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Overview



- **Who We Are and Who We Serve**
- **Benefits and Services for Disabled Veterans**
- *MyVA* Initiative
- **Areas for Future Research**
- **Contact Information**

Mission and Values



Lincoln's Charge, 1865

“To care for him who shall have borne the battle,
and for his widow and his orphan.”



Integrity
Commitment
Advocacy
Respect
Excellence

Health Care

VA operates the nation's largest integrated health care system, with more than 1,700 hospitals, clinics, community living centers, domiciliaries, readjustment counseling centers, and other facilities.

Benefits

VA administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to Servicemembers, Veterans, their dependents and survivors.

Burials & Memorials

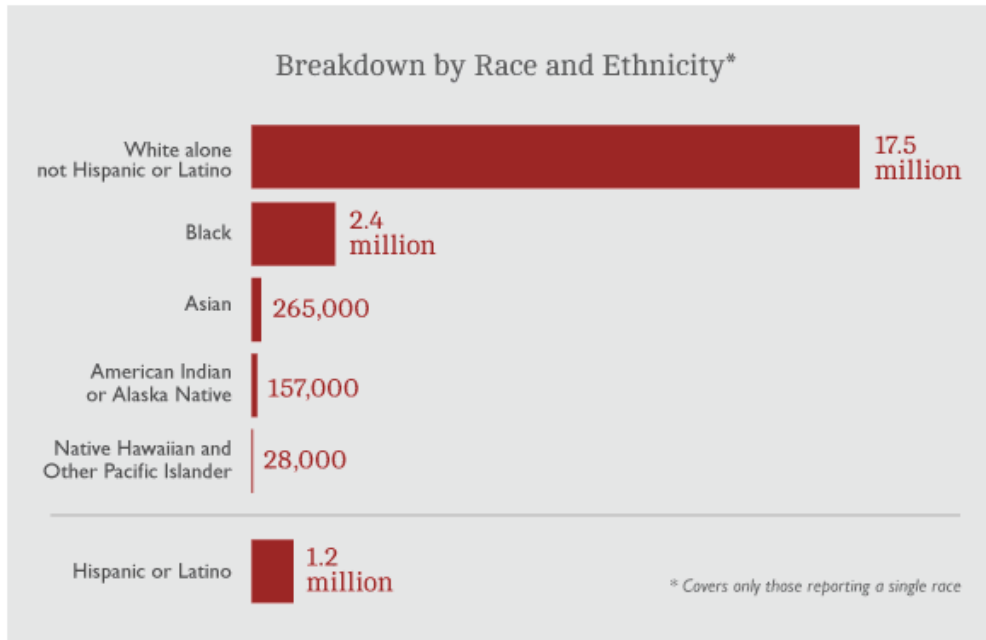
VA operates 131 national cemeteries in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Burial and memorial benefits are available for eligible service members, Veterans, and family members.

Veteran Population

There are 21.8 million veterans in the United States.



Of the 21.8 million veterans in the United States, more than 1.3 million served during multiple wars.



<http://census.gov/library/infographics/veterans.html>

Disabled Veteran Population



Nearly 4,000,000 Veterans are Receiving VA Disability Compensation

330,000 Veterans are receiving IU benefits

Nearly 740,000 Veterans are compensated for PTSD

Nearly 1,700 OEF/OIF Amputees

Veterans receiving a SCD benefit have a lower poverty rate (6.5%) compared to disabled non-Veterans (24.2%)

