2026 Annual Accountability Report

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Agency Code: E260

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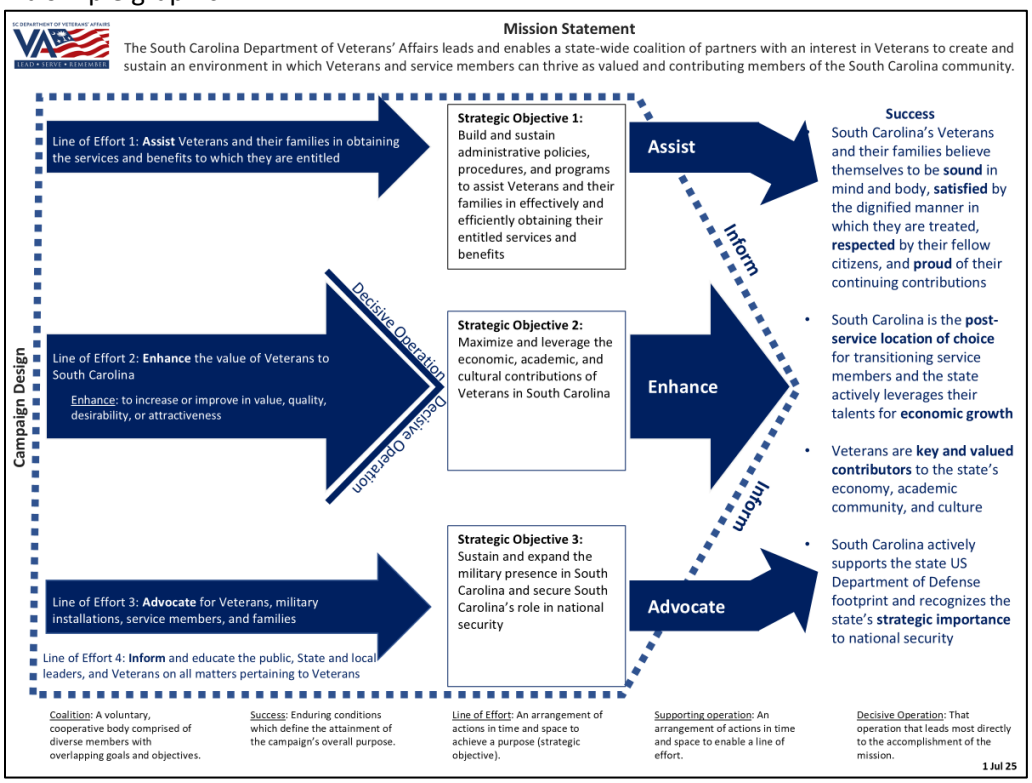
AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

I. The Department's Purpose: The South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs exists to serve this state's Veterans, service members, and their families and to promote the value Veterans bring to their communities and their fellow citizens. The department works to achieve four specific conditions:

- South Carolina's Veterans and their families believe themselves to be sound in mind and body, satisfied by the dignified manner in which they are treated, respected by their fellow citizens, and proud of their continuing contributions;
- South Carolina is the post-service location of choice for transitioning service members and the state actively leverages their talents for economic growth;
- Veterans are key and valued contributors to the state's economy, academic community, and culture; and
- South Carolina actively supports the state U.S. Department of Defense footprint and recognizes the state's strategic importance to national security.

II. Scope of Report. This report summarizes the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs' activities from 1 July, 2025, through 30 June, 2026.

III. Agency Strategies, Goals, and Outcomes. The department organizes its activities in accordance with its strategic campaign design, which delineates the agency's long-term ends, ways, and means. This plan is summarized in a simple graphic.[1]



[1] The department developed its campaign plan in 2020 and operated under the original plan until 1 July, 2025. At that point, the original focus of building a state-wide network of service providers had been achieved and the agency shifted its decisive operation to the enhancement of Veteran value to the state.

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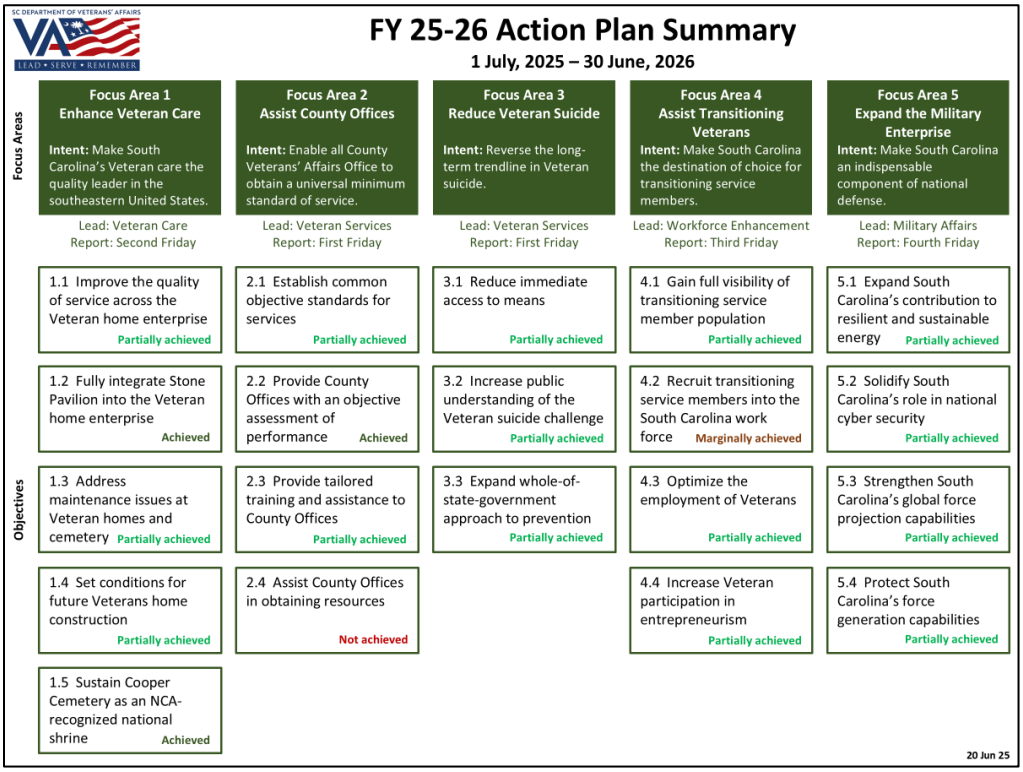
Within a given fiscal year, the agency's activities are driven by an annual Action Plan which provides more refined focus areas, objectives, goals, and metrics for the year. The Action Plan for FY25-26 and the results are summarized below,[2] followed by a detailed description of this year's results along each Line of Effort and strategic objective.



Line of Effort 1: **Assist** Veterans and their families in obtaining the services and benefits to which they are entitled.

Strategic Objective 1: Build and sustain administrative policies, procedures, and programs to assist Veterans and their families in effectively and efficiently obtaining their entitled services and benefits.

a) Claims and Appeals. In FY25-26, the department and the 46 County Veterans' Affairs Offices helped 21,012 previously unserved Veterans and assisted in the filing of 13,404 federal benefit claims.

- Service officers assigned to the department filed a total of 1,456 Veteran claims.
- County offices filed a total of 8,602 Veteran claims the department can verify, and an additional 3,346 Veteran claims the department cannot verify.[3]

[2] The Action Plan includes subordinate goals and metrics for each objective. The detailed results of each are included in the quantitative portion of this report.

[3] The department can verify only those claims submitted through the state-provided electronics claims management system. For those counties that do not use this system, we rely upon their self-reporting.

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County	Claims Submitted	New Veterans Served	Data Verified by State	US DVA FY24 Economic Impact (Compensation & Pension)	County	Claims Submitted	New Veterans Served	Data Verified by State	US DVA FY24 Economic Impact (Compensation & Pension)	County	Claims Submitted	New Veterans Served	Data Verified by State	US DVA FY24 Economic Impact (Compensation & Pension)
Abbeville	468	430	Yes	$15,777,403	Dillon	No Data	No Data	No	$16,619,742	Marion	309	169	Yes	$22,347,033
Aiken	500	544	No	$127,804,578	Dorchester	531	771	Yes	$194,527,239	Marlboro	7	117	Yes	$16,125,954
Allendale	9	5	Yes	$5,258,966	Edgefield	115	171	Yes	$34,993,318	McCormick	100	217	Yes	$11,113,992
Anderson	316	866	No	$107,037,743	Fairfield	233	210	Yes	$20,490,658	Newberry	154	337	Yes	$24,708,075
Bamberg	22	64	Yes	$7,908,771	Florence	363	776	Yes	$96,084,309	Oconee	189	240	No	$49,545,857
Barnwell	No Data	No Data	No	$13,290,620	Georgetown	131	197	Yes	$39,126,028	Orangeburg	257	200	No	$62,248,461
Beaufort	935	1067	Yes	$165,170,537	Greenville	1024	1322	Yes	$265,358,161	Pickens	54	446	Yes	$70,147,763
Berkeley	1149	2036	Yes	$295,861,805	Greenwood	234	467	Yes	$42,723,873	Richland	No Data	No Data	No	$583,834,908
Calhoun	33	40	Yes	$8,457,854	Hampton	87	146	No	$15,353,396	Saluda	11	41	Yes	$7,296,824
Charleston	815	1650	Yes	$234,122,301	Horry	689	1721	No	$317,946,609	Spartanburg	515	693	Yes	$169,473,482
Cherokee	142	234	Yes	$24,640,251	Jasper	194	227	Yes	$20,302,432	Sumter	351	178	No	$178,052,431
Chester	38	107	Yes	$18,995,637	Kershaw	200	410	Yes	$148,387,423	Union	53	312	Yes	$14,481,870
Chesterfield	0	68	Yes	$25,458,712	Lancaster	1109	413	No	$64,926,959	Williamsburg	136	232	Yes	$21,565,752
Clarendon	0	4	Yes	$29,904,085	Laurens	112	242	Yes	$32,930,018	York	501	624	Yes	$164,252,414
Colleton	7	140	Yes	$31,728,952	Lee	105	160	No	$10,050,898	State Office	1456	2078	Yes	
Darlington	91	23	No	$36,791,819	Lexington	207	840	Yes	$268,683,903					$4,131,909,820

Table 1. County Claims Activity and Federal Economic Impact.[4]

While it is possible to report the total value of federal benefits paid to South Carolina Veterans down to the county level, it is not possible to determine what portion of those payments are a direct result of claims filed with the assistance of county or state agents. The Geographic Distribution of Expenditures report of the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs indicates that in federal fiscal year 2024 (FY24), the latest year data is available, South Carolina Veterans received $4.13 billion in federal compensation and pension benefits. The report does not differentiate between benefits paid as the result of a claim filed with or without the assistance of a county, state, or other agent.

