

Georgia Department of Veterans Service



2012 Annual Report

Pete Wheeler, Commissioner

Georgia State Veterans Memorial Cemeteries



The Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, established for the interment of faithful and honorable military veterans, are shrines recognizing all Georgia veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The cemeteries will be greatly revered, not only by the next of kin and family members of those interred therein, but also by patriotic, veteran, military, and civic organizations and the general public as well.

The cemeteries will be administered, operated, and maintained under the highest standards – standards that will require a high degree of vigilance and devotion.

We in the Georgia Department of Veterans Service accept this challenge with honor.

**– Commissioner Pete Wheeler,
Georgia Department of Veterans Service**

REQUIREMENTS FOR BURIAL

1. Anyone who is a veteran under the rules established by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and was separated under other than dishonorable conditions, is eligible for burial in a GVMC.
2. Any member of the Reserves/National Guard who was eligible for retirement pay at the time of death, or would have been entitled to retired pay but for the fact that they were not at least 60 years of age, is eligible.
3. Anyone who, as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, died in the line of duty while on active duty, or active duty for training is eligible.
4. An eligible veteran's spouse may be interred in the same plot as the veteran at a GVMC.
5. The veteran's dependent (unmarried, under age 21, or life-long dependency on the veteran) is eligible. Documentation of eligibility is required.

OTHER RULES

1. The non-veteran spouse/dependent will normally be buried with the veteran.
2. If the veteran has been buried in a plot for cremated remains, the non-veteran spouse/dependent **MUST** also choose a burial designated for cremated remains.
3. A standard upright, granite government provided marker will be used to mark the grave for casket burials and in-ground cremations. A small granite cover will be used for cremated remains in the columbarium.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no charge for the plot, vault, grave markers, or use of the committal chapel for interment service for an eligible veteran or spouse.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

1. Plot: Next available (no pre-selection)
2. Plot: Next available space for cremated remains that are to be buried
3. Niche: Next available for those that are cremated and placed in the columbarium wall
4. Vault: Concrete Lined (double depth for vet and spouse/dependent)
5. Marker: Standard U.S. Government upright granite markers
6. Care: Perpetual care provided by the State





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April 15, 2013

Governor Nathan Deal
Members of the General Assembly
Members of the Veterans Service Board
Citizens of the State of Georgia

Greetings:

Section 38-4-11 of the Code of Georgia reads:

"The Commissioner of Veterans Service shall furnish to the Governor, the members of the General Assembly, the Veterans Service Board, veterans' organizations and the public generally an annual report with reference to claims presented on behalf of veterans of this state, concerning veterans aided under federal, state, or local legislation, and to otherwise report activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Service."

In compliance with the above section, I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Service for the year 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

PETE WHEELER
Commissioner

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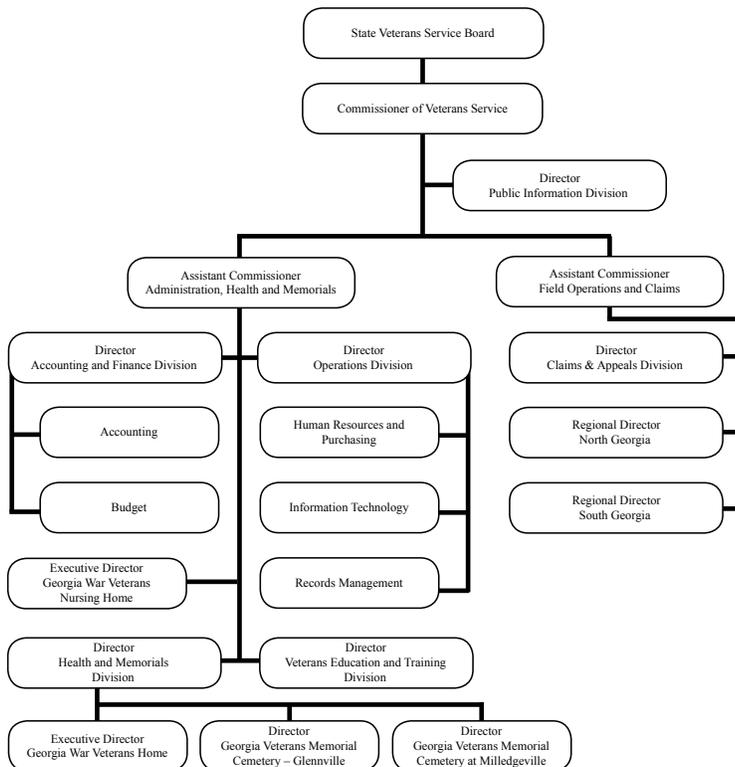
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Department Organization



Veterans Service Board

The Constitution of the State of Georgia specifies the State Board of Veterans Service be composed of seven members. By law each member must be a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and must have served honorably during wartime.

The Governor appoints members who are subject to approval by the State Senate. Board members' terms are staggered and are for seven years. From its membership, the Board annually elects a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Every four years the Board elects a Commissioner, through whom it controls the overall policy of the Department of Veterans Service.

2012 Board Members

Fred T. Fincher, Sr.	Chairman	LaGrange
Ray Hendrix	Vice Chairman	Statesboro
Pat Phillips	Secretary	Blairsville
Shawn Hanley	Member	Atlanta
James K. Hussey, Jr.	Member	Appling
Charles Edward "Eddie" Whitted	Member	Blackshear
Philip G. Youngblood	Member	Quitman



From left: Shawn Hanley; Philip G. Youngblood; Ray Hendrix; Commissioner Wheeler; Fred T. Fincher, Sr.; Pat Phillips; James K. Hussey, Jr. ; Charles Edward "Eddie" Whitted

“*Serving Those Who Served*”

The mission of the Department of Veterans Service is to serve the 776,000+ veterans residing in Georgia, their dependents and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans benefits.

This responsibility falls into two basic tasks: informing veterans and their families about veterans benefits; and directly assisting and advising veterans and their families in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

To support these missions, the department maintains a claims division, field offices, two veterans nursing homes, two veterans cemeteries, and an information division.

The Claims Division’s mission is to process claims and appeals of Georgia veterans.

The Field Offices, located throughout the state, provide direct assistance to veterans at the local level. The department representatives provide counsel and assist veterans in gathering the documents and information required to support their claims.

