# Centralized Administrative Accounting Transactions System (CAATS) Vocational Readiness and Employment (VR&E) - Purchase Card Module



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#### 1. Introduction

The Centralized Administrative Accounting Transaction System (CAATS) is an application that will be used for processing purchase card transactions for Vocational Readiness and Employment (VR&E) staff. This will consist of any purchases within the micro-purchase limit. This guide is intended to provide guidance to the VR&E staff, Support Service Division, Administrative and Loan Accounting Center (ALAC) and Office of Finance Management (OFM)— Financial Management Business Solution- System Accounting (FMBS) Division.

# 2. Getting Started

Users will need to create a profile in CAATS. If you don't already have one, do the following:

- Go to this website: <a href="https://vaww.caats3.aac.va.gov/">https://vaww.caats3.aac.va.gov/</a>
- Sign in with your PIV badge
- Then click "click here to create a new account"
- Organization: VBA
- Click "sign up"

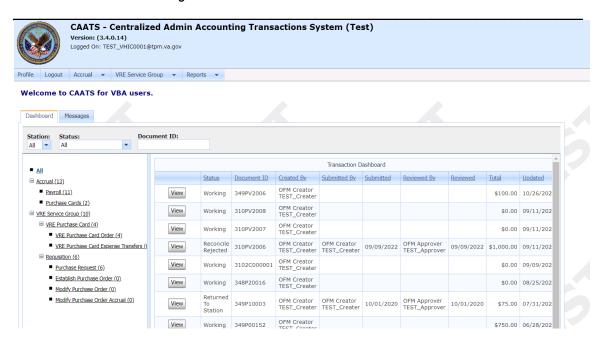
Next step is for the user to submit a CAATS Access form (**VA Form 8824H- See Appendix 4.1**) to <u>VBAALAC CAATSTEAM@va.gov</u>. The CAATS Administrators will grant user access. Below is the VRE Purchase Card matrix:

CAATS Access Matrix-Purchase Card								
Roles	Initiator	Approver	Set-up Admin	Auditor	Finance Approver	Reports Only		
Initiator¹	Х					Х		
Approver <sup>2</sup>		X				X		
Set-up Admin <sup>3</sup>			X	Х		X		
Finance Reviewer <sup>4</sup>					Х	Х		
Auditor			X	X		X		
Reports Only	Х	Х	X	Х	X	X		

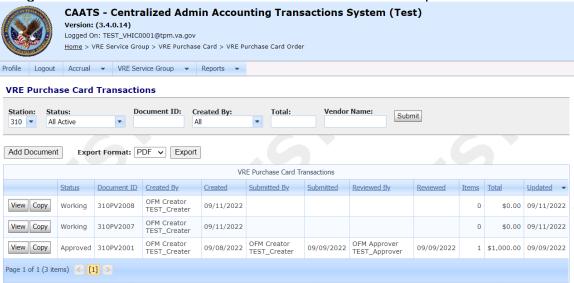
#### Rules:

- 1. Initiator is only allowed that role and the Reports Only role. No waiver.
- Approver is only allowed Approver role and Reports Only roles.
- Set-Up Admin is never allowed to be an Initiator, Approver or Finance Approver. No waiver.
- Finance Approver is only allowed Finance Approver role and Reports Only roles.

CAATS has a dashboard that is visible when the user first logs into the CAATS application. The dashboard contains all active documents for the user. Working purchase card order. The user can view, edit, submit, or delete items on the dashboard.



When the user select the VRE Service Group module, the dashboard is no longer visible. CAATS allows the user to view all active documents for the user's assigned station when the user accesses the module desktop screen.



Each document in CAATS goes through different statuses which may be different depending on the submodule. A list of them are provided later in this document.

#### 3. VRE Purchase Card Module

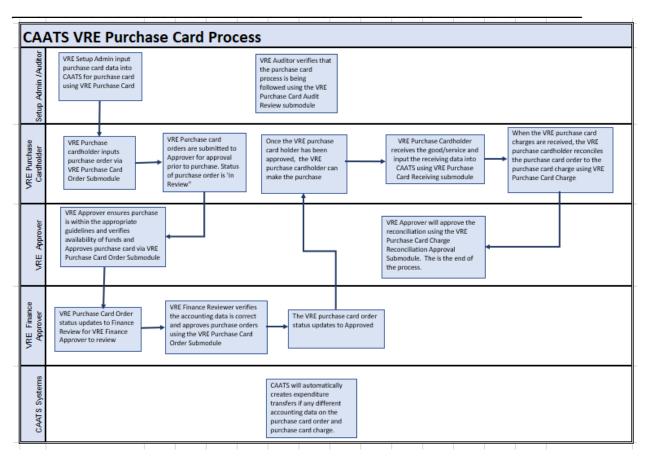
The VRE Purchase Card Module contains nine sub-modules:

- 1. VRE Purchase Card Order,
- 2. VRE Purchase Card Receiving,
- 3. VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation,
- 4. VRE Purchase Card Expense Transfers,
- 5. VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval
- 6. VRE Purchase Card US Bank Links,
- 7. VRE Purchase Card Setup List,
- 8. VRE Purchase Card Audit Review,
- 9. VRE Purchase Card Reports.

The system administrator will grant the purchase cardholder's access to the VRE Purchase Card module in CAATS, but the Agency Official Program Coordinator (AOPC) will set up their actual purchase card using the VRE Purchase Card Setup List submodule. VRE Purchase card transactions will be logged in and approved. The VRE purchase cardholder will reconcile the charges when the file from US Bank is received. An automated expenditure transfer will be submitted to FMS to transfer the expenditures from the accounting on the US Bank charge to the accounting on the purchase card order. An automated accrual will be transmitted to FMS at the end of each month for the unreconciled orders. Once the transactions are reconciled, the approving official will approve the purchase card reconciliation. This is to ensure the security of the information that will be contained in this module. The process flow is a follow:

- VRE Setup admin establishes purchase cardholders card information using the VRE Purchase Card Setup List Submodule (using the master accounting code (MAC) structure setup in US Bank)
- 2. VRE Purchase Card orders are input by Purchase cardholder(initiator) using VRE Purchase Card order Submodule
  - a. Purchase cardholder (initiator) answers purchase card checklist questions prior to inputting purchase card order.
- 3. The Approving Official (AO) will review the transaction and either approve or reject the purchase card order.
  - a. If the purchase card order is approved, the purchase card order's status will change to Finance Review.
  - b. If the purchase Card order is rejected, the purchase card order will be returned to the initiator to edit or delete.
- 4. The Finance Approver (FA) will review the purchase card order and either approve or reject the purchase card order.
  - a. If the purchase card order is approved, the purchase card order's status will change to Approved.
  - b. If the purchase Card order is rejected, the purchase card order will be returned to the initiator to edit or delete.
- 5. Purchase cardholder (initiator) updates receiving information using the VRE Purchase Card Receiving Submodule once items have been received

- 6 Purchase cardholder (initiator) reconciles purchase card order with the
  - 6. Purchase cardholder (initiator) reconciles purchase card order with the purchase card charge using the VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Submodule once charges have been received in CAATS from US Bank
    - a. Expenditure Transfers are created if accounting string is different on the purchase card order, then on the purchase card charge.
    - Expenditure Transfers can be found in the submodule VRE
       Purchase Card Expense Transfer or link on the purchase card order
    - c. Status of the purchase card order will update to Fully Reconcile or Partially Reconcile.
    - d. Status of the purchase card charge updates to Fully Reconcile or Partially Reconcile.
  - Approving Official (AO) will review the reconciliation and either approves or reject the reconciliation using the VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval Submodule.
    - a. If the AO approves, the status of the purchase card order will update to Reconcile Approved. This is the final state.
    - b. If the AO rejects, status of the purchase card charge updates to Reconcile Rejected. The purchase cardholder (initiator) will have to update according to the notes and send back through the process.
  - 8. Purchase cardholder (initiator) pulls purchase card log to reconcile with statement using VRE Reports → VRE Purchase Card Log Submodule
  - 9. Purchase card accruals are generated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day from end of month for all unreconciled approved purchase card orders. They can be found under the Accrual → Purchase card module/submodule
    - a. Purchase cardholder (initiator) pulls the unreconciled approved purchase card order using VRE Reports →VRE Unreconciled Purchase Card Report
    - b. Purchase cardholder (initiator) checks the purchase card orders associated with the accruals using VRE Reports → VRE Purchase Card Accruals Report



#### **User Roles and Characteristics**

- <u>Initiator (Creator)</u> allows the users to create and reconciles purchase card orders. (purchase cardholder)
- Approver allows users to approve purchase card orders and reconciliations created by the initiator. (approving official – AO) The AO ensures that the purchase card is used properly, authorizes cardholder purchases (for official use only), and ensures that reconciliation are timely.
- <u>Setup/Admin</u>- allows users to establish credit cards used in the VR purchase card module. (AOPC)
- <u>Auditor</u>-allows users to perform the audit reviews (monthly, focus, and annual) for the purchase card process.
- Finance Approver second level reviewer with the following responsibilities:
  - Bona fide need meets the necessary expense requirements
  - Amount and accounting string data are accurate
  - Vendor is established and information is correct
  - Period of performance/accounting period is valid and that funds are available
- Reports Only allows the users view reports only, no input capability.
- Read only allows users to view transactions, no input capability.

#### **Document Status**

• Working – The item is saved and is in the process of being initiated

- <u>In Review</u> The item has been submitted by the initiator to the approver for approval.
- <u>Returned to Station</u> The item has been rejected by the approving official or finance approver. The purchase cardholder has ability to return the purchase orders back to themselves for corrections
- Finance Review The item requires a financial review prior to approving
- <u>Approved</u> The item has been approved by the approving official and finance approver
- Submitted to FMS The item has been submitted to FMS.
- Deleted The item has been deleted from CAATS
- Accepted in FMS The item has been accepted in FMS
- <u>Rejected in FMS</u> The item has been rejected in FMS and will need to be corrected in FMS.
- <u>Partially Reconciled</u>- The purchase cardholder has reconciled the purchase card order to the purchase card charge partially
- <u>Fully Reconciled</u> The purchase cardholder has reconciled the purchase card order to the purchase card charge.
- <u>Reconciled Approved</u>- The purchase card reconciliation has been approved by the approving official
- Reconciled Rejected The purchase card reconciliation has been rejected back to the purchase cardholder for corrections

#### 3.1 VRE Purchase Card Order

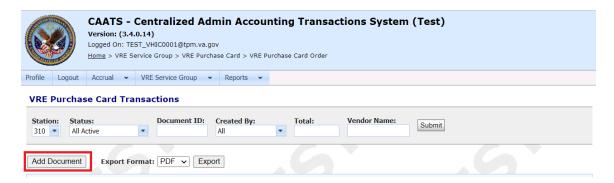
The VRE Purchase Card order sub module will be used to record all purchases made with the purchase card. There are two levels of approval required, one for the approving official for your station to approve the actual purchase and the other for fiscal to ensure that the correct accounting is being used. The order should be processed and approved in CAATS prior to placing the order with the vendor. This sub module will not transmit any transactions to FMS.

#### 3.1.1 Purchase Cardholder (Initiator) – VRE Purchase Card Order

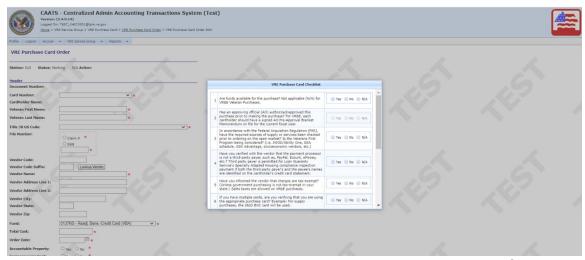
The purchase cardholder with log into CAATS and go to the **VRE Service Group**→**VRE Purchase Card** →**VRE Purchase Card** to enter a Purchase Card order.



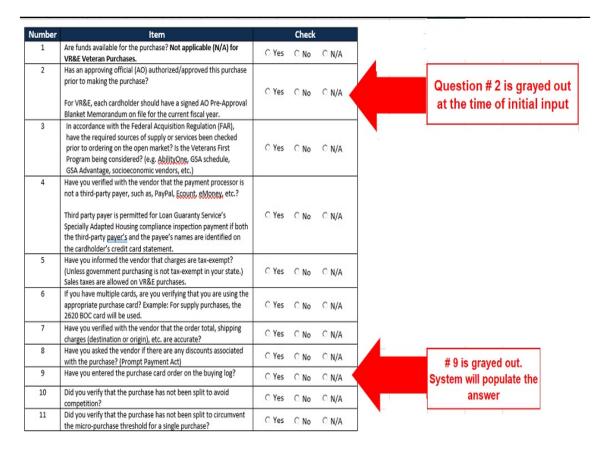
#### Select "Add Document" button.



## The Purchase Card Checklist will be displayed:



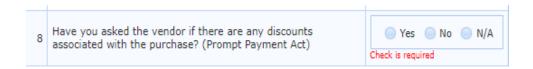
User will need to scroll down to see all the questions. Below are the list of questions.



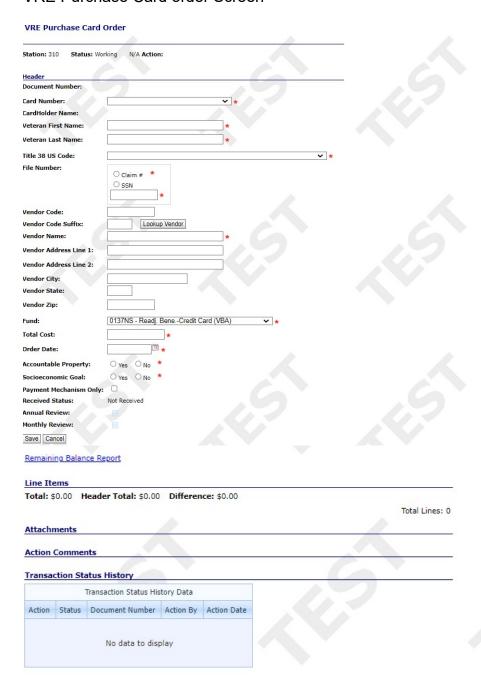
Questions 12 and 13 will be answered upon reconciliations.



All the questions that are not grayed out are required and must be answered before going to the next step. The following error will be received if a question is missed.