Support to Transitioning Active-Duty Members Stationed in South Carolina. In FY25-26, the department provided claims assistance to more than 228 active-duty service members stationed in South Carolina, either separating or retiring from active duty. Our ability to provide this service was enhanced by office space provided by Joint Base Charleston at Naval Weapon Station-Goose Creek. Roughly 40% of the service members we assisted indicated an intention to remain in the state after their military service.

Veterans Experience Action Centers. In coordination with the US Department of Veterans' Affairs, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other partners, we participated in two major community outreach events in FY25-26. These events provided services and information to a total of 1,362 South Carolina Veterans.

Date	Location	Attendance	Notes
11-13 September 2025	Greenville	547	• First VEAC in Greenville • 100+ compensation and pension exams completed
19-21 March 2026	Columbia	815	• Fourth annual event • The department directly served over 50 Veterans

Table 2. Summary of FY24-25 Veteran Experience Action Center Activities.

Veteran Hearings and Appeals. During FY25-26, the Department assisted Veterans and their families with 290 appeals to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs Board of Veteran Appeals and 127 Pre-

[4] USDVA Economic Impact reflects data from the FY24 US Dept of Veteran Affairs' Geographic Distribution of Expenditures, Compensation & Pension report (Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) Report - National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics). This includes federal expenditures for Veteran compensation for service-connected disabilities, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for service-connected deaths, Veteran pensions for non-service connected disabilities, and burial and other benefits paid to Veterans and their survivors.

Determination Hearings, which enable swifter decisions for Veterans seeking redress on earlier US Department of Veterans' Affairs decisions.

b) South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs County Assessment Program (SC Code 25-11-50). In 2025 the General Assembly and Governor modified SC Code 25-11-50 so as to require the department to conduct an evaluation of each County Veterans' Affairs Office and report its findings to the associated legislative delegation in writing. The evaluation process focused on compliance with USDVA and SCDVA established procedures, the quality and accessibility of services provided, administrative and operational performance, training and certification of staff, and accuracy and effectiveness in benefit claims assistance. A detailed written report of the evaluation assessment visit was provided to county legislative delegation members, the county administrator, and the evaluated office. In this first year of evaluations, major trendlines included:

- Large and well-resourced county offices are fully capable and need little from the state beyond accreditation and continuing professional education.

- Mid-tier county offices are not as robust as their better-resourced neighbors but generally perform the core functions of a county office (claims and benefits) with commendable skill and speed.

- Smaller, poorly resourced county offices, often in rural counties, struggle to meet Veteran expectations and need state assistance to meet reasonable performance standards.

c) South Carolina Free Tuition for Certain War Veterans' Children Program (SC Code 59-111-20). In FY25-26, we received 2,253 applications for this program, of which 112 were duplicate applications. We approved 1,890, denying 251 applications as ineligible. Primary reasons for denial remain 1) the residency requirement for the student and Veteran, and 2) the requirement for Veteran service during one of the specified periods of wartime service.[5]

d) War Records (SC Code 25-11-90). In the past fiscal year, we made no progress in scanning hardcopy Form DD-214s into the electronic War Record. We currently have 104,846 records scanned, representing 29.12% of the total number of paper records in the Department's possession.[6]

e) Veteran Service Organization Honor Guard Reimbursement Program (SC Code 25-11-85). In FY25-26, we disbursed $49,000 to eleven Veteran Service Organizations Honor Guard organizations that provided military honors at Veteran funerals across the state.

f) Reducing Veteran Suicide.

- In FY25-26, the Department continued the *Lock It, South Carolina* Lethal Means Safety campaign to encourage Veterans and their families to practice the safe storage of firearms, the safe disposal of medication, and regular safety planning, as well as to make Veterans aware of resources available during a time of crisis. In this fiscal year, the campaign reached over 37,000 Veterans and their families.

[5] As of 15 May, 2026, Governor McMaster signed into law a change that expands eligibility for Veteran's children with lifetime residency in South Carolina whose eligible, qualifying Veteran parent no longer resides in the state. This change came too late in this fiscal year to affect the number of applications, but we anticipate some minor changes in the coming year.

[6] The department is pursuing a contracted solution to address this issue and potentially assist county offices in transferring paper DD-214s into a digital database.

- In partnership with the South Carolina Office of Mental Health, Secretary McCaffrey serves as a co-chair of the South Carolina Suicide Prevention Coalition and the sub-working group focused on data collection and metrics. The Suicide Prevention Coalition initiated a review of the 2022 South Carolina Suicide Prevention Strategy, closing out the fiscal year with a framework that nests the 2027 Suicide Prevention Strategy with the 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention as well as the 2025 State Health Improvement Plan.

- The two-year lag in U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs published Veteran suicide data remains a challenge to timely and effective analysis of Veteran suicide trends. Through cooperative collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Public Health, however, we are now better equipped to understand Veteran suicide trends down to the county level.

g) Improving the Availability of Housing to Veterans at Risk of Homelessness. In FY25-26, we provided $2,992,280.28 in grant funding to 15 recipient organizations (non-profits and public agencies) offering essential services to verified Veterans seeking housing assistance, food security, emergency utility support, or substance abuse recovery programs.

h) Palmetto Pathfinder Program. In FY25-26, we trained 98 new peer-mentor Palmetto Pathfinder volunteers who, with SCDVA Palmetto Pathfinder Managers, assisted Veterans with over 2,000 connections to partners in the South Carolina Veteran Coalition who provide Veterans with direct assistance as well as connections to federal and non-federal benefits and services.

i) M.J. "Dolly" Cooper State Veterans' Cemetery.

- *Recognition*. This cemetery was awarded the National Cemetery Administration's Operational Excellence Award and designated as a National Shrine after passing its federal inspection on 9 September, 2025, marking the first time the facility has achieved national standards since its creation in 2007.

- *Interments*.
  - During this year, the Cemetery interred 508 remains (359 Veterans and 149 Dependents), including:
    - 334 below-ground burials,
    - 155 columbarium niche placements, and
    - 9 scatterings.
  - We denied 4 ineligible requests for interment.

- *Pre-certification*. We processed 376 requests for pre-certification (advance arrangement for future burial).
  - We approved 362.
  - We denied 14 as ineligible.

- *Expansion*.
  - In 2025, the National Cemetery Administration awarded a $980,278 grant to build six additional columbarium walls in the cemetery. The project was completed in July 2026, adding 1,100 niches to the existing inventory.

j) Future Veterans' Cemetery. We have applied for a $13.1 million federal grant to begin construction of a second state Veteran cemetery on the grounds of Palmetto Patriots Home in Gaffney. We will submit this potential project to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review in accordance with the Committee's published guidelines.

k) Veteran Homes.

- In FY 25-26 the department oversaw six Veteran homes. The transfer of the last home from the Department of Mental Health was completed on 1 July, 2025.

Facility Name	Stone Pavilion	Patriots Village	Palmetto Patriots Home	Veteran Village	Richard M. Campbell	Veterans Victory House
Location	Columbia	Sumter	Gaffney	Florence	Anderson	Walterboro
Current Bed Capacity	90	104	104	104	220	194[A]
Admissions	79	112	3	4	12	8
Discharges	44	25	3	4	11	8
Occupancy Rate	92%	98%	99%	99%	97%	97%
Staff (Full-Time Equivalent)	101	126	149	144	195	166
Receipts	5,933,968	1,300,796	12,299,266	14,406,682	21,736,047	17,450,893
Expenditures	11,658,373	12,875,332	20,637,734	20,987601	26,157,340	23,257,099

Table 3. Summary of Veteran Home Operations, FY 25-26.

[A]As of 30 June 2025, Veterans Victory House has bed space for 220 residents but maintained a lower census due to facility renovations.

- Overall, the Veteran home enterprise is functioning well despite the turbulence caused by the transfer of oversight responsibilities from the then-Department of Mental Health.
  - Two homes have achieved the highest Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rating of 5 stars.
  - Two homes have achieved the second highest Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rating of 4 stars.
  - One home (Patriot's Village, Sumter) is too new to receive a rating and the final home (Stone Pavilion, Columbia) has a lagging one-star rating dating back to events preceding the transfer of the home.
  - All homes are very near maximum occupancy with small but consistent waiting lists for residence.

- The agency is focused on two primary concerns in this field.
  - *Facilities maintenance*.
    - The agency's oldest homes (Campbell Veteran Nursing Home in Anderson and Veteran Victory House in Walterboro) are nearing the end of their projected service life, have long lists of deferred maintenance needs, and are increasingly difficult to maintain at the level required for a long-term care facility. Both require significant refurbishment to extend their life cycle.

    - Our newer facilities are, of course, in much better condition. We are aggressively transitioning to a preventative maintenance approach to these facilities in order to avoid their degradation over time. This requires the investment of maintenance dollars earlier in a facility's lifetime but reduces total maintenance costs over the life cycle of the facility.

    - We are currently planning to address both the maintenance backlog and preventative maintenance using a combination of federal grants, carry-forward funds, and, when necessary, requested state appropriations.

