

Department of Veterans Affairs

MISSION

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

VISION

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

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

Obj. 1.1 Increase the number of client contacts above the average of the prior two fiscal year actuals.

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
¹ Maryland veteran population	409,000	399,000	390,000	380,000	371,000	362,000	353,000
Number of client contacts	88,338	110,922	133,455	132,708	139,867	130,000	130,000
Number of new power-of-attorney assignments	2,284	2,450	1,791	2,042	2,006	2,000	2,000

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

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

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Number of burial sites	82,440	83,968	85,545	87,006	93,274	106,934	111,833
Interment services provided (veterans and dependents)	3,392	3,478	3,465	3,389	3,262	3,397	3,395
² Number of complaints about maintenance received	57	52	49	48	202	150	100
Percent change in number of complaints	-10%	-9%	-6%	-2%	321%	-26%	-33%
Percent of complaints resolved within 30 days	98%	98%	98%	98%	99%	99%	99%

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

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

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Resident population at Charlotte Hall	410	395	402	404	408	410	410
Occupancy rate (average daily census)	90%	87%	89%	89%	90%	90%	90%
Prevalence of daily physical restraints	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
High risk residents with pressure ulcers	4.7%	5.8%	7.4%	5.2%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%
Residents with behavioral symptoms affecting others	43.3%	43.3%	43.5%	63.7%	63.7%	65.0%	65.0%
Percent of residents who receive antipsychotic medication	25.6%	27.7%	22.7%	23.0%	23.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Percent of residents given influenza vaccination during flu season	98%	98%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Maryland State average: Prevalence of daily physical restraints	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
High risk residents with pressure ulcers	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%
Residents with behavioral symptoms affecting others	19.4%	18.9%	16.6%	16.6%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%
Percent of residents who receive antipsychotic medications	14.3%	16.0%	13.2%	12.8%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%
Percent of residents given influenza vaccination during flu season	89.0%	91.0%	90.0%	96.5%	96.6%	97.0%	97.0%

NOTES

¹ Data for 2019 is estimated because it is reported on a calendar year basis.

² Beginning in 2019, data includes all complaints rather than only complaints judged to have merit.