See Appendix 4.2 for the entire list of questions. User will select OK to go into the VRE Purchase Card order Screen



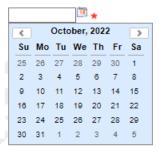
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#### 3.1.1.1 Header Information

The purchase cardholder selects information from the drop downs or fills ins for the following fields in the Header:

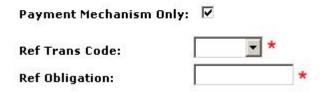
- Card Number Choose from list of six-digit card numbers only the card number those users have access to will be displayed [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Cardholder Name: System populated based on the card number
- Veteran First Name: Fill in. The name first name of the Veteran [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Veteran Last Name: Fil in. The last name of the Veteran [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Title 38 US Code: Dropdown. Select the US code System populated based on the card number
- File Number: Select either the claim # or SSN radio button and fill in the box for either that is selected.
  - o Claim #
  - o SSN
- Vendor Code Fill in
- Vendor Code Suffix Fill in
- Vendor Name Fill In [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Vendor Address Line 1- Fill In
- Vendor Address Line 2 Fill In
- Vendor City, State -- Fill In
- Vendor Zip Fill In
- Fund Default to 0137NS [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Total Cost Fill In [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Order Date Fill In or select the date from the calendar [REQUIRED FIELD]





- Accountable Property Check box, if applicable [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Socioeconomic Goal Check box, if applicable [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Payment Mechanism Only Check box, if applicable
  - This field is used to apply the purchase order to an existing obligation

 If box is checked, the reference transaction code and reference obligation field will appear (see below).



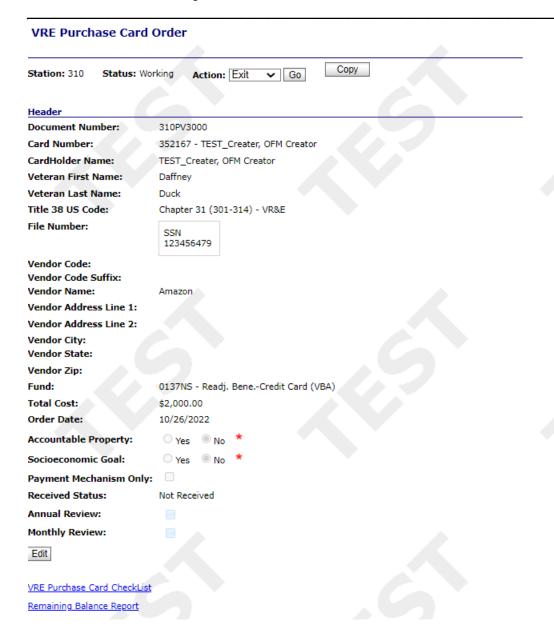
- Ref Trans Code Choose from drop down list [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Ref Obligation Fill In [REQUIRED FIELD] (Entire 9-digit number to include station number)
- Received Status Populated when user updates the receiving information in the receiving submodule
- Annual Review Updated when the annual review is performed on purchase order
- Monthly Review Updated when the monthly review is performed on the purchase order

The following fields are either pre-populated or will populate based on other selections:

Cardholder Name - Pre-populated value that cannot be modified by user Document Number – Will populate once header is saved

- Document Number Format: Example 306PV3000
  - o 9-digit number with the following format
  - 1-3: 3- digit station 306
  - o 4: Letter P for Purchase Card P
  - o 5: Letter V for VR&E-V
  - o 6: Last digit of FY 2023 the 3
  - o 7-9: Sequential numbers starting with 000

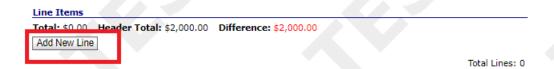
Once the header is completed, select the SAVE or CANCEL button. After clicking "Save" the following screen will be displayed.



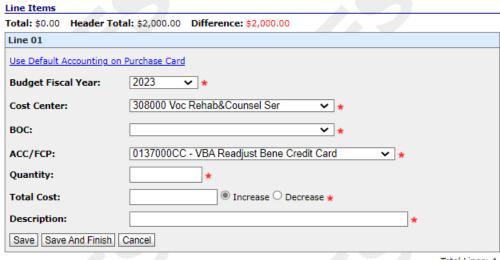
The link to the VRE Purchase Card Checklist is present.

#### 3.1.1.2 Line Information

The "Add New Line" button will be visible in the Line Items section. The user will select the "Add New Line" button. At least one line is required to be entered.



The following will appear:

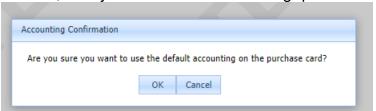


Total Lines: 1

**Note:** The line total assistance provides the differences between the line item totals and the header totals. The totals must equal (difference of zero) before the user can submit the purchase card order. User can input as many lines needed for the purchase.



- Use Default Accounting on Purchase Card the system will populate the cost center, boc and ACC/FCP that was input on the VRE purchase card setup list.
  - If select, the system will ask the following question



- Select OK, the system will populate the boc since that is the only accounting data that is not already auto populated
- Budget Fiscal Year: Auto populated with the current Fiscal year [Required]
- Cost Center: Auto-populated or select from drop-down list. [Required] Defaults to **308000**.
- BOC (Budget Object Code): select from drop-down list. [Required] The user will select the appropriate budget object code for the purchase.
- ACC/FCP: Auto-populated or select from drop-down list. [Required] The user will select or enter the ACC/FCP. Defaults to 0137000CC
- Quantity: Fill In [Required] The user will enter the quantity of the goods or services being Card ordered. (Maximum Length 9 Characters)
- Total Cost: Fill In [Required] The amount it will cost for the goods or services purchased.

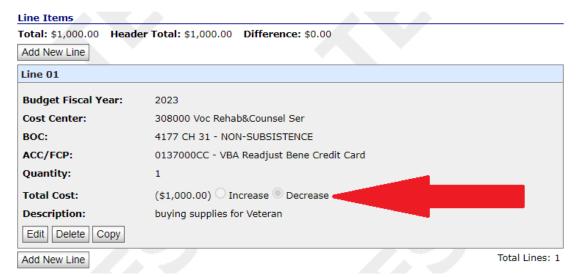
- Description: Fill In [Required] The user will enter a description of the goods or services. (Maximum Length 100 Characters)
- It is required that the user selects Save, Save and Finish, or Cancel after all the required information is entered. Note: The line information will not save until all the required fields are entered.
  - Save: Line item will be saved. The total amount is computed and displayed on the line. The user can proceed to add additional lines, notes or attachments as needed. The purchase Card order will remain in "Working" status.
  - Save and Finish: Saves the line and submits the purchase Card order for approval. The purchase Card order status changes from "Working" to "In Review." The user will no longer have access to the transaction unless he/she is assigned the approver role. Note: The transaction will not allow the user to save and finish if the header total does not equal the line-item total(s).
  - <u>Cancel</u>: Data is not saved. The transaction will remain in "Working" status.

**Remainder**: Once the line has been entered, the total will be listed on the total of the Line Total Assistant. The Header total will be listed. The difference between the line total and the header total will be listed in the Difference title.

<u>Line Items</u>

Total: \$2,000.00 Header Total: \$2,000.00 Difference: \$0.00

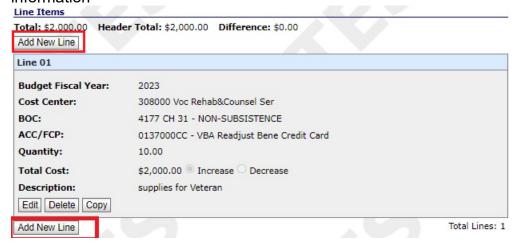
**NOTE:** To input a credit order, the purchase cardholder will change the Increase/Decrease field to decrease on the line only.



#### 3.1.1.3 Add Additional Lines

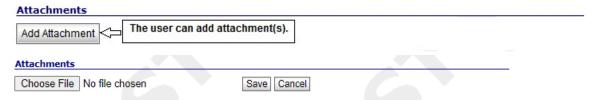
Add Additional Lines: The user can add additional lines after the line is saved. The "Add New Line" button will become visible again to the user. The user will

select the "Add New Line" button and follow the steps above for entering the line information

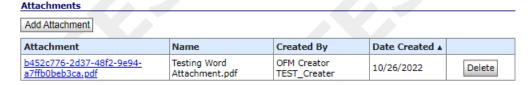


#### 3.1.1.4 Attachments

The user has the ability to add attachments to the purchase Card order. The user may add documents in the following formats: Portable Document Format (PDF), Joint Photographic Expert Group (JPEG) format, Microsoft Word document or a text file.



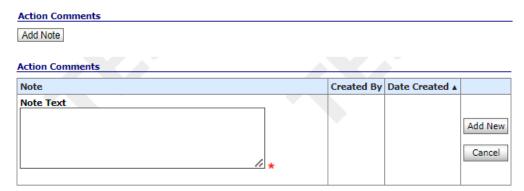
Once the document is saved, the attachment will contain a hyperlink to the document. The user can delete the document by selecting the delete button or view the document by selecting the attachment. Once the document is saved, the "Add Attachment" button becomes visible. The user can add multiple attachments.



Per Financial Policy, Volume XVI, Chapter 1B. Documentation may vary in form and content. Some examples include e-mails, requisitions, memos, consults, or notes. Regardless of the form the documentation must contain a certification from the requestor that the proposed purchase is for a legitimate Government need, not for personal benefit, as well as a list of all items to be purchased. A copy of the approval must be retained as supporting documentation. For information on retaining supporting documentation, see section 010508.

#### 3.1.1.5 Notes

The user has the ability to add notes to the Purchase Card Order. Once selected, the following screen will become visible.

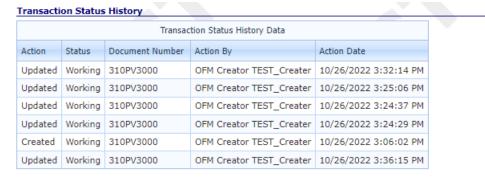


The user will type in the note in the text box provided. The field is required if the text box is selected. The user will have the option to "Add New" or Cancel the note.

- Add New: Notes will be added to the purchase card order. The note will be visible to any user that views the purchase card order.
- Cancel: Notes will not be saved to the purchase card order.

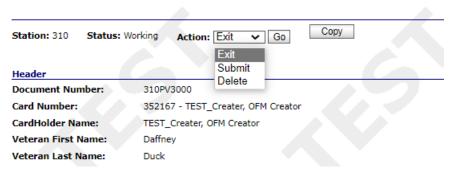
# 3.1.1.6 Transaction History

The Transaction status history is recorded at the bottom of the purchase card order. It lists all users and actions for the purchase card order. The fields are system populated and are Read Only.



Once all the required information is entered, the user must select an action for the purchase card order. The user can either select Exit, Submit, or Delete from the Action drop-down list and then select "Go."

#### **VRE Purchase Card Order**



- **Exit**: The user will exit the document. The document will remain in its current status.
- <u>Submit</u>: The document will close, and the status will change from to "In Review." Purchase cardholder can take no further action on this purchase card order. An email will be sent to the Approving Official that a Purchase card order is ready for review.
- <u>Delete</u>: The purchase card order status will update to "Deleted". The
  transaction will still be visible if the user queries the desktop by all or
  deleted item status. The purchase card order can be viewed, but no other
  action may be taken on a deleted document.

### 3.1.1.8 Exceeding the limits

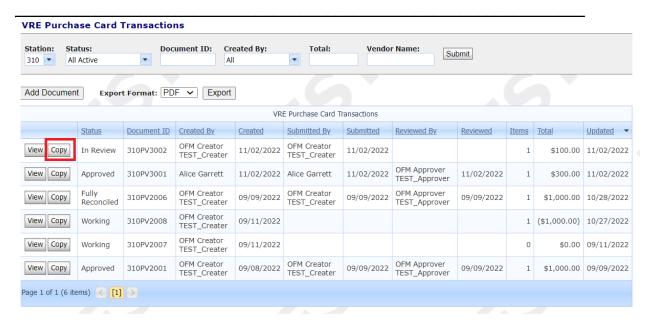
The system does have edits to not allow the user to go over the daily purchase limit and the monthly limit. The user will get an error on the screen:

Daily limit of the card has been exceeded. Press 'Go' to proceed anyway.
 Monthly limit of the card has been exceeded. Press 'Go' to proceed anyway.

If the user deem this purchase necessary, they can bypass it by selecting go.

#### 3.1.1.7 Copying Transaction

The purchase cardholder can copy a document in any status. To do that the user will select the copy button from the desktop screen.



It will create the same information on the document after the user answers the purchase card checklist questions. Be careful to update the necessary information.

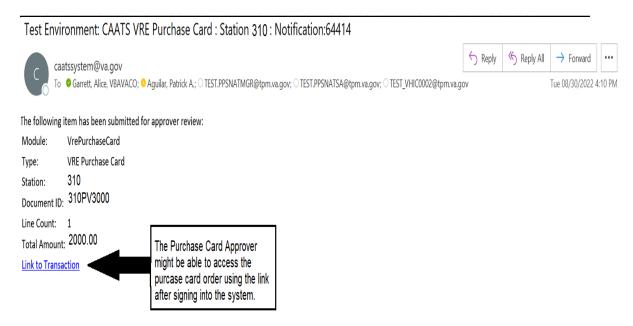
Also, user can copy a transaction inside the VRE purchase card order screen. See below:



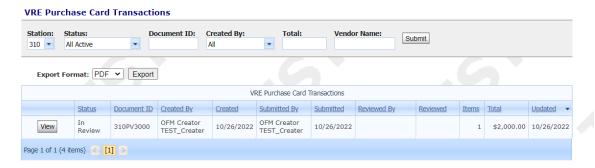
**Note:** the copying function does not negate answering the purchase card checklist question. The questions will still appear prior to inputting the information for the purchase card order.

# 3.1.2 Approving Official – VRE Purchase Card Order

The approving official will receive an email notification that a purchase card order is ready for approval.



The purchase Card order is also listed on the Approving Officials dashboard. The Approving Official will select the view button to review and approve the purchase card order. The following screen will be displayed.



Once the Approving Official have reviewed the document, the user will go to the Action tab where they will have the option of Exit, Reject or Approve, then select Go.



- <u>Exit:</u> It will take the user back to the desktop screen. The document will remain in its current status.
- Approve: The status will be updated to "Finance Review" The Approving Official cannot make any changes to the document in that status.
- <u>Reject:</u> The approver will get a reason box that is required for the approver to explain the why rejecting the document. The status of the purchase card order will update to "Returned to Station." The purchase cardholder can modify the purchase card orders and resubmit or delete the purchase card orders.

**Note:** If the purchase cause the purchase card to exceed the daily and purchase card limit, the system will warn the purchase cardholder of this. The purchase cardholder have the ability to bypass it. The approver will see the same message when approving.

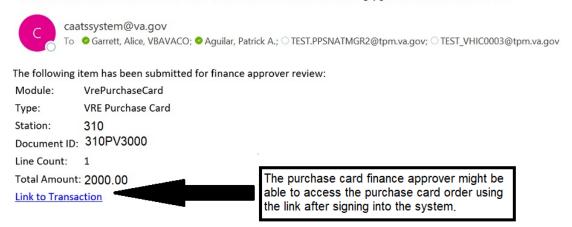
- Daily limit of the card has been exceeded. Press 'Go' to proceed anyway.
- Monthly limit of the card has been exceeded.
   Press 'Go' to proceed anyway.