69% of Veterans receiving VADC used VAHC in FY 2012, up from 59% in FY 2005

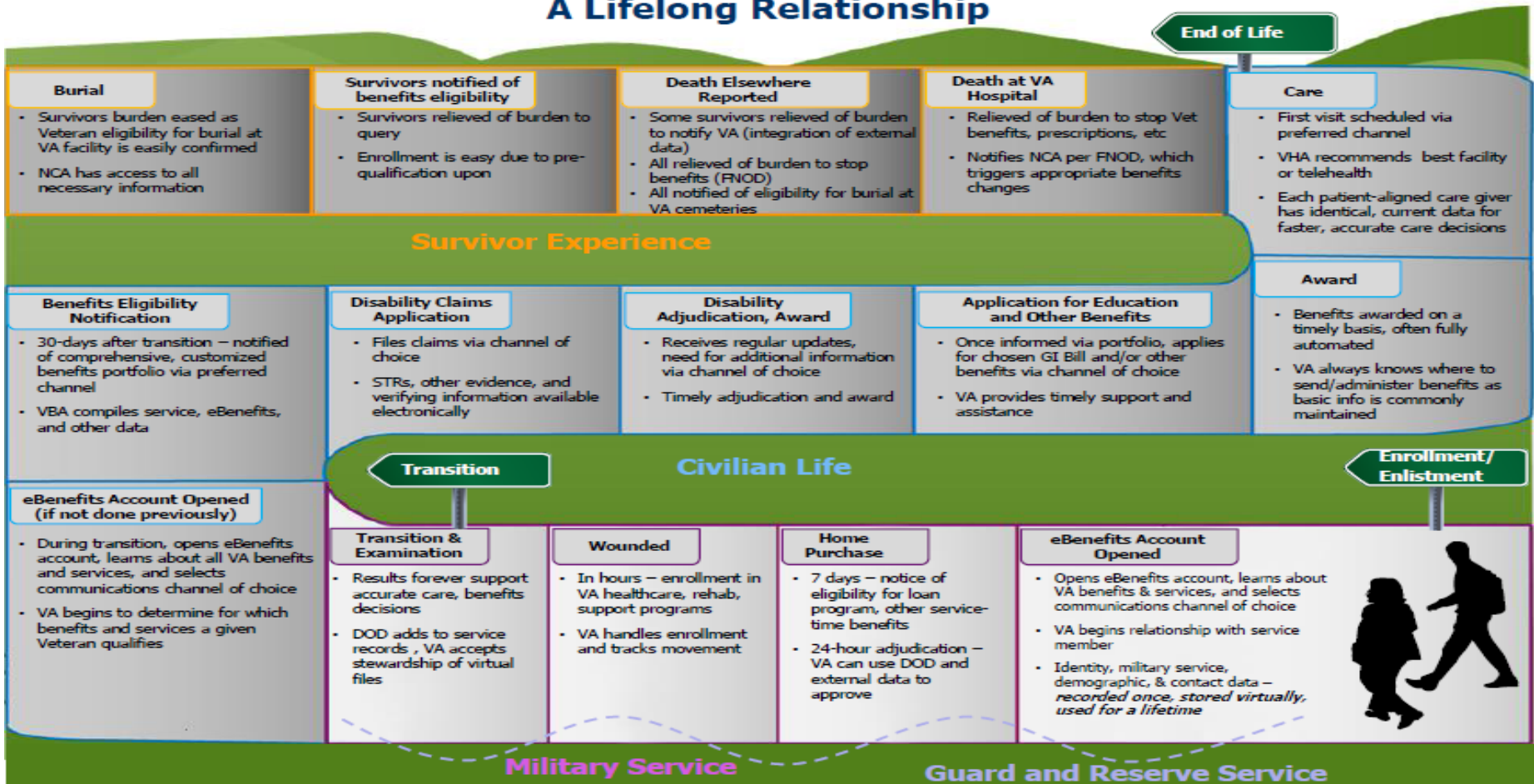
Poverty rate for Veterans ages 18-34 and 35-54 (14% & 33%) is higher than those of disabled non-Veterans in the same age groups (9% & 25%)

450,000 Veteran are rated 100% disabled.

