

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (ADVA) COMMISSIONER'S GOALS

2025-2026

In coordination with the State Board of Veterans Affairs:

Goal #1. Strengthen collaboration with local, state and federal legislators, community leaders, Governor's cabinet members, and the Alabama Military Stability Commission to ensure continuity of strong legislative support for Veteran's benefits and well-being services.

Goal #2. State Veterans Homes.

- a) Complete construction repair of CSM Bennie G. Adkins State Veterans home and facilitate an expedient return of our Veteran residents no later than September 2026.
- b) Evaluate renovation and expansion possibilities of Bill Nichols, Floyd E. Tut Fann, and William F. Green homes.
- c) Initiate feasibility study for 6th veterans' home in west central Alabama.

Goal #3. State Veteran Memorial Cemetery Initiatives.

- a) Complete construction of the second committal shelter project located at the Alabama Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spanish Fort, AL., NLT April 2026.
- b) Secure property and complete Architect and Engineer design for a second State Memorial Cemetery in in north Alabama NLT June 2026.

Goal #4. Veterans Benefits and Services.

- a) Expand County Veteran Service Offices in Colbert and Shelby counties NLT January 2026
- b) Establish an ADVA District 4 region in east-central Alabama to effectively distribute District Manager workload responsibilities.
- c) Enhance Veterans Service Officer training with dedicated training officers assigned to each District.

Goal #5. Veterans Well-Being Initiatives.

- a) Contribute to the successful implementation of the Alabama Veterans Resource Center.
- b) Strengthen liaison with the USDVA and ADMH to ensure Veterans have responsive access to mental health/substance abuse care.
- c) Employ an in-house ADVA grant administrator NLT January 2026
- d) Continue to increase support and visibility at Veterans Outreach activities to include Veteran Treatment Courts, Town Halls, and various Veteran benefit events.
- e) Launch Women Veterans' coordinator position