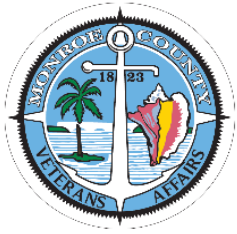




Working with Your Veterans Affairs Department

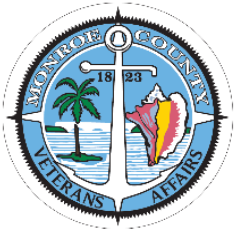




Veterans Affairs



Parks and Recreation



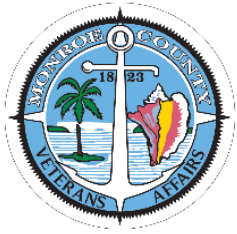
Parks and Recreation for Veterans

Studies find **outdoor recreation** can help Veterans with



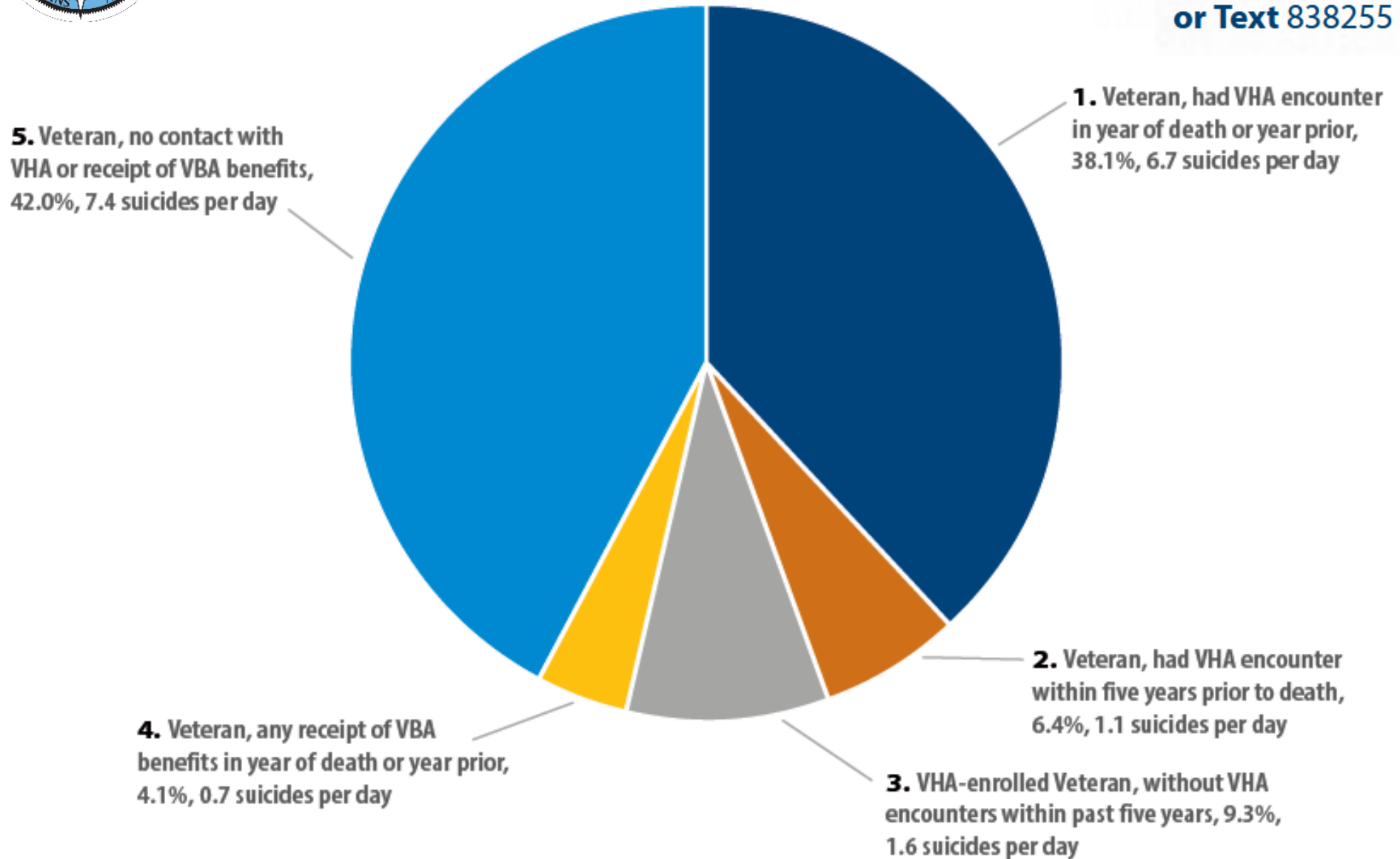
- ✓ social reconnection
- ✓ life-improving change
- ✓ inner peace
- ✓ psychological healing

