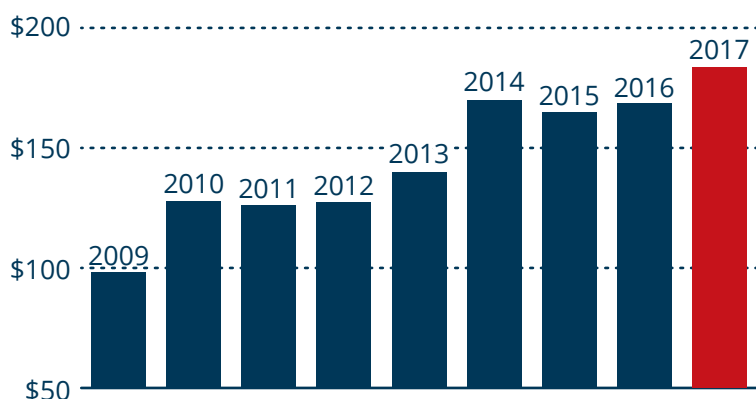


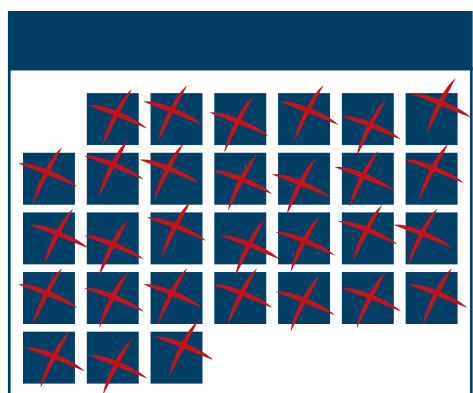
VA BUREAUCRACY

BY THE NUMBERS



\$182 BILLION

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROPOSED VA BUDGET FOR 2017.¹ **THE VA'S BUDGET IS ON TRACK TO GROW 84% FROM 2009.**²



3-10 WEEKS

HOW LONG NEW VA ENROLLEES MUST WAIT FOR PRIMARY CARE APPOINTMENTS.⁴

MORE THAN 500,000

APPOINTMENTS HAVE WAIT TIMES OF 30 DAYS OR MORE,⁶ **AN INCREASE OF 160,000** SINCE OCTOBER 2014.⁷



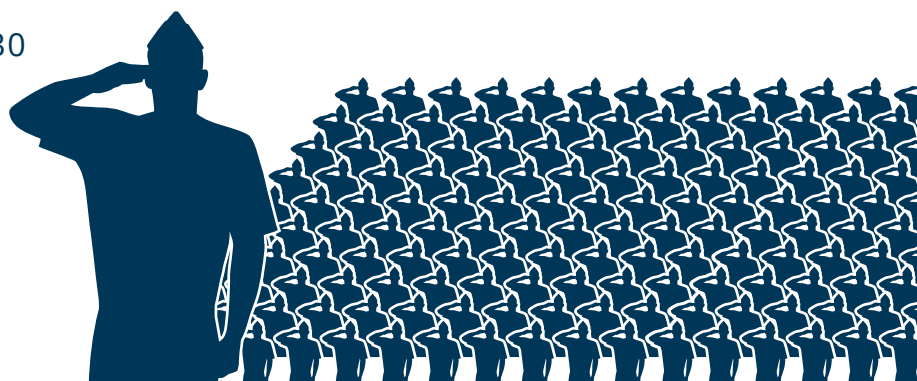
\$142,000,000 IN BONUSES

PAID TO VA EMPLOYEES IN 2014 WHEN THE SECRET WAIT-LIST SCANDAL WAS UNCOVERED.³



VETERANS DIED

IN PHOENIX WAITING FOR HEALTH CARE ON WAIT LISTS.⁵



89% OF VETERANS AGREE

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR VETERANS TO HAVE INCREASED HEALTH CARE CHOICES⁸

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