The approver can bypass it by selecting the go.

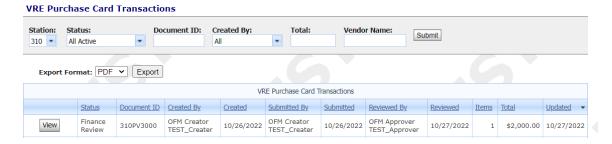
### 3.1.3 Finance Approver – VRE Purchase Card Order

The Finance Approver will receive an email notification stating that a Purchase Order has been submitted for review.

Test Environment: CAATS VRE Purchase Card: Station 310: Notification:64419



The Purchase order will also be visible on the dashboard of the VRE Purchase Card module - in the Purchase Card Order submodule. The Finance Approver will select the view button from next to the transaction to review.



Finance Approver is the second level reviewer with the following responsibilities:

- Bona fide need meets the necessary expense requirements
- Amount and accounting string data are accurate
- Vendor is established and information is correct
- Period of performance/accounting period is valid and that funds are available

The following items should be checked on each transaction:

- 1. Valid Checklist
- 2. Valid documentation to support the purchase such as the following:
  - VA From 28-1908m
  - Justification for the purchase
  - Other supporting documentation
- 3. Accounting classification is correct for the purchase example boc is correct
- 4. Check Availability of funding

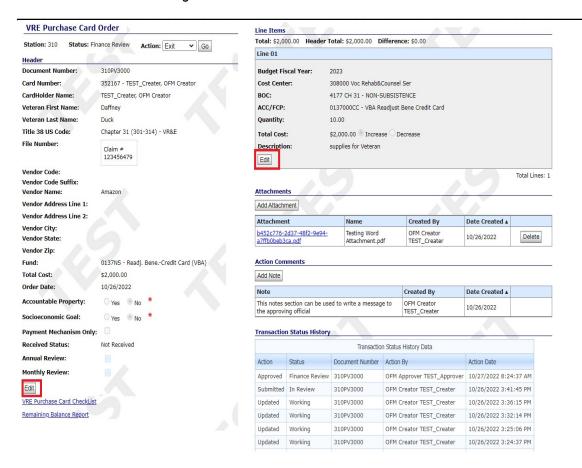
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- Log into FMS
- Go to the ALLW table for FY, Fund, AOs, and station
- Check the Available amount field

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LW USERID: R241 AMG
*** ALLOWANCE INQUIRY SCREEN ***
KEY IS BUDGET FISCAL YEARS, FUND, A/O, STN, PROGRAM, LMT
BFY: 23 FUND: 0137NS A/O: 20 STN: 306 PROGRAM:
                                                         PROGRAM:
                                                                                 LMT:
DESCRIPTION:
STATUS IND: A
                       SPENDING CONTROL OVR:
                                                            BUDGETED FTES: 000000
APPROVED IND: Y
                   POST QTR: 1 TRANS TYPES - PENDING: 01 APPROVED: 02 POSTED: 03
   APPROVED ALLW AMT:
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Once all items are reviewed, the Finance Approver has the ability to select the Edit button to update the following:

- Header: fund
- Line: budget fiscal year, cost center, boc and acc/fcp in the line.



If the user select the edit in either of the header or line the below screen will appear:



Note: the purchase cardholder cannot edit both at the same time. Has to edit one at a time. The screen above just shows the items that can be updated.

#### Select SAVE or Cancel Button

- Save: will update the field.
- Cancel: No update will be saved.

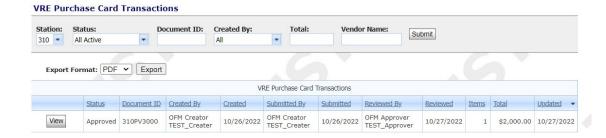
Once any updates are done, the finance approvers can perform the following actions:

#### VRE Purchase Card Order



- Exit: It will take the user back to the desktop screen. The document will remain in its current status.
- Approve: The status will be updated to "Approved" The Finance Approver cannot make any changes to the document in that status.
- <u>Reject:</u> The approver will get a reason box that is required for the finance approver to explain the why rejecting the document. The status of the purchase card order will update to "Returned to Station." The purchase cardholder can modify the purchase card orders and resubmit or delete the purchase card orders

If approve the statues will be in "Approved" status. The purchase cardholder can make that purchase. Only once the items have been approved can that purchase be made.



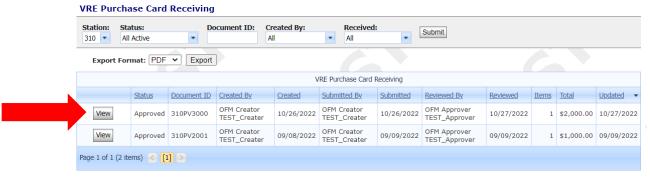
**Note:** If the purchase cause the purchase card to exceed the daily and purchase card limit, the system will warn the purchase cardholder of this. The purchase cardholder have the ability to bypass it. The finance approver will see the same message when approving.

- Daily limit of the card has been exceeded. Press 'Go' to proceed anyway.
   Monthly limit of the card has been exceeded.
- Monthly limit of the card has been exceeded.
   Press 'Go' to proceed anyway.

The finance approver can bypass it by selecting the go.

# 3.2 VRE Purchase Card Receiving

The VRE Purchase Card Receiving sub module is used to record the receipt information for the purchases entered in the VRE Purchase Card Order sub module by the purchase cardholder. When this sub module is selected from the VRE Purchase Card module, a list of all purchase card orders for that user will be displayed.



User will select the "VIEW" button to open the document.

#### **VRE Purchase Card Order Receiving**

Station: 310 Status: Approved Action: Exit > Go Header Document Number: 310PV3000

**Card Number:** 352167 - TEST\_Creater, OFM Creator

CardHolder Name: TEST\_Creater, OFM Creator

Veteran First Name: Daffney Veteran Last Name:

Title 38 US Code: Chapter 31 (301-314) - VR&E

File Number:

Claim # 123456479

Vendor Code:

Vendor Code Suffix:

Amazon **Vendor Name:** 

Vendor Address Line 1: Vendor Address Line 2:

**Vendor City:** Vendor State: Vendor Zip:

Fund: 0137NS - Readj. Bene.-Credit Card (VBA)

**Total Cost:** \$2,000.00 Order Date: 10/26/2022 **Accountable Property:** 

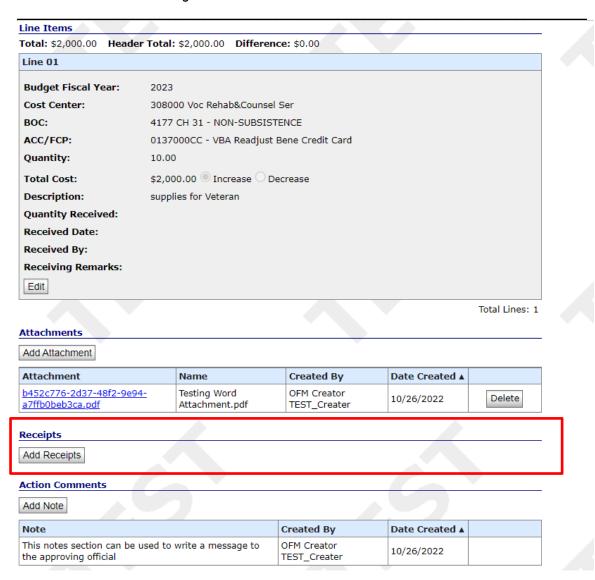
Yes No Socioeconomic Goal:

Payment Mechanism Only:

Not Received **Received Status:** 

**Annual Review: Monthly Review:** 

Edit



The user must first <u>attach the receipt</u> for the purchase by selecting the Add Receipts button. The receipt button is similar to the attachment where you have to choose where the receipt is located before uploading it.

# Acceptable forms of confirmation of receipt of goods and/or services:

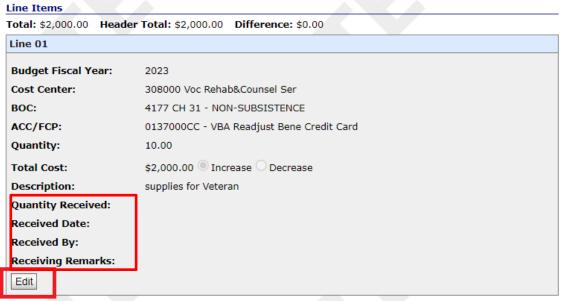
- A signed VA Form 28-1905r
- An email verification of receipt of specified goods and supplies from the claimant
- A signed and dated packing slip, receipt, or invoice

# Receipts Choose File No file chosen Save Cancel

#### Select SAVE or Cancel Button

- Save: stores the receipt
- Cancel: No update will be saved

Once that is completed, the purchase cardholder will select Edit in the line



Total Lines: 1

The following screen will appear when you select the edit button on the line

#### Line Items Total: \$2,000.00 Header Total: \$2,000.00 Difference: \$0.00 Line 01 **Budget Fiscal Year:** 2023 Cost Center: 308000 Voc Rehab&Counsel Ser BOC: 4177 CH 31 - NON-SUBSISTENCE ACC/FCP: 0137000CC - VBA Readjust Bene Credit Card Quantity: 10.00 **Total Cost:** \$2,000.00 Increase Decrease Description: supplies for Veteran **Quantity Received:** 10 Received Date: 10/27/2022 Received By: Minnie Mouse **Receiving Remarks:** Save Cancel

Total Lines: 1

- Quantity Received: Fill in [REQUIRED]
- Received Date Fill In [REQUIRED]
- Received By Fill In [REQUIRED]
- Receiving Remarks Fill In

#### Select SAVE or Cancel Button

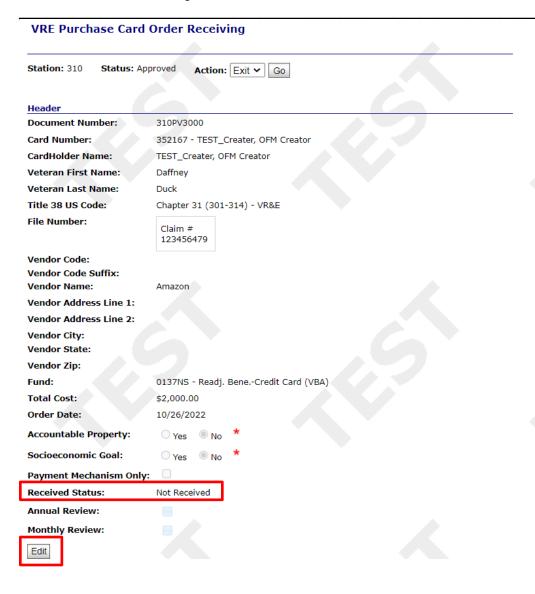
- Save: will update the field.
- Cancel: No update will be saved

Edit

Line Items Total: \$2,000.00 Header Total: \$2,000.00 Difference: \$0.00 Line 01 **Budget Fiscal Year:** 2023 Cost Center: 308000 Voc Rehab&Counsel Ser BOC: 4177 CH 31 - NON-SUBSISTENCE ACC/FCP: 0137000CC - VBA Readjust Bene Credit Card Quantity: 10.00 \$2,000.00 Increase Decrease Total Cost: Description: supplies for Veteran Quantity Received: Received Date: 10/27/2022 Received By: Minnie Mouse Receiving Remarks:

Total Lines: 1

The final step in the receiving process is to update Received Status field on the header.



#### Select Edit



User has the options of selecting the following for the "Received Status" field:

- Not Received—none of the items purchased have been received
- Partially Received-some of the items purchased have been received
- Received—all items purchased have been received
- Not Able to Receive all items purchased that can't be received (used for items returned-credit orders)

Once the item has been selected, select SAVE or CANCEL button.

**NOTE:** An edit has been built into the system so that if the "Received Status" field in the header is changed to "Received" or the line data has been updated before attaching the receipt. The following error message will be received:

· Unable to Save: Receipt Attachment required.

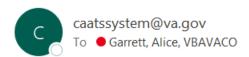
notification below:

3.3 VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation

# The VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation sub module is used to reconcile VRE purchase card orders with the transactions received from US Bank. An extract of the file sent to FMS from US Bank is downloaded daily into CAATS. The purchase cardholder will

receive an email informing them that they have charges to reconcile. Sample email

Test Environment: CAATS Purchase Card Charges to Reconcile

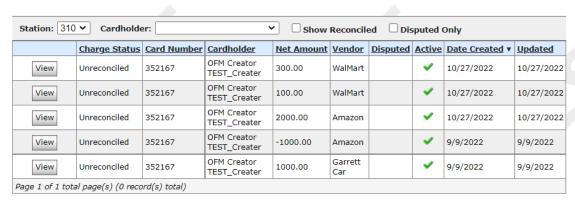


You have new purchase card charges to reconcile in CAATS for Station: 310

For more information, please visit the CAATS <u>Purchase Card Reconciliation</u> page.

When you select VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation, the screen below will be displayed.

**VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation** 



The list shows all the charges received from US Bank along with the current status in CAATS. If you would like to see all purchase card charges that have not been reconciled, ensure that neither the "Show Reconciled" box nor the "Disputed Only box is not checked. If you would like to see the partially reconciled or reconciled items, ensure that the "Show Reconciled" box only is checked. If you would like to see those charges that are in dispute, check the "Disputed Only" box

Select the VIEW button.

#### VRE Purchase Card Charge **Bank Charge Information** Charge Status: Unreconciled 352167 Credit Card Number: 10/27/2022 **Date Created:** 10/27/2022 Purchase Date: Net Amount: \$2,000.00 Amazon Vendor City: Austin Vendor State: 0137NS Fund: FCP: 0137000CC 308000 Cost Center: 4177 BOC: AO: 20 **Budget Fiscal Year:** 2022 Purchase ID: 8257157900165312457689343 Reference Number: 24638187156518068560152 Disputed: Active: Charge Detail: Edit **Available Purchase Card Orders** Document # Card Holder Vendor Location Order Date Total Remaining TEST Creater, OFM Add Amazon 10/26/2022 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 Creator Line Quantity Remaining Description **Qty Received** Line Total 001 supplies for Veteran 10.00 10.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 **Audit History** Audit History Action Action By Action Date Comments

The header portion of the screen shows the details for the US Bank charge. The line portion shows a list of purchase card orders that are unreconciled or partially reconciled and could be possible matches for the US Bank charge. In order for the purchase card orders to be displayed in the Available Purchase Card Orders list, the receiving information has to be input using the VRE Purchase Card Receiving submodule. CAATS will highlight the order(s) that have the same dollar value as the US Bank charge. Select the ADD button to perform the reconciliation. The following screen will be displayed.