Photo Credit: Andy Newman/Monroe County Tourist Development Council



Veteran Mental Health

17.5 Veteran Suicide Decedents per Day in 2021





Teaming Up with Veterans Affairs



- Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride
- Wounded Warrior Project Odyssey
- Operation Green Light for Veterans
- Veterans Ceremonies and Parades
- Military Ceremonies
- Veterans Memorials
- Purple Heart Recognition Ceremonies
- Task Force Dagger
- Proclamation Presentations
- County Recreation Center Visits

Operation Green Light for Veterans





Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride



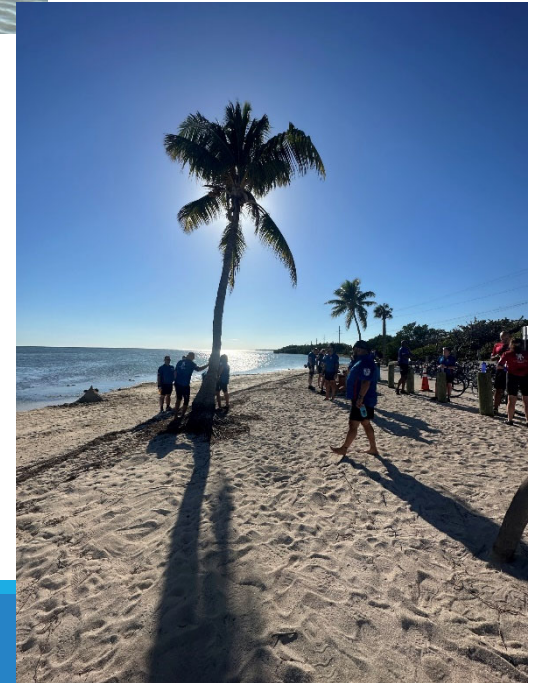
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Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride



SOT
Jacob Norotsky
Florida Keys Soldier Ride Participant







Department of Veterans Affairs Adaptive Sports Program

FY 2024 \$14,500,000

Veteran

- Independence
- Well-being
- Quality of Life

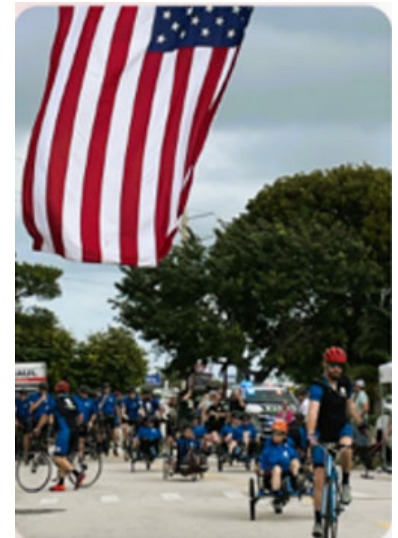
Applicant

- Plan
- Develop
- Manage
- Implement programs

Applicant Information:

<https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/grant-program/>

Application Submissions: www.grants.gov



Application Training Sessions



2024 Application
Training Session



2024 Application
Review Session



Adaptive Sports Grant
Program Overview



Park & Recreation State & Federal

Florida State Parks

25% Pass Discount

- Current & retired service members

Free Lifetime Membership

- Disabled Veterans
- Surviving Spouses & Combat Related Gold Star Parents

National Park Service

Military Pass

- Current US military members and their dependents
- Gold Star Families & US military Veterans