  - *Future Construction*.
    - Based on plans developed and approved before the transfer of Veteran homes to the department, the USDVA has approved the construction of three additional Veteran homes in the state pending availability of federal construction grant funds.
      - A home in Lexington will replace Stone Pavilion in Columbia.
      - A new home will be constructed in Horry County.
      - A new home will be constructed in Orangeburg County.

    - During testimony to the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee in 2024, members of the committee questioned the logic of these locations and asked the Secretary to determine if these locations best served the anticipated Veteran population over the long-term.

    - The department contracted for an external, third-party review of the planned locations and will report its findings to the General Assembly when complete.

Line of Effort 2: ***Enhance*** *the value Veterans bring to South Carolina.* [7]

Strategic Objective 2: Maximize and leverage the economic, academic, and cultural contributions of Veterans in South Carolina.

a) Career and Entrepreneur Readiness Events. SCDVA expanded statewide support for Veteran economic mobility through both entrepreneurship and career readiness events, with events that strengthen South Carolina's workforce pipeline and reinforce the state's commitment to Veteran economic success.

[7] Enhance is defined as "to increase or improve in value, quality, desirability, or attractiveness."

- In February 2026, the department hosted the first Veteran Entrepreneurship Forum aboard the USS Yorktown in Charleston, drawing strong attendance and featuring panels on business growth, funding, contracting, and the use of artificial intelligence in business.

- SCDVA launched the quarterly March Forward Career Transition Workshop Series in March 2026. This training series equips transitioning service members, Veterans, and spouses with skills in résumé development, networking, interviewing, and job-offer evaluation.

b) South Carolina Smart Start. South Carolina Smart Start, our virtual transition assistance tool, continues to expand in functionality.

- In February 2026, we added an optional feedback mechanism to collect continuous user insights and began a strategic redesign to better guide transitioning service members through the five stages of transitioning from separating from military service to becoming thriving Veterans in South Carolina who positively serve the state.

- Despite these improvements, use of the tool has lagged capability, and in June, 2025, we launched a year-long marketing campaign to reach transitioning service members and encourage them to bring their skills to South Carolina.

c) Understanding the Veteran Population. Over the past year we initiated a number of cooperative studies and surveys to help us better understand the Veteran population and refine the services we offer. These include:

- A partnership with the D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) at Syracuse University to launch the state's first data-driven Veteran outreach and engagement pilot;

- A department-conducted state-wide needs assessment based on online surveys from 1,327 Veterans;

- An on-going partnership with Clemson University to assess Veteran needs; and

- An on-going contracted assessment of the state's Veteran Treatment Courts.

Line of Effort 3: **Advocate** for Veterans, military installations, service members, and families.

Strategic Objective 3: Sustain and expand the military presence[8] in South Carolina and secure South Carolina's role in national security.

a) The recently completed 2026 Economic Impact Study estimates the annual military contribution to South Carolina's economy to be about $43.1 billion, an increase of roughly 25% since 2022.

[8] There are eight major military installations in South Carolina, plus Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. These installations include every branch of service except Space Force, and provide vital training, combat, and support service resources for national defense.

b) In FY25-26, the department assisted military installations and their associated communities on issues related to both the operational readiness of the installations and the quality of life of our active-duty service members and families.

- Operational Readiness
  - Provided a Military Enhancement Fund grant to Berkeley County for two marine firefighting capable boats and a heavy-duty tow vehicle to 1) improve emergency response time for water-based fire and rescue incidents; 2) increase protection for military personnel, dependents, and civilian staff at Joint Base Charleston and the Naval Weapons Station; 3) enhance multi-agency interoperability during maritime emergencies; and 4) provide critical capabilities for security at the Port of Charleston, vessel fires, environmental hazards, and mass casualty marine incidents.

  - Provided a Military Enhancement Fund grant to the City of Sumter for repair of a dam near Shaw Air Force Base to improve safety, allow for better water level management ahead of storms, and mitigate potential property damage from excessive stormwater at Shaw AFB, to include the Security Forces Firing Range, a key readiness facility.

  - Provided a Military Enhancement Fund grant to Beaufort County to assist in replacing the existing 60+ year old water transmission line providing potable water to Parris Island Recruit Depot, and the surrounding community.

- Quality of Life
  - Provided a Military Enhancement Fund grant to Charleston County to establish a U.S. Air Force-compliant drone program, laying the foundation for the county's drone capabilities for emergency management, public safety, search and rescue, inspection, and water and land management while assisting Joint Base Charleston in securing the airspace over the Charleston County International Airport and the strategic military and critical infrastructure assets along the Cooper River.

  - Worked with Fort Jackson and the South Carolina Department of Education to plan and execute the Military Honor Cord Ceremony for more than 250 high school graduates across the state who are entering the military.

  - Worked with the South Carolina Department of Education to increase the number of Purple Star Designated School Districts and Charter Schools that aid military families and students as they transition schools during their assignment in South Carolina. As of June 2026, there are 19 school districts and 10 independent schools designated as Purple Star in South Carolina.

c) In this fiscal year, the Military Enhancement Fund awarded four grants totaling $7,777,594.

Line of Effort 4: **Inform** and educate the public, State and local leaders, and Veterans on all matters pertaining to Veterans.

In the last fiscal year, our information efforts focused on expanding awareness of the support and resources available to Veterans and their families.

- We published a 24-page printed benefits guide for Veterans on services and resources offered by coalition partners, Veteran Service Organizations, and state agencies. We provided 20,000 copies to Veterans, County Veterans Affairs' Offices, Veteran service organizations, and state legislators.

- Our website (scdva.sc.gov) continues to see a steady traffic of visitors with strategic marketing content, driving our audience to the site (140,000+ visitors in FY25-26).

- Our monthly newsletter and bulletin service grew by nearly 200,000 subscribers in FY25-26 (currently 212,000+) with the addition of transitioning service members connected through our Workforce Enhancement team.

- The Department social media outreach continues to expand with nearly 1900+ YouTube subscribers, 550+ Twitter(X) followers, 3400+ Facebook followers, and 5300+ Linked-In connections.

- The Department continues to reach hundreds of thousands of viewers through television broadcasts using strategic marketing material developed by media vendors or produced internally.

IV. Risk Assessment. Table 4 depicts our assessment of the risk of mission failure along each of our Lines of Effort at the beginning of FY26-27.

Line of Effort	Last Year's Assessment	This Year's Assessment	Trend	Explanation
1: Assist	Moderate	Low	Reduced	1. Evaluations of each County Veteran Affairs' Office have increased confidence in the services they provide. 2. Consistent high ratings of Veteran homes by federal oversight agencies indicate a superior level of service.
2: Enhance	Moderate	Moderate	No Change	Despite improvement in our data collection and management, we reach far less than the full population of transitioning service members and attain visibility on only a portion of those coming to South Carolina.
3: Advocate	Low	Low	No Change	Support for military installations remains high and there is little risk of federal action to reduce or eliminate the defense footprint in the state.
4: Inform	Low	Low	No Change	This effort remains a mature and well-functioning aspect of the Department's operations, with future improvements already planned and resourced.

Table 4. Risk Assessment

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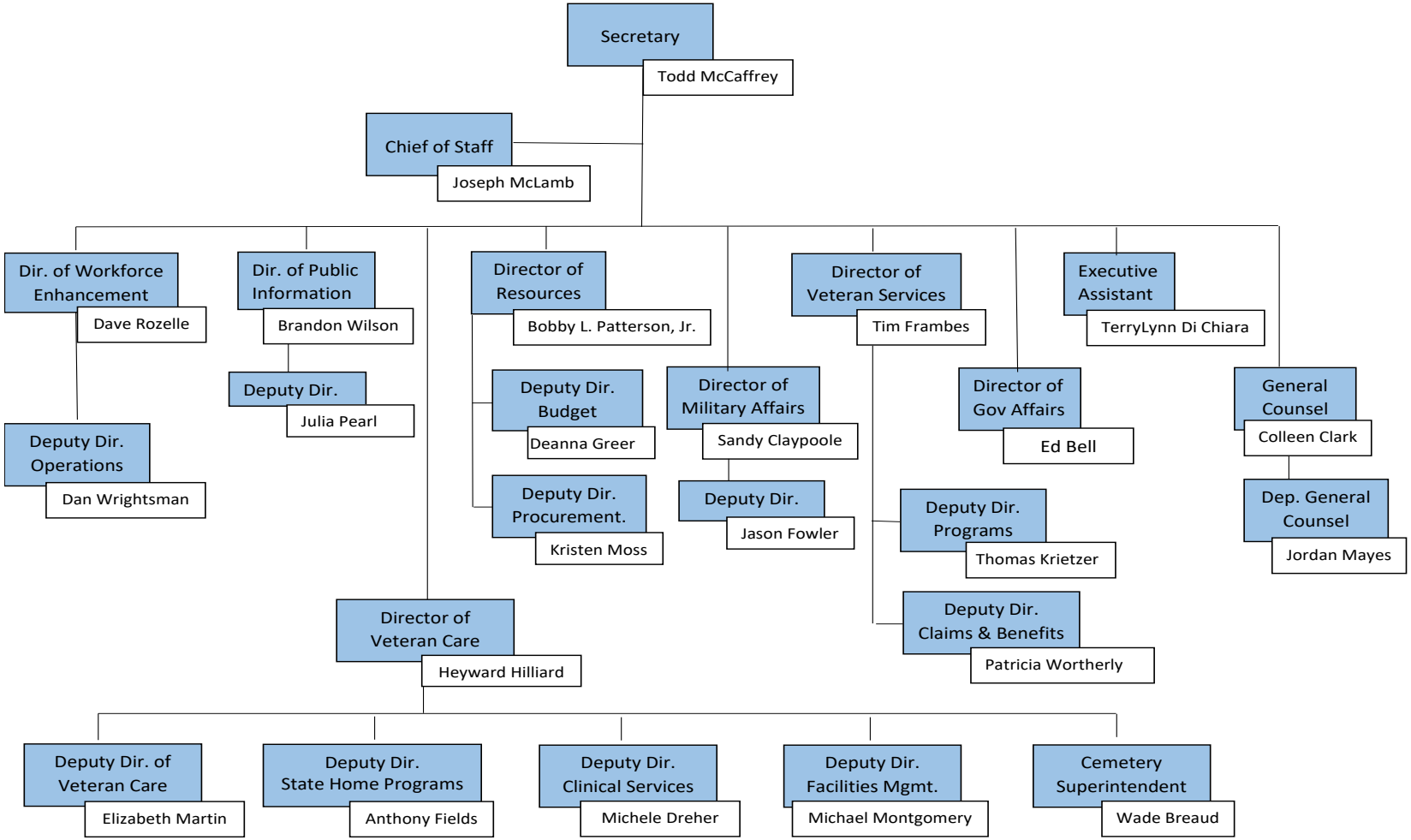
AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Reorganization and Compliance

