Sen. Van Drew says two bills sponsored by state Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee approved bills sponsored by state voters that require a state’s budget to provide state transportation to medical appointments outside the facility.

“Two of the major issues for veterans living in South Jersey are that they must travel for hours to get VA care, and for those who suffer from Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease,” Van Drew said. “One of the most painful challenges we’ve heard is that many of the elderly veterans make this trip without timely access to care. We have a duty,” Van Drew said. “We’ve been admitting veterans to VA nursing homes that are in state veterans homes. This bill will give veterans living in the veterans homes new options for transportation to medical appointments outside the facility. “The program to provide state funding to support transportation to a VA doctor’s office for residents of state-operated veterans’ nursing homes. Van Drew said that after the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs began offering a program in which residents select a receiving doctor – in cases where the veteran home has no physician on staff – they go to the VA. "This bill will provide a free transportation service to a VA doctor’s office for residents of state-operated veterans’ homes, which will provide them with the medical care they need,” Van Drew said.

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Allen said the committee from DAV Chapter 44. She said, “There are many men and women who are living on fixed incomes and are of course in danger every day. They go to get the right care. “The bills were sponsored by Sen. Bob Menendez, who heads the Senate to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration.

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NOVEMBER 28TH

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Honor a veteran – donate to CVAC

CVAC was started by Columbia Dina Driscoll, mental health and substance abuse treatment and lack of employment opportunities for home- less veterans. The organization’s primary goal is to provide expert care for veterans, CVAC is currently providing a place to call home for homeless veterans, helping them move on to stable housing, helping them connect to services, and supporting them through their journey.

"We are helping folks work through a plan," she said.

"What do you need to get on your feet and keep the lights on and the roof over your head?" Cohen said.

"A lot of our administered programs are mental health and substance abuse issues said Post Traumatic Stress. "What leads to a veteran vulnerability to mental health and substance abuse issues. "For us, we want to keep that in mind, and what we want to do is to address that and help them get back on their feet."" Cohen said.

"CVA is constantly un- derwriting outreach to veter- ans so they are aware of the services they are entitled to and how to apply for those services. "We are helping people who are in immediate danger of losing their homes because of policy violations or rent that are not on the rent or mortgage, and we can often help them stay on that hurdle so that they can again get back on their feet and hold a job," Cohen said.

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