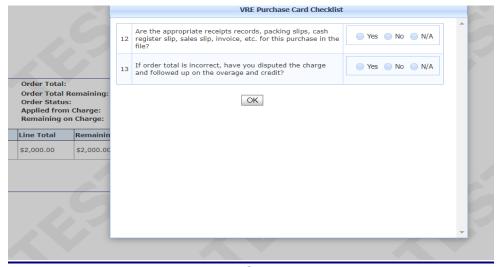
Check the box and input the Applied amount

Applied Amount –Fill In [REQURIED]

Select from the following options:

- <u>Reconcile Final:</u> when the purchase order matches the purchase card charge fully. Status of purchase order and purchase charge will change to "Fully Reconciled"
- Reconcile Partial: when the purchase order has been charged partially meaning there will be another purchase charge to complete the purchase will be "Partially Reconciled". However, the purchase charge status will be "Fully Reconciled"
- Cancel: allows users to cancel the input.

If more than one line item, deselect the line item(s) that do not pertain to this reconciliation. After user selects one of the options above, the rest of the Purchase Card Checklist questions will be asked at the time. See below for screen print:



Answer the questions and select OK

Users have the following options:

• <u>Edit:</u> allows user to uncheck the line box or applied amount of the charged information

- Delete: allows user to delete a charge that was applied to the purchase order
- Mark as Partial: allows users to mark as partially reconcile.
- <u>Return to Charge List</u>: allows users to return to the unreconciled charge list screen

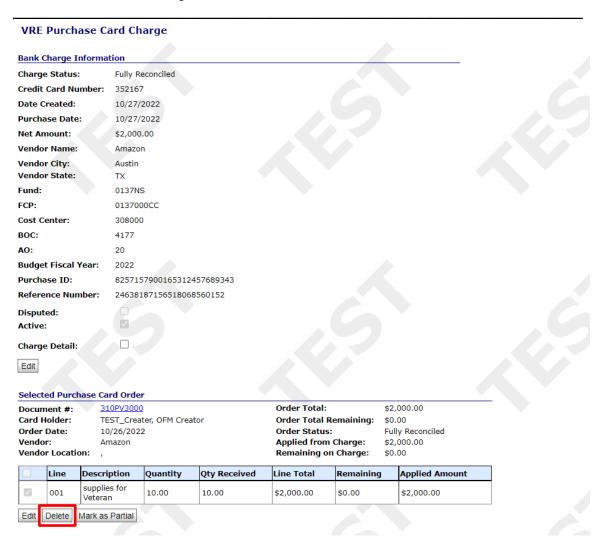
**Note:** An expenditure transfer (EW) will be automatically generated to FMS, if the accounting on the bank charge transaction does not match the accounting on the purchase card order. If payment mechanism only is checked, an ET will be generated if the accounting on the bank charge transaction does not match the accounting on the referenced obligation. The ET or EW will be generated in "Approved" status and submitted to FMS during the nightly processing. To view these ET's or EW's go to submodule Purchase Card Expense Transfers under the Purchase Card module.

If user mistakenly reconciled a bank charge to the wrong purchase order, the user could go back into the reconciled item and correct the mistake. Select the VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation sub module which will show the list of all the purchase card charges for that cardholder. Check the Show Reconciled box. Click the View button to open the charge. The following screen will be displayed.

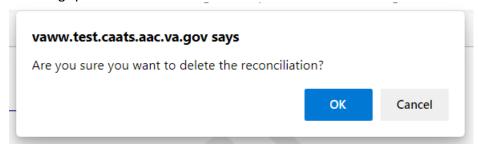
VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation



Select the View button to view the previously reconciled item.



Select the "Delete" button to completely unreconcile the charge. The system will ask the following question:



Select Ok to perform the action or Cancel to discontinue

The status of both the purchase card order and charge will go back the previous status.

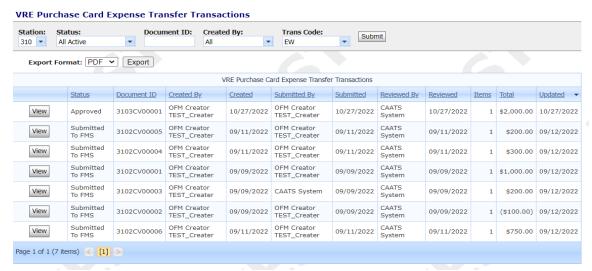
<u>Note:</u> An automated expenditure transfer will be submitted to reverse the initial one that was submitted when the charge was initially reconciled. If the original EW has not been submitted to FMS it will be deleted. If the original EW has been submitted to FMS, the reversal will be generated in "Approved" status and submitted to FMS during the nightly processing.

The user can then go back to the charge list and reconcile this item to the correct purchase card charge or update the purchase order by returning the order to edit. If the purchase order status is Fully Reconciled, the user has to delete any reconciliations before returning to edit the order. Once the reconciliation has been deleted, the order status goes back to Approved. The purchase cardholder can now return to edit, the user will update, and order will go through the same approvals.

CAATS does have a tolerance of 10% or 50 under the purchase card order. For example, and order was input for \$100.00. The vendor gave a discount so only \$90.00 was submitted for payment. The purchase cardholder can reconcile fully without having to adjust the purchase card order. If the charge is over the purchase card order, then the purchase cardholder has to update the order.

# 3.4 VRE Purchase Card Expense Transfers

This sub module will provide the list of expenditure transfers (EW & ET transactions) that are automatically submitted to FMS once the purchase card orders are reconciled. The EW will transfer the expenditures from the accounting on the US Bank charge to the accounting provided on the purchase card order. The ET will transfer the expenditures from the accounting on the US Bank charge to the accounting provided on the referenced obligation. You will be able to view the transaction from this sub module. The status will show as "Approved" until the transactions are submitted to FMS. See screen print below.



After selecting which Trans Code, you want to see, Select the View button to see the transaction. The following screen shot shows an example of an automated EW transaction. In the case where an item is unreconciled, if the EW has not been submitted to FMS it will be deleted. If the EW has been submitted to FMS another EW will be submitted to reverse the first one. There is a box on the EW transaction, "Backout Transaction", that will be selected if this transaction is to

#### back-out a previously submitted transaction VRE Purchase Card Expense Transfer (EW) EW Transact Station: 310 Status: Approved Action: Exit V Go Budget Fiscal Year: 2023 0137NS - Readj. Bene.-Credit Card (VBA) ECD/DR1 0137000CC - VBA Readjust Bene Credit Card Document Number: 3103CV00001 308000 - Voc RehabCounsel Ser Cost Center: Header Total: \$2,000.00 Job Number: BOC: 4177 - CH 31 - NON-SUBSISTENCE Edit Vendor: 310841368 Vendor Address Code: 05 VRE Purchase Card Order Amount to Transfer: \$2,000.00 Line 01 Add New Line Action Comme Budget Fiscal Year: Add Note FCP/PRJ: 0137000CC - VBA Readjust Bene Credit Card Transaction Status History Cost Center: 308000 - Voc RehabCounsel Ser Transaction Status History Data Job Number: Status Document Number Action By 4177 - CH 31 - NON-SUBSISTENCE BOC: Submitted In Review 3103CV00001 OFM Creator TEST\_Creater 10/27/2022 4:03:53 PM Approved Approved 3103CV00001 CAATS System 10/27/2022 4:03:53 PM Vendor: 310841368 Created Working 3103CV00001 OFM Creator TEST\_Creater 10/27/2022 4:03:53 PM Auto Expenditure Transfer Amount to Transfer: \$2,000.00

Selecting the Purchase Card Order link will take users back to the original purchase card order that created this EW when it was reconciled.

All Approved transactions will be sent to FMS daily. The status will be update to "Submitted to FMS". The next day, CAATS receives FMS accepted and rejected reports to update the status of all transactions that were sent to FMS.

- Accepted in FMS The item has been accepted in FMS
- Rejected in FMS The item has been rejected in FMS and will need to be corrected in FMS.

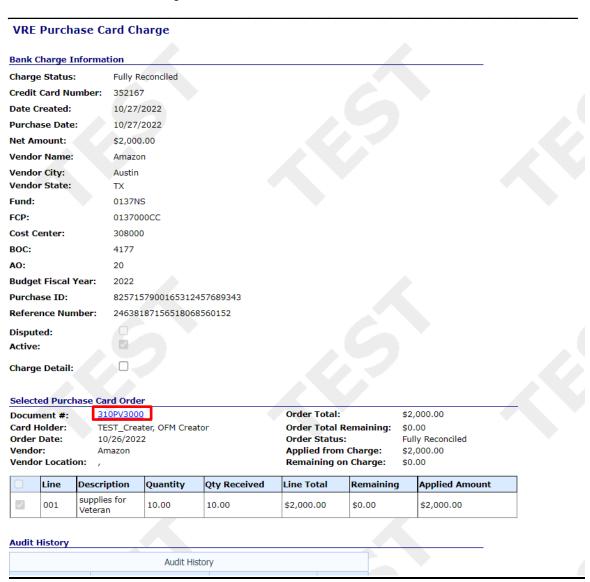
# 3.5 VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval

This sub module allows the approving official to certify the reconciliations performed on the purchase transactions. Once sub module is selected, it defaults to the Fully Reconciled items. However, users can view the items that have already been approved or rejected by using the drop-down arrow in Status field.

**VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval** 

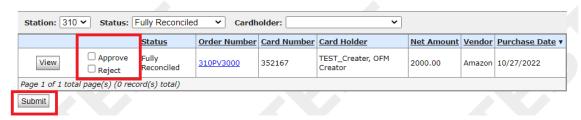


Select the VIEW button to see the details for the purchase card charge reconciliation screen. See below:



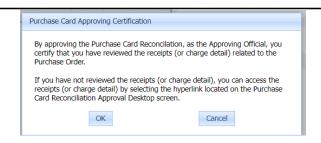
Approving Official can select the link for the purchase order to view purchase card order. Go back to the VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval desktop screen to approve the reconciliation.

#### **VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval**

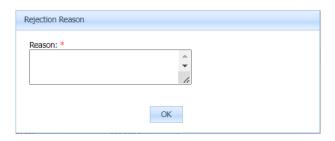


Click the Approve or Reject box and select submit.

 Approve: the status of the document will change to Reconciled Approved. The approver will get the purchase card approving certification option.



- OK: approves the reconciliation and status updated to "Reconciled Approved".
- Cancel: no action taken on the reconciliation and goes back to the VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval desktop.
- <u>Reject</u>: a comment box will be displayed to input a reason and the status will change to Reconciled Rejected.



- For the Reconciled Rejected reconciliations, the purchase cardholder has to make correction according to the reason input by the approving official.
- If the purchase cardholder deletes the reconciliations, any transfers (EW' or ET's) processed will be reversed.

Below screen shows a transaction that was Reconciled Approved a one the is Reconcile Rejected.

**VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation Approval** 



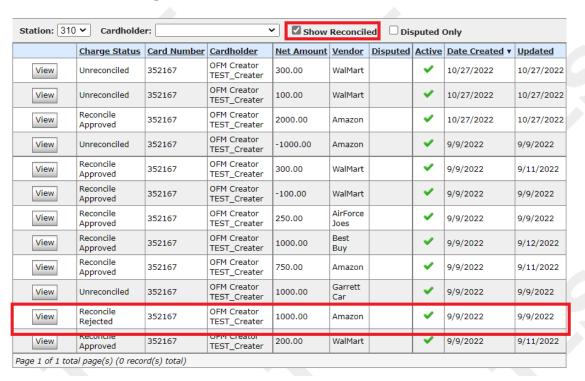
The cardholder will receive email notification of all approved or rejected reconciliations. Once the cardholder has reviewed and corrected rejected reconciliation, it can be returned to the approving official for approval.

<u>NOTE</u>: Reconciled Approved is the <u>final status</u> for all purchase orders. Approving Officials have the ability to reject a previously approved reconciliation by going into this sub module and selecting Reject.

# 3.5.1 Purchase Cardholder Correcting Reconciled Reject

If the approver rejects the reconciliation, the purchase cardholder has to correct before the reconciliation can be approved. The purchase cardholder would log into CAATS and go to the VRE Service Group → VRE Purchase Card → VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation module/submodule to make necessary correction. Once inside the module, the user will check the box beside Show Reconciled field to display all reconciled item. Find the Reconciled Rejected item and select View

**VRE Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation** 



Below screen will appear when the View option is selected

#### VRE Purchase Card Charge **Bank Charge Information** Charge Status: Reconcile Rejected **Credit Card Number:** 352167 Date Created: 9/9/2022 Purchase Date: 9/8/2022 \$1,000.00 Net Amount: **Vendor Name:** Amazon Vendor City: Austin **Vendor State:** TX Fund: 0137NS FCP: 0137000CC 308000 Cost Center: BOC: 4177 AO: 20 **Budget Fiscal Year:** Purchase ID: 8257157900165312457689343 24638187156518068560559 Reference Number: Disputed: Active: **Charge Detail:** Edit **Selected Purchase Card Order** Document #: Order Total: \$1,000.00 Order Total Remaining: \$0.00 Card Holder: TEST\_Creater, OFM Creator

Order Date: 9/8/2022 Order Status: Reconcile Rejected Applied from Charge: \$1,000.00 Vendor: Amazon Vendor Location: Remaining on Charge: \$0.00

		Line	Description	Quantity	Qty Received	Line Total	Remaining	Applied Amount	
	<b>✓</b>	001	testing vre	25.00	25.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	

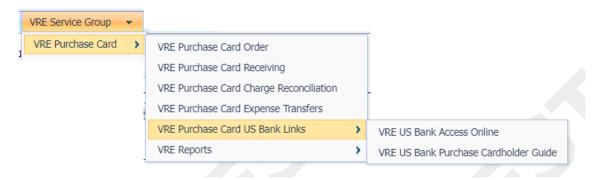
Edit Delete Resubmit

The purchase cardholder have the following options

- **Edit**: allows user to make corrections to the reconciliation.
- **Delete:** will delete the reconciliation. The status of the purchase card charge goes back to Unreconciled and the purchase card order to Approved
- Resubmit: submits the reconciliation back with no correction made. The status updates back to Fully Reconciled for both the purchase card order and charge.

# 3.6 VRE Purchase Card US Bank Links

This sub module will take the purchase cardholder to the different US Bank websites to include the online statement, direct reports, and the direct management system.



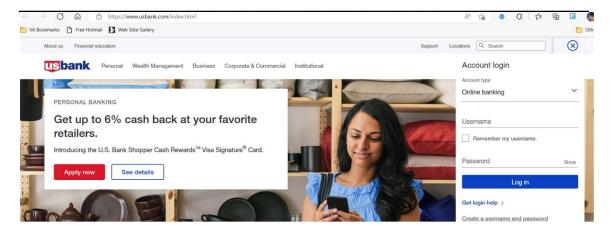
#### 3.6.1 VRE US Bank Access Online

The US Bank Access Online will allow the user to view their US Bank statement on-line and print a copy if necessary. If you do not currently have a username or password there are links on this page to set one up.



