VA wants to know the top 3–5 priorities that tribes have for serving and engaging Veterans. We are gathering input on your priorities for Veterans to help create an Indian Country Veterans Affairs policy agenda, which will inform tribal governments, VA, members of Congress, and other Veteran-serving partners in coming years.

This list shows the issues and priorities VA has worked to address in recent years.

What are your priorities for serving Veterans in your community? Use the list below to identify your top 3–5 priorities, or add new issues of your own.

**Access to medical care**
In Indian Country and for other rural areas, VA is using telehealth to expand access to care: [http://www.telehealth.va.gov/](http://www.telehealth.va.gov/)

**VA and tribal or IHS facilities working together**
The 2010 VA-IHS memorandum of understanding defined many ways VA and IHS can cooperate. VA has reimbursed almost $40 million to IHS and tribal health facilities for direct care to Veterans.

**Treatment for PTSD and mental health**
VA is using telemental health care to reach Native Veterans with PTSD and other mental health care needs: [http://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/nativeprograms/telemental-services.asp](http://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/nativeprograms/telemental-services.asp)

**Suicide prevention**
VA and IHS are continuing outreach to share resources and information about preventing suicide among Native Veterans.

**VA supporting traditional providers and treatments**
Some VA medical centers have added traditional treatments, like sweat lodges, for Veterans.

**Transportation**
VA’s Beneficiary Travel program reimburses mileage for travel to VA health care: [http://www.va.gov/HealthBenefits/vtp/highly_rural_transportation_grants.asp](http://www.va.gov/HealthBenefits/vtp/highly_rural_transportation_grants.asp)
Housing
VA’s Native American Direct Loan program helps Native Veterans get low-cost home loans: http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp

Understanding benefits
VA holds training summits, benefit fairs, and other events in Indian Country to help spread the word about benefits for Native Veterans.

Homelessness
VA implemented HUD-VASH, a housing voucher program, on tribal lands: http://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp

Benefits for families

Employment/vocational rehab
Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program grants are available to tribes: http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp

Tribal consultation, listening sessions, town hall meetings
VA consults with tribes before any action that significantly affects tribal resources, rights, or lands. VA uses listening sessions and other meetings to supplement formal consultations.

Tribal Veterans Representatives
Tribal Veterans Representatives (TVRs) help connect Native Veterans with VA and other community organizations: http://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/native/programs/tribal-veterans.asp

VA wants to hear from you. What do you think are the most important issues for Veterans living in Indian Country? Choose from the issues above, or add new priorities of your own.

My Priorities for Veterans
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