

New Report Calls for VA Focus on Access, Infrastructure, and Caregivers

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Washington, DC — Today, four of the nation's leading veterans service organizations—AMVETS (American Veterans), DAV (Disabled American Veterans), Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) and VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)—released a report calling on renewed focus on access to timely, high quality care, particularly for women veterans; continued commitment to reducing the claims backlog; real investments in infrastructure; and support for all veterans in need of caregiver support.

The policy recommendations are included in the 29th edition of *The Independent Budget* (IB), available online at www.independentbudget.org.

“The Veterans Benefits Administration cannot lose sight of the real goal to establish a credible and efficient claims processing system that delivers accurate benefits decisions for veterans,” stated DAV National Commander Ron Hope. “It has made significant progress, particularly with regards to the Veterans Benefits Management System, but more remains to be done.”

About AMVETS:

AMVETS—A leader since 1944 in preserving the freedoms secured by America's armed forces, provides support for veterans and the active military in procuring their earned entitlements, as well as community service and legislative reform that enhances the quality of life for this nation's citizens and veterans alike. AMVETS is one of the largest congressionally-chartered veterans' service organizations in the United States, and includes members from each branch of the military, including the National Guard, Reserves and Merchant Marine. Learn more at www.amvets.org.

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