United States Navy - Southeast ROCK BAND

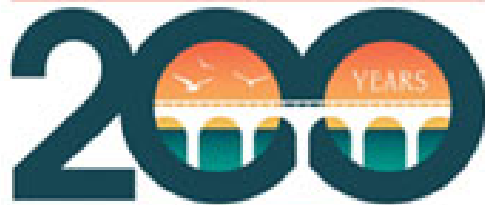


United States Navy - Southeast ROCK BAND



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The Florida Keys & Key West



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Waterfront Park*

The Florida Keys & Key West



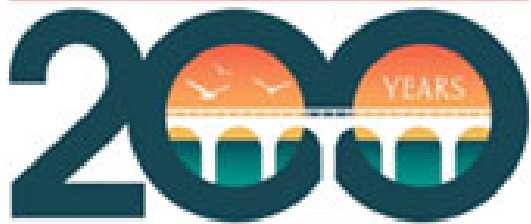
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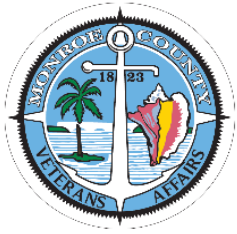
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United States Navy - Southeast ROCK BAND

*Rowell's Waterfront
Park*

The Florida Keys & Key West





DD Form 2536

REQUEST FOR ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC EVENTS (NON-AVIATION)				OMB No. 0704-0290 OMB approval expires 20221130	
<small>The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at wha.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-informationcollections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.</small>					
PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.					
ALL DATA WILL BE HANDLED ON A "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" BASIS.					
PURPOSE: This form is used to request all Armed Forces MUSICAL UNIT, TROOP, COLOR/HONOR GUARD, GUEST SPEAKER, and/or EXHIBIT/EQUIPMENT participation in public events. The information is required to evaluate the event for appropriateness and compliance with DoD policies and for coordination with the units involved. Please complete all sections.					
SECTION I - EVENT DATA					
1. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT (i.e., Musical Unit, Color Guard, Military Equipment, Troop Formation Number)		2. DATE OF EVENT (YYYYMMDD)		3. TIME OF EVENT a. FROM: b. TO:	
4. TITLE OF EVENT (and website, if applicable) (List other potential engagements for requested military support in item 21)				5.a. EXPECTED ATTENDANCE	
5.b. MEDIA COVERAGE (X all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> TELEVISION <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL MEDIA <input type="checkbox"/> REGIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> RADIO <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRINT				5.c. YOUR MEDIA/PR POC (Name/telephone/email): NAME TELEPHONE EMAIL	
5.d. VIP ATTENDANCE (X if applicable)					
6. SITE OF EVENT (e.g., park, auditorium, airport) (NOTE: This site must be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.)			7. ADDRESS OF EVENT (Street, City, State, ZIP Code)		
8. PROGRAM (Describe program theme and objective, audience and civic makeup, and the purpose of Armed Forces participation.)					
9.a. HAVE OTHER ARMED FORCES UNITS BEEN REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT? (If so, specify.)			b. HAS DoD SUPPORTED THIS EVENT IN THE PAST? (If so, specify previous military support.)		
10. IS THERE ANY CHARGE? (e.g., admission, parking. If so, specify.)			11. IS THIS EVENT BEING USED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ANY PURPOSE? (If so, specify how funds will be distributed.)		
12. WILL ADMISSION, SEATING, AND ALL OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS AND FACILITIES CONNECTED WITH THIS EVENT BE AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, AGE, DISABILITY, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION? (X appropriate box)				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
SECTION II - REQUESTING ORGANIZATION DATA					
13.a. NAME AND WEBSITE OF REQUESTING ORGANIZATION					
b. SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES: FACEBOOK <input type="checkbox"/> INSTAGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> TWITTER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>					
(X appropriate box for each item.)				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
14. IS THE REQUESTING ORGANIZATION A CIVIC ORGANIZATION? (e.g., a non-governmental organization primarily focused on improving broad based communities at large.)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. DOES THE EVENT HAVE THE OFFICIAL BACKING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a. DOES THE REQUESTING ORGANIZATION EXCLUDE ANY PERSON FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP OR PRACTICE ANY FORM OF DISCRIMINATION IN ITS FUNCTIONS BASED ON RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, AGE, DISABILITY, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO YOUR EVENT? (X all that apply.)				<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS EVENT <input type="checkbox"/> IDEOLOGICAL EVENT
17. REQUESTER'S REPRESENTATIVE (Please PRINT all contact information.)					
a. NAME (Include Mr./Ms./Military Rank)		b. ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code)			
c. PRIMARY TELEPHONE (Include area code)		d. ALTERNATE TELEPHONE (Include area code)		e. FAX NUMBER (Incl. area code) f. E-MAIL ADDRESS	
SECTION III - REQUESTING ORGANIZATION SUPPORT DATA					
18. See page 2, paragraph 3 before completing this section. Please answer the following questions ONLY for musical support requests. Is the requester offering to: (X appropriate box for each item.)				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
a. Fund the standard Military Services allowance for meals, lodging, and incidental expenses for Armed Forces participants?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Fund transportation costs, meals, and hotel accommodations for unit representatives to visit the site prior to the event?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Fund transportation costs from home station to the event and return for Armed Forces participants?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Fund transportation costs for Armed Forces participants between the site of the event and the hotel?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE.