The veterans nursing homes provide skilled nursing care to Georgia’s war veterans who need those services.

The veterans cemeteries provide final resting places for Georgia’s veterans and their spouses and serve as shrines to their memory and their service to our nation.

The Information Division’s mission is to keep Georgia veterans informed about these issues.

The uninformed may be prone to use the

phrase “duplication of effort” when referring to the functions of the Department of Veterans Service and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; nothing could be further from the truth.

To a veteran seeking benefits from the

VA, the role played by the Department of Veterans Service might be compared to that of an attorney representing a client in court.

The necessity for personal assistance in filing and pursuing claims and in maintaining a continuing information program results from the legal principle that veterans benefits are not awarded automatically – all must be applied for.

The VA pays a veteran exactly what he or she applies for when they are entitled, and no more. The aim of the Department of Veterans Service is to

obtain for a veteran or dependents the benefits to which they are entitled, to tell them when they are entitled, and to assist them in gathering and preparing evidence needed to justify a claim and prove their entitlement.

The advancing age of Korean and Vietnam War veterans, and the frequent changes that occur in veterans benefits legislation, will necessitate the continuance of a variety of veterans programs in the years ahead.

As Congress continues to seek ways to reduce the deficit, veterans benefits will continue to be in a state of flux.

This means veterans will continue to need assistance in interpreting the changes and determining how they impact their personal situation.

MISSIONS:
TO ASSIST GEORGIA’S 776,000+ VETERANS WITH BENEFITS CLAIMS TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION, PENSION AND SERVICES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA).
TO PROVIDE NURSING HOME CARE TO VETERAN PATIENTS AT THE AUGUSTA AND MILLEDGEVILLE STATE VETERANS HOMES.
TO PROVIDE MEMORIAL BENEFITS TO GEORGIA’S VETERANS WHO SERVED FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR NATION AND TO THEIR FAMILIES AT THE GLENNVILLE AND MILLEDGEVILLE STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES THAT ARE SHRINES TO THE MEMORY OF OUR STATE’S HEROES.

VISION:
WE WILL PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY ASSISTANCE TO GEORGIA’S VETERANS TO AID THEM IN OBTAINING ALL THE BENEFITS FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.
WE WILL PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY NURSING HOME SERVICES TO GEORGIA’S VETERAN PATIENTS, AS JUDGED BY VA SURVEYS, STATE INSPECTIONS AND OTHER ACCREDITING AGENCIES.
WE WILL PROVIDE SHRINE STANDARD SERVICES AT GEORGIA’S STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES TO MEMORIALIZE OUR STATE’S FALLEN AND DECEASED HEROES WHO FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES.

VALUES:
WE VALUE THE SERVICE GEORGIA’S VETERANS HAVE PROVIDED TO OUR NATION AND OUR STATE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR NATION AND THE FREEDOMS WE ALL ENJOY BECAUSE OF THAT SERVICE.
WE VALUE THE ONGOING PARTNERSHIP OUR STATE HAS WITH THE VA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE TO GEORGIA’S VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.



Department Functions

◆ Effectuate and carry out the laws of the state pertaining to veterans.

◆ Inform veterans, their dependents, and survivors as to their rights and benefits under federal and state legislation, or local ordinances.

◆ Assist veterans, their dependents, and their beneficiaries in the preparation, presentation, proof, and establishment of such claims, privileges, rights and other benefits accruing to them under federal, state, and local laws.

◆ Report any evidence of incompetence, dishonesty, or negligence on the part of any employee dealing with veterans' affairs.

◆ Do everything possible to promote and protect the rights of Georgia's veterans under federal and state law.

◆ Apply for and accept gifts, grants, and other contributions from the federal government or from any other governmental units.

◆ Construct and operate nursing homes and personal care homes for the benefit of eligible war veterans.

◆ Construct and operate state veterans cemeteries for the benefit of eligible veterans and their dependents.

◆ Advise the Governor, the Board of Veterans Service, and the General Assembly as to needed veterans' legislation.

◆ Maintain files on all veterans who have filed claims for veterans' benefit through the department.

◆ Conduct educational programs by personal appearances before veterans' organizations, service clubs, fraternal groups and other such organizations so as to acquaint the public generally with the work of the department.

◆ Make representatives of the department

available throughout the state to assist all veterans, their dependents, and survivors in preparing and filing claims for benefits and to acquaint them with all legal rights and privileges.

◆ Cooperate with all national, state, and local governmental and private agencies, securing or offering services or any benefits to veterans and their dependents.

◆ Assist and cooperate with all veterans' organizations in their work.

◆ As State Approving Authority, enter into contracts with the federal government for the qualifications, approval, certification, and supervision of educational institutions

and training establishments applying for or participating in federal programs for educating and training veterans.

◆ Assist other states in securing evidence for claims.

◆ Promote enlargement and improvement of VA hospital facilities in the state.

◆ Sponsor observance of Veterans Day in the state.

◆ Certify eligibility for veterans' drivers licenses and honorary drivers' license.

◆ Certify eligibility for disabled veterans' discount at Department of Natural Resources facilities.

◆ Issue Certificates of Exemption from payment of business license tax to qualified veterans.

◆ Assist qualified veterans in obtaining honorary hunting and fishing licenses.

◆ Assist in obtaining special motor vehicle license plates for certain veterans: Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners-of-war, handicapped and disabled veterans, and retired military personnel.

◆ 48 VETERAN FIELD SERVICE OFFICES STATEWIDE
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

◆ 2 STATE VETERANS HOMES AND 2 STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

◆ CLAIMS AND APPEALS DIVISION
AT THE ATLANTA VA REGIONAL OFFICE IN DECATUR

◆ VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION
WITH POST 9/11 GI BILL OVERSIGHT FOR STATEWIDE
HIGHER EDUCATION, OJT AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

◆ FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS IN VA MEDICAL CENTERS,
OUTPATIENT CLINICS AND STATE VETERANS NURSING HOMES

◆ ~400,000 VETERAN-RELATED VISITS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2012



Veterans Education and Training Division

(State Approving Agency)

By law, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service is designated as the State Approving Agency, responsible for approving and supervising all institutions and establishments in Georgia, which offer education and training under the provisions of the Veterans Educational Assistance Program.

