



# **Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)**

## **Release Notes**

**VHIC 4.2.0.6**

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# Preface

## **Purpose of the Release Notes**

The Release Notes document describes the enhancements and/or defects addressed in VHIC 4.2.0.6.

## **Reference Numbering System**

This document uses a numbering system to organize its topics into sections and show the reader how these topics relate to each other. For example, section 1.3 means this is the main topic for the third section of Chapter 1. If there were two subsections to this topic, they would be numbered 1.3.1 and 1.3.2.

This numbering system tool allows the reader to more easily follow the logic of sections that contain several subsections.

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## 1. Overview

The 4.2 Release of the Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) web application addresses a number of issues that were discovered after the national rollout in September 2013 as outlined below:

- Improved ability to meet industry standards relevant to identification cards
- Removal of the Social Security Number (SSN) from the card to eliminate identity risk
- Allow clinical applications to support positive patient identification with the card
- On-screen guidance for improved photo capture to support the end-user when capturing the Veteran image
- Improved reliability surrounding the Veteran in-person proofing process
- Hover-Over help text providing more specific user guidance for the application screens
- Ability to designate the Veteran Branch of Service on the physical card
- Addition of the following status reports necessary for supporting local, regional, and VHIC program operations:
  1. Card Status - Card Status Report
  2. Card Status - Print Release Status Report
  3. Cards Printed without EDIPI
  4. Card Issued Multiple Times - Summary Report
  5. Card Issued Multiple Times - Detail Report

## 2. Defect Fixes with Remedy Tickets

### 2.1. INC000000903802 - Veteran address does not match ESR Vista after 48 hours.

#### Issue

When a VHIC Associate processed a card request for a Veteran, VHIC may retrieve incorrect information from the Enrollment system by using an inactive correlated identifier found in the Master Veteran Index (MVI).

#### Solution

When VHIC gets correlated identifiers from MVI, only active (A) records will be included in the response. Including the passive identifiers affects picking the right correlation data out of MVI, affecting address verification through the ESR.

**2.2. INC000000903985 - VHIC request file should be sent to the Card Print Vendor daily.**

**Issue**

After national rollout in September 2013, the card requests were accumulated, yet halted production of the cards until this release. The card request file was not sent to the Print Vendor.

**Solution**

The VHIC card request file will be sent to the Print Vendor after VHIC 4.2.0.6 release.

**2.3. INC000000924560 - The totals reported under VHIC reports does not seem to be right.**

**Issue**

The totals reported under VHIC reports are not accurate.

**Solution**

Report performance improved and report content/layout updated per Business requirements to include additional information.

**2.4. INC000000930579 - The information in VHIC reports is not correct.**

**Issue**

Report information is not accurate.

**Solution**

Report performance improved and report content/layout updated per Business requirements to include additional information.

**2.5. INC000000931627 - A single facility or the whole VISN for Card Request, the site links will not open.**

**Issue**

When the user selects a single facility or the whole VISN for card request, the site links will not open.

**Solution**

Report performance improved and report content/layout updated per Business requirements to include additional information.

## **2.6. INC000000936582 - Sites report an error stating the Veteran is not eligible for a VIC.**

### **Issue**

The user reports getting an error stating the Veteran is not eligible for a VIC.

### **Solution**

When VHIC gets correlated identifiers from MVI, only active (A) records are included in the response.

Including the passive identifiers affects picking the right correlation data out of MVI, affecting eligibility verification through ESR.

## **2.7. INC000000944333 - The standard bar code apps for phones are able to pull the full SSN off the Veteran ID cards.**

### **Issue**

The standard bar code applications for phones are able to pull the full SSN off the Veteran ID cards.

### **Solution**

The SSN is removed from the barcode.

## **3. Enhancements**

The following section is an overview of the enhancements for VHIC users that have been added in the VHIC 4.2.0.6 release.

### **3.1. On-screen guidance to support the end-user when capturing the Veteran image**

#### **Issue**

The Veteran photo must meet VA photo requirements.

#### **Solution**

On-screen guidance for capturing photo improves the photo quality and lets the user know what photo requirements must be met.

The screenshot displays the 'Step 5: Capture Veteran Image' interface. At the top, a horizontal progress bar shows six steps: Step 1 (Enter Search Terms), Step 2 (Select Veteran), Step 3 (Verify Identity Attributes), Step 4 (Proof Veteran), Step 5 (Capture Veteran Image), and Step 6 (Save Card Request). Step 5 is highlighted with a red circle and a yellow arrow. Below the progress bar is a large rectangular area for the image capture. On the left is a stylized American flag. In the center is a grey silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. To the right of the silhouette is a vertical barcode. Below the image area is a 'Capture' button with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the 'Capture' button is a list of instructions for the image capture.