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Agency Mission	Adopted in:	2022

The South Carolina Department of Veterans of Affairs leads and enables a state-wide coalition of partners with an interest in Veterans to create and sustain an environment in which Veterans can thrive as valued and contributing members of the South Carolina community

Agency Vision	Adopted in:	2022

South Carolina's Veterans and their families believe themselves to be sound in mind and body, satisfied by the dignified manner in which they are treated, respected by their fellow citizens, and proud of their continuing contributions

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

SCDVA reorganized and restructured its Operations Division within the Workforce Enhancement program area to strengthen the Agency's ability to support transitioning Service members and Veterans as they successfully enter or reenter the civilian workforce. The restructuring places increased emphasis on workforce development, small business ownership, entrepreneurship, and connecting transitioning Service members with the resources, training, and opportunities needed to achieve long-term economic success.

This organizational restructuring realigned program oversight and internal responsibilities to better integrate workforce transition services, entrepreneurship support, and small business development. The changes are intended to improve coordination, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and ensure that SCDVA resources are focused on helping transitioning Service members successfully navigate their transition into meaningful employment, business ownership, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
No performance measures were affected.				

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).	Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)	
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).	Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?	Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**Titel 25, Chapter 11, Article 1**
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?	No
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?	Yes

(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)

Strategic Plan Results

FY2026

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

E260 - VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Goal 1 Make South Carolina's Veteran homes the quality leader in the southeastern United States

Goal 2 Enable all County Veterans Affairs Office to obtain a universal minimum standard of service

Goal 3 Reverse the long term, trendline in Veteran suicide

Goal 4 Make South Carolina the destination of choice for transitioning service members.

Goal 5 Make South Carolina the destination of choice for transitioning service members.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Improve the quality of service across the Veteran home enterprise.**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
1.1.1	Number of homes with less than 5 quality Measures flagged for lower than State of national Averages under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services quality ratings (in the last 12 months).	5	6	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of 6 Veteran homes	USDVA /CMS Quality Measures	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	did not meet goal due to continuous capital improvements to facilities
1.1.2	Number of homes with no repeated deficiencies from the South Carolina Department of Veteran Affairs' "In Search of Excellence" audit (in the past 12 months).	2	6	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical count of audits for 6 Homes	USDVA/CMS Quality Measures	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	2nd full year with operational control , continuing to collaborate and communicate with contractors
1.1.3	Number of homes that fully implemented all Corrective Action Plans resulting from a contract monitor audit or observation (in last 12 months).	2	6	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical count on compliance with CAP for 6 homes	USDVA/CMS Quality Measures	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	continue to provide oversight and guidance to contract management
1.1.4	Number of homes with 4 or more stars (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Quality Ratings).	1	6	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	USDVA/CMS Quality Measures	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	continue to provide oversight and guidance to contract management
1.1.5	Number of homes with satisfaction rates that meet or exceed national averages in all categories of all surveys (in the last 12 months).	4	6	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	USDVA/CMS Quality Measures	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	continue to provide oversight and guidance to contract management

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1.2	**Fully integrate Stone Pavilion into the Veteran home enterprise.**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
1.2.1	Number of days within the past 30 days that home is not staffed according to State and Federal Guidelines.	0.00	0.00	0.00	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.2.2	Occupancy rate over last 90 days (58 bed capacity).	88%	95%	95%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.3	**Address maintenance issues at Veteran Homes and cemetery**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
1.3.1	Number of Emergency Permanent Improvement Projects added to the project plan not already identified in agency CPIP	0	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.3.2	Number of CPIP Projects Initiated	8	13	21	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.3.3	Number of CPIP Projects completed - Phase 1	5	13	9	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count for 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	Continue to work through JBRC and other state procedures
1.3.4	Number of CPIP Projects established - Phase 2	5	13	9	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	Continue to work through JBRC and other state procedures
1.3.5	Number of CPIP Projects completed - Phase 2	0	13	0	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	Continue to work through JBRC and other state procedures
1.3.6	Number of New Maintenance correction items identified , not previously reported - All Agency Property	0	0	17	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	continue to provide oversight and guidance to contract management

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1.3.7	Number of Permanent Improvement Projects Completed this FY within estimated project timeline	0	10	0	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	Continue to work through JBRC and other state procedures
1.3.8	Number of Projects completed over Budget	0	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	sustain
1.3.9	Number of projects completed under budget - at or below 90% of estimated project cost	0	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	sustain
1.4	**Set conditions for future Veteran home construction**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.4.1	Number of designs that support 60% single : 40% double rooms and provide a multipurpose open space and clinical administrative area within each work unit	0	3	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	Continue to work through JBRC and other state procedures
1.4.2	Number of proposed designs audited for operational efficiencies per SCDVCA	1	3	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	continuous process
1.4.3	Number of proposed locations with >1,000 Veterans in 50+ demographic that can support future home construction	1	5	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count at the 6 Veterans Home	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	working progress
1.5	**Sustain Cooper Cemetery as an NCA-recognized national shrine**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.5.1	Number of complaints in last 30 days, formal and informal, concerning Cemetery appearance or operation	1	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	

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1.5.2	Number of out-of-tolerance items on quarterly National Cemetery Administration report	0	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	to be determine / working progress
1.5.3	Percentage of headstones not within National Cemetery Administration standards for height and alignment	90%	0%	0%	Percent	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
1.5.4	Average time, in days, between request for interment and actual interment	18	15	5	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.1	**Establish common objective standards for services**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
2.1.1	Number of County Offices that have reviewed and acknowledged the common objective standards	0	46	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.1.2	Number of County Offices that concur with the common objective standards	0	46	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.1.3	Number of county offices who have cross-accredited staff from congressionally chartered Veteran Service Organizations	0	46	7	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.2	**Provide County Offices with an objective assessment of performance**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
2.2.1	Number of County Offices assessed against the common objective standards	0	46	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support

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2.2.2	Number of County Offices provided a written assessment of performance based on the common objective standards	0	46	23	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.2.3	Number of legislative delegations provided a written assessment of performance based on the common objective standards	0	46	23	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.3	**Provide tailored training and assistance to County Offices to attain or exceed standards**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
2.3.1	Number of County Office employees trained to USDVA accreditation standards this year	0	50	38	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.3.2	Number of County Office employees trained on the state-provided claims management system this year	0	50	7	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.3.3	Number of County Office employees trained this year on specialized topics identified by County Offices as a training need	0	46	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.4	**Assist County Offices in obtaining resources necessary to attain or exceed standards**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
2.4.1	Number of County Offices open during normal business hours five days per week	41	46	43	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.4.2	Number of County Offices with at least two full time employees	35	46	41	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.4.3	Number of County Offices with suitable office space	41	46	41	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support

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2.4.4	Number of County Offices with suitable computers and digital bandwidth	41	46	41	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
2.4.5	Number of CVAO's who are paid as a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) by county administration	41	46	44	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of service and support	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.1	**Reduce immediate access to means**									**State Objective: Healthy and Safe Families**				
3.1.1	Number of people exposed to information campaign focused on public understanding of Veteran suicide	9.50	10% of Veteran Pop	381.24	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.1.2	Number of Veterans who received firearms safety instruction that included safe-storage techniques	-	10% of Veteran Pop	0.5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.2	**Increase public understanding of the Veteran suicide challenge**									**State Objective: Healthy and Safe Families**				
3.2.1	Number of people exposed to information campaign focused on public understanding of Veteran suicide	0%	10%	1%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.2.2	Number of county coroner educated on the need for accurate suicide reporting for Veterans	0%	46%	1%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	Counties	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.2.3	Number of county coroners expressing willingness to report Veteran suicide objectively [potential need to account for 30/60/90-day investigation reporting period]	0	46	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	Counties	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.3	**Expand whole-of-state government approach to suicide prevention**									**State Objective: Healthy and Safe Families**				

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3.3.1	Number of state agencies participating in Department of Public Health reporting on accidental and suspected suicide report program	0	5	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	State Agency enterprise	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.3.2	Number of county coroners participating in Department of Public Health reporting on accidental and suspected suicide report program	0	46	0	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	Counties	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
3.3.3	Number of medical networks participating in Department of Public Health reporting on accidental and suspected suicide report program	0	TBD	0	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	State Agency enterprise	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	collaborating with state and county stakeholders to support
4.1	**Gain full visibility of transitioning service member population**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
4.1.1	Number of transitioning service members remaining in or relocating to South Carolina identified by age, branch, gender, ethnicity	1,200	1,500	91	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with Federal stakeholders to gain real time clean data
4.1.2	Number of transitioning service members who participate in Virtual Transition Assistance Program	0	120	322	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with Federal stakeholders to gain real time clean data
4.1.3	Number of transitioning service members exposed to information campaign to raise awareness of Virtual Transition Assistance Program	0	8,000	1,936	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data

