

# **OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

FY 2023 PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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## **1 OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

*Mission:* The Office of Veterans Affairs was established to provide veteran benefits, assistance, information, outreach, effective advocacy, claims processing assistance and service provider coordination to veterans and their families so that they can access their entitled resources and benefits.

*Services*: Serve as principal advisor to the Mayor on all issues regarding veterans' services and benefits, Serve as an advocate on behalf of DC veterans and their families. Promote the use of the US Department of Veterans Affairs and District of Columbia programs and services among District of Columbia veterans and their families, Analyze and evaluate issues and concerns raised by District of Columbia veterans and their families, Analyze and evaluate veterans affairs statistics on District of Columbia veterans' demographics and benefits, Work with other District government and federal, state and private agencies to solicit veterans' benefits assistance, Sponsor events that recognize and commemorate the sacrifice and military service of DC veterans. Host meetings with veteran service organization leadership to discuss concerns and events, Participate in citywide open houses, seminars and fairs to distribute veterans benefits and services information, Maintain and disseminate accurate and timely veterans' benefits and services information within the Office of Veterans Affairs Respond to inquiries concerning veterans' benefits and services.

## 2 2023 OBJECTIVES

Strategic Objective

Create and maintain partnerships to provide veterans and their family's access to District Government, Community Resources and other supportive services.

Expand and reinforce external relationships with veteran service organizations and agencies.

Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government.

### **3 2023 OPERATIONS**

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**Operation Description** 

#### Create and maintain partnerships to provide veterans and their family's access to District Government, Community Resources and other supportive services.

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Benefits and Entitlements: Daily Service	Ensure access to a veteran service officer for assistance with filing evidence/burden of proof and fully developed claims.					
Program Management: Daily Service	Actively managing partnerships, activities and collaborative work plans, and solid communication structures and practices.					
Community Engagement: Daily Service	Publicize agreed-upon and understood common aims of our partnership, internal and external activities, programs, and priorities using social media platforms, online outlets, and outreach activities.					
Partnership Development: Key Project	Connect and develop a stable foundation for the rationale, and activities of partnerships while allowing sufficient flexibility for these components to develop and evolve in response to external and internal demands of our constituents.					
Referral Assistance: Daily Service	Provide customer service and referral assistance.					

#### Expand and reinforce external relationships with veteran service organizations and agencies.

Program Management: Key	Manage recognition program.
Project	
Service Delivery: Daily	Provide customer service through referral assistance, intake assessments, and
Service	benefits and entitlements counseling.
Veteran Engagement: Daily	Operations include daily contact and interactions with veterans through walk in,
Service	answering phones, emails, and benefits intake assessment counseling.
Community Engagement:	Support increased access to and participation in programs that promote
Daily Service	economic resilience, health and well-being, and an improved quality of life.
Strategic Communications:	Communication through monthly newsletters, email blast, information flow
Daily Service	through listserves and social media.
Community Engagement:	Interact with federal and local community-based networks that bring together
Key Project	local stakeholders and opportunities for greater impact by attending community meetings, events, seminars, and training.

## 4 2023 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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Create and maintain partnerships to provide veterans and their family's access to District Government, Community Resources and other supportive services.									
Number of veteran events coordinated in partnerships with other organizations	Up is Better	39	61	21	13	19	Needs Update	Needs Data Update	60
Number of newly established relationships	Up is Better	25	19	Annual Mea- sure	Annual Mea- sure	Annual Mea- sure	Annual Mea- sure	Needs Data Update	10
Expand and reinforce external relationships with veteran service organizations and agencies.									
Number of veterans and their family members who applied for US Department of Veterans Affairs earned benefits and entitlements	Up is Better	184	254	62	61	69	Needs Update	Needs Data Update	250
Number of veterans, veteran community leaders and stakeholders recognized by MOVA	Up is Better	280	152	78	17	22	Needs Update	Needs Data Update	120
Number of community meetings and events attended by MOVA	Up is Better	82	78	31	18	19	Needs Update	Needs Data Update	75
Number of DC Veterans assisted from MOVA events	Up is Better	3,137	3,316	Annual Mea- sure	Annual Mea- sure	Annual Mea- sure	Annual Mea- sure	Needs Data Update	3,000

#### Key Performance Indicators