VA's Relationship with Veterans



Future State Veteran-Centric Operations A Lifelong Relationship



Highlights of Benefits and Services for Disabled Veterans

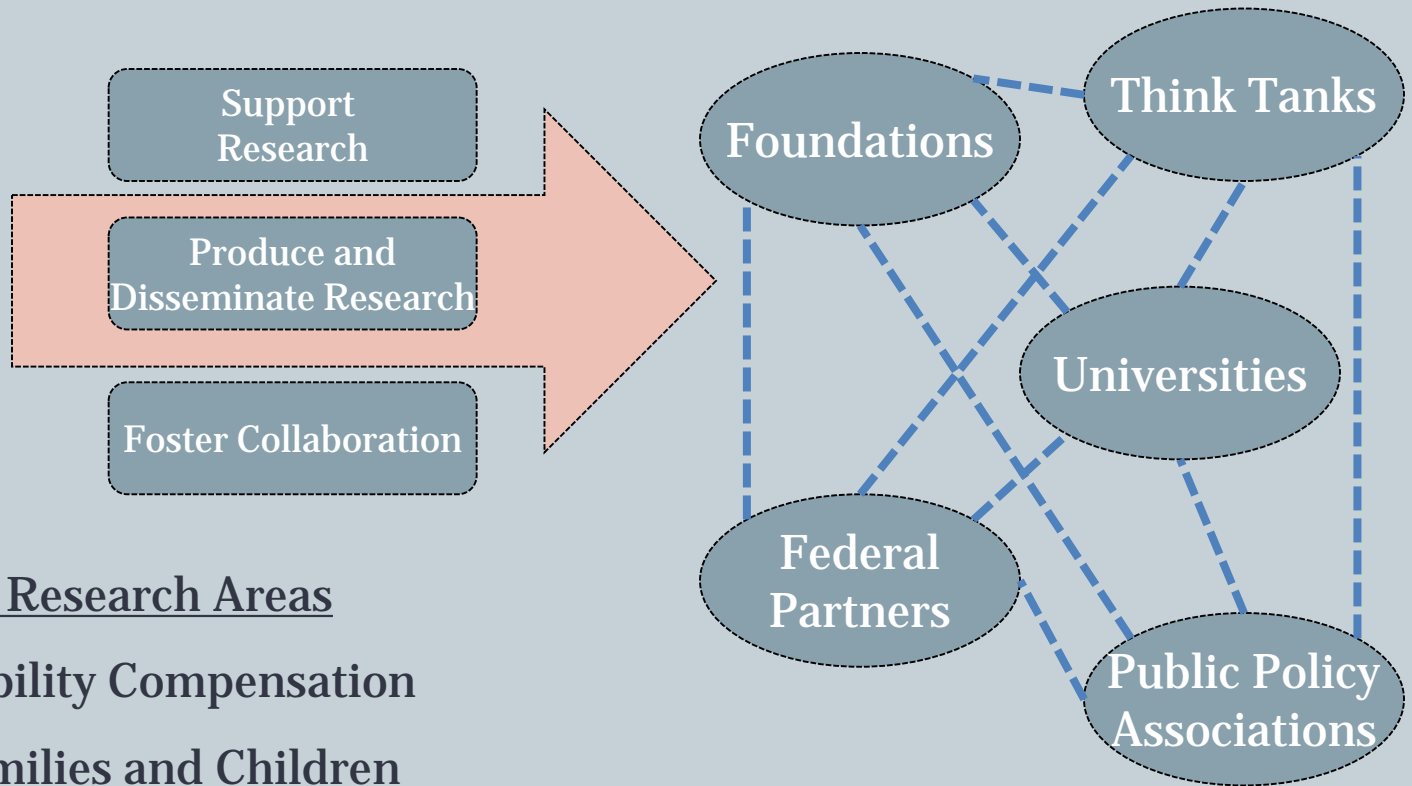
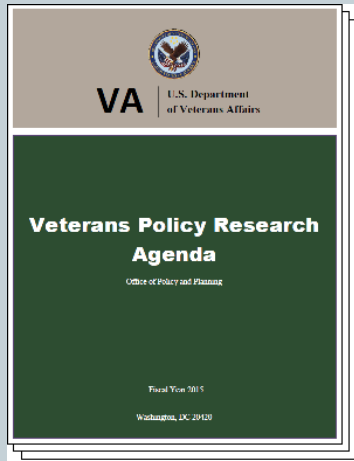


MyVA Initiative



- Design and Implement a Veteran Experience Organization
- Improve VA Internal Support Functions
- Launch Performance Improvement Teams
- Enhance Strategic Partnerships

Veterans Policy Research Agenda



FY 2015 Priority Research Areas

- Federal Disability Compensation
- Veterans' Families and Children
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Reintegration

Areas for Future Research



Disabled Veteran Outcomes and Success

Policies and
Programs

Self-
Sufficiency

Partnerships

Metrics
of
Success

Veteran
Choices

Employment and Education

Best
Practices

Models

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