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4.1.4	Number of transitioning service members who participate in Pays or STAYS Program	0	100	1,028	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.1.5	Number of Veterans using USDVA educational benefits	TBD	TBD	9,901	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.2	**Recruit transitioning service members into the South Carolina workforce**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
4.2.1	Number of Veterans in South Carolina work force	139,545	144,545	176,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.2.2	Number of transitioning service members who participate in pre-separation employment programs and stay in South Carolina at end of service	0	100	429	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.2.3	Number of transitioning service members utilizing available career support services (e.g. resume assistance)	0	100	215	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.3	**Optimize the employment of Veterans to maximize benefits to Veterans and economy**									**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
4.3.1	Number of civilian licenses and certifications awarded for military training	0%	75%	1%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.3.2	Number of Veterans in the workforce who use educational/certification programs to upskill their employment opportunities	0	1,000	5,400	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.4	**Increase Veteran participation in entrepreneurial initiatives**									**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			

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4.4.1	Number of Veteran - owned business recognized by state Government	1,200	2,000	966	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	State Agency enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.4.2	Number of transitioning service members who participate in entrepreneurship programs	240	300	276	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
4.4.3	Number of legislated state incentives for Veteran-owned businesses	0	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	State Agency enterprise	online	quality of life	transitioning military	0501.05100.000	still working with stakeholders to gain data
5.1	**Expand South Carolina's contributions to resilient and sustainable energy**									**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
5.1.1	Number of installations that have completed the Black Start - Energy Resilience Readiness Exercise within the last 12 months (ERRE) (10 U.S. Code § 2911)	2	9	4	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.1.2	Number of installations working with state agencies or energy providers regarding resilient and renewable energy	2	9	8	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	SC Dept of Veterans' Affairs	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.2	**Solidify South Carolina's role in national cyber security**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
5.2.1	Number of cyber focused defense contractors in South Carolina	14	15	14	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life, service and support	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.2.2	Number of state technical schools, colleges, and universities offering cyber security programs	6	7	12	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	state Agency enterprise	online	quality of life, service and support	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder

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5.2.3	Number of installations with public-private agreements to advance/integrate emerging technologies (i.e. AI, Cyber defense, Autonomous systems)	2	9	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life, service and support	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.3	**Strengthen South Carolina's global force projection capabilities**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
5.3.1	Number of installations with existing MOUs to defend against extreme weather effects on DoD installations and communities	3	9	6	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life, service and support	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.3.2	Number of installations working with state agencies to protect global force projection capabilities	5	9	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DOD enterprise	online	quality of life, service and support	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.4	**Protect South Carolina's force generation capabilities**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
5.4.1	Number of school districts with Health and Wellness Programs to promote physical fitness	48	72	69	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DEPT of Education	online	quality of life	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.4.2	Percentage of South Carolina public high school districts with JROTC programs	92%	93%	90%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DEPT of Education	online	quality of life	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.4.3	Percentage of South Carolina public high schools with JROTC programs	64%	75%	67%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DEPT of Education	online	quality of life	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder
5.4.4	Percentage of South Carolina graduating Students enlisting in military service	4,891	5,000	4,891	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Physical Count	DEPT of Education	online	quality of life	state and nation	0501.05100.000	still collaborating with stakeholder

Strategic Plan Development

FY2027

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

E260 - VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Goal 1 Provide quality oversight and support services in State Homes and cemetery

Goal 2 Improve the delivery of services to Veterans at state and county levels through cooperative initiatives

Goal 3 Increase positive connections within the Veterans community to enhance holistic health

Goal 4 Recruit Veterans in the Workforce as employees, educators and entrepreneurs

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1.1	**Improve oversight and Veteran care outcomes**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.1.1	Number of homes with less than four flags (compared to sate or national Averages) in last 6 months	6	6	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/CMS Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.1.2	number of homes that fully implemented all Corrective Action Plans resulting from Agency audit or observation within 6-weeks inspection cycle	6	6	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/CMS Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.1.3	Number of homes with CMS rating of 4 or 5 stars	3	6	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/CMS Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.2	**Improve infrastructure at Veterans homes and cemetery**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.2.1	Number of maintenance correction items exceeding 30 days	53	20	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.2.2	Number of newly addedd maintenance correction items identifed , not prviously reported - All Agency property	0	100	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.2.3	Number of agency Permanent Improvement Projects completed in the fiscal year	0	3	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.2.4	Number of FY26-27 Permanent Improvements Projects Initiated in the fiscal year	0	10	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.3	**Set conditions for future Veteran home construction**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				

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1.3.1	Lexington Grant -Part B Application Phase Completion Percent	9.00%	100%	Percent complete	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/CMS Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.3.2	Horry Grant - Part B Application Phase Completion Percent	9.00%	100%	Percent complete	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/CMS Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.3.3	Orangeburg Grant - Part B Application Phase Completion Percent	9.00%	100%	Percent complete	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/CMS Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.4	**Sustain Cooper Cemetery as an NCA recognized national shrine**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
1.4.1	Number of complaints in last 30 days, formal and informal, concerning Cemetery appearance or operations	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran cemetery	SCDVA data	online	dignity and respect of fallen comrade	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.4.2	Number of 2026 NCA inspection Corrective Action Plan items incomplete	3	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran cemetery	USDVA/SCDVA Data	online	dignity and respect of fallen comrade	veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.5	**Optimize service - sharing agreements with USDVA**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
1.5.1	Number of Option 2 Pharmacy Sharing agreements with VA medical Centers	0	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/SCDVA Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.5.2	Number of Veterans unable to obtain specialize equipment due to lack of sharing agreements	1	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/SCDVA Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
1.5.3	Number of specialty care services used without an active sharing agreement	4	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count of Veteran homes	USDVA/SCDVA Data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.1	**Established common objectives standards for county offices**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
2.1.1	Number of county Offices that concur with common objectives standards for Fy 26/27	0	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.1.2	Number of county Offices employees who completed mandatory annual continuing Education Units (CEU) requirements (min. 8hrs)	0	142	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	

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2.1.3	Number of county Offices that conduct (represent Veteran or beneficiary) Boards of Veteran Appeals scheduled hearing and /or appeals (video or virtual docketed hearings)	6	18	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.2	**Provide objective assessment of county performance**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
2.2.1	Number of county Offices assessed against the common objective standards	0	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.2.2	Number of written assessment performance submitted within 90- day window of evaluation assessment visit	0	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.2.3	number of county Offices with a performance shortfall unresolved since the last evaluation	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.2.4	number of county offices with a resourcing shortfall unresolved since the last evaluation	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3	**Provide tailored training and assistance from county offices**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
2.3.1	Number of County Offices employees trained to USDVA accreditation standards this year	0	50	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3.2	Number of county Offices using the state - provided claims management system (Vet Pro)	33	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3.3	number of county offices employees trained this year on specialized topics identified by county Offices as a training need	0	50	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3.4	Number county offices participating in quantified continuing education unit (CEU) training (NVLSP, SCACVAO,/NACVSO, or SCDVA developed CEU training)	0	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	

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2.3.5	Number of accredited service officers participating in SCDVA continuing education Unit (CEU) training (Quarterly objective)	0	142	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3.6	Number of appeals filed this fiscal year with assistance from county or state service officers	9,200	9,400	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3.7	Number of appeals filed this year based on claims filed with the assistance of county or state service officers	100	90	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.3.8	Number of complaints received this fiscal year about the quality of services at a county or state office	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.4	**Provide direct assistance to Veterans**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
2.4.1	Number of Board of Veteran Appeals (BVA) Hearing conducted by SCDVA staff (under SCDVA or American Legion accreditation)	275	250	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.4.2	Number of docket (Board of Veteran Appeals) cases resolved before scheduled hearing (includes withdrawals)	50	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.4.3	Number of SCDVA service officer cases reconciliated in VetPro during the month (claims, hearing, and appeals)	100	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.4.4	Number of Tuition Waiver Applications proceeds in 15 days or more	100	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
2.4.5	Number of Tuition Assistance Waiver decisions appealed in reporting period (month)	0	0	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.1	**Reduce Veteran suicide in South Carolina**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			

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3.1.1	Number of people exposed to information campaign focused on public understanding of Veteran suicide	38,000	40,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.1.2	number of outreach events conducted to promote Governor's challenge and Lock it SC campaign	0	32	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.2	**Improve interagency cooperation on suicide prevention**								**State Objective: Healthy and Safe Families**				
3.2.1	Number of state agencies [anticipating in Department of Public Health reporting on accidental and suicide report program	1	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.2.2	number of state agencies participating in Governor's challenge	1	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.2.3	Number of state agencies participating in the suicide Prevention Coalition	4	10	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.2.4	Number of state agencies participating in the suicide data collection sub committee	4	10	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.2.5	Number of events conducted with other state agencies to remote suicide prevention	1	20	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.3	**Broaden the Palmetto Pathfinder Program**								**State Objective: Healthy and Safe Families**				
3.3.1	Number of Outreach events conducted with Palmetto Pathfinders	0	64	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.3.2	Number of Veterans connected during Pathfinder Outreach events	0	20	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.3.3	number of Pathfinder to Veterans connection recorded in the SC Veteran Coalition	0	1,500	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	

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3.3.4	number of Pathfinder to Veterans connection recorded in the SC Veteran Coalition	0	100	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.3.5	number of Pathfinder to Veterans connection recorded in the SC Veteran Coalition	0	250	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.4	**Broaden participation in Transition Housing Grant Program**								**State Objective: Healthy and Safe Families**				
3.4.1	Number of grantees uncompliant with quarterly reporting and accountability requirements	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.4.2	Number of grantees completing corrective action plan to meet compliance requirements	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.4.3	Number of Veterans supported by grantees through Veterans Transition Housing Grant Assistance - Permanent and Transition Housing Assistance	0	175	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.4.4	Number of interventions grants provide Veterans that prevented loss of stables housing	550	1250	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
3.4.5	Number of Veterans with minor children who were first time applicants for support/assistance	0	0	Count	Equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	veterans	0501.05100.000	
4.1	**Increase Veterans placement in the SC Workforce**								**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
4.1.1	Number of Veterans in the SC workforce	176,000	181,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
4.1.2	Number of transition service members hired through the STAYs program	0	500	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	