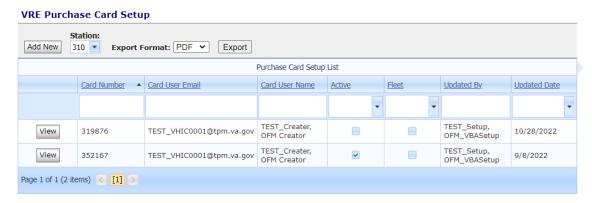
### 3.6.2. VRE US Bank Purchase Cardholder Guide

The VRE US Bank Purchase Cardholder Guide will direct you to the US Bank main page for user to find more information about the process.

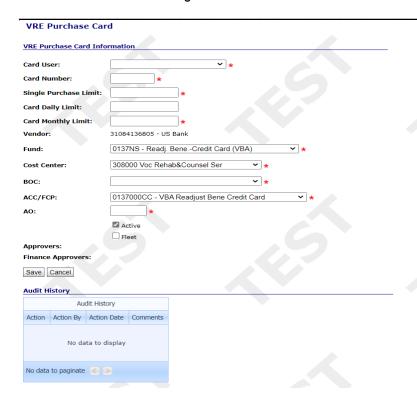


# 3.7 VRE Purchase Card Setup List

This sub module will allow the Setup admin (AOPC) to set up each purchase card holder with the last six digits of their card number and the default accounting associated with that card. Select VRE Purchase Card Setup



Click the "Add New" button. The following screen will be displayed.



- Card User Limit to list [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Card Number Fill in [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Single Purchase Limit Fill in [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Card Daily Limit Fill in
- Card Monthly Limit Fill in [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Vendor Populated with US Bank vendor code
- Fund –Limit to list [REQUIRED FIELD] Defaults to 0137NS
- Cost Center Limit to list [REQUIRED FIELD] Defaults to 308000
- BOC Limit to list [REQUIRED FIELD]
- ACC/FCP Limit to List or select "Other" and fill in [REQUIRED FIELD]
   Defaults to 0137000CC
- AO Fill in [REQUIRED FIELD] Should be 20 for VBA
- Check the Active button to activate the cardholder
- Approvers: Shows the approvers assigned to that card no input required by user
- Finance Approvers: Shows the finance approvers assigned to that card no input required by user

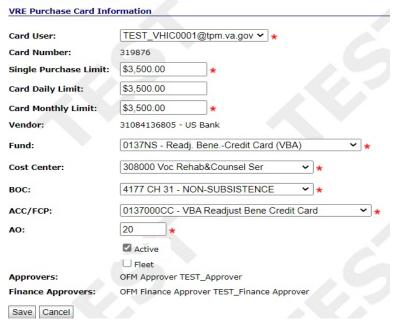
#### Select SAVE or CANCEL.

On all Purchase Card Setup screens, the fields Approvers and Finance approvers have been added to show who has access to that card for those roles. There is also an Audit History section that shows all the action taken on the purchase cardholder's account. Below is the completed purchase card setup screen.

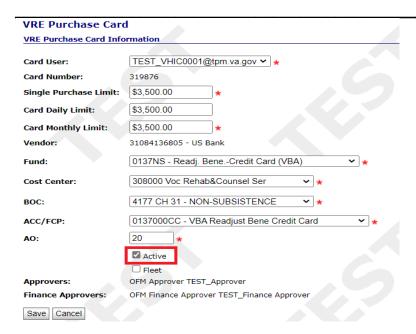


The Setup Admin (AOPC) has the option to change a user's account or deactivate an account by clicking the EDIT button (see screen print below). Any of the information entered when the account was initially set up will be available for updating except the card number.

**VRE Purchase Card** 



To deactivate a card, the setup admin (AOPC) uncheck the Active



The purchase card will still exist in the system but will not be available for any future purchase card transactions.

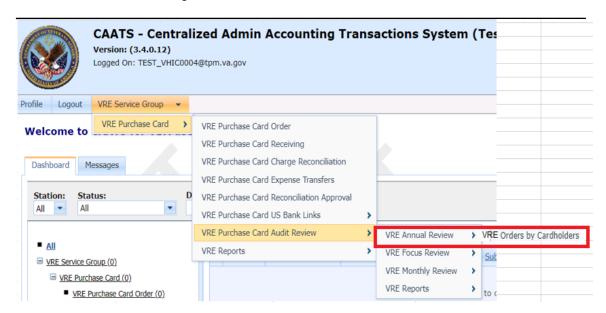
**Note**: If the card number is incorrectly established, the Setup Admin has to deactivate the incorrect card and establish the correct card separately.

## 3.8 VRE Purchase Card Audit Review

The VRE Purchase Card Audit Review sub module contains four options: VRE Annual Review, VRE Focus Review, VRE Monthly Review and VRE Audit Reports. Only the auditor role will be able to see this sub module as well as perform this function. Each of the review options will provide the auditor with an entire list of purchase orders based on certain criteria. The auditor would then select the purchase orders that need to be reviewed from that list. Once a purchase order is selected, the purchase card review checklist will be displayed for the auditor. When the checklist is completed, a link to the review will be displayed on the purchase order beside the review that was performed. One purchase order can have none, one, or all reviews performed on it.

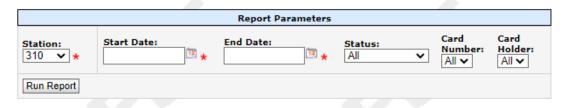
#### 3.8.1 VRE Purchase Card Audit Review – VRE Annual Review

The VRE Purchase Card Audit Review -VRE Annual Review option will allow the auditor to perform annual reviews on purchase card orders that are in "Reconciled Approved" status. There is only one item to select Orders by Cardholders.



Once the user selects the VRE Orders by Cardholders option, the below screen appears:

#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Annual Orders By Card Holders)



The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Status: Select from drop down. Choices are as follows:
  - All: shows all purchase card orders in Reconciled Approved status whether they have been reviewed or not reviewed by the auditor
  - Reviewed: shows all purchase card orders that have been reviewed in the Reconciled Approved status along with the percentage reviewed.
  - Not Reviewed: shows all the purchase orders that have not been reviewed in Reconciled Approved status along with the percentage not reviewed
- Card Number: Select from drop down
- Cardholder: Select from drop down

The auditor inputs the date range (based on the order date) and makes selections for the card number and/or cardholder the following screen will appear:



The auditor would select the hyperlink to the purchase order. The following screen will appear:

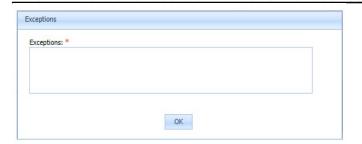


See Appendix 4.3 for the VRE Purchase Card Audit Review Questions

All the questions are required so the auditor has to answer all questions. If the user missed a question, then the below will appear:



If the user selects NO to any of the question, a required explanation box will appear. See below:



**Exception**: Section E, Question 4 "Was this order split to stay within the dollar limit(fragmented/split)" will get the exception box on Yes answer.

When all the questions have been answered, the auditor will select OK. The auditor will then see the purchase order screen where the annual review box will be checked along with a link to the annual review checklist. See below:

#### **VRE Purchase Card Order** Station: 310 Status: Reconcile Approved Action: Exit ✔ Go Header 310PV3000 Document Number: Card Number: 352167 - TEST\_Creater, OFM Creator CardHolder Name: TEST\_Creater, OFM Creator Veteran First Name: Daffney Veteran Last Name: Duck Title 38 US Code: Chapter 31 (301-314) - VR&E File Number: Claim # 123456479 Vendor Code: Vendor Code Suffix: Vendor Name: Amazon Vendor Address Line 1: Vendor Address Line 2: Vendor City: Vendor State: Vendor Zip: Fund: 0137NS - Readj. Bene.-Credit Card (VBA) Total Cost: \$2,000.00 Order Date: 10/26/2022 **Accountable Property:** Socioeconomic Goal: O Yes No Payment Mechanism Only: Received Status: Received Annual Review: Annual Review Monthly Review: Associated Transactions: 3103CV00000 - VRE Purchase Card Expense Transfer 3103CV00001 - VRE Purchase Card Expense Transfer VRE Purchase Card CheckList Remaining Balance Report Line Items

If the user selects the Annual Review link, a separate window will open for the annual review checklist, which can be exported into a file or printed out. See below:

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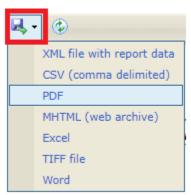
A.	Training Standards	Yes	No	N/A
1	Have the A/OPC, approving official, and cardholder completed the required TMS and GSA initial and refresher training? (Refresher training is due every 2 years)			
2	Are the VA Forms 0242 available and completed in the Charge Card Portal?	8		
3	Are all the TMS and GSA Training Certificates of Completion on required training available?	*		
4	Was the M24-4 Chapter 01 Purchase Card reviewed by the A/OPC, approving official and cardholder?	*		
5	Was the VA Financial Policy, Volume XVI, Chapters 1A and 1B reviewed by the A/OPC, approving official and cardholder?	*		
В.	Proper Costing	Yes	No	N/A
1	Does the cardholder have the correct fund control point?	8		
2	Does the cardholder have the correct cost center?	*	$\overline{}$	
3	Does the cardholder have the correct budget object code?	*	7	
4	Were purchases within the single purchase and monthly limits?	*		
C.	Timeliness Standards	Yes	No	N/A
14	Are the annual reviews and focus reviews being completed as required	*		,
	and submitted timely?			
2	If the payment was disputed, was the dispute submitted within 30 calendar days?	*		
3	Are the cardholder and the AO completing the reconciliation in a timely manner?	*		
D.	CAATS Processing:	Yes	No	N/A
1	Did the cardholder reconcile within 15 days of receipt of CAATS e-mail notification of unreconciled purchase card charges?	*		
2	Did the approving official reconcile/certify within 10 days of receipt of the CAATS e-mail notification of cardholder charge?	*		-
3	Is the purchase transaction noted on the CAATS-generated supply log?	*		
4	Are all documents, including receipts, sales slips, invoices, etc., attached to the CAATS purchase order?	*		
Ε.	Verification that purchases are within regulations	Yes	No	N/A
1	Were taxes accounted for on the purchase where the VA is considered a third-party?	8		
2	Was the purchase on behalf of a Veteran and/or valid VR&E participant only?	*		
3	Are back-up documents available to support the transaction? (receipts, purchase card acquisition checklist, invoices, supply/purchase card log, etc.)	*		
4	Was the order split to stay within dollar limits (fragmented/split)?		*	
5	Was receipt of goods and services verified with the Veteran (e.g. signature on receiving report, receipt, invoice or e-mail from the Veteran, or VA Form 28-1905r, etc.) prior to reconciliation?	*		
F.	Administrative and Record Keeping	Yes	No	N/A
1	Is the VBA organization's A/OPC using the U.S. Bank Access Online System?	8		
2	Is the cardholder inquiring about prompt-pay discounts with the vendor?	*		
3	Is there documentation supporting a valid need for the purchase?	*		
4	Is there a blanket AO pre-approval memorandum available which provides the written approval to make purchases for services, supplies, and / or equipment for a rehabilitation plan for the fiscal year?	*		<b>-</b>
5	Is the Charge Card Portal being used and does the A/OPC have access	*	7	
	to the cardholders under their purview?			I

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Date: 11/1/2022 9:49:43 AM

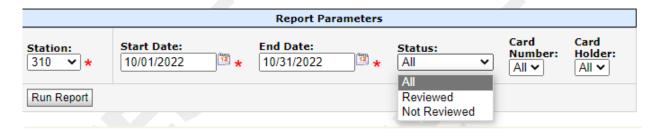
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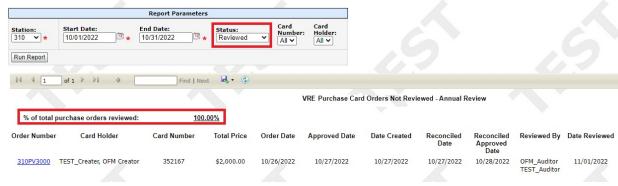
The user can then close the review checklist and purchase order to go back to the "Orders By Cardholder" report so that other orders can be reviewed. In the status field of the "Orders By Cardholders" report, in addition to the All option there are two other options (1) Reviewed and (2) Not Reviewed. See below:

### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Annual Orders By Card Holders)

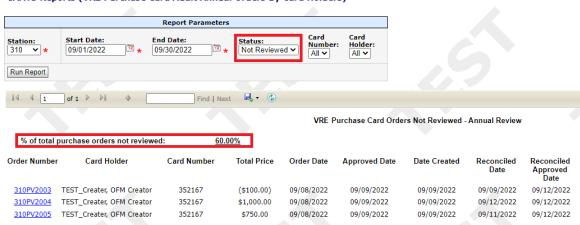


1. **Reviewed** will list all purchase orders that are in "Reconciled Approved" status that have had the annual review performed along with the percentage of total purchase orders reviewed for the current fiscal year. The order number is hyperlinked so users can view the orders.

CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Annual Orders By Card Holders)



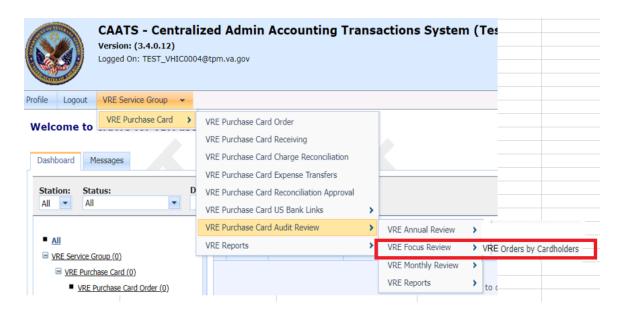
2. <u>Not Reviewed</u> will list all purchase orders that are in "Reconciled Approved" status that have not had the annual review performed along with the percentage of total purchase orders not reviewed. The percentage is based on the total number of orders in "Reconciled Approved" status input for the current fiscal year. The hyperlink will allow the user to perform other reviews if needed.



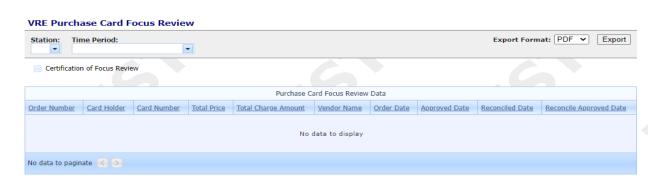
#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Annual Orders By Card Holders)

#### 3.8.2 VRE Purchase Card Audit – VRE Focus Review

The VRE Purchase Card Audit Review – VRE Focus Review option will allow the auditor to perform focus reviews on the purchase card program. There is only one item to select "Orders by Cardholders".



