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Past Accomplishments and Future Goals

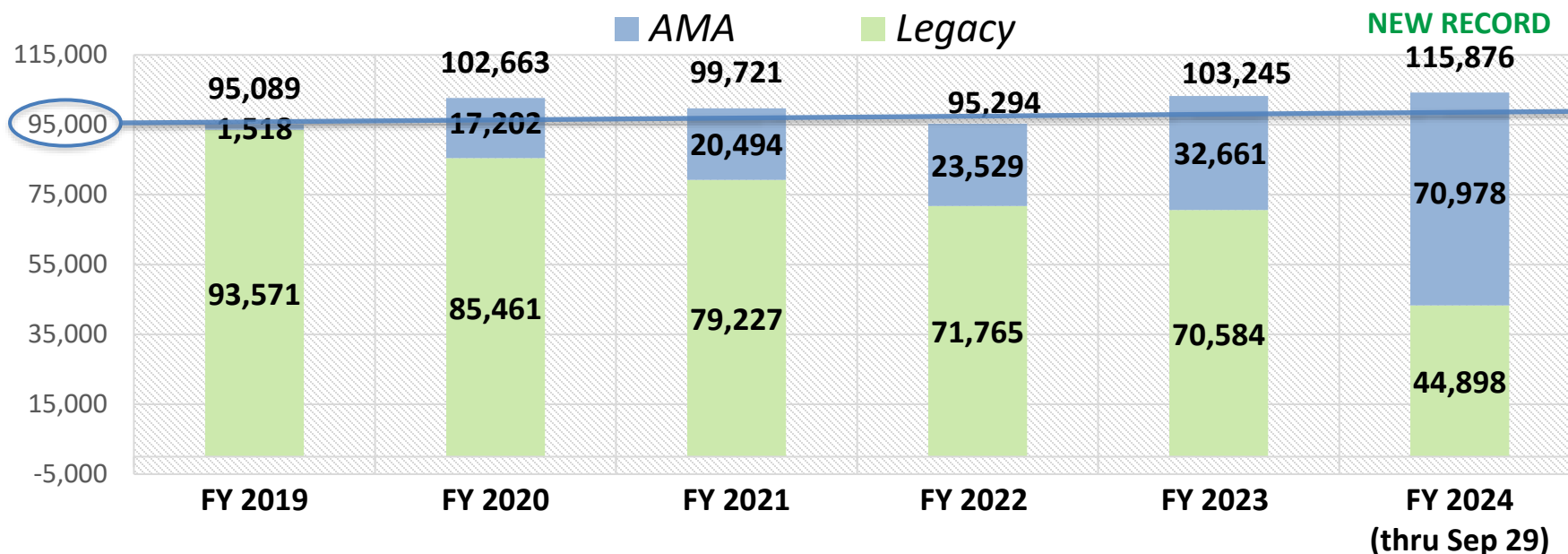
Accomplishments

- The Board of Veterans' Appeals adjudicated and dispatched a historic 103,245 appeals in FY 2023, an 8.3% increase over the 95,294 appeals in FY 2022.
- The Hearings Pending Inventory was reduced to 72,176; this is the second year in a row that the Board has reduced the inventory of pending hearings.
- Legacy Drawdown Update:
 - Original Legacy Appeals Pending Inventory: The number of Original Legacy appeals was reduced from 40,994 in October 2022 to 1,049 as of Sept. 29, a 97% reduction.
 - Legacy Hearings Pending Inventory: The Board has less than 255 Legacy hearings currently pending.