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4.1.3	Number of Veterans hired through non profits and employment partners who stay in SC (Hire our Heroes, Hiring our Heroes ,OPLING,etc) this year	0	600	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
4.1.4	Number of transitioning service members /Veterans who use SC Smart Start during the fiscal year	0	120	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
4.2	**Increase Veterans placement in the state academic and tech school system**								**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
4.2.1	number of transitioning service members using CHP 33 USDVA educational benefits	0	320	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
4.2.2	number of Veterans using CHP 33 USDVA educational benefits	0	5,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
4.2.3	Number of military students enrolled in Student Veteran of America Chapters	0	318	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
4.2.4	Number of military students enrolled in technical colleges	0	5,500	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA data	online	quality of life	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
4.3	**Improve Veterans entrepreneur outcome**								**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
4.3.1	Number of veterans business owners registered with SBA	998	1,200	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA federal data	online	quality of life	veterans/ military	0501.05100.000	
4.3.2	Number of Veterans who use services from Veteran Business Outreach Center BOC	0	220	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA / federal data	online	quality of life	veteran/military	0501.05100.000	
4.3.3	Number of Veterans who fully self identify as business owners on the American Census Survey	0	5,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA / Federal data	online	quality of life	veteran/military	0501.05100.000	
4.4	**Expand availability of Veterans treatment courts**								**State Objective:**	**Healthy and Safe Families**			
4.4.1	Number of Veterans accepted into Veteran Treatment Courts for the Five courts funded	0	30	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA / Federal data	online	quality of life	veterans	9818.05000X000	

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4.4.2	Number of Veterans who graduate Veteran Treatment Courts	0	20	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA / Federal data	online	quality of life	veterans	9818.05000X000	
4.4.3	The number of subawards from the Department grant for Veteran Treatment Courts	5	6	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA / Federal data	online	quality of life	veterans	9818.05000X000	
5.1	**Enhance the readiness of military installations**								**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**				
5.1.1	number of MAAC community projects to enhance military installation readiness	0	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	9818.05000X000	
5.1.2	Number of approved MEF grants improving installation readiness	0	7	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	
5.1.3	Number of approved MEF grants improving installation quality of life	0	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	
5.2	**Improve the quality of life of service members and families**								**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
5.2.1	Number of Purple Star Schools/district	24	30	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA /Federal	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	
5.2.2	Number of partners participating in MCCYN plus	149	154	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA /Federal	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	
5.2.3	Number of partner employers participating in the Military Spouse Employment Program	8	13	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA /Federal	online	quality of life	military community	0501.05100.000	
5.3	**Expand the Military Enhancement Fund to full potential**								**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
5.3.1	Number of counties or municipalities who apply for grants for the First time	0	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	9818.05000X000	
5.3.2	Number of SC military installation trained on MEF program	0	9	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	9818.05000X000	
5.3.3	Number of SC Military communities trained on MEF Program	0	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	9818.05000X000	

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5.3.4	Number of SC Military communities receiving an MEF Grant	0	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military community	9818.05000X000	
5.4	**Promote the impact of SC on National Defense**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
5.4.1	Number of digital media stories highlighting Coast Guard Sector Charleston's contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.2	Number of digital media stories highlighting Fort Jackson contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.3	Number of digital media stories highlighting JBC contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.4	Number of digital media stories highlighting Marine Corp Air Station Beaufort contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.5	Number of digital media stories highlighting Parris Island contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.6	Number of digital media stories highlighting McEntire Joint National Guard Base contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.7	Number of digital media stories highlighting Naval Hospital Beaufort contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.8	Number of digital media stories highlighting Shaw AFB contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
5.4.9	Number of digital media stories highlighting Fort Gordon contribution to national defense	0	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	quality of life	military national defense	0501.05100.000	
6.1	**Highlight Veterans contribution to SC**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			

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6.1.1	The total number of content stories highlighting contributions, success, and peer support of Veterans thriving in the Palmetto State	0	50	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.1.2	The total number of content views of stories highlighting contributions, success, and peer support of Veterans thriving in the Palmetto State	0	205,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.1.3	The total number of shares /references of content stories highlighting contributions, success, and peer support of Veterans thriving in the Palmetto State	0	500	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.2	**Expand awareness of department programs**								**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
6.2.1	The total numbers of views to the SCDVA main website	155,000	180,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.2.2	The total number of SC Veteran Coalition marketing content post on social and multimedia platforms	0	25	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.2.3	The total number of views of SC Veteran Coalition marketing content post on social and multimedia platforms	0	50,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.2.4	The total number of Palmetto Pathfinder marketing content post on social and multimedia platforms	0	25	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.2.5	The total number of views of palmetto pathfinder marketing content post on social and multimedia platforms	0	50,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.2.6	The total number of SC Smart Start marketing content post on social and multimedia platforms	0	25	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	

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6.2.7	The total number of views of SC Smart Start marketing content post on social and multimedia platforms	0	50,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.3	**Highlight the contributions of coalition partners**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
6.3.1	the total number of content stories highlighting the contribution of coalition partners	0	25	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.3.2	the total number of views of content stories highlighting the contribution of coalition partners	0	50,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans /military	0501.05100.000	
6.3.3	the total number of shares /reference of content stories highlighting the contribution of coalition partners	0	250	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
6.4	**Broaden participation in the Veteran trust Fund**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
6.4.1	The total number of views to the SC Veterans Trust Fund website	4,000	6,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
6.4.2	The total numbers of trust fund marketing content post on social and multi media platforms	0	25	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
6.4.3	The total numbers of trust fund marketing content posts on social and multimedia platforms	0	50,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
6.4.4	The total number of donors to contribute to the SC Veterans Trust Fund based on marketing awareness	0	100	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans	0501.05100.000	
6.4.5	the total dollars amount in donation made to the SC Veterans Trust Fund based on marketing awareness	$40,000	$50,000	Dollar Amount	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	physical count	SCDVA	online	information to empower	Veterans	0501.05100.000	

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Budget Data

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State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.000000.000	Administration	Support staffing requirements for claim and benefit operations for Veterans and transitioning military	$ 2,120,099.23	$ -	$ -	$ 2,120,099.23	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,120,099.23
0500.050500X000	POW Commission	Develop and maintain an update listing of all former prisoners of war residing in South Carolina. Review, discuss and make recommendations concerning the adequacy, of policies and practices								
0500.051000X000	Veterans Counseling	Provides professional support for services members and their families to aid in the transition from military to civilian life or connect to appropriate services and support								
0500.150500X000	Military Connected Children	Support students with parents serving in the military , addressing unique challenges like frequent moves, family separation and social emotional impacts of military life	$ 532,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 532,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 532,000.00
0501.050100.000	Veterans' Affairs	Operations, Training, Office of the Secretary provides resources to enable coalition building with partners , local, regionally, state and federal levels	$ 3,489,280.27	$ -	$ 623,454.28	$ 4,112,734.55	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 4,112,734.55
0501.150100.000	Military Affairs	Provides resources to advocate for state's military presence and strategic role in national security, working to highlight the Value Military communities bring to the state economy	$ 191,410.66	$ -	$ -	$ 191,410.66	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 191,410.66

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0503.100100.000	Veterans' Cemetery	Provides resources to operate and maintained State Veteran Cemetery, to ensure final resting place of Veterans are prepared with honor , dignity and respect	$ 866,425.16	$ 171,253.25	$ -	$ 1,037,678.41	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,037,678.41
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Provides employee's benefits programs, such as retirement plans, health insurance and other entitlements	$ 2,411,584.31	$ 54,557.08	$ 15,378.46	$ 2,481,519.85	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,481,519.85
9818.050000X000	Military Base Task Force	Resources provides funding for continued operations for task force to advise the Secretary, Governor and other state stakeholders on military -related issues and concerns								
0500.151000X000	Military Enhancement	State grant funded program that provide financial assistance to military communities / local municipalities that enhance quality of life of families and improve readiness and resilience of military installations	$ 2,400,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 2,400,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,400,000.00
0501.150100.000	Military Affairs	Resources provides funds to support military bases and installations in South Carolina, this include advocating family support, strategic coordination and integration with military liaison	$ 191,410.66	$ -	$ -	$ 191,410.66	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 191,410.66
0503.100100.000	Veterans Cemetery	Funds provides burial services for eligible South Carolina Veterans and their families to include gravesite markers and perpetual care	$ 866,425.16	$ 171,253.25	$ -	$ 1,037,678.41	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,037,678.41
2501.150000.000	Veteran Victory House	Funds enable Operation Oversight, of Contracted State Veterans long term care home for dining, room and board, nursing care, house keeping and other services	$ 13,533,654.56	$ 9,747,977.63	$ -	$ 23,281,632.19	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 23,218,632.19