Step 1 Enter Search Terms   Step 2 Select Veteran   Step 3 Verify Identity Attributes   Step 4 Proof Veteran   **Step 5 Capture Veteran Image**   Step 6 Save Card Request

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Capture

- Face must be straight forward
- No closed eyes
- No dark glasses (can't see eyes)
- Tinted glasses OK (can see eyes)
- Not more than one face in image
- No open mouth
- Face cannot touch edge of photo (hair can, but not face)

### 3.2. Improved Online Help

#### Issue

The system shall support improved online and context-sensitive help.

#### Solution

The VHIC application provides context-sensitive help to assist the user throughout the issuance of the card request.

Please see the context-sensitive help example below.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a top bar containing 'Card Status' and 'Pending'. Below this, on the left, is a section titled 'Card' with a sub-header 'No Branch of Service' and a question mark icon. A large help popup is displayed over this section. The popup contains the following text: 'The military branch of service information is retrieved from the ES. If this information is not available in ES, the message "No Branch of Service is available" is displayed. If the Veteran would like BoS to be displayed on their card, their ES information must be updated. The missing military branch of service information does not prevent the user from proceeding with the card request.' Below the text is a link: 'User Guide: Branch of Service (BoS)'. At the bottom right of the interface is a button labeled 'Submit Card Request'.

### 3.3. Ability to Designate the Veteran Branch of Service on the Physical Card

#### Issue


Provide Card Vendor with military branch of service information to be displayed on the face of the VHIC card.

#### Solution

- The military branch of service (BOS) information is retrieved from the ESR to be displayed in the VHIC application.
- If multiple BOSs are available, the VHIC User has to verify with the Veteran which BOS should be displayed on the face of the card.
- The VHIC application passes the BOS to the Print Vendor.
- The Veteran has the option to decline displaying the military BOS on the VHIC card.



**Veteran Card Details**



Card Number 5441

EDIPI 2013070905

VISN 7

Facility 508

Date of Birth 12/8/1913

**STERLING L SORRELL**  
**14164 LAKEPOINT DR**  
**WILLIS, TX 77318 USA**

Card Status Pending

Card Request Date 07/22/2013 16:01

\* Branch of Service

☒ Air Force

☐ Army

☐ Veteran Declines Branch of Service Logo

Submit Card Request

### 3.4. Additional Status Reports

#### Issue

Leverage existing report capabilities to support local, regional, and VHIC Program operations.

#### Solution

The reports listed below are added to measure usage, effectiveness, and other aspects of VHIC application.

#### 3.4.1. Card Status Report

The Card Status - Status Report is provided for four card/card request statuses listed below.

Status	Status Description
Active	The card is active.
Inactive	The card is deactivated.
Processing	The Print Facility is processing the card request.
Request	The card is sent to the print facility.

**Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)**  
Home Card Request Reports

Veteran Card Print Services Auditing

Request Totals Status Multiple Requests History

National ☐


VISN

Facility

☒ Card Status  
☐ Print Release Status

Start Date

End Date



The Card Status - Print Release Status report is provided for the nine card request statuses listed below.

#### Status Code/Reason Code Description

Release Status	Release Status Description
Cancelled	Request is cancelled
Error	Request error: data integrity
Hold	Request is on-hold
Ineligible	Request ineligible for card; phone and data stored
Mailed	Request processed, card has been mailed
Printing	Card Print Site prints the card
Received	Request has been received by Card Print Site
Rejected	Request rejected by Card Print Site
Sent	Request has been sent to Card Print Site

### 3.4.2. Cards Printed without EDIPI

The Card Printed without EDIPI report shall provide the actual card count of VHIC cards issued to Veterans without an EDIPI populated on the card within the selected date range.

### 3.4.3. Card Issued Multiple Times

- Summary Report
- Detail Report

This report provides information on cards that have been requested on more than one occasion for the same Veteran. The user can specify the maximum of Card Requests to search for. The results returned will be equal to or greater than the maximum of Card Requests entered.

Summary Report summarizes information by VISN/Facility.

Detailed Report provides detailed Veteran information.

Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

Home Card Request Reports

Logged in as:

Veteran Card Print Services Auditing

Request Totals Status Multiple Requests History

Card Requests 2

VISN

Facility

☒ Cards Requested  
☐ Cards Mailed

Start Date 12/1/2013

End Date 1/30/2014

Query

### 3. Related Documents

The [VA software Documentation Library \(VDL\) website](#) will contain the VHIC 4.2.0.6 Release Notes and the updated VHIC User Guide. This website is usually updated within 1–3 days of the patch release date.