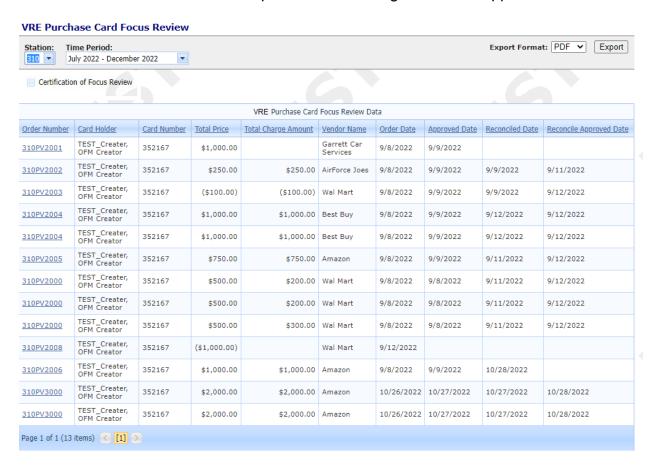
Once the auditor selects that, the following screen will appear:



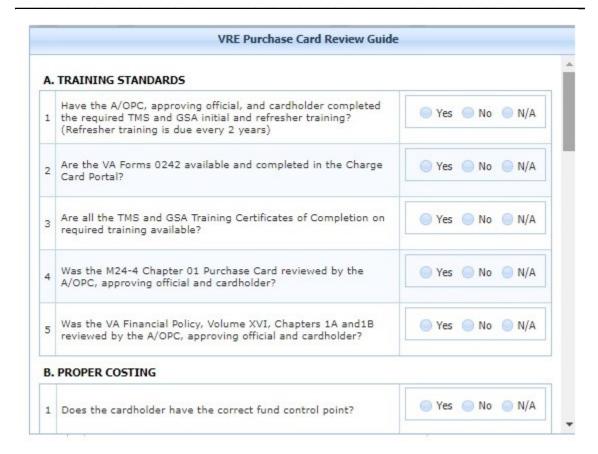
The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Time Period: Select from drop down

When the auditor selects the time period the following screen will appear:



The auditor should be reviewing the whole process not individual orders. However, the auditor can use the hyperlinked to review individual purchase card order. To complete the focus, review the auditor will check the box at the top left beside Certification of Focus Review. Once the auditor checks that box, the VRE purchase card review checklist following screen will appear:

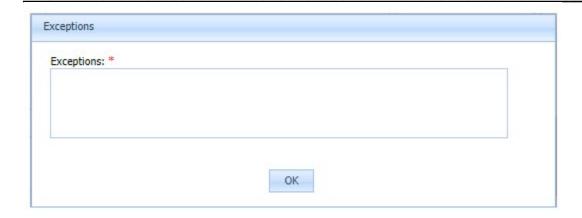


# See Appendix 4.3 for the VRE Purchase Card Audit Review Questions

All the questions are required so the auditor has to answer all questions. If the user missed a question, then the below will appear:



If the user selects NO to any of the question, a required explanation box will appear. See below:



**Exception**: Section E, Question 4 "Was this order split to stay within the dollar limit(fragmented/split)" will get the exception box on Yes answer.

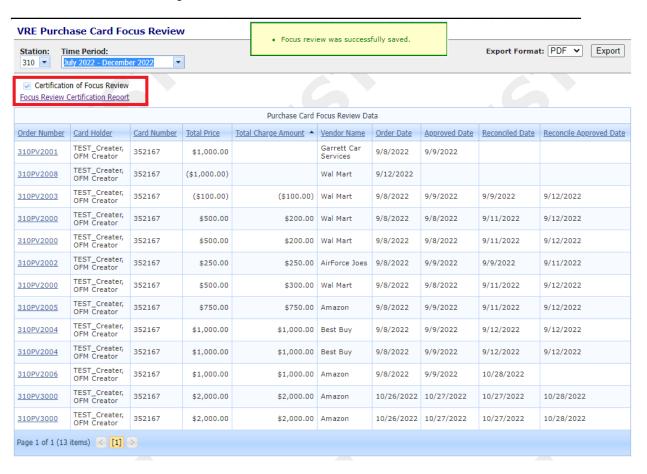
Once all the questions have been answered, the auditor will select OK. A certification statement appears. See below:



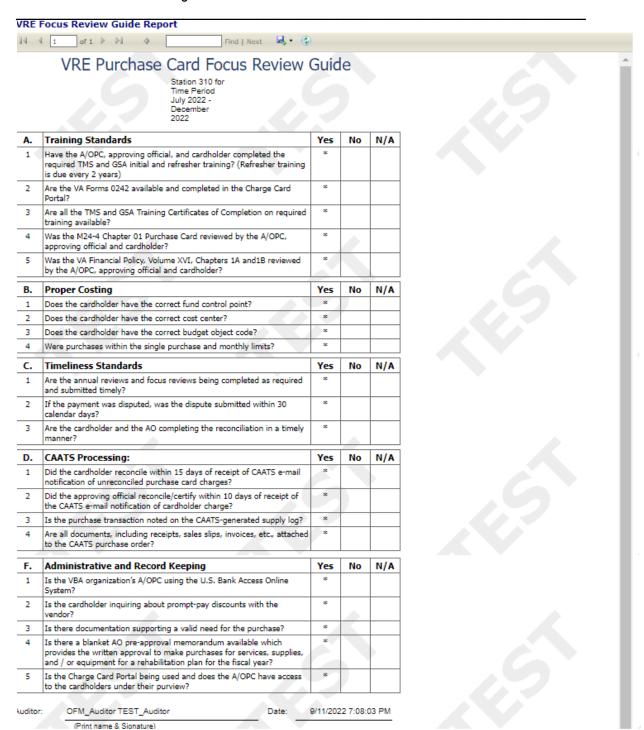
## The Certification Confirmation states:

"I certify an assessment/focus review of the purchase card program was completed to provide assurance that controls are properly implemented, cardholders are trained, and the span of control for approving officials is monitored to prevent and detect fraudulent, improper or questionable charges."

Auditor has the options to say OK or Cancel. If select OK, the following screen will appear:

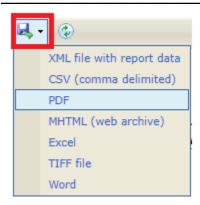


A box will be displayed to show that the focus review was successfully saved and a link to the focus review certification report is provided. If auditor selects the link, the report will be as follows:



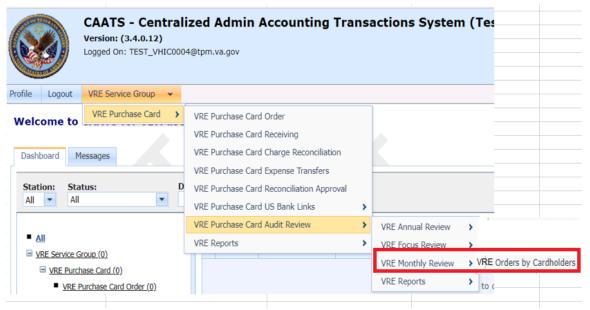
<u>Note</u>: This same report is also located under the VRE Purchase Card → VRE Purchase Card Audit Review → VRE Audit Reports area as well.

This report can be exported in different formats and saved to your desired location by selecting the disk icon below:



# 3.8.3 VRE Purchase Card Audit – VRE Monthly Review

The VRE Purchase Card Audit Review – VRE Monthly Review option will allow the auditor to perform monthly reviews on purchase card orders that are in any status. This is not a mandatory review. There is only one item to select Orders by Cardholders.



Once the auditor selects that option, the following screen will appear:

### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Monthly Orders By Card Holders)



The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
   [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
   [REQUIRED FIELD]
  - Status: Select from drop down. Choices are as follows:
    - All: shows all purchase card orders in any status whether they have been reviewed or not reviewed by the auditor
    - Reviewed: shows all purchase card orders in any status that have been reviewed along with the percentage reviewed.
    - Not Reviewed: shows all the purchase orders in any status that have not been reviewed along with the percentage not reviewed
  - Card Number: Select from drop downCardholder: Select from drop down

Once the auditor inputs the date range (based on the order date) and makes selections for the card number and/or cardholder the following screen will appear:



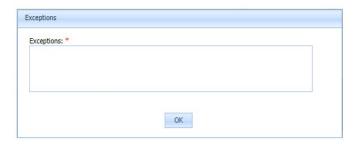
The auditor would select the hyperlink to the purchase order in the above screen. The monthly review checklist questions will appear in front of the order. The auditor can move the checklist around the screen in order to see the purchase order to answer all of the purchase card review questions. See below:



All the questions are required so the auditor has to answer all questions. If the user missed a question, then the below will appear:



If the user selects NO to any of the question, a required explanation box will appear. See below:



**Exception**: Section E, Question 4 "Was this order split to stay within the dollar limit(fragmented/split)" will get the exception box on Yes answer.

When all the questions have been answered, the auditor will select OK. The auditor will then see the purchase order screen where the monthly review box will be checked along with a link to the monthly review checklist. See below:



If the user selects the Monthly Review link, a separate window will open for the monthly annual review checklist, which can be exported into a file or printed out. See below:

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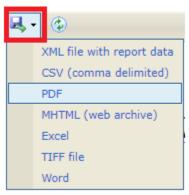
No	N/A
	N/A
No	N/A
No	N/A
No	N/A
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E.	Administrative and Record Keeping	Yes	No	N/A
1	Is the VBA organization's A/OPC using the U.S. Bank Access Online System?	*		
2	Is the cardholder inquiring about prompt-pay discounts with the vendor?	*		
3	Is there documentation supporting a valid need for the purchase?	*		
4	Is there a blanket AO pre-approval memorandum available which provides the written approval to make purchases for services, supplies, and / or equipment for a rehabilitation plan for the fiscal year?	*		-
5	Is the Charge Card Portal being used and does the A/OPC have access to the cardholders under their purview?	*		

 Auditor:
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This report can be exported in different formats and saved to your desired location by selecting the disk icon below:



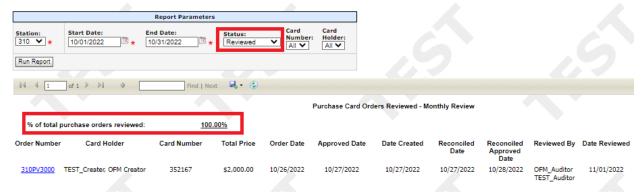
The user can then close the review checklist and purchase order to go back to the "Orders By Cardholder" report so that other orders can be reviewed. In the status field of the "Orders By Cardholders" report, in addition to the All option there are two other options (1) Reviewed and (2) Not Reviewed. See below:

#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Monthly Orders By Card Holders)



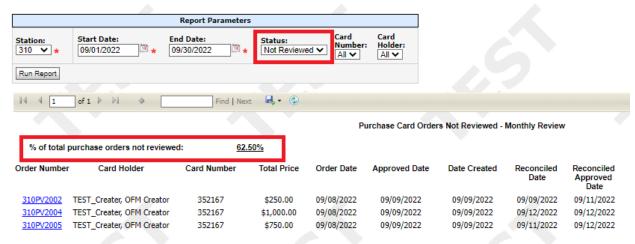
1. **Reviewed** will list all purchase orders that are in "Reconciled Approved" status that have had the annual review performed along with the percentage of total purchase orders reviewed for the current fiscal year. The order number is hyperlinked so users can view the orders.





2. <u>Not Reviewed</u> will list all purchase orders that are in "Reconciled Approved" status that have not had the annual review performed along with the percentage of total purchase orders not reviewed. The percentage is based on the total number of orders in "Reconciled Approved" status input for the current fiscal year. The hyperlink will allow the user to perform other reviews if needed.

CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Monthly Orders By Card Holders)



# 3.8.4 VRE Purchase Card Audit – VRE Reports

There are 4 reports in the Purchase Card Audit Review – Report sub module. They are as follows:

- 1. VRE Timeliness
- 2. VRE Not Completed
- 3. VRE Any Review Completed
- 4. VRE Focus Review

See below for description of each report.

# 3.8.4.1 - VRE Audit Reports - VRE Timeliness

The Timelines report is used to show whether the purchase card orders are being approved and reconciled timely. Once the user selects the report the following screen will appear:

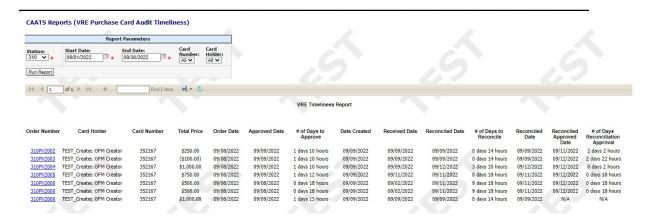
#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit Timeliness)



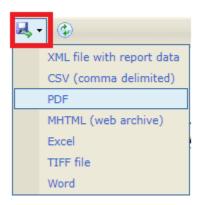
The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
- Card Number: Select from drop down
- Cardholder: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



A hyperlink to the actual purchase order is provided in this report. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen print:



# 3.8.4.2 – VRE Audit Reports – VRE Not Completed

The VRE Purchase Card Review Not Completed will show all purchase card orders in any status that have not had any review performed. Once the user selects the report the following screen will appear:

CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit No Review Done)



The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY

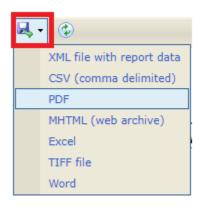
• Card Number: Select from drop down

Cardholder: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



A hyperlink to the actual purchase order is provided in this report. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen print:



# 3.8.4.3 - VRE Audit Reports - VRE Any Review Completed

The VRE Purchase Card Any Review Completed will show all purchase card orders in any status that have had any review (annual, focus or monthly) performed. Once the user selects the report the following screen will appear:

CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Audit One Review)

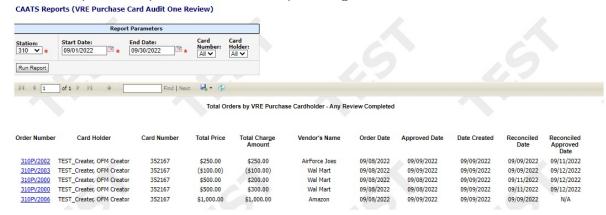


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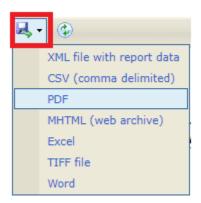
The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
   [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
- Card Number: Select from drop down
- Cardholder: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



A hyperlink to the actual purchase order is provided in this report. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen print:



## 3.8.4.4 – VRE Audit Reports – VRE Focus Review Certification

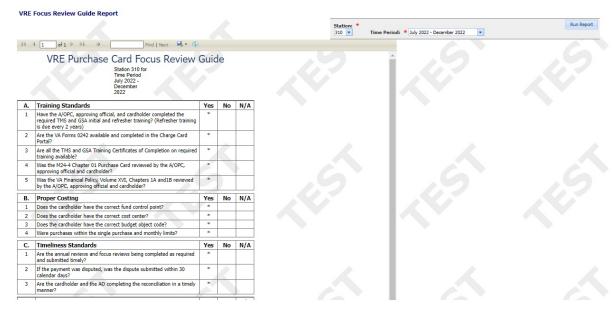
The VRE Purchase Card Focus Review Certification will allow users to view and print out the Focus Review certification report. Once the user selects the report the following screen will appear:



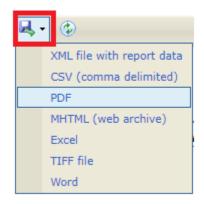
The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Time Period: Select from dropdown [REQUIRED FIELD]

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen print:

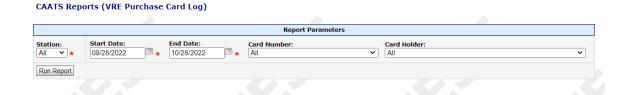


# 3.9 VRE Purchase Card -VRE Reports

There are 6 reports that are specific to the VRE Purchase Card module but are not contained in the Reports module due to the sensitivity of the data. Anyone with access to CAATS has access to the reports module to view all reports for their station(s). These reports were put as a sub module to the VRE Purchase Card module to ensure that purchase card information is only available to the cardholder, approving officials, and the setup admin (AOPC).