The State Approving Agency has the function of ensuring that approved institutions and establishments meet and maintain acceptable standards so that eligible persons who attend may receive educational assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

This includes all public and private schools and all establishments offering apprenticeship and other on-the-job training. The satisfactory performance of these duties requires extensive knowledge in education administration and understanding the laws and regulations that govern and control the Veterans Educational Assistance Program.

Georgia veterans enrolled in college degree and professional programs, technical career programs, vocational programs, to include flight training and on-the-job training programs exceeded 24,000 during 2012.

The Montgomery GI Bill education program, initiated in 1985, remains a great success. This program expanded the education benefits program to include vocational, technical, flight, correspondence, and apprenticeship training for reservists and veterans.

“The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008,” the newest education benefit program expanded the benefits available to certain service members and veterans with active duty military service after September 11, 2001. This GI Bill program was implemented on August 1, 2009. More than 16,000 Georgia veterans used this GI Bill during 2012.

Congress passed the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010 and it was signed by the president. This bill

makes significant improvements such as adding OJT/Apprenticeship and Non-College degree schools, Vocational schools and Flight schools to what is covered under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The changes were effective October 1, 2011.

This new GI Bill has been described as “the most comprehensive education benefits package since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.” For veterans qualified at the 100% tier, the program pays tuition and fees, a housing allowance, and a book stipend.

The Department of Defense has approved a “Transferability of Education Benefits” option for the Post – 9/11 GI Bill. This is a DOD retention program requiring active duty veterans to commit to a four year extension to their six or more year active duty commitment. DOD eligibility requirements must be met.

In 2012, the approval of educational institutions and training establishments for the education of Georgia veterans resulted in the processing of 6,341 individual actions in the approval, re-approval, withdrawal and compliance survey process. The State Approving Agency also conducted regular inspection visits to ensure that approval criteria and schools’ standards of progress are being followed as prescribed by law. The SAA began conducting compliance survey inspections in FY 2012 using VA standards.

During 2012, personnel assigned to the Veterans Educational and Training Division conducted about 235 visits for the purpose of approval, re-approval, inspection and compliance surveys. Currently, the department monitors more than 1,550 educational institutions and training establishments.

In 2012, GDVS continued to expand opportunities for Georgia veterans to receive their Education Benefits while enrolled in approved On-The-Job Training (OJT) and Apprenticeship programs. For more information on all GI Bill programs go to: www.gibill.va.gov.



Public Information Division

The Public Information Division collects, evaluates, and disseminates information to veterans regarding benefits changes in laws, and proper procedures to be followed in the filing of claims.

When appropriate, the division mails news and information releases concerning veterans affairs to newspapers, radio and television stations throughout Georgia.

The releases are used to inform veterans about the latest changes regarding veterans affairs and to provide information on the status of proposed or pending legislation which may affect them.

Field personnel promote the department and the services it provides by their frequent contacts with the news media in their respective areas.

Public speaking forums are an important ingredient of the department's overall information program. All department personnel are encouraged to accept speaking engagements at meetings of veterans organizations and civic clubs. These personal appearances provide excellent opportunities for telling the veterans benefits story. Department personnel also participate in local radio talk shows and make presentations at local schools.

The Public Information Division compiles, edits, and publishes a series of pamphlets explaining in detail the various benefits available to veterans, their dependents, and survivors. These pamphlets are updated as changes occur in laws, regulations, or benefits.

Through an aggressive internal

communication program, the Division keeps the field offices informed about changes in the law and policy interpretations that impact veterans.

The Public Information Division maintains the department's online presence, including its website and several social media channels.

Veterans, their families, and all others

interested in veteran-related news are encouraged to follow @gavetsvc on Twitter, where the department is leveraging the social media service to share the latest news of the day as it happens.

Those interested in more in-depth news and a chance to interact with other veterans and veteran

advocates are encouraged to "like" the Georgia Department of Veterans Service's page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/gavetsvc.

Although the department is always seeking to keep abreast of the latest trends in media, www.veterans.georgia.gov remains the source of official Georgia Department of Veterans Service information.

The website contains news releases, information about Commissioner Wheeler, state veterans benefits, the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta, the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemeteries in Milledgeville and Glennville, locations of the Field Offices, and approved OJT/Apprenticeships facilities.

In 2012, the site transitioned to a new design platform, which enabled several new features and improved the department's online outreach efficiency.



facebook.com/gavetsvc twitter.com/gavetsvc



Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home

The Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta is a 192-bed skilled nursing care facility located adjacent to the campus of Georgia Regents University and the Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home is operated under an interagency agreement between the Georgia Department of Veterans Service and Georgia Regents University.

Primarily, the facility provides medical and skilled nursing services to Georgia's aged and infirm veterans. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home also serves as a teaching facility to acquaint medical, dental, pharmacy, and allied health students with the medical conditions and diseases of the aged. This provides students with practical experience and helps them gain expertise in treating the disabled and the elderly.

Also located at the facility is a GDVS Veterans Field Service Office that serves veterans of Richmond and Columbia counties.

Dedicated in 1969, the facility was the first of its kind in the nation to be built with financial grant assistance from the federal government. It is one of a select group of such institutions that is accredited by the Joint Commission.

In fiscal year 2012, the nursing home provided 59,698 days of care to Georgia's veterans with an average age of 82. During the

year, there were 272 admissions and 263 discharges with an average length of stay of 206 days.

Services to patients included 6,141 physical therapy treatments and 4,934 individual occupational therapy procedures.

Veteran patients were

treated by a medical director and family medicine residents providing daily physician coverage. Other services were provided by a certified activities therapist and staff, two facility social workers and a staff of registered, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants.

To help provide care and treatment, the federal government, through the Department of Veterans Affairs, provided financial assistance totaling in excess of \$5.2 million during fiscal year 2012.

Throughout the year, veteran service organizations, civic and fraternal organizations and religious groups demonstrated their concern for the well-being of veteran patients through numerous donations, visits, and sponsorship of frequent activities for Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home residents.



Georgia War Veterans Home

The Georgia War Veterans Home, situated on approximately 17 acres in Milledgeville, is a 375-bed facility licensed and certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirm Georgia war veterans. United Veteran Services of Georgia, Inc., a subsidiary of UHS-Pruitt Corporation of Norcross, operates the home for the Department of Veterans Service under a contractual agreement.

