

Department of Veterans Affairs

MISSION

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) delivers services and programs to assist veterans, their families and survivors in obtaining Federal, State and local benefits provided by law in recognition of their service to state and country. MDVA enhances public awareness and communication with veterans, their families and other stakeholders to encourage and increase statewide participation in addressing problems faced by Maryland veterans. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home provides an Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing care facility for eligible Maryland veterans and their non-veteran spouses who are unable to take care of themselves due to disability, advancing age, or who have requirements for nursing home care. The Memorials and Monuments Program assures quality maintenance of the memorials honoring Maryland veterans. The Veterans Cemetery Program offers a final resting place for Maryland veterans and their eligible dependents.

VISION

The Department is an advocate of veterans' issues and will dedicate itself to the preservation and enhancement of benefits, rights, and entitlements to ensure those veterans and their families live productive and successful lives. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is dedicated to serving Maryland's veterans who have earned special recognition through their sacrifices in protecting our country's freedoms and individual rights. The superior appearance of our veterans' memorials will place Maryland at the forefront of honoring the military history and contributions of its men and women who served and sacrificed for their state and nation. We envision a State that improves the economic well-being of its veterans and their families by providing quality benefits information and counseling.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Promote awareness of services and benefits available to veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

Obj. 1.1 Increase the number of client contacts above fiscal 2014 levels in fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Maryland veteran population	465,727	459,918	444,479	437,762	428,861	423,470	414,879
Number of client contacts	91,402	104,423	101,617	91,590	88,338	95,000	97,000
Number of new power-of-attorney assignments	968	1,806	1,806	2,282	2,284	2,600	2,700

Goal 2. Provide interment services and assure maintenance of burial areas, surrounding lawn areas, buildings, and roads.

Obj. 2.1 Provide burial services upon request for 100 percent of those eligible and their dependents. Reduce grounds maintenance complaints by 10 percent annually while increasing the number of complaints resolved within 30 days to 98 percent.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Number of burial sites	79,706	82,883	86,377	89,637	92,995	96,037	99,247
Interment services provided (veterans and dependents)	3,266	3,300	3,495	3,269	3,392	3,210	3,350
Number of complaints about maintenance received	69	75	69	63	57	52	46
Percent change in number of complaints	-8%	8%	-8%	-9%	-10%	-9%	-12%
Percent of complaints resolved within 30 days	97%	97%	97%	97%	98%	98%	98%

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Goal 3. Provide a safe Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing care facility for eligible Maryland veterans and their non-veteran spouses who are unable to take care of themselves due to disability, advancing age, or who have requirements for nursing home.

Obj. 3.1 Provide an environment in which indicators of resident quality of life are maintained or improved at levels above the Maryland State average.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Resident population at Charlotte Hall	400	408	406	405	410	420	420
Occupancy rate (average daily census)	87%	89%	89%	89%	90%	93%	93%
Prevalence of daily physical restraints	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
High risk residents with pressure ulcers	N/A	7.1%	5.9%	5.2%	4.7%	5.7%	5.7%
Residents with behavioral symptoms affecting others	N/A	34.4%	48.9%	47.5%	43.3%	49.0%	49.0%
Percent of residents who receive antipsychotic medication	N/A	28.5%	27.5%	24.2%	25.6%	25.0%	25.0%
Percent of residents given influenza vaccination during flu season	N/A	91.2%	90.0%	100.0%	98.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Maryland State average: Prevalence of daily physical restraints	N/A	1.9%	1.6%	0.9%	6.0%	1.3%	1.3%
High risk residents with pressure ulcers	N/A	8.4%	7.7%	7.7%	7.8%	7.6%	7.6%
Residents with behavioral symptoms affecting others	N/A	18.0%	17.4%	19.5%	19.4%	17.0%	17.0%
Percent of residents who receive antipsychotic medications	N/A	23.9%	16.9%	15.5%	14.3%	16.0%	16.0%
Percent of residents given influenza vaccination during flu season	N/A	77.8%	73.0%	93.0%	89.0%	90.0%	90.0%