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American Oversight
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Sent via email to:
foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Emma Lewis:

This is in response to your March 13, 2026, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). On March 26, 2026, part of your original request was referred to the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) and assigned FOIA tracking number 26-15764-F. In the portion of your request that was referred to the Board, you requested the Board's current pending appeals inventory broken down by claim type.

I have enclosed the records responsive to your request and consider this to be a full grant of your request. Please note, the records are separated by appeal system. The legacy system governs appeals of initial decisions issued prior to February 19, 2019. The modernized system, established by the Veteran Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 (AMA), governs appeals of initial decisions issued on or after February 19, 2019.

If you are unsatisfied with this response, you may contact either the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) or the VA FOIA Public Liaison for mediation services. Both will assist in resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and VA as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS or the VA FOIA Public Liaison does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS or the VA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510
College Park, MD 20740-6001

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: 202-741-5769

VA FOIA Public Liaison
810 Vermont Avenue, NW (005R1C)
Washington, DC 20420

E-mail: foiahelp@va.gov
Facsimile: 202-632-7581

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You may appeal this determination by writing to the VA Office of General Counsel (024), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, or email your request to: OGCFOIAAppeals@va.gov. Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please state clearly why you disagree with the determination of this office.

Sincerely,



Kary D. Charlebois
FOIA/Privacy Officer

Enclosures:
BVA AMA Inventory by Program Area 4.02.26 (red)
BVA Legacy Inventory by Program Area 4.02.26 (red)

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Board of Veterans' Appeals - AMA Inventory by Program Area 04/02/2026		
Program Area	**Benefit Type**	**Total Pending**
NCA	NCA	35
VBA	Compensation	132,739
VBA	Education	1,372
VBA	Fiduciary	26
VBA	Insurance	21
VBA	Loan Guaranty	189
VBA	Pension	2,981
VBA	Voc Rehab	531
VHA	VHA	24,631
Multi Program Area	Multi-Program Area	71
	Grand Total	**162,596**

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Board of Veterans' Appeals
Legacy Appeals Pendingd at BVA
by Program Area

4/2/2026

Program Area	Total Pending
01 VBA Burial benefits (38 CFR Part 3)	1
02 Compensation	17,598
03 Education	67
04 Insurance	6
05 Loan Guaranty	2
06 Medical	96
07 Pension	56
08 VR&E	22
09 Other programs	26
10 BVA Original Jurisdiction	76
11 NCA Burial benefits (38 CFR Part 38	3
Totals:	17,953

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