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
2501.250000.000	Palmetto Patriot Home	Funds enable Operation Oversight, of Contracted State Veterans long term care home for dining, room and board, nursing care, house keeping and other services	$ 12,823,034.09	$ 7,814,700.42	$ -	$ 20,637,734.51	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,637,734.51
2501.300000.000	Sumter	Funds enable Operation Oversight, of Contracted State Veterans long term care home for dining, room and board, nursing care, house keeping and other services	$ 12,902,966.99	$ -	$ -	$ 12,902,966.99	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 12,902,966.99
2502.200000.000	Veterans Village	Funds enable Operation Oversight, of Contracted State Veterans long term care home for dining, room and board, nursing care, house keeping and other services	$ 12,801,664.62	$ 8,185,936.62	$ -	$ 20,987,601.24	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,987,601.24
2504.050000.000	Support Services	Funding enables resources to support statewide coordination, integration and collaboration within the veteran enterprise	$ 2,316,428.25	$ 134,467.91	$ -	$ 2,450,896.16	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,450,896.16
2504.100000.000	Campbell Veteran Home	Funds enable Operation Oversight, of Contracted State Veterans long term care home for dining, room and board, nursing care, house keeping and other services	$ 16,217,717.16	$ 9,939,623.42	$ -	$ 26,157,340.58	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 26,157,340.58
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contribution	Provides employee's benefits programs, such as retirement plans, health insurance and other entitlements	$ 2,411,584.31	$ 54,557.08	$ 15,378.40	$ 2,481,519.85	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,481,519.85
9809.110000X000	Public Information	Funds all media related and outreach within the department, to include supporting all media inquires and coordination efforts to ensure accurate, timely information is disseminated	$ 5,555.10	$ -	$ -	$ 5,555.10	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,555.10
9812.120000X000	St Coalition Integr	Resources enables effort to build, integrate and expand the South Carolina Coalition, bringing together state agencies, non-profits and other organizations that have an interest in Veterans	$ 2,296.00	$ -	$ -	$ 2,296.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,296.00

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9812.300000X000	Perimtr Fencg Cooper	Funds enable security fencing around the MJ Dooly cooper Veteran Cemetery	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9815.160000X000	Dolly Cooper Veteran	Enables the administration (front office) operations for State run Veteran Cemetery	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9816.140000X000	Administrative Service Div	Funding enables administrative services and functions in secretarial level staff	$ 3,199.23	$ -	$ -	$ 3,199.23	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,199.23
9817.200000X000	Military Enhance fund	Funds for military counties , municipalities to improve their infrastructure, facilities and quality of life	$ 654,606.16	$ 2,000,000.00	$ -	$ 2,654,606.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,654,606.00
9818.190000X000	Veteran Trans home	Funding provides resources to organizations that help homelessness Veterans or those at risk of being homelessness secure permanent housing. Funds support Non profits organizations and or state agencies who offer housing assistance	$ 2,992,280.28	$ -	$ -	$ 2,992,280.28	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,992,280.28
9820.180000X000	Mobile serv capability	Funds enable mobile service capability for SCDVA staff								
9821.170000X000	Military Affairs Exp	Funds enables operations and outreached of Military Affairs								
9823.240000X000	Cooper Vet Cemetery	Funding resource for the management and oversight of state operated Veteran cemetery	$ 233,460.00	$ -	$ -	$ 233,460.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 233,460.00
9823.380000X000	Veteran Homes - Critcl	Resources provided resources for shortfalls in operational cost								
9905.990500.000	Columbarium Exp	Capital Project	$ -	$ -	$ 639,751.67	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 639,751.67

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2502.350000.000	Stone Pavilion	Funds enable Operation Oversight, of Contracted State Veterans long term care home for dining, room and board, nursing care, house keeping and other services	$ 11,616,696.90	$ 41,676.65	$ -	$ 11,658,373.55	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 11,658,373.55
9900.978000.000	E26-Horry-St Veteran	Capital Project	$ -	$ 106,570.50	$ -	$ 106,570.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 106,507.50
9902.986200.000	E26 CMPBL cool Tower	Capital Project	$ -	$ 303,511.85	$ -	$ 303,511.85	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 303,511.85
9902.986600.000	E26 VVH Boiler REPLC	Capital Project	$ -	$ 529,113.68	$ -	$ 529,113.68	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 529,113.68
9903.990400.000	E26 VVH Lighting SUP	Capital Project	$ -	$ 37,604.19	$ -	$ 37,604.19	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 37,604.19
9904.990000.000	E26 Campbell Fan Coil	Capital Project	$ -	$ 13,346.00	$ -	$ 13,346.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 13,346.00
9904.990100.000	E26 Campbell Shower	Capital Project	$ -	$ 65,694.50	$ -	$ 65,694.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 65,694.50
9904.990200.000	E26 Vet Cem	Capital Project	$ -	$ 109,600.00	$ -	$ 109,600.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 109,600.00
9904.990600.000	E26 Vet Victory House	Capital Project	$ -	$ 10,327.50	$ -	$ 10,327.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 10,327.50
9904.990700.000	E26 Campbl Pwr Docking	Capital Project	$ -	$ 4,500.00	$ -	$ 4,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 4,500.00
9904.990800.000		Capital Project								
9904.990900.000	E26 Stone Vet Nursing	Capital Project	$ -	$ 6,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 6,000.00
9904.991000.000	E26 Vet Curry Nurse	Capital Project								
9905.990300.000	E26 VVH Boiler Repla	Capital Project								
9822.500000X000	E Roy Vet Home Maint	Capital Project								
9814.100000X000	Office of Secretary		$ (35,465.73)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (35,465.73)

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Legal Data

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
8-7-20	State	Statute	Authorizes leaves of absence for public employees serving in the Armed Forces	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-6-5060	State	Statute	Allows for voluntary tax contributions to the Military Family Relief Fund and the Veterans' Trust Fund	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
1-1-550	State	Statute	Mandates Veteran hiring preference for all State public departments and public works	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-21-2420(2)	State	Statute	Exempts athletic events which include a junior American Legion athletic team from Admissions Tax	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-37-220(B)(1)(e)(i)(A)	State	Statute	Exempts from ad valorem taxation the home of a Veteran who is permanently and totally disabled	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-6-1120(7)	State	Statute	Exempts National Guard retirement compensation from calculations of gross income for tax purposes	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-6-1171	State	Statute	Provides earned income tax credit against Active duty retirement compensation	Not related to agency deliverable		Amended

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
2016-24	State	Executive Order	Establishes the Veterans Policy Advisory Committee	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
25-11-10	State	Statute	Establishes the Department of Veterans' Affairs	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
25-11-100	State	Statute	Establishes the Military Base Task Force	Requires a service	Advocacy for military bases located in South Carolina	No Change
25-11-20	State	Statute	Establishes the duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
25-11-30	State	Statute	Establishes location of Department and support to be provided by Department of Administration	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
25-11-310 through 25-11-400	State	Statute	Establishes the Military Family Relief Fund and requires the Department to administer the Fund	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
25-11-40	State	Statute	Establishes relationship between Department and County Veteran Affairs Officers	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
25-11-45	State	Statute	Establishes funding authority for County Veteran Affairs Offices	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
25-11-50	State	Statute	Establishes relationship between Secretary and County Veteran Affairs Officers	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
25-11-510 through 25-11-560	State	Statute	Establishes the South Carolina Prisoner of War Medal and requires the Department to oversee implementation	Requires a service	Award of a state medal to those eligible	No Change
25-11-60	State	Statute	Requires County Veteran Affairs Officers to submit semi-annual report to Secretary	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
25-11-70	State	Statute	Requires Department to assist SC Agent Orange Advisory Council and Agent Orange Information and Assistance Program	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
25-11-75	State	Statute	Requires the Secretary to appoint an additional claims representative	Requires a service	Additional claims representative to assist Veterans	No Change
25-11-80	State	Statute	Requires the Department to maintain and supervise all state Veterans' cemeteries	Requires a service	Interment of eligible Veterans and family members	No Change
25-11-90	State	Statute	Requires Department to maintain a roster of South Carolinians who served on Active Duty during specified periods of war or conflict	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
25-12	State	Statute	Establishes procedures for the disposition of unclaimed Veteran remains	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
25-15-10	State	Statute	Removes the disability of minority for property transactions under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
25-15-20	State	Statute	Makes illegal the improper use of Crosses of Honor	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
25-15-30	State	Statute	Makes illegal the improper use of the emblems of American Legion and other service organizations	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
25-19-20	State	Statute	Attaches the Prisoners of War Commission to the Department	Requires a service	Administrative support	No Change
25-21	State	Statute	Establishes the Veterans' Trust Fund and makes the Department responsible for its administration	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
30-15	State	Statute	Establishes requirements for counties to maintain a permanent record of military discharges	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
44-11-30	State	Statute	Establishes South Carolina Veterans Homes under the South Carolina Mental Health Commission	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
44-63-110	State	Statute	Exempts the US Department of Veterans' Affairs and SC county veteran affairs officers from fees associated with requests for birth, death, and divorce verification when such verification is needed for processing a Veterans' claim	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-9-525(A)	State	Statute	Provides for 3-year disability hunting and fishing licenses for Veterans who are disabled and receiving benefits from the USDVA	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
51-3-60	State	Statute	Exempts permanently and totally disabled Veterans from state park exemption fees	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-1110 through 56-3-1130	State	Statute	Establishes Disabled Veterans license plates	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-1150	State	Statute	Provides for free vehicle registration for former Prisoners of War	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-1815 through 56-3-1840	State	Statute	Establishes license plates for retired members of the National Guard	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-1850 and 56-3-1855	State	Statute	Provides for free license plates and parking privileges for Medal of Honor recipients	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-3310 through 56-3-3340	State	Statute	Establishes special license plate for Purple Heart recipients	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-4310 through 56-3-4340	State	Statute	Establishes special license plate for military retirees	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-5350	State	Statute	Establishes special license place for Veterans who participated in the Normandy invasion	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-3-5910 through 56-3-5950	State	Statute	Establishes special license place for Veterans who participated in the defense of Pearl Harbor	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
56-3-8800	State	Statute	Establishes special license place for Veterans of World War II	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
56-5-2585	State	Statute	Exempts from parking fees Veterans with a disabled Veteran or Purple Heart license plate	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
59-111-20 through 59-112-20	State	Statute	Provides for free tuition at state institutions for the children of certain Veterans	Requires a service	Verification of eligibility	No Change
9-1-1140(C)	State	Statute	Allows for up to 6 years of credit toward State Retirement system for military service	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
25-11-710	State	Statute	SCDVA in mutual agreement with the USDVA may established and operate SC Veterans Homes to provide treatment for SC Veterans who require long term nursing	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Verification of eligibility	No Change
25-11-720	State	Statute	SC Veterans definition	Requires a service	Verification of eligibility	No Change