SECTION IV - CERTIFICATION

19. I am acting on behalf of the requesting organization and certify that the information provided above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that representatives from the military services will contact me to discuss arrangements and costs involved prior to final commitments, or to inform me of their inability to support this event. I also understand that operational commitments must take priority and can preclude a scheduled appearance at an approved public activity.

a. SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER'S REPRESENTATIVE

b. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)

c. PRINT NAME AND TITLE

20. MILITARY PARTICIPATION (Explain the desired effects of U.S. military participation in this event, and how U.S. military participation in this event will be amplified via social media.)

21. REMARKS (Use this area to continue any items if necessary, for additional information on the event, etc. Reference by section and item number.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form is used to request Armed Forces musical unit, personnel, color/honor guard, guest speaker and/or exhibit/equipment participation in public events. U.S. Military participation does not imply endorsement of the event or the organization hosting the event. The requested information is required to evaluate the event. Please complete all sections.

2. Armed Forces musical units are organized for ceremonial and traditional purposes and to support recruiting activities. However, they may be authorized to provide certain specified presentations, such as patriotic ceremonies for public programs. Armed Forces musical organizations are not permitted to provide entertainment, background, dinner, dance or other social music at public or private events in competition with the customary or regular employment of local civilian musicians. **Limited resources permit only one band and/or choir to perform at an event, and the Military Services reserve the right to cancel support to requesters who have scheduled more than one such military unit.**

3. Department of Defense (DoD) policies require that Armed Forces participation in public events will be provided at no additional cost to the Government, which means unprogrammed costs incurred solely because of participation in or support of an unplanned activity. For example, additional costs to the Government include unplanned travel and transportation, meals and lodging for military personnel away from Government mess, civilian per diem, and overtime pay. Unsolicited contributions of money, personal property, or services (e.g., gifts in kind for lodging, meals, transportation) may be accepted for the benefit of military musical units for events that align with the DoD's mission. All costs are binding after a unit, personnel, or exhibit has arrived at an event site, even though weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances force the event to be cancelled.

4. This form should be submitted to the appropriate Military Service (listed in right hand column) not less than 30 days in advance of a scheduled program. Final determination will occur no earlier than 90 days in advance. Please realize that all Armed Forces units have specific military missions and training requirements. Participation in public programs will only be authorized when such support is in the best interests of the DoD and the Military Services and does not interfere with mission or training programs. In all cases, operational commitments must take priority and can cause previously scheduled appearances to be cancelled.

5. Additional forms may be obtained on the Internet at https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/dd2500_2999/. For legibility, event requesters are highly encouraged to fill out applicable information on-line prior to printing out the form. Submit forms through the nearest military installation public affairs office, or to any of the military public affairs offices listed to the right. If you have questions regarding information required on this form, please call the Directorate of Community Engagement in the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (703) 695-3845.