Projections

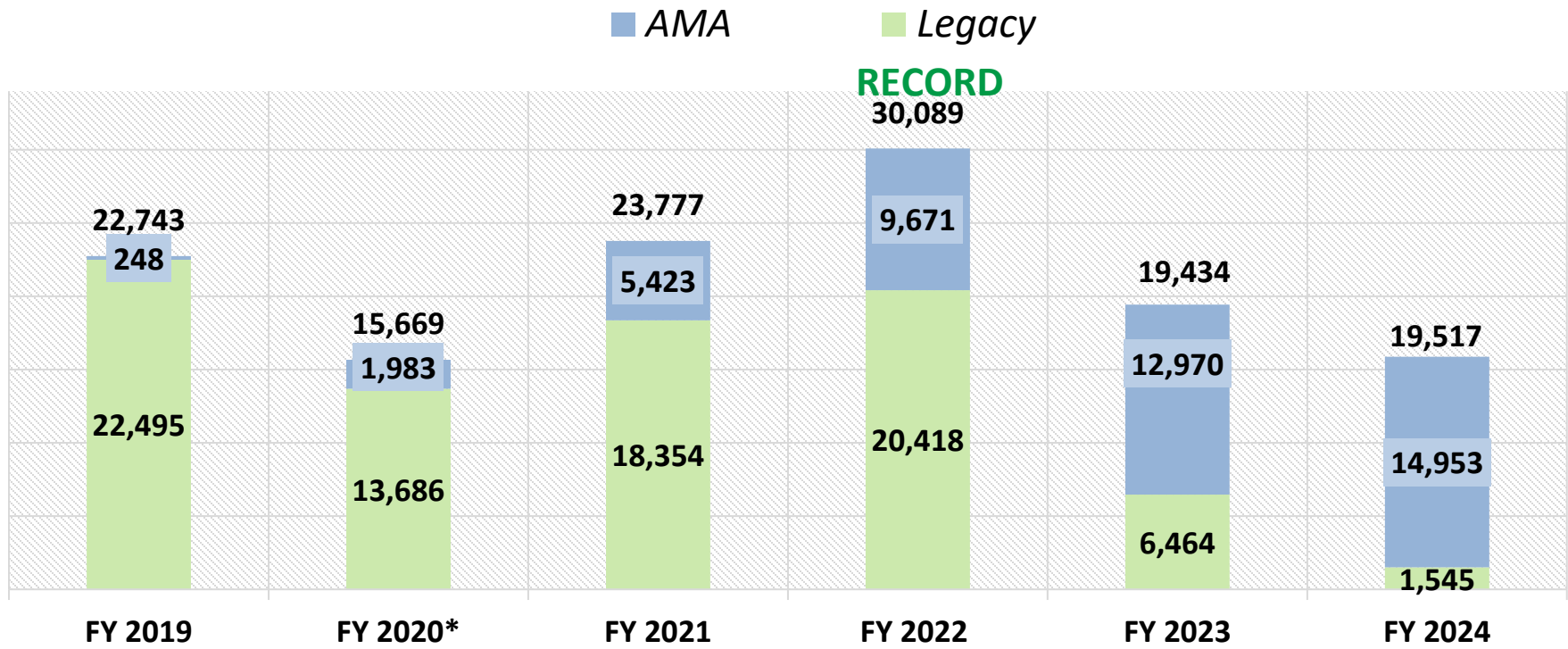
- The Board of Veterans' Appeals is on track to issue over 115,000 decisions in FY 2024.
- As we look to FY 2025, the Board of Veterans' Appeals will adjudicate more AMA decisions than Legacy decisions, and the "AMA to Legacy output ratio" will become significantly more AMA-focused.
- Hiring will slow down in FY 2025, as the Board of Veterans' Appeals will focus on training the attorneys hired these past two years.
- Based on current data trends, we anticipate more good news as we close out this fiscal year!