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Services Data

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Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
Assistance with claims, appeals, and hearings	Veterans who are hospitalized at an USDVA medical center in South Carolina	Veterans	Veteran Families	Division of Veterans Services	Liaisons to USDVA medical centers	Decreased access to entitled benefits	No Change	
Determination of eligibility for free tuition under SC 59-111-20	Veterans who meet eligibility requirements for free tuition	Veterans	Veteran Families	Division of Veterans Services	Free Tuition Coordinator	Decreased access to entitled benefits	No Change	
Assistance with appeals and hearings associated with a Veterans benefit claim	Veterans who wish to appeal a decision of the USDVA concerning a benefits claim	Veterans	Veteran Families	Division of Veterans Services	Representatives at USDVA Regional Office	Decreased access to entitled benefits	No Change	
Interment services	Veterans who meet eligibility requirements for interment in a state Veteran cemetery	Veterans	Veteran Families	Division of Veterans Services	MJ "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery	Decreased access to entitled benefits	No Change	
Public information designed to provide Veterans with information on benefits and other relevant topics	South Carolina Veterans	Veterans	Veteran Families	Office of Public Information	Outreach to Veterans	Lack of awareness of Veteran related programming in SC	No Change	
Public information designed to keep VSOs informed on South Carolina Veteran issues	Veteran Service Organizations (American Legion, VFW, Rubicon, etc.)	Veterans	Veteran Families	Office of Public Information	Outreach to Veteran Service Organizations	Lack of awareness of Veteran related programming in SC	No Change	
Public information designed to highlight the positive impact Veterans have on our community	South Carolina citizens	Veterans	veteran Families	Office of Public Information	Outreach to Public	Lack of awareness of Veteran related programming in SC	No Change	
Training and certification on USDVA case management and service to Veterans	County Veteran Affairs Offices	Veterans	Veteran Families	Division of veterans services	Training for County Veteran Affairs Offices	Decreased ability to provide services connecting Veterans to entitled benefits	No Change	

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Improved alignment of resources to Veteran needs	South Carolina Veterans	Veterans	Veteran Families	workforce enhancement division	Integration of all entities in the state that provide a service to Veterans	Decreased access to entitled benefits and resources	No Change	
Assistance in getting Veteran-friendly laws in place and funded	South Carolina Veterans	Veterans	Veteran Families	Military Affairs Advisory committee	Advocacy for Veterans	Key advocacy issues go unaddressed	No Change	
Assistance in realizing opportunities for growth in the scope or scale of military base missions	Military bases in or near South Carolina	Military bases in or near South Carolina	National Security	Military Affairs Advisory committee	Advocacy for military bases	Increased BRAC risks	No Change	
Assistance in getting military-friendly laws in place and funded	Active duty service members and their families in South Carolina	Active duty service members and their families in South Carolina	National Security	Military Affairs Advisory committee	Advocacy for military service members and families	Key advocacy issues go unaddressed	No Change	
Assistance in identifying and realizing growth of defense industry in South Carolina	Defense industry	Defense industry	National Security	Military Affairs Advisory committee	Advocacy for defense industry	Key advocacy issues go unaddressed	No Change	
Advice to the Governor on Veteran matters	Governor	Governor	Veteran Families	Office of the Secretary	Subject matter expertise on Veteran matters	Results in a lack of expert advice on Veteran issues	No Change	
Advice to the General Assembly	General Assembly	General Assembly	Veteran Families	Office of the Secretary	Subject matter expertise on Veteran matters	Results in a lack of expert advice on Veteran issues	No Change	
Advice to the state's courts	State's courts	State's courts	Veteran Families	Office of the Secretary	Subject matter expertise on Veteran matters	Results in a lack of expert advice on Veteran issues	No Change	

2026	Partnerships Data as submitted for the Accountability Report by: E260 - VETERANS' AFFAIRS		
Type of Partner Entity	**Name of Partner Entity**	**Description of Partnership**	**Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year**
State Government	College of Charleston	Development and execution of a state-wide Veteran need survey	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Community Veteran Engagement Councils	Integrate the efforts of Federal, State, non-profit, and private sector activity on behalf of Veterans at the regional level	No Change
State Government	SC DEW	workforce enhancement	No Change
State Government	Prisoner of War Commission	Provide administrative support to this Commission	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	Coordination on efforts to address alcohol and drug abuse in the Veteran population	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Employment and Workforce	Coordination on efforts to address unemployment and under-employment in the Veteran population, to include the application of a Veteran preference in State hiring practices	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation	Coordination on implementation of military family-friendly licensing and certification procedures	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	SC Department of Motor Vehicles	Coordination on the implementation of license plates and registration fees under a variety of Veteran-related programs	No Change
State Government	SC Mental Health Council	Coordination on matters pertaining to the Veteran nursing homes	No Change
State Government	SC Office Of Mental Health	Coordination on efforts to address Veteran suicide	No Change
State Government	University of South Carolina	Use of ROTC and other students as interns to fill critical positions for which we currently lack Full Time Equivalent authorizations	No Change
Federal Government	US Department of Veteran Affairs	Pilot program for the use of a single, state-wide case management system	No Change
Federal Government	USDVA Medical Centers	Close coordination on matters pertaining to Veterans hospitalized in USDVA medical centers in South Carolina	No Change
Federal Government	USDVA Regional Office	Coordination of appeals and hearings for benefit claims	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Veteran Service Organizations	Integrate the efforts of Federal, State, non-profit, and private sector activity on behalf of Veterans	No Change
State Government	Berkeley County Veterans Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Calhoun County Veterans Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	Charleston County Probate Court	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Charleston County Veterans Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	City of North Charleston	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Coastal Expeditions Foundation	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Colleton County Veterans Affairs Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Explore Charleston	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Jasper County Veteran Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Lowcountry Food Bank	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Lowcountry Veterans Home	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Non-Government Organization	Star Gospel Mission	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Technical College of the Lowcountry	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Private Business Organization	Towns4TroopsSE	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Transcendence Treatment Center, LLC	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Tri County Veterans Support Network	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Trident Technical College	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Twisted Yoga	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Aiken County Veterans Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Dedicated Senior Medical Center	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Edgefield County Veterans Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Fast Forward	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Goodwill Industries Middle Georgia	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Our Relationship	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Private Business Organization	Pawsitive Action Service Dogs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Rainy Day Fund	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Range Fore Hope	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	The Big Red Barn Retreat	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	The Haven Men's Shelter	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Veterans Bridge Home	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Warrior Axe CrossFit	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	York Technical College	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Clemson Rural Health and Nutrition	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Coastal Carolina University	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Discipled Veterans FBT	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Private Business Organization	Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Francis Marion University	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Grand Strand Comfort Care	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Nutrition I Am	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Project Josiah/Hidden Wounds	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Serenity Dove Home Care	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Abbeville County VA Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Abbeville County VA Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Appalachian Council of Governments	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Bootprint Homeless Services	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	Greenville County Veterans Affairs Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Greenville Technical College	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Greenwood County Veterans Affairs Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Laurens County VA Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Meals on Wheels Greenville	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Mill Village Ministries	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	NAR Coffee With Vets First Responders	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Oconee County VA Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Our Daily Rest	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Pickens County VA Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Project Victory Gardens	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

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Private Business Organization	Roger C. Peace Hospital	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Semper Fi Barn	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Spartanburg County VA Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	The Ascend Collective	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	Union County Veterans Affairs Office	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	United Housing Connections	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	United Way of Pickens County	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	United Way of the Lakelands	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Upstate Circle of Friends	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Upstate Warrior Solution	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Warriors CARE Center	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Private Business Organization	Warriors Once Again	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Alston Wilkes Society	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Andy Quattlebaum & Blackwell Family Foundation	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Bradford Health Services	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Bridge My Return	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Bridge of Hope	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	CareTeam Plus	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Centerstone Military Services	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Central Carolina Tech College	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Charlie Health	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Clemson Extension	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Higher Education Institute	Clemson Military & Veteran Engagement	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	College of Charleston	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Crossroads Treatment Centers	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Equine Heart Healers Ranch	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Family Recovery Research Program at MUSC	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Grand Canyon University	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Guiding Reins	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Local Government	Harvest Hope Food Bank	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Lander University	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Lighthouse Behavioral Health Hospital	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Private Business Organization	Mary's Angels	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Mental Health America Greenville County	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Military Hearts Matter	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	North Greenville University	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Operation Decisive Victory	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	PGA REACH Carolinas	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	PH Healthcare DBA Patriot Healthcare	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Recovery Unplugged	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	SC Alliance Recovery Residences (SCARR)	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	SC Center for Fathers and Families	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	SC Dept. of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

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Higher Education Institute	SC Veterans Business Outreach Center	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	SCARNG Service Member Family Care	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
State Government	SCDEW	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	The Citadel	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	The Independence Fund Inc	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	The Phoenix Center of Greenville	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	The Rez Rev	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors - South Carolina	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Transitions Homeless Center	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Univ. of South Carolina Veterans Affairs	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Higher Education Institute	USC Beaufort	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change

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Higher Education Institute	USC Upstate	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Vantage Point Foundation	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Veterans Last Patrol	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Veterans On Deck	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	VETSQuest LLC	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Warrior WOD	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Wild Hearts Equine Center Inc	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	No Change
Private Business Organization	Northwest Professional Consulting	Coalition Partner Supporting Veterans	Add
Higher Education Institute	Clemson University	Conduct Veterans Needs Assessment	Add
Private Business Organization	Recurrent Military	Transitioning Services members on benefits and opportunities available	Add

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Reports Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

E260 - VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	August 2025	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	edward.bell@scdva.sc.gov	No Change	

AGENCY NAME:	South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs		
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Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 08/04/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Todd B. McCaffrey, Major General (Ret) Secretary	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**N/A**
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	