Mark Twain Allentown Morning Call

Veteran Service Organizations Own Best Advocate

Some Accomplishments
PA Bonus Laws

Spanish American War China Relief Expedition WWI

1947 – WWII

1957 - Korean Conflict

1968 - Vietnam Conflict

1972 - Vietnam Conflict POW

2006 – Merchant Marine WWII Veterans

2006 – Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Bonus

State Veterans Homes System PSSH Dedicated FEB 1886 HVH Dedicated JUN 1977

WVC Site Selection Committee SEVC Dedicated JAN 1985 NEVC Dedicated JAN 1994 Renamed GMVC JUL 2002

SWVC Dedicated JUL 1997 DVVH Dedicated NOV 2002

Need for 7th Home Study Currently Underway SVC Work Group

Scotland School

Casey Administration **Proposed Closing** Benign Neglect Secretary of Education VSOs Peacefully Rallied School Transferred to DMA VSOs & Legislature Adequate Funding

State Veterans' Commission

Research Established in 1960's 1988 Became part of DMA SVC Currently Administers

State Veterans Homes System SSVC Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax
Exemption
Veterans Emergency Assistance
Blind Veterans Pension
Paralyzed Veterans Pension
Educational Gratuity
PA Veterans Memorial Trust Fund

On the National Scene

National Cemeteries
Indiantown Gap
National Cemetery
Of the Alleghenies
Washington Crossing

VA HEALTHCARE

12 Years Ago VISN 4 Jones, Biro, Szabo, Moreland Altoona, Butler, Erie 42 CBOCs

VISN 4/SVC Monthly

BVA of PA VISOR

8 Years, 300+ Quality of Life VISOR National Model

Served Under 4 Adjutants General Vernacular of the Day MG Jessica Wright Can Multi-Task Outstanding Leader Soldiers, Airmen & Veterans
DAGVA BG Scott Wagner
Six Months Ago
Hit Ground Running
PA Veterans Well Served

System Not Broken Douglas McArthur