

House Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee / January 28, 2025



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# **8@YEARS OF SERVICE**

TO OREGON VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

## MISSION

To honor and serve all Oregon veterans and their families by aligning and delivering earned benefits and services that enhance and improve their lives in recognition of their service to our nation.

## VISION

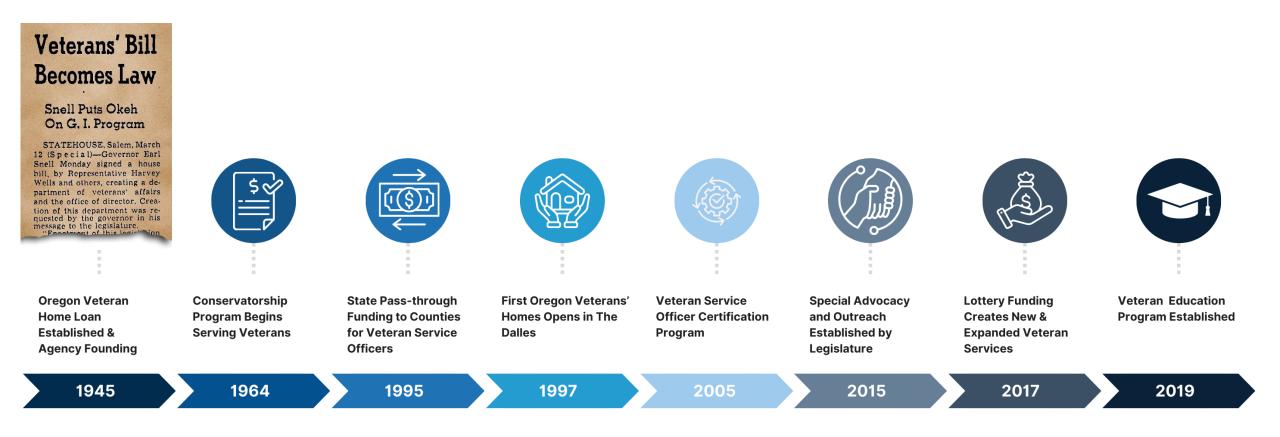
All veterans and their families thrive in Oregon.



## VALUES

Stewardship Excellence Respect Vision Inclusivity Commitment Equity





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Estimated 266,690 veterans in Oregon having served across 5 major war eras

75% served during a wartime era

More than 50% of veterans are age 65 and older

13.8% are veterans of color

9.8% of veterans are women

2.5% of veterans identify as LGBTQ+

0.5% of veterans are houseless

TOTAL FY 23 FEDERAL VA EXPENDITURES IN OREGON

\$4.0 BILLION



**\$1.83 Billion** Health Care Expenditures

More than 36% of veterans in Oregon are enrolled in health care from the federal VA. **S** 

**\$1.9 Billion** Disability Compensation

and Pension Payments

Nearly 31% of Oregon veterans are service–connected for injuries incurred in service.



## \$128 Million Education Payments

In 2023, the average tuition and housing payments made to nearly 7,000 veterans in Oregon was \$18,486.







### Investments in our Veterans

#### **2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget**

- Supporting Veteran Housing Stability
- Investing in Veteran Behavioral Health
- Continuing Support for Veteran Education
- Reaching Underserved Veterans
- Honoring and Serving Veterans at Every Life Stage
- Strengthening ODVA's Operations

#### 2017-19

- Veteran Services Grant
- Campus Veteran Resource Grant
- Tribal Veteran Services Pass-through
- Military Helpline Pass-through
- Aging Veteran Outreach
- Veteran Volunteer Program
- Expanded Pass-through Funding to Counties

#### 2019-21

- Rural Veteran Healthcare Transportation Grant
- Veterans Educational Bridge Grant
- Tribal Veteran and Houseless Veteran Coordinators

#### 2021-25

Establish new programs funded in prior biennia's



#### HB 2341:

Adds a uniformed service member's or veteran's e-mail address to the information that the Director of Human Services, Early Learning System Director, Director of Transportation and Director of the Oregon Health Authority are required to provide to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

#### HB 2344:

Relating to the World War II Memorial located on the Capitol Mall to ensure ODVA has authority and funding to make needed structural and administrative changes to the memorial.

#### HB 2559:

Defines "honorable conditions" as related to the discharge or release of a veteran.

THE OKEGON WWII MEMORIAL

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# QUESTIONS?