



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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RE: Office of the Veteran Advocate Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report

Dear Governor Healy, Legislative Leaders and Citizens of the Commonwealth,

I am pleased and honored to submit the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report for the Office of the Veteran Advocate (OVA). This report covers the OVA's first full fiscal year as an agency.

In this report, we focus on the rapid and deliberate progress of establishing a new independent state agency while simultaneously conducting actions to support the veteran community and addressing issues within the OVA's directed responsibilities. Future annual reports will concentrate on specific areas of analysis which we are developing through a strategic planning process.

OVA annual reports are augmented by special reports and investigations released throughout the year, such as the recently released "*Understanding Massachusetts' Veterans Service Officer*".

The team of experienced professionals at the Office of the Veteran Advocate brings broad and diverse perspectives on military and veteran issues. They prove their value daily and are second to none. Along with government and community partners, we are focused and committed to improving the lives of veterans and their families in Massachusetts.

We are available as a resource. Please let us know if you have questions on any items covered in the enclosed report.

Sincerely,



Robert Notch  
Veteran Advocate

Enclosure