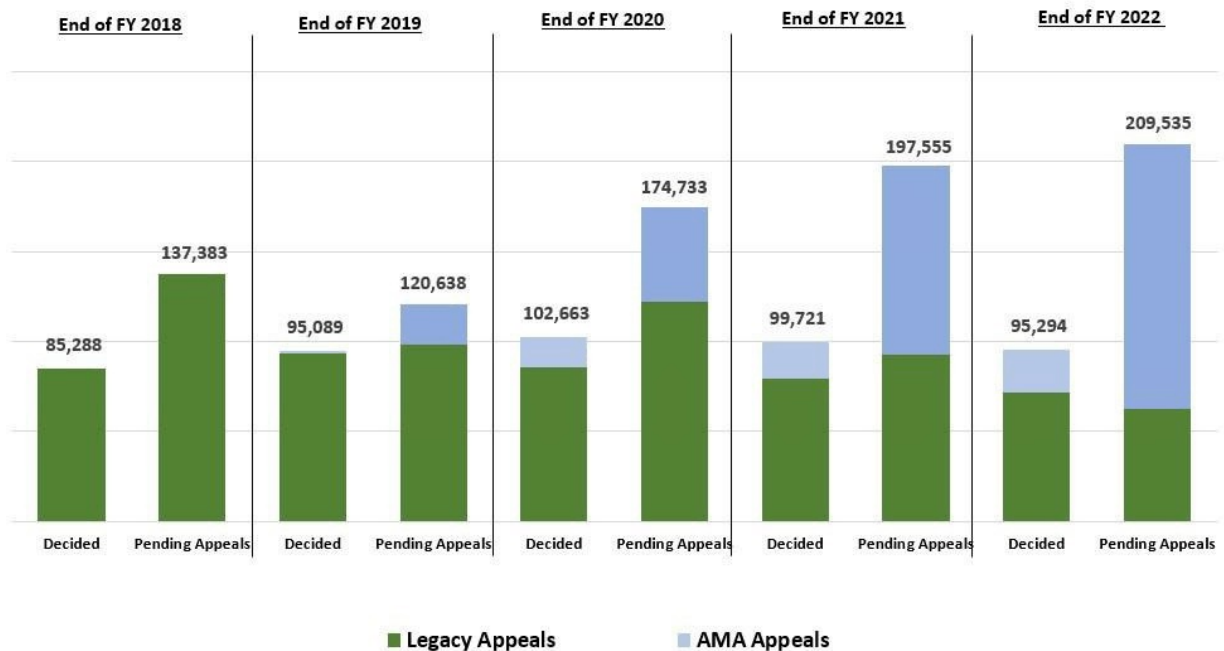


### Appeals Adjudicated and Pending (FY 2018 - FY 2022)



Source: <https://www.bva.va.gov/decision-wait-times.asp>

“BVA reported that, at the end of the first quarter of FY 2016, they had resolved approximately 23,200 appeals. The OIG estimated approximately 1,600 of these appeal records (7 percent) were closed due to the death of the appellant. About 1,100 of these appeal records had been pending for more than one year when the appellants died. However, as these appellants died before receiving final decisions, the OIG could not determine whether they would have received any additional benefits. In some cases, VBA will open a new appeal record if an eligible party continues the appeal for the deceased appellant.”

Source: VA Office of Inspector General report 16-01750-79 dated March 28, 2018 on pages iv and v.

Using the seven percent figure as reported by the Board of Veterans Appeals to the Office of the Inspector General and applying it to total of 209,535 pending claims for FY 2022 14,667 veterans will die while awaiting adjudication. (209,535 pending claims x 7% = 14,667 deaths).

Social Security, EEOC and MSPB cases are resolved in months. The VA system takes years. A complete overhaul is needed.

Scheduling us a serious problem. In 2021 30% of hearings had to be rescheduled. 10% were cancelled (sometimes due to the veterans death) and 3% were no show. Bottom line: Only 57% of hearings were held as scheduled. This is an increase of 42% over 2020.

Source: [https://www.bva.va.gov/docs/Chairmans\\_Annual\\_Rpts/BVA2021AR.pdf](https://www.bva.va.gov/docs/Chairmans_Annual_Rpts/BVA2021AR.pdf) pg 16.