The home operated three skilled nursing care facilities in 2012, which included the Richard B. Russell Building with 86 budgeted beds; the Joe T Wood Building with 140 budgeted beds; and the Alzheimer's Wing of the Pete Wheeler Building with 24 budgeted beds.

The GDVS field office serving Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Washington, and Wilkinson counties is located in the Wheeler Building Rotunda. Veteran-related contacts for this field office totaled 15,402 for 2012. This office also serves the 250 veterans of the Georgia War Veterans Home by assisting with compensation and pension claims, counseling services, and family-related issues.

Construction projects at the Georgia War Veterans Home for 2012 consisted of renovations to the Wheeler Bldg "A" Wing for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (\$411,983). This clinic will serve 5,000 veterans within the local community along with the veteran patients residing at the Georgia War Veterans Home.

The Office of Regulatory Services of the Georgia Department of Human Resources conducted an unannounced licensure survey of each skilled nursing unit in January 2013 and found no deficiencies. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs conducted its annual survey in July; the home was determined to be in compliance with VA standards and was certified for continued operation as a state veterans home.

In 2012, veteran patients at the home received 85,593 days of skilled nursing care. The nursing home admitted 97 patients during the year and had 59 discharges/deaths. The average length of stay for current skilled veteran patients is 1,337 days or 3.6 years.

Federal assistance in funding a portion of the cost of providing care to veterans in the home amounted to \$7,505,182. As in previous years, many veterans service organizations, civic groups, and church groups continued their sponsorship of numerous activities such as movies, games, dance parties, bingo, picnics, and other activities and programs for the general well-being of the veteran patients at the home. Groups and individuals that comprised the equivalent of 1,552 individual volunteers providing in excess of 5,593 hours of time valued at over \$121,871.47 presented over 647 activities during the year.

The value of in-kind donations made available to the home was \$40,515.98. Groups and individuals also provided direct monetary donations of \$31,367.80 during the year.



GVMC-Milledgeville

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Milledgeville is located approximately 5 miles

south of downtown Milledgeville along Georgia Highway 112. This cemetery, established on 142 acres the Georgia Department of Veterans Service received from the Georgia Forestry Commission, includes an administration/visitor center with a state of the art information

booth, a committal chapel, a carillon, and 12 columbarium shelters for cremations. Cemetery grounds also include a six-acre lake and a three-acre, multi-tier walled ceremonial area available for use by veterans organizations on remembrance days, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

In May 2011, construction was completed on Phase II of the cemetery. This phase encompassed about 10 acres and added approximately 1,300 casketed burial plots and 600 cremation plots in the cemetery. The cemetery will eventually be the final resting place for more than 100,000 eligible veterans, their spouses and eligible dependents.

There were 195 burials in 2012, making the total-to-date 1,924 veterans, spouses, and dependents buried at the GVMC. The burials are composed of 1,351 casketed burials, 328 cremations in the columbarium, 226 in-ground cremations, and 19 memorial markers.

The avenue of flags is displayed when ceremonies are held at the cemetery, such as Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America. In addition, it is displayed on Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

Flags were placed on all burial sites and at the front entrance of the cemetery in recognition of Memorial Day. The Knights of Columbus,

Patriot Guard, and members of the 48th Infantry Brigade conducted a ceremony attended by approximately 200 people.



In November, the GVMC was presented with a Blue Star Memorial Marker by the Milledgeville Garden Club Council. This marker is to honor our service men and women who have served, are serving, or will be serving in the armed services of the United States. The marker

is placed near the front entrance of the cemetery.

On December 15, 2012, the cemetery hosted its annual Wreaths Across America ceremony honoring our past and present military. Seven wreaths were presented honoring each branch of our Armed Forces, Merchant Marines and POWs/MIAs. The ceremony included members of the Patriot Guard Riders, cadets from the Augusta Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol, and representatives from each branch of service. The Worcester Wreath Company provided the seven wreaths for the ceremony. The cemetery received approximately 600 donated wreaths, which were placed on graves following the ceremony.

The cemetery has many visitors each year. Some are visiting grave sites, some are seeking information about the cemetery and burial requirements, and many have just heard about the cemetery and want to see the grounds.

Cemetery staff members remain active in the local community by meeting frequently with business groups, veterans organizations, and church groups.

The GVMC's hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding official state holidays. The cemetery is open to families, visitors and the general public seven days each week from 8 a.m. to dusk.



GVMC-Glennville

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Glennville is situated on the 42.6-acre site of the former Dyess

Farm, just north of the Glennville city limits on U.S. Highway 301, 25 miles west of the main post of Fort Stewart. The initial 26-acre phase of the cemetery contains 1,400 pre-placed in-ground double vaults, for eligible veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependents; 766 conventional single depth sites; 1,384

cremation interment sites, which include a columbarium and in-ground sites; and 429 spaces for memorial markers. These memorial markers are placed in memory of those veterans whose remains are unavailable for burial.

GVMC–Glennville was dedicated on November 28, 2007, and will eventually be the final resting place for more than 21,000 veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependents. As of December 31, 2012, there were 491 veterans, spouses, and family members interred.

A key feature of the cemetery is the collocation of the Glennville Veterans Field Service Office, which provides assistance to veterans and their families in Bryan, Liberty, Long, Tattnall, and Wayne counties.

In 2012, GVMC–Glennville hosted its annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Glennville American Legion post and the Glennville Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Col. Kimo C. Gallahue, Commander of Fort Stewart’s 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. He took the opportunity to inform the crowd of the importance of Memorial Day as a time to honor today’s soldiers as well

as soldiers of the past who have all sacrificed. He spoke of today’s soldiers growing up in the shadow of 9/11, to many of them serving



multiple tours in Iraq and now Afghanistan, and to the ones who came home in flag-draped caskets. He urged the crowd to keep the barbecues going, enjoy the parades, and celebrate at the concerts while remembering on this day and every day the sacrifice and price paid for our freedom. Also, Cemetery Director Ernie

Cowart spoke the beginnings of the holiday to its place in today’s world. Over 100 people attended the ceremony during a rainy spring day.

For Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Boy Scout Troop 929 placed U.S. flags at the grave sites of the veterans interred in the cemetery. In December, the Bonaventure Children of the American Revolution Society sponsored a Wreaths Across America ceremony to place wreaths at all the interment sites in the cemetery. The Air Force JROTC of Effingham County High School took part in the ceremony and provided the color guard. Stephanie Lawless, director of the Toombs County High School Band, performed “Taps.” Also involved in the ceremony were members of the Brunswick Civil Air Patrol and area Boy Scouts. A crowd of more than 150 people attended the ceremony and then helped place wreaths at the graves.