SUBMIT COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO:
The Public Affairs Office of the Military Installation closest to the event OR to the appropriate Military Service listed below:

ARMY:
Community Relations Division
HQDA, Office of the Chief, Public Affairs
1500 Army Pentagon, Room 1D470
Washington, DC 20310-1500
(703) 614-3354 (fax)
www.army.mil/comrel

U.S. MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON: (For National Capital Region (NCR) and Federal Agencies only)
Send public event requests inside the NCR to the MDW Communication Office via email:
usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.af-nccr-paa-web-events-omb@army.mil
Send public event requests from Federal agencies to the Ceremonial Directorate via email:
usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.afnccr-special-events-request@mail.mil
Website:
<https://mdwhome.mdw.army.mil/ceremonial-support/requesting-ceremonial-support>

MARINE CORPS:
For instructions on how to request Marine Corps assets, visit:
<https://www.marines.mil/Community-Relations/Asset-Request/Band-Requests/>
(703) 614-1034 (voice)

NAVY:
Navy Office of Community Outreach
5722 Integrity Drive, Bldg 455-3
Millington, TN 38054
(901) 874-5804 (voice)
bandsupport@navy.mil
www.outreach.navy.mil

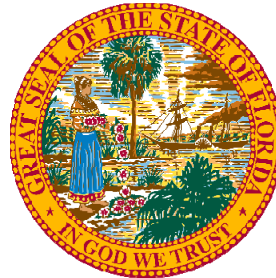
AIR FORCE:
Office of the Secretary of the Air Force
Office of Public Affairs (SAF/PA)
1690 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330
www.afoutreach.af.mil

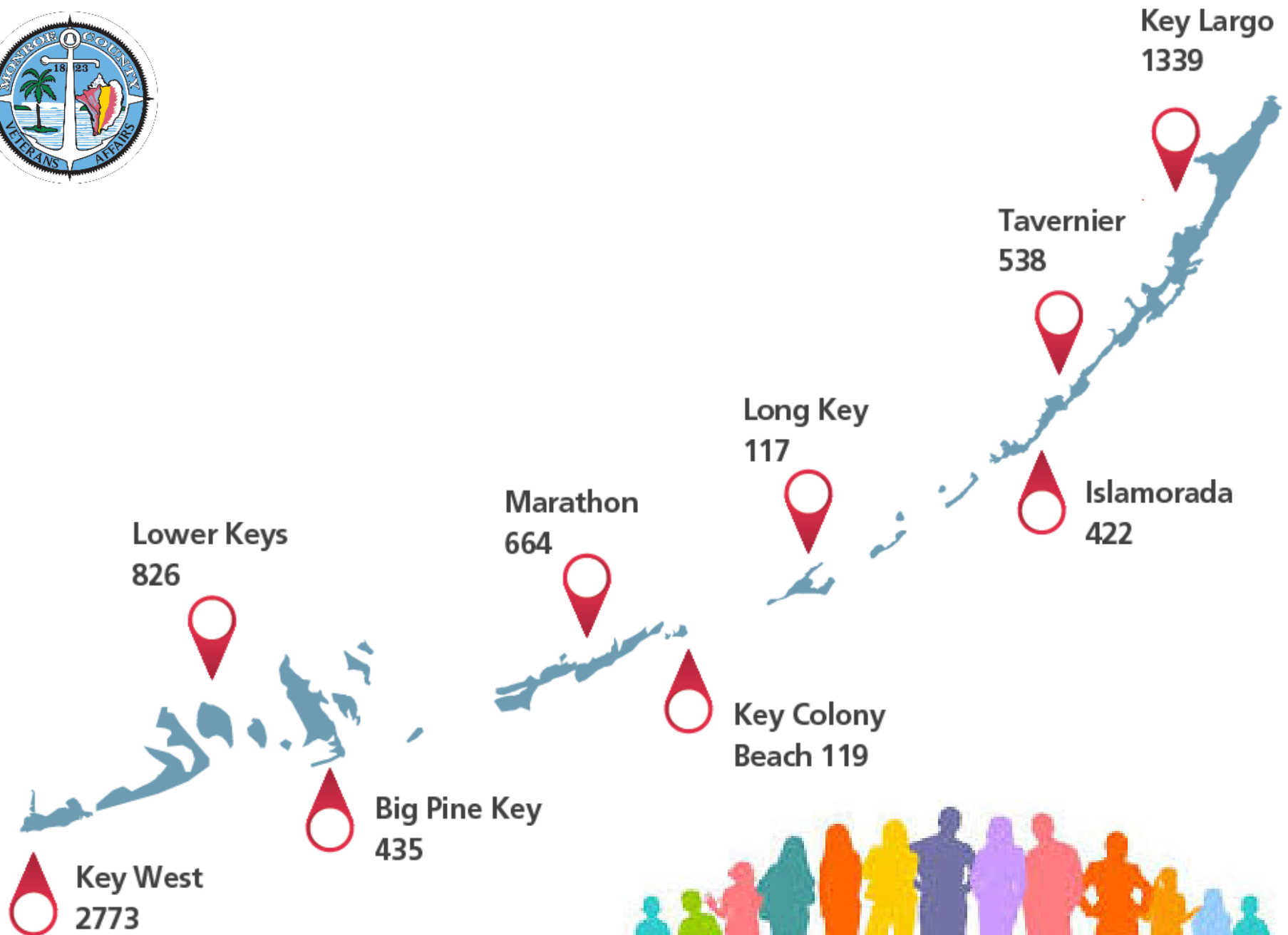
Submit band requests online at
www.outreachrequests.hq.af.mil

