkin & NASDVA President Randy Reeves
  o Purpose:
    ➢ Recognize and enhance the partnership – built on “Trust”
    ➢ Continue to build upon our strong relationship

• Strong relationship with VA Staff
  o Daily communications with IGA
  o Coordination with OCLA on legislative issues
  o Direct interaction & relationship with Senior VA Officials
  o State Directors serve on Advisory Committees

• We support the intent of MyVA Transformation
• We have adopted ICARE core values
State Delivery of Services

- State Veterans Home Grant and Per Diem Program
  - Largest partnership between States and VA
    - Over 51% of VA authorized Long Term Care
      - 153 state facilities in 50 States and Puerto Rico
      - Over 30,000 beds for care
  - Model of cost effectiveness
  - FY 2017 Funding
    - Per Diem ~ $1.2B
    - Construction Budget $90M
    - 57 Priority Group 1 projects requested by states; $640M
- Direct Relationship with NASVH (75% under Directors)
Veterans Cemetery Grant Program

- VCGP cemeteries complement VA’s 135 nationals
- Established 1978 with $714M grants awarded
- 105 Cemeteries established
  - Located in 47 States & 2 Territories (Saipan & Guam)
  - 9 Operational tribal cemeteries
- 7 Projects under construction

FY 2016 Interments

- Total – 167,932 (NCA & VCGP)
- States/Tribal/Territories – 36,312 (21.6%)

FY 2017 budget $45M

- 101 projects on FY17 priority list; $283M
State Delivery of Services

- Veterans Benefits Services (Claims)
  - States manage and administer claims processing
  - Nationally chartered to represent Veterans
  - Various delivery models
    - State Employees
    - State/VSO Agreements
    - County Veterans Service Officers

- Contributed to claims backlog reduction
  - Supported FDC process
  - Committed state resources
    - Electronic claims processing
    - Support D2D
    - Strike teams

- Participating in Appeals Modernization to reduction backlog
State Delivery of Services

• Specialty Programs:
  o DOL VETS
  o Women Veterans Programs
  o Homeless Veterans Programs
    ➢ Homeless Treatment and Transition Facilities
  o Justice Outreach (Veterans Treatment Courts)
  o State Approving Agencies (NASAA relationship)
  o DD-214s Repositories
    ➢ State records
    ➢ eDD214s for outreach
    ➢ Use of DPRIS (Defense Personnel Records Information)
  o Burial Honors (States supplement DOD 2-man detail)

• Advisors to Governors, Legislatures & Congressional Offices
“NASDVA is ideally positioned to assist USDVA in advancing long lasting initiatives and policies that will benefit our nation’s Veterans for years to come.”

Beavers, ExDir & Reeves, MS
Feb 2016

“Where States are weak, Federal VA is strong; Where Federal VA is weak, States are strong.”

Cameron Smith, OR
Nov 2015

“Veterans business is nonpartisan business.”

Beavers, ExDir
Nov 2016