Cemetery staff members remain active in the local community by meeting frequently with business groups, veterans organizations, and other various groups.

GVMC–Glennville’s hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding official state holidays. The cemetery is open to families, visitors, and the general public seven days each week from 8 a.m. to dusk.



Statistical Report

OVERVIEW

Office Visits	145,649
Other Visits	228,697
Hearings	4,423

SERVICES & TRANSACTIONS – FEDERAL BENEFITS

Compensation and Pension	33,830
DIC and Death Pension	4,839
Eligibility Verification Reports	4,848
Education, Training, and Vocational Rehabilitation	3,325
Notices of Disagreement and Appeals Filed	2,780
Medical	13,685
Insurance and Burials	358
Loans, Powers of Attorney, and Changes of Address	177,698
Advice	176,432

SERVICES & TRANSACTIONS – STATE BENEFITS

Driver's License	8,693
Business License	163
State Veterans Home Application	587
License Plates	1,525
Natural Resources	1,509
Tax Exemptions	1,536
Preference Points	412
Welfare Assistance	2,913



Statistical Report Definitions

OFFICE VISIT: A visit to a Veterans Field Service Office by a veteran, family member, or other interested individual to inquire about, or make application for, veterans benefits provided by the federal government or the State of Georgia. It includes the provision of advice and assistance to the individual(s), the completion of forms or other correspondence or documentation related to veterans benefits.

OTHER VISIT: A telephone call, email, mail, or telefax made to or received from a veteran, family member, or other interested individual to inquire or advise about veterans benefits provided by the federal government or the State of Georgia. It includes the provision of advice and assistance to the individual(s).

HEARING: A hearing is conducted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to review and adjudicate an appeal of a previous decision by the VA and is conducted by a hearing officer or judge of the VA. It includes the preparation by a claims and appeals officer (VCAO) and the actual presentation at the formal hearing in person or by electronic means by a VCAO.

The following categories include the initiation and/or completion of an application for benefits as defined:

COMPENSATION AND PENSION: Claims for monetary benefits submitted by veterans, dependents, or survivors.

DIC AND DEATH PENSION: Dependents Indemnity Compensation and Death Pension.

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT: Required for pension benefits and/or the annual certification of income for medical benefits.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION: Includes educational benefits at an institution of higher learning, on-the-job training, or apprenticeship training, as provided in the current educational benefits of the "GI Bill." Referral to the GDVS Veterans Education & Training Division or the VA Regional Office Educational Benefits office is included as part of this service or transaction.

NOD AND APPEALS: Notice of Disagreement or

Appeal related to a claim application for VA benefits.

MEDICAL: Treatment of medical or dental conditions, admission to health care facilities, and vocational rehabilitation.

INSURANCE AND BURIALS: Insurance claims and applications for burial benefits (grave markers and interment in veterans cemeteries).

LOANS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS: Loan benefits, advice on eligibility requirements, normal processing methods, etc.; applications for designation of power of attorney for GDVS to act on behalf of the veteran with VA claims actions; advice on making a change of address using VA's processes.

ADVICE: Advice provided to a veteran or family member about benefits. As a result of advice provided to a client, other services or transactions may be provided at the same time or at a later visit.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Georgia Veteran's Driver's License, Honorary Driver's License, or National Guard Driver's License.

BUSINESS LICENSE: Certificates issued to certain disabled veterans exempting them from the payment of business license taxes.

STATE VETERANS HOME APPLICATION: Admission to a State Veterans Home.

LICENSE PLATES: Commemorative service, disabled veteran, military award, etc.

NATURAL RESOURCES: A park pass provided to eligible veterans and the submission of the application to the GDVS Central Office for approval and issuance.

TAX EXEMPTIONS: Tax exemptions for which the veteran may be eligible.

PREFERENCE POINTS: Provision of paperwork documenting service in the U.S. Armed Forces for use in employment application to State of Georgia.

WELFARE ASSISTANCE: Advice regarding an application for welfare benefits.



GDVS Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012

<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
State Appropriation	20,340,315	20,004,988
Federal Revenues	14,991,882	14,929,196
Other Funds	1,454,938	1,452,338
	36,787,135	36,386,522

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Personal Services	6,986,101	6,937,453
Regular Operating Expenses	824,020	776,448
Motor Vehicle Purchases	27,374	27,374
Computer Charges	44,109	44,043
Real Estate Rentals	285,585	284,046
Telecommunications	168,789	164,900
Capital Outlay	2,892,697	2,892,696
Contracts	14,759,568	14,759,325
Other	735	735
Medical College of Georgia	10,179,283	10,179,282
ROE for Projects and Insurance	618,874	320,220
	36,787,135	36,386,522

VA Monetary Benefits & Definitions

Listed below is a report of the monetary benefits received by the veterans and the dependent survivors of deceased veterans in Georgia during federal fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012). The figures were provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(See pages 66-73 for more detailed breakdown of these figures.)

Compensation and Pension
\$2,090,187,000

Medical Care
\$1,260,142,000

Construction
\$31,441,000

Insurance and Indemnities
\$48,953,000

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation
\$388,892,000

General Operating Expenses
\$109,235,000

Total
\$3,928,851,000

Compensation and Pension: Benefits expenditures for the following categories: compensation payments, pension payments, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, and burial allowances.

Medical Care: Operating expenses incurred through the provision of health care services to veterans. The specific programs reported for this category are: medical care, General Post Fund, medical and prosthetic research, and miscellaneous accounts.

Construction: Funding for Major Projects, Minor Projects, Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities, and Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries.

Insurance and Indemnities: Expenditures for death claims, matured endowments, dividends, cash surrender payments, total disability income provision payments, and total and permanent disability benefits payments.

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation: Expenditures in this category include: automobile and adaptive equipment, specially adapted housing, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35), Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans (Chapter 31), Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance (Chapter 32), Montgomery G.I. Bill for Selected Reserves (Chapter 1606), Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607), Montgomery G.I. Bill (Chapter 30), Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance (Chapter 33).

