The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) received a **2022 Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award** from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for PA VETConnect.

PA VETConnect is an outreach program that enables the DMVA to concentrate services from within communities where Pennsylvania veterans live and allows the DMVA to utilize community-based providers to fill gaps in services. Since PA VETConnect launched in 2020, DMVA has successfully accomplished more than 16,000 connections with federal, state and local government officials, non-profit organizations, and community leaders.

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