## 3.9.1 VRE Reports - VRE Purchase Card Log

The VRE purchase card log will provide a listing of all purchase card orders by purchase card number for a given period of time that are in reconciled approved status. Once the user selects that option, the following screen will appear:



#### The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Card Number: Select from drop down
- Cardholder: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



All items hyperlinked can be selected and system will take the user back to the original screen of input to display additional information regarding the transaction. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen.



Select the format and the system will ask you to download.

### Sample Report – Excel Format



### 3.9.2 VRE Reports – VRE Purchase Card Reconciled Items

The VRE Purchase Card Reconcile report will show a list of reconciled purchase card orders and purchase card charges by station. This will be useful for the setup admin (AOPC) and approving officials to ensure that orders are being reconciled in a timely manner. Once the auditor selects that option, the following screen will appear:

#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Reconciled)



The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
   [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Card Number: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



All items hyperlinked can be selected and system will take the user back to the original screen of input to display additional information regarding the transaction. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen.



Select the format and the system will ask you to download.

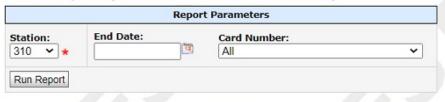
# Sample Report – Excel Format



### 3.9.3 VRE Reports - VRE Purchase Card Unreconciled Items

The VRE Purchase Card Unreconciled report will show a list of unreconciled purchase card orders and unreconciled purchase card charges by station. This will be useful for the Setup Admin (AOPC) and approving officials to ensure that orders are being reconciled in a timely manner. Once the user selects that option, the following screen will appear:

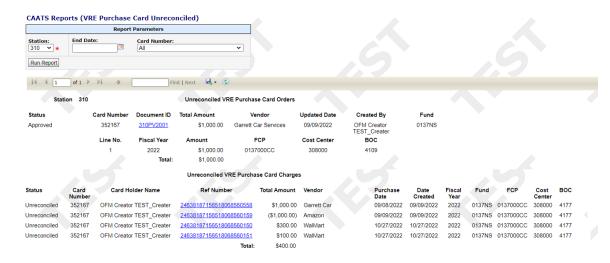
#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Unreconciled)



The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
   [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Card Number: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



All items hyperlinked can be selected and system will take the user back to the original screen of input to display additional information regarding the transaction. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen.



Select the format and the system will ask you to download.

### Sample Report - Excel Format



Note: The VRE Purchase Card Unreconciled Report can be used to determine the amount of the month end accruals. The monthly accruals will be generated the third business day prior to the end of the month and based on the approved unreconciled purchase orders not including the purchase orders used as payment mechanism. An email notification on the fifth day prior to the end of the month will be sent to the purchase cardholder and approving official informing about unreconciled purchase card orders that could result in an accrual. To view the purchase card accruals, see the Accruals –Purchase Card module/submodule.

## 3.9.4 VRE Reports – VRE Purchase Accrual Report

The VRE Purchase Card Accrual report will show the purchase card orders detail that pertain to each accrual transaction created by the system. Once the auditor selects that option, the following screen will appear:

#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Accrual)

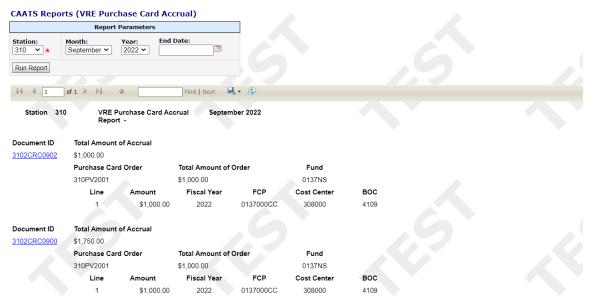


The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Month: Select from drop down
- Year: Select from drop down

• End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY

User will input the required data and the report will generate.

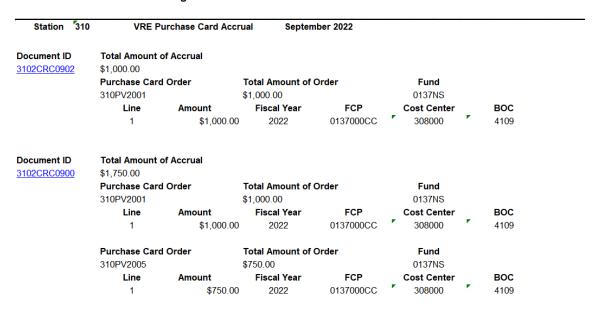


A hyperlink to the actual accrual transaction is provided in this report. This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen print:



Select the format and the system will ask you to download.

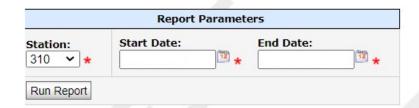
Sample Report - Excel Format



### 3.9.5 VRE Reports – VRE Purchase Card Charges Over 15 Days

The VRE Purchase Card Charges over 25 Days report will show a detail list of unreconciled purchase card charges that are over 25 days old. Once the auditor selects that option, the following screen will appear:

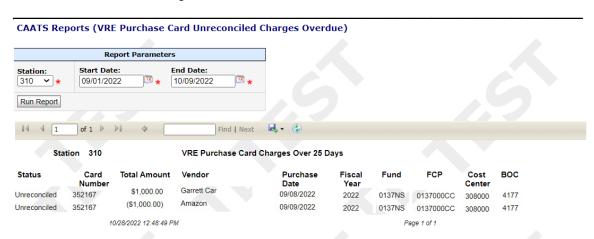
#### CAATS Reports (VRE Purchase Card Unreconciled Charges Overdue)



The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY
  REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY REQUIRED FIELD]

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen.



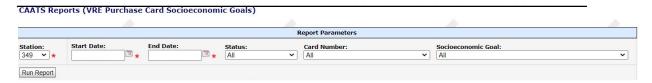
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# Sample Report – Excel Format



# 3.9.6 VRE Reports – VRE Socioeconomic Goals

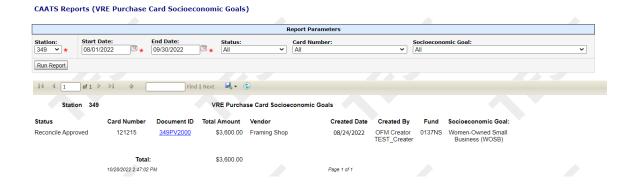
The VRE Purchase Socioeconomic Goals report will show all the purchase card transactions that reference one of the socioeconomic vendors. Once the auditor selects that option, the following screen will appear:



## The report parameters are as follows:

- Station: based on access [REQUIRED FIELD]
- Start Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY[REQUIRED FIELD]
- End Date: Fill in or select from calendar, format must be MM/DD/YYYY[REQUIRED FIELD]
- Status: Select from drop down
- Card Number: Select from drop down
- Socioeconomic Goal: Select from drop down

User will input the required data and the report will generate.



This report can be exported into a variety of formats as shown in the following screen.



Select the format and the system will ask you to download.

### Sample Report – Excel Format

Station 34		VRE Purcha	VRE Purchase Card Socioeconomic Goals					
Status Reconcile Approved	Card Number 121215	Document ID 349PV2000	<b>Total Amount</b> \$3,600.00	Vendor Framing Shop	Created Date 08/24/2022	Created By OFM Creator TEST_Creater	Fund 0137NS	Socioeconomic Goal: Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB)
	Total:		\$3,600,00					

# 4. Appendices

#### 4.1 CAATS Access Form

VA Form 8824H – CAATS Employee Access Card order Form (For Support Services Division and Vocational, Readiness and Employment)

#### Section 1:

ACTION REQUESTED (Check only one)	
CREATE NEW CUSTOMER MODIFY EXISTING CUSTOMER	DELETE EXISTING CUSTOMER

- The VRE office must select one of the following.
  - o "Create New Customer" the user has never had access to CAATS
  - "Modify Existing Customer" the user is adding / removing CAATS modules / roles
  - o "Delete Existing Customer" deleting all modules / roles for the user

#### Section 2:

Occion 2.							
2. CUSTOMER INFORMATION							
A. FULL NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	B. CAATS USER ID (Email Address)						
C. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) D. FACILITY (STATION) NUMBER/SUFFIX E. MAIL ROUTING SYMBOL OR STOP							
F. JOB TITLE	G. DEPARTMENT DESIGNATION						
H. COMMENTS							

- A. Full Name
  - Required field. Reject form if blank. VRE must submit a new form. An e-mail will not suffice.
- B. CAATS User ID
  - Required field. Reject form if blank. VRE must submit a new form. An e-mail will not suffice.
  - o Continue to process if there is a typo but verify the employee's e-mail in Outlook.
- C. Telephone Number
  - o Required field. If blank, VRE can e-mail us correct telephone number.

- D. Facility (Station) Number / Suffix
  - o Required field. If blank, VRE can e-mail us correct station number.
- E. Mail Routing Symbol or Stop Code
  - o Preferred; however, continue to process if blank.
- F. Job Title
  - o Preferred; however, continue to process if blank.
- G. Department Designation
  - o Preferred; however, continue to process if blank.
- H. Comments
  - o Preferred; however, continue to process if blank.

#### Section A:

SECTION A (For all modules except Purchase Card)							
STATION ACCESS NEEDED (List all stations you need access to in CAATS)	MODULES (List Module Name from CAATS, use Section B for Purchase Card) (List which modules you need access to in CAATS)	ROLE (Initiator, Approver, Finance Approver, Initiator/Approver or Read Only) (NOTE: For Initiator/Approver for Payment Module Requires a Waiver)					
		☐ Initiator ☐ Approver ☐ Finance Approver ☐ Initiator/ Approver ☐ Read Only					

Skip this section and proceed to page 2: Section B

## Section B:

SECTION B (For Purchase Card module only)							
STATION ACCESS NEEDED (List all stations you need access to in CAATS)	LAST SIX DIGITS OF PURCHASE CARD NUMBER (Purchase Card Module Only)	(Initiator, Approver Finance Approver, Setup Admin, Auditor or Reports)					
		Initiator Approver Finance Approver Reports Only Setup Admin Auditor					

• The VRE Office must input a station number and input the necessary information on screen

#### VRE Purchase Card Module

- An initiator cannot be the approver of his own card.
- An approver cannot be a setup admin.
- Approver and finance approver are separate functions and need to be perform by separate employees.

#### Section 3:

3. SIGNATURES				
APPROVING OFFICIAL AND TITLE	DATE			
ISO CONCURRENCE	DATE			
CAATS DIVISION APPROVAL	DATE			
VBA CO AOPC LEVEL 2 APPROVAL (Purchase Card setup Admin Role only)	DATE			

- The VRE RO must include the signature for the approving official along with date and submit to ALAC.
- For the setup admin role, need signature from the Level 2 AOPC. Please send for to VAVBAWAS/CO/241C/PURCHASE 241CPURCHASE.VBACO@va.gov) prior to sending to ALAC for processing

#### **Access Form Location**

• VRE Office need to submit access forms (8824H) to VBAALAC CAATSTEAM.

# 4.2 Appendix B - VRE Purchase Card Checklist

# 4.2.1 Checklist from VBA Purchase Card Policy

Below is the VBA Purchase Card Checklist from the Purchase card policies

## VBA - Purchase Card Checklist

The purchase card acquisition checklist is provided as a tool to assist in the transaction process. Cardholders are required to complete a checklist for every single micro-purchase \$10,000 and below (For VR&E cardholder, the current threshold is \$3,500). Items 1-11 on the checklist must be completed prior to the transactions being placed, and items 12-13 are to be completed during the reconciliation process (only for VR&E cardholders). The checklist must be completed and verified no later than 10 business days immediately after the billing cycle. The completed and signed checklist must be maintained in the purchase card reconciliation file.