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:
Submit requests to the State National Guard Public Affairs Office in the state where the event will take place. Contact information for State Public Affairs Offices is available online at
<http://www.nationalguard.mil/Resources/StateWebsites.aspx>



Monroe County **Veterans Affairs Operations**







Monetary Benefits:

- Service-related disabilities
- Non-service-connected pensions
- Burial benefits
- Survivor's benefits
- Educational and vocational rehabilitation benefits
- VA home loans
- Appeals of any denied benefit
- Board of Veterans Appeals Virtual Hearing Representation

MONROE COUNTY VETERANS RECEIVED \$74,026,000 FOR FY 2022 IN BENEFITS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Veteran Population</u>	<u>Monetary</u>	<u>Medical Care</u>	<u>Total Benefit</u>
2022	7,314	\$ 47,167	\$ 26,859	\$ 74,026
2021	7,667	\$ 41,326	\$ 22,405	\$ 63,731
2020	7,904	\$ 38,129	\$ 26,507	\$ 64,636
2019	6,659	\$ 36,101	\$ 26,741	\$ 62,841
2018	6,900	\$ 32,412	\$ 24,258	\$ 56,670

*expenditures listed are rounded to the nearest thousand



Nonmonetary Benefits:



Application - Issuance – Replacement – Requisition

- Military service medals, decorations, and awards
- Military service records

Healthcare - Application Assistance & Community Care Guidance

Documentation assistance in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs for:

- Educational benefits & Commissary Privileges

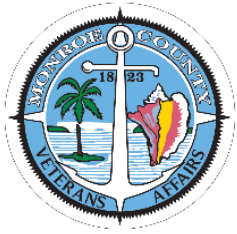
Virtual Services

- Zoom HIPAA Compliant Appointments
- Board of Veterans Appeal Appointments
- Veterans Health Administration Appointments
 - Compensation and Pension Exams

Veterans Transportation Program



- Free shuttle ride to and from the Miami VA
- Leaves Key West at 0500 and leaves Miami VA Hospital at 1400 for the return ride back to Key West.
- Wednesday thru Friday (excluding holidays)
- Veterans Transportation Scheduling (305) 295-5159



Key West

*Harvey Government Center
1200 Truman Ave. Suite 204
(305) 295-5150*

VA Transportation (305) 295-5159



Key Largo

*Murray Nelson Gov't Building
10200 Overseas Highway
(305) 453-8778*



MARATHON – Satellite Office

*Marathon Branch Public Library
3251 Overseas Highway
305-295-5150 or 305-453-8778*





Questions