General Operating Costs: General Operating Expenses represent the costs necessary to provide administration and oversight for the benefits provided by VA. This includes costs for overhead and human resources [to operate VA's regional office, hospitals, health clinics, nursing homes, and domiciliary facilities in Georgia]. This category does not include payments made directly to beneficiaries.





**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE
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March 11, 2013

Mr. Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Georgia State Department of Veterans Services
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you some of the accomplishments and events that took place at the Atlanta Regional Office (RO) during fiscal year (FY) 2012 which ended on September 30, 2012. Last year was another busy year for both of our organizations.

During FY12 we were glad to be selected to be one of the initial stations to implement VBA's Transformation plan which will move us to an electronic claims processing environment. This transformation occurred during the fourth quarter and has allowed us to streamline our claims processes in an effort to reduce claim processing timeliness. It also allowed us to prepare to transform from a paper processing model to a self-service, electronic based claims processing model.

Veterans Service Center (Compensation)

During FY 12, the Veterans Service Center (VSC) completed 38,441 rating claims with an average of 210 days to complete a claim. This level of productivity exceeded the established target of 34,934 by 10 percent. In FY 2013, the VSC will continue to focus on reducing the rating inventory of claims pending more than 125 days as well as reaching the 2015 goal of 98% quality.

The Atlanta VSC received 38,080 claims last year, which represents a 1.3 percent increase in claims received compared to FY 11.

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) is at three Army installations and two Air Force Bases in the state of Georgia. Those military installations include Fort Stewart, Fort Benning, Fort Gordon, Moody Air Force Base, and Robins Air Force Base. The IDES program involves coordination between VA and the Department of Defense (DOD) to ensure expedited claims processing for Service-members going through the Medical Evaluation Board process.



The Military Service Coordinators (MSCs) continue to be involved with Yellow Ribbon events held throughout Georgia and other locations for the purpose of providing VA entitlement information. Additionally, MSCs conduct outreach activities that include TAP/DTAP briefings at Moody AFB, Warner Robins AFB, Fort Stewart, Hunter AAF, Fort Gordon, Fort Benning, and the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany. In FY12, the Atlanta RO was selected as one of the first sixteen stations to deploy the full integration of the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Transformation Plan (Transformation). Transformation consists of multiple initiatives designed to collectively transform People, Process, and Technology to meet established goals by 125 days for claims processing with a 98 percent accuracy rate, increasing access to benefits and services and ending Veteran homelessness by 2015.

In FY13, the Atlanta RO continues to lead the way through Transformation with the implementation of VBMS (Veterans Benefits Management System), VBA's new online claims processing system.

In order to be successful with Secretary Shinseki's Transformation Plan to eliminate Veteran homelessness by the year 2015, the Homeless Veterans Coordinator has become involved in all stages of the claims process to expedite development. Currently, the Atlanta RO has a total of 80 homeless claims pending and is meeting the homeless average days pending goal of 75 days.

EDUCATION

The Atlanta Regional Processing Office (RPO) is responsible for 17.4% of the nationwide education benefits workload.

The RPO processed 551,804 claims in FY12 (including the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program). The Average Days to Complete for original claims processing increased 17.3% from 29.5 days in FY11 to 34.6 days in FY2012. The Average Days to Complete for supplemental claims increased 41.9% from 12.9 days in FY11 to 18.3 days in FY12. In FY13, the automation of Post 9/11 GI Bill supplemental claims should have a positive effect on reducing timeliness in processing as early indications are that at least 40% of supplemental claims will be automated.

Since the Post-9/11 GI Bill was implemented, the RPO has continuously experienced a steady increase in workload. The workload in FY12 was 15.6% greater than the same period in FY2011. On October 1, 2011, several procedural changes for the Post-9/11 GI Bill were implemented which expanded the program to offer benefits to those with Title 32 service, those enrolled in non-college degree (NCD) schools, and those claimant's with programs of: on-the-job training (OJT), apprenticeship, and flight training.

On May 14, 2012, the RPO began accepting applications for the latest benefit program, Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP); this program offers education benefits under the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. During FY2012, the RPO processed over 15,513 VRAP applications and approved VRAP payments to 11,726 unemployed Veterans.



In the area of Customer Service, the RPO assisted 31,712 students via Internet inquiries and interviewed 6,290 students visiting the RPO. The Outreach Section of the Education Division presented information at twenty-nine (29) Outreach events during 2012 that provided information to school certifying officials and veterans. Telephone inquiries regarding education benefits continued to be processed in the Educational Call Center located in Muskogee, Ok.

Loan Guaranty

Fiscal Year 2012 completed the first operational year for the national Certificate of Eligibility function at the Atlanta Regional Loan Center (RLC) after consolidation from Winston-Salem, NC the previous year. During FY12, we issued 444,448 Certificates of Eligibility and answered 232,444 phone calls. As a national telephone unit, our Loan Production staff continues to provide "ICARE" service which is evidenced with positive feedback received from Veterans, their beneficiaries, and participating lenders.

The Atlanta RLC continued to lead the nation in number of VA loans closed with 80,253. This accomplishment represents more than six consecutive years leading the nation in this category. During this period, the Atlanta RLC generated approximately 15% of all VA loans closed nationally. During FY 2012, our Construction & Valuation Section processed 54,026 appraisals which ranked second among the eight Regional Loan Centers.

Our Loan Production and Loan Administration staffs continued to provide training and outreach to veterans, lenders, and real estate professional involved in this worthy benefit. During this past year, we attended over 27 outreach events and had direct contact with over 1,245 program participants. We again enjoyed our participation in Mr. Wheeler's Supermarket Event for Veterans, and we will continue to support this event in the future.

Our Loan Administration staff assisted 4,565 veterans and their families in avoiding foreclosure through one of our successful alternatives. We approved 151 Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grants totaling \$8.14 million dollars to our most deserving disabled veterans. The delivery of the SAH grant benefit continues to be our most rewarding accomplishment and our highest priority.