Number	ltem		Check	
1	Are funds available for the purchase? Not applicable (N/A) for VR&E Veteran Purchases.	C Yes	O No	O N/A
2	Has an approving official (AO) authorized/approved this purchase prior to making the purchase?			=
	For VR&E, each cardholder should have a signed AO Pre- Approval Blanket Memorandum on file for the current fiscal year.	○ Yes	○ No	○ N/A
3	In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), have the required sources of supply or services been checked prior to ordering on the open market? Is the Veterans First Program being considered? (e.g., AbilityOne, GSA schedule, GSA Advantage, socioeconomic vendors, etc.)	○ Yes	○ No	○ N/A
4	Have you verified with the vendor that the payment processor is not a third-party payer, such as, PayPal, Ecount, eMoney, etc.?  Third party payer is permitted for Loan Guaranty Service's Specially Adapted Housing compliance inspection payment if both the third-party payer's and the payee's names are identified on the payer statement.	○ Yes	○ No	○ N/A
5	identified on the cardholder's credit card statement.  Have you informed the vendor that charges are taxexempt? (Unless government purchasing is not tax-exempt in your state.) Sales taxes are allowed on VR&E purchases.	○ Yes	○ No	O N/A
6	If you have multiple cards, are you verifying that you are using the appropriate purchase card? Example: For supply purchases, the 2620 BOC card will be used.	(*) Yes	O No	O N/A

7	Have you verified with the vendor that the order total, shipping charges (destination or origin), etc. are accurate?	Yes	O No	O N/A
8	Have you asked the vendor if there are any discounts associated with the purchase? (Prompt Payment Act)	© Yes	O No	O N/A
9	Have you entered the purchase card order on the buying log?	Yes	O No	O N/A
10	Did you verify that the purchase has not been split to avoid competition?	Yes	O No	O N/A
11	Did you verify that the purchase has not been split to circumvent the micro-purchase threshold for a single purchase?	Yes	O No	O N/A

AFTER THE ORDER IS PLACED						
12 – 13 are only applicable for VR&E purchase cardholders						
Number	Number Item Check					
12	Are the appropriate receipts records, packing slips, cash register slip, sales slip, invoice, etc. for this purchase on file?	© Yes	O No	O N/A		
13	If order total is incorrect, have you disputed the charge and followed up on the overage and credit?	C Yes	O No	O N/A		

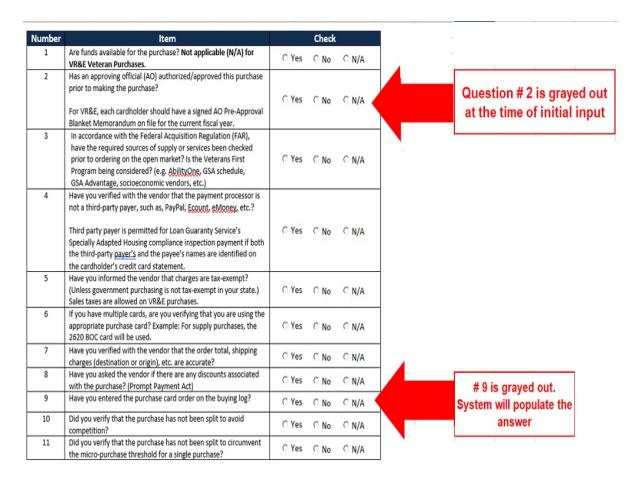
A copy of this checklist will be maintained in the purchase card file folder with the other supporting documents.

The submitter of this document confirms the information provided in the checklist above has been completed accurately.

Name (Typed):				
Signature:				

#### 4.2.2 Checklist in CAATS

Below is the checklist that is in CAATS.



These questions will be displayed at the time of reconciliation.



# 4.3 VRE Purchase Card Audit Review

		YES	NO	N/A				
А. Т	A. TRAINING STANDARDS							
1	Have the A/OPC, approving official, and cardholder completed the required TMS and GSA initial and refresher training? (Refresher training is due every 2 years)							
2	Are the VA Forms 0242 available and completed in the Charge Card Portal?							
3	Are all the TMS and GSA Training Certificates of Completion on required training available?							
4	Was the M24-4 Chapter 01 Purchase Card reviewed by the A/OPC, approving official and cardholder?							
5	Was the VA Financial Policy, Volume XVI, Chapters 1A and 1B reviewed by the A/OPC, approving official and cardholder?							
В. Р	ROPER COSTING							
1	Does the cardholder have the correct fund control point?							
2	Does the cardholder have the correct cost center?							
3	Does the cardholder have the correct budget object code?							
4	Were purchases within the single purchase and monthly limits?							
C. T	IMELINESS STANDARDS							
1	Are the annual reviews and focus reviews being completed as required and submitted timely?							
2	If the payment was disputed, was the dispute submitted within 30 calendar days?							
3	Are the cardholder and the AO completing the reconciliation in a timely manner?							

		YES	NO	N/A
D	. CAATS PROCESSING			
1	Did the cardholder reconcile within 15 days of receipt of CAATS email notification of unreconciled purchase card charges?			
2	Did the approving official reconcile/certify within 10 days of receipt of the CAATS e-mail notification of cardholder charge?			
3	Is the purchase transaction noted on the CAATS-generated supply log?			
4	Are all documents, including receipts, sales slips, invoices, etc., attached to the CAATS purchase order?			
E.	VERIFICATION THAT PURCHASES ARE WITHIN REGULATIONS			
1	Were taxes accounted for on the purchase where the VA is considered a third-party?			
2	Was the purchase on behalf of a Veteran and/or valid VR&E participant only?			
3	Are back-up documents available to support the transaction? (receipts, purchase card acquisition checklist, invoices, supply/purchase card log, etc.)			
4	Was the order split to stay within dollar limits (fragmented/split)?			
5	Was receipt of goods and services verified with the Veteran (e.g., signature on receiving report, receipt, invoice or e-mail from the Veteran, or VA Form 28-1905r, etc.) prior to reconciliation?			
F.	ADMINISTRATIVE AND RECORD KEEPING			
1	Is the VBA organization's A/OPC using the U.S. Bank Access Online System?			
2	Is the cardholder inquiring about prompt-pay discounts with the vendor?			
3	Is there documentation supporting a valid need for the purchase?			
4	Is there a blanket AO pre-approval memorandum available which provides the written approval to make purchases for services, supplies, and / or equipment for a rehabilitation plan for the fiscal year?			
5	Is the Charge Card Portal being used and does the A/OPC have access to the cardholders under their purview?			

# 4.4 Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ)

1. How do I gain access to the purchase card module and or accrualpurchase card module in CAATS?

**Answer**: You will need to fill out an Access form, see Appendix 4.1.

2. I have been given access to the purchase card module as an initiator. However, I can't input in anything.

<u>Answer</u>: Your card has not been established by the setup admin (AOPC) in CAATS yet. Contact the AOPC (setup admin) to let them know so that they can complete that task.

3. I have been given access to the purchase card module as an approver. I am receiving email notifications for cards that I am not the approver for. What do I need to do?

Please notify the CAATS administrators. Either the incorrect access was given upon setup, or all card access was given because no cards where setup at the time user was given access to the purchase card module. The CAATS administrators will be able to tell which of these are correct.

4. I input a purchase order. However, my supervisor does not see the document to approve. What is the problem?

<u>Answer</u>: First, the user should check the status of the document. If the status is "Working", then the purchase cardholder (initiator) has to actually submit it for approval. To submit a document for approval, the purchase cardholder (initiator) has to select "Submit" in the Action field at the top of the document and select "Go". That will put the document into "In Review" status and will allow the approving official to see the document.

Second, if the status of the document is "In Review", then the approver might not have access to that card. Check with ALAC to ensure that that approver in question has access to that card.

5. I input a purchase order for \$100. When the charge came in, it was for \$165. I tried to reconcile it. However, the system would not let me do it. What do I need to do to be able to reconcile?

<u>Answer</u>: The purchase cardholder (initiator) has to adjust the order. The purchase cardholder (initiator) will go to the Purchase Card Order sub module and find that order. Select the view button to open the document,

the select "Return to Edit" in the action field. The document status changes to "Return to Station". The purchase cardholder (initiator) can now update that document and submit it for review again. Once in approved status, the document can be reconciled.

## 6. How do I input a credit order?

<u>Answer:</u> The purchase cardholder (initiator) would enter the amount in the total cost field on the header. On the line the purchase cardholder (initiator) will input the amount and select the decrease option to the right on the amount field.

# 7. I am an approving official, and I didn't receive the email notification that I have items to approve. What can I do?

<u>Answer</u>: The approving official can still sign into CAATS and go to that module to review the items that need approving. For example, if the user has purchase orders to approve. The approving official can sign into CAATS and go to the Purchase Card Order submodule. The approving official will see all the documents that have been input by the purchase cardholder (initiator) that is in active status. The approving official will select the "VIEW" button to review the transaction. If all is correct, can approve by selecting the "APPROVE" in the action field.

# 8. I am a purchase cardholder and I need to correct a purchase order that is in "Approved" status. What can I do?

<u>Answer</u>: The purchase cardholder would go to the VRE Purchase Card Order submodule and do the following:

- Find the order
- Select View
- In the Action field using the drop down select, Return to edit option
- Select go. This will take you back to the desktop screen where now the order status has changed to "Returned to Station" status.
- Select view again so that you can edit it.
- The document will have to be submitted again for approval.

# 9. I am a purchase cardholder and I need to correct a purchase order that is in "In Review" status. What can I do?

<u>Answer:</u> The purchase cardholder would need to contact the approving official to have them to reject the document back to purchase cardholder. If the approver rejects, the document, the status will change to "Return to Station".

The purchase cardholder will then be able to update the purchase order accordingly.

# 10.I am a purchase cardholder and I need to correct a purchase order that is in "Finance Review" status. What can I do?

<u>Answer:</u> The purchase cardholder would need to contact the finance approver to have the purchase order rejected back to you. If the approver rejects, the document, the status will change to "Return to Station". The user will then be able to update the purchase order accordingly. It will need to be resubmitted for approval.

# 11. I am a purchase cardholder and I need to correct a purchase order that is in "Fully Reconciled/Partially Reconciled" status. What can I do?

<u>Answer:</u> The purchase cardholder would have to delete the reconciliation first by going into the VRE Purchase Card Reconciliation submodule. Do the following:

- Check the box beside Show Reconcile field
- Find the item and select View
- At the bottom, before Audit History, select Delete
- Answer the Question "Are you sure you want to delete" will appear. Say Yes
- The status of the order will change to "Approved" and the charge status changes to "Unreconciled.
- Then user will have to follow the steps for # 7 above.

# 12. I am a purchase cardholder and I need to correct a purchase order that is in "Reconciled Approved" status. What can I do?

<u>Answer</u>: The purchase cardholder would have to contact the approver to reject a previously approved reconciliation. The approver would go to the Purchase Card Charge Reconciliation Approval submodule. Change the status of the drop down to "Reconciled Approved" and find the order. Check reject and a reason box will appear. Fill in and hit submit. Once the reconciliation has been rejected, the status will change to "Reconciled Rejected. The purchase cardholder would then follow the same instructions as in # 18 above.

# 4.5 Acronyms

A&MM Acquisition and Material Management

A/P Accounts Payable
A/R Accounts Receivable
AAC Austin Automation Center

AAD Administrative Accounting Division
ACC Accounting Code Classification
ACH Automated Clearing House

ALAC Administrative and Loan Accounting Center
ALC Agency Location Code (Fiscal Systems)

AO Approving Officials

AO Architect-Engineer Order
AO Administrative Office

BCA Budget Clearing Account (36F3875)

BD Billing Document

BDN Benefits Delivery Network

BOC Budget Officer
BOC Bill Of Collection
BOC Budget Object Code

CAATS Centralized Administrative Accounting Transaction System

CAC Centralized Accounting Center
CAT Centralized Accounting Team

CCS Credit Card System
CFO Chief Finance Officer

CO Contract Order
CO Central Office

CP&E Compensation, Pension & Education

CR Cash Receipt

CT Certified Payment Voucher

CX Check Cancellation

CXRC Cancellation Reason Code
DCO Delegated Certifying Official
DD Direct Disbursement/(Deposit)

DFAS Defense Finance and Accounting Services

DLN Document Locator Number
DMC Debt Management Center

DMS Document Management System

DV Disbursement Voucher

EB Expenditure Transfer Between Stations

ED&T Employee Development and Training

EFT Escrow Funds (36X6501E)
EFT Electronic Funds Transfer

EOFY End Of Fiscal Year
ET Expenditure Transfer

ET 90/91 Expenditure Transfer To/From Hines
ETA Enhanced Time and Attendance System
EW Expenditure Transfer Within Stations

EZ Miscellaneous Cash Payment Suspense Fund Voucher

FA Fixed Asset - Acquisition

FAC Federal Acquisition Circular (GSA)
FAR Federal Acquisition Regulation (GSA)

FASAB Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

FB Fixed Asset - Betterment FC Fixed Asset - Modification

FCP Fund Control Point

FD Fixed Asset - Disposition

FL Finance Liaison

FMS Financial Management Service (Dept of Treasury)

FMS Financial Management System

FR Fixed Asset - Transfer

FRPT Authorized Fiscal Transaction Report (C & P)

FSC Financial Services Center FSR Field Service Receipt

FTE/FTEE Full-Time Employee / Full-Time Employee Equivalent

FY Fiscal Year

GAO General Accounting Office

GC General Council

GOALS Government Online Accounting Link System (Treasury)

GOE General Operating Expense

GSA Government

HFC Hines Finance Center
HRC Human Resource Center

IE Internet Explorer

Integrated Funds Distribution, Control Point Activity, Accounting and

JV Journal Voucher
LAN Local Area Network

LOTA Limited Open Travel Authorization

MO Miscellaneous Order

MOU Memorandum Of Understanding

MQAS Management Quality Assurance Reviews

MR Mortgage Loan Receipt

OFM Office Of Financial Management
OFO Office Of Field Operations (VBA)
OIG Office Of the Inspector General
OLCS Online Certification System

OPAC Online Payment and Collections (Treasury Fiscal System)

ORM Office Resources Management (VBA)

PA Privacy Act

PAID Payment Advice Internet Delivery (Treasury)

PCMBL Purchase Card Manual Buying Log

PCS Permanent Change of Station
PFOP Personal Funds of Patient
PIN Personal Identification Number

PL Public Law

POC Point of Contact

PPA Prompt Payment Act of 1982
PS Suspense Payment Voucher

PV Payment Voucher

QAR Quality Assurance Review

RC Receiver

RCHT Receiver Header Table
RCS Record Control Schedule

RFW Reader Focused Writing (VBA)

RLC Regional Loan Center
ROI Return On Investment

Regional Processing Office (Education - Atlanta, Buffalo, Muskogee, &

RPO St. Louis)

RSD Rodgers Software Development (Austin)

RWA Reimbursable Work Authorizations

SA Sub-allowance Document SAH Special Adaptive Housing

SAO Systematic Analysis of Operations

SBP Survivor Benefit Plan

SCA Standardized Cost Adjustment Form

SF Standard Forms
SO Service Order

SOW Statement Of Work

SSD Support Service Division

ST Sub-allowance Transfer Document

SV Standard Voucher

Target (used in ALAC Doc ID for transfer out of suspense done through

TAR BDN)

TB Transit Benefits (36X6501)

TI Transfer In (used in ALAC Doc ID for transfer into suspense)

TIN Taxpayer Identification Number

TDY Temporary Duty
TO Travel Order

TO Transfer Out (used in ALAC Doc ID for transfer out of suspense)

TOP Treasury Offset Program
TSO Time Shared Operations
TR Transfer of Receipt

TV/TY Travel Voucher

UIP Undistributed Intergovernmental Payments (36F3885)

UPVT Unpaid Voucher Table

VA Department of Veterans Affairs
VACO Veterans Affairs Central Office

VAMC Veterans Administrative Medical Center

VAMROC Veterans Administrative Medical and Regional Office Center

VBA Veterans Benefits Administration

VAOPC Veterans Administrative Outpatient Clinic

VR&E Vocational Readiness & Education

VARO Veterans Administrative Regional Office (RO)

VCM Veterans Case Managers
VCS Video Conferencing System
VETSNET Veterans Services Network
VHA Veterans Health Administration

VIS Vendor Inquiry System (VA FSC, Austin)
VISN Veterans Integrated Service Network (VHA)

VSC Veterans Service Center

WWW World Wide Web