Appeals Decided: FY 2019-24



- 95,000+ decisions annually for six consecutive years – 611,888 decisions in total
- Legacy challenges persist with (3x/4x/5x) remand receipts projected into FY 2025
- More AMA decisions dispatched every week (39% Legacy / 61% AMA) ←AMA will rise
- **The Board already broke last fiscal year's record for annual decisions dispatched!**

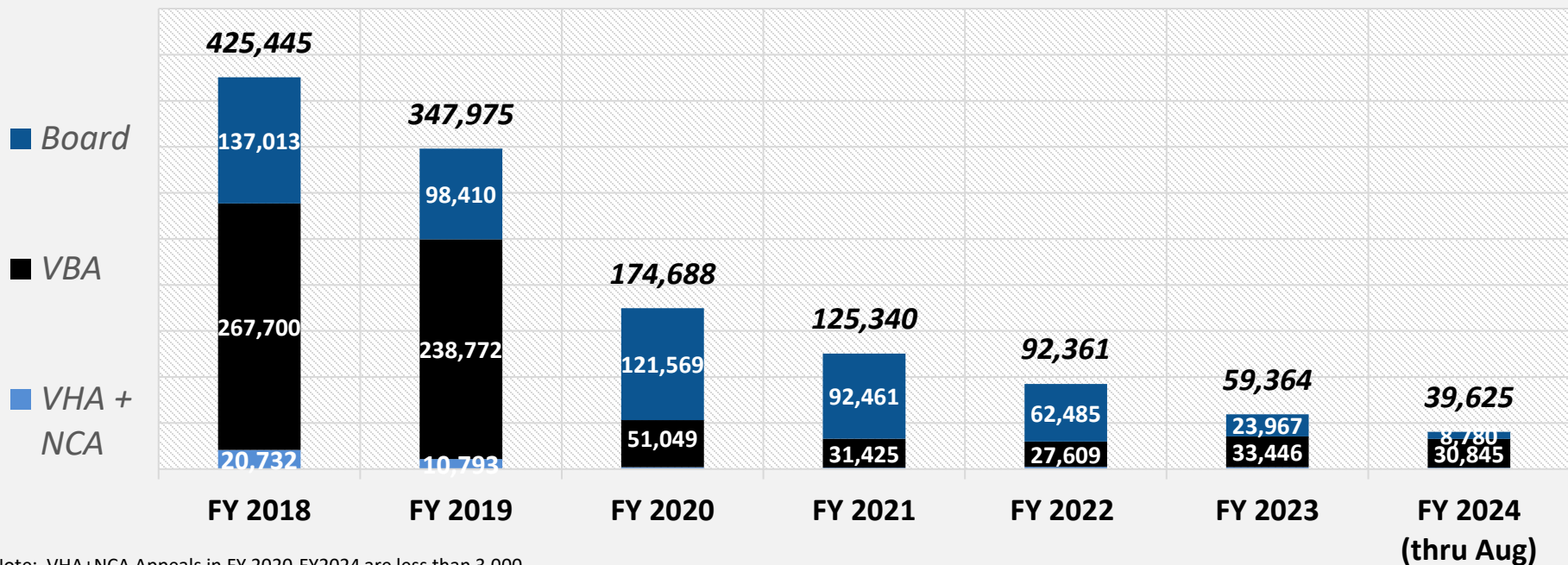
Hearings Held: FY 2019 - 2024



*COVID-19 significantly impacted hearing operations in FY 2020. On pace to conduct 24K+ hearings prior to pandemic. (thru 29 Sep)

- Thru Sept 29 of FY 2024, the **Board scheduled 29,690 hearings but held only 19,517**. This is due to postponements, canceled or withdrawn hearings, or those who "no-show" for many reasons.
 - **34% of hearings scheduled in FY 2024 were canceled, withdrawn, no-shows, or postponed.**

The Legacy Drawdown



Legacy Resolution Prioritization

- 91% reduction in appeals pending since end of FY 2018
 - ✓ 236,000+ less VBA appeals pending
 - ✓ 129,000+ less Board appeals pending
- ~39,625 remain pending; **94% are remanded appeals**

While new NODs are not being accepted under the Legacy system, it can take years for an appeal to move through all the required stages from NOD to SOC to Form 9 to Certification to the Board. Thus, there are still Original Legacy cases that will be certified to the Board's inventory during FY 2025.

Questions?



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