We look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year with confidence that our management staff and employees will meet them head-on with an "ICARE" attitude and enormous respect and gratitude for the sacrifices of the veterans we serve.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Division (VR&E) continues to be active in establishing early intervention strategies with Service members preparing for discharge from active duty. These activities include ongoing efforts with the Coming Home to Work (CHTW) program at Fort Gordon (Augusta), GA, Fort Benning



(Columbus), GA, and Fort Stewart (Savannah), GA. The CHTW program targets active duty service members who are within six months of being discharged; with emphasis on those who are in medical hold status. VR&E staff is able to begin the steps of the Chapter 31 initial assessment, entitlement determination, adjustment counseling, vocational exploration, and other preparations for their eventual discharge from active duty. This year we also hired 13 Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) Counselors in preparation for service delivery needs to the increased number of Service members returning home. These Counselors are tasked with supporting all IDES Service members.

The Atlanta VR&E office maintains an active workload, which is the fourth largest in the nation, with an average open case count of approximately 4,841. In FY 2012, this VR&E office received 4,189 applications for Chapter 31, VR&E services. This first Quarter of FY 2013 produced 870 applications for these services and, the Division continues to assist veterans in returning to suitable, competitive employment. The number of Veterans receiving Independent Living services under Chapter 31, continued to be a significant portion of the national workload. The program targets Veterans whose disabilities would prevent them from participating in competitive employment. Program goals are targeted for independent functioning in the home and community, to the maximum extent possible.

Conclusion

As we enter FY 13, our goal continues to be to improve the service that we provide to Georgia Veterans. We are striving to increase our role as advocates for our Veterans and their families. I am thankful for the outstanding partnership that we have in our joint effort to provide services to Georgia Veterans. I look forward to this relationship continuing to grow during the upcoming year. As always, we look forward to working with you and your staff serving Veterans in 2013. Thank you for your efforts and support during the year.

Our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



A. Bocchicchio
Director



Since 1954 ...

The Veterans Day Ceremony at the Capitol



Governor Deal signs Veterans Day Proclamation with Commissioner Wheeler, State Rep. John Yates, State Sen. Ed Harbison, Veterans Service Organizations and members of the Georgia National Guard in attendance



Wreaths Across America



*Wreaths Across America
at Veterans Memorial
Cemetery at Milledgeville*



*Wreaths Across America at
Veterans Memorial
Cemetery -- Glennville*



Commissioner's Activities



2012 Cost of Freedom Classic Golf Tournament, honoring Commissioner Wheeler, raises funds for Atlanta's homeless veterans program



Social Security Administration Memorial Day observance: Carlos Morgan (ATL VAMC rep), Michael Grochowski (SE Regional Commissioner, SSA), USAF Col. (Ret.) Wayne Waddell (Ex-POW, Vietnam War), Rodney Taylor (Deputy SER Commissioner), Commissioner Wheeler



"Marvin Myers Leadership Award" in recognition and thanks for his (Commissioner's) work on behalf of GA veterans. From the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta, Inc. at the 2012 "Freedom Ball"



2012 Georgia Veterans Day Parade



Commissioner's Activities



Commissioner Wheeler speaks at Iraq Veterans Welcome Home event in Rome



World War II Veterans honored in Barnesville



Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Commissioner Wheeler, retired Sen. Sam Nunn at OIF/OEF Veterans Awareness Luncheon at Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins



Commissioner Wheeler reviews new Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Carrollton



Commissioner Wheeler participates in dedication of new Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Milledgeville



GDVS Activities



Dale Bell, manager of Athens VFSO, attends the Georgia National Guard's Family Readiness Conference, an annual event honoring volunteers who support the National Guard community during all phases of deployment.



Columbus VFSO employees Cynthia Gilyard and Lionel Haynes attend a VA Stand Down at Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System East Campus (VAMC-Tuskegee).



Local veterans honor Rita Barnhart, manager of Canton VFSO, for her years of work.



Dedication of flagpole at Dalton VFSO



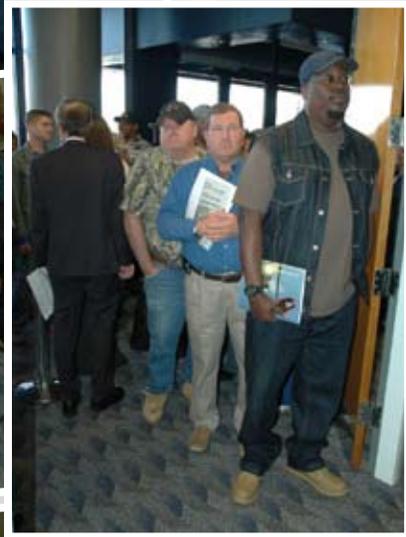
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Supermarket of Veterans Benefits



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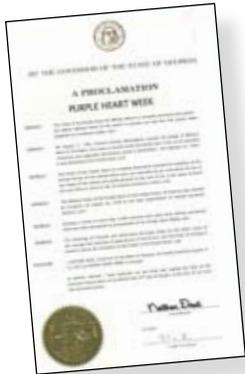
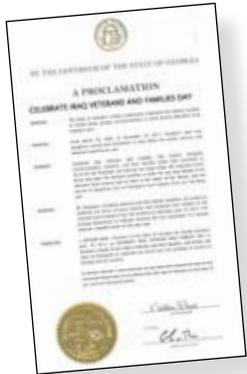
Honoring Our Veterans



Proclamation for Vietnam Veterans Day



Memorial Day at Capitol



Memorial Day at Marietta National Military Cemetery



Georgia's Veterans Service Organizations

In rendering service to the veterans of Georgia, the Department of Veterans Service works closely with the state's veterans organizations and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

This Department sincerely appreciates the leaders of the veterans organizations in Georgia, who so generously give their time, energy, and expertise in conducting the Department Commanders Conference. The group meets periodically and when called upon, and advises and assists this Department in its group activities.

The Department also appreciates the auxiliary presidents of Georgia veterans organizations for their cooperation and assistance in programs and activities.

As in years past, Commissioner Wheeler or key staff members participated in their annual state conventions presenting information to delegates about ongoing SDVS activities and issues that impact Georgia veterans.



*Governor Deal presents the
2012 Veterans Day Proclamation
on behalf of all Georgia veterans*

Georgia's VSO Leadership



American Ex-Prisoners of War
Ray Reiersen
State Commander
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Georgia Military Officers Association of America
Buddy Johnson
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The American Legion
Bill Lienhop
State Commander
Susie Mash
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Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance
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AMVETS
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State Commander
Mary Duncan
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Jewish War Veterans of America
Joseph Kraut
State Commander
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Marine Corps League
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Commandant, Dept. of Georgia
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Atlanta World War II Roundtable
John Kovach
Adjutant
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Military Order of the Purple Heart
John W. Wilder
State Commander
Molly Ware
Auxiliary President
www.gapurpleheart.org



Blinded Veterans Association
Joesph McNeil
State President
Gwendolyn McNeil
Auxiliary President
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Reserve Officers Association
Tim Hoon
State President
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Cheryl Faglier
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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA



December 18, 2012

**Commissioner Pete Wheeler
Georgia Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building Suite E-970
Atlanta, Ga. 30334**

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

On behalf of the American Legion Department of Georgia, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our Veterans in this great State of Georgia. This year was another tough year of budget cuts, but you and your staff were able to maintain the facilities in a very professional manner and assist our Veterans with their needs.

I congratulate you and your staff for a successful Super Market of Veterans Benefits in Albany, Georgia this year. Many Veterans were able to access their benefits and make claims through your professional staff.

The American Legion, Department of Georgia, stands ready to assist you should you need us. With teamwork we can accomplish many objectives and overcome obstacles. Thank you again for your steadfast leadership, and most of all, your friendship.

For GOD and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Lienhop".

**Bill Lienhop
Department Commander**

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December 19, 2012

Commissioner Pete Wheeler
Georgia Department of Veterans Service
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

Serving this year as State President of The American Legion Auxiliary, we the ladies of the world's largest non-profit patriotic organization thank you and your staff for your outstanding service and support you provide to our Georgia Veterans and their families.

What a great privilege it has been to travel Georgia and Alabama to see the various outstanding medical facilities for our veterans. The staff really showed us how much they care for their patients and their service to our country.

The State of Georgia is very fortunate to have you serving as Commissioner of the Veterans Services. Commissioner Wheeler you continue to give our veterans a chance for meaningful rehabilitation and recuperation from the adversities of war. May God continue to bless you and your staff for helping to maintain the highest regard and care for those individuals who have kept our nation free.

We thank you for serving as Georgia's Commissioner of Veterans Services.

Sincerely,

Susie Mash, President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia





Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
Department of Georgia

James R. "Rusty" Rogers, Jr.
State Commander
2012-2013

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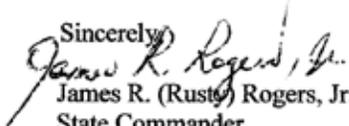
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary of the State of Georgia are proud to have the opportunity to be associated with, and represented by the Georgia Department of Veterans Services. In our ongoing challenge to insure that the veterans of our state are afforded every benefit to which they are entitled; we have always been able to look to you and your staff for never-ending support. Through your leadership over the past 60 plus years, you have molded the Georgia Department of Veterans Services into a premier organization that is a leader in advocacy for all veterans. It has been my privilege to have the chance to become personally acquainted with you over the past several years. It is an honor to meet someone who has devoted as much time and effort in your life to assuring that no veteran in the State of Georgia will go without the representation they have earned and deserve.

There are many accomplishments that we can attribute to you and your ongoing push for bettering the lives of our veterans. Through your undying efforts we have more Community Based Outpatient Clinics to better serve our veterans needs. The new veteran's cemeteries around the State would probably not be a reality, if not for you and your staff's advocacy. The establishment of more field offices and the much needed TRIP training are all because of the efforts of the Georgia Department of Veterans Services to make things more accessible for veterans in the State of Georgia. We also have you to thank for the War Veterans Homes in Augusta and Milledgeville being maintained to a standard you would expect for our deserving veterans. On a personal note, I was extremely proud of the "Supermarket of Veterans Benefits" held in Albany, Georgia this year. Thru your staff's efforts, in one day, nearly four thousand claims were filed with the Veterans Administration. This is the caliber of service that has become synonymous with you and your staff in the State of Georgia.

I know from past experience that whatever the new challenges we must meet in the future; the Georgia Department of Veterans Services will be there to insure that no veteran will be left out when the need arises for care to be provided for them. You and your staff make it easy for us to be "Getting Back to Supporting Our Veterans". May God bless you for a lifetime of commitment to the veteran community.

Sincerely,

James R. (Rusty) Rogers, Jr.
State Commander

"GETTING BACK TO SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS"



Honorable Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Service
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

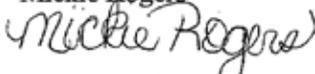
As the President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the Department of Georgia, I extend my deepest appreciation for your dedication to providing the leadership and guidance that your staff has shown to the veterans of the State of Georgia. We are blessed to have someone who cares enough to spend the time and efforts that you have, to insure that our veteran's needs are administered to in a proper manner. Our organization was formed as an auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for basically the same reason. We are here to assist our veterans and their families whenever needed.

I wish to express my gratitude to you for being there to advocate for these people that have given so much for our nation's cause. We are fortunate to be affiliated with the Department of Veterans Service of the State of Georgia that has the same purpose for helping the most deserving people we know, our veterans. I know we can rest assured that you will continue to be a mentor for your staff to insure that all veterans, their widows, orphans, and families will receive the best available care that can be given.

As we visit the VA hospitals for the many outings that we have for the patients every year, we can see that through your efforts these veterans will not be forgotten or neglected. I want to thank you for all the tireless efforts you have expended thru the years to protect those that have protected us. Thank you for providing unwavering support for the uncommon heroes of our great nation.

May God bless you always for what you have given to others,

Mickie Rogers



Department President
Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW





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Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner, Dept. of Veteran Services
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

Once again I personally want to thank you for all the work that you and your staff have performed on behalf of the veterans of Georgia and the United States as well. Your continued work for us veterans does not go un-noticed. We here in Georgia know who our friend is, and you sir, have several thousand friends in this state. The impact that you and your office has had on all of our lives throughout the years is a testimony of your dedication to all veterans and their families.

We AMVETS were so pleased and honored that you once again attended our State Convention this past June in Athens.

I pledge, as past department commanders have pledged to you and your staff our total and complete support to all your efforts. If at any time you need us please don't hesitate to contact me.

Semper fi,

Ron Dillon
MSgt USMC Retired
Commander, Dept of Georgia AMVETS





*Amvets Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Georgia*



December 28, 2012

*Honorable Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Department of Veterans Service
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-970
Atlanta, Georgia 30334*

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

On behalf of our Amvets Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to thank you and say how much we appreciate your dedication, compassion and the commitment you have shown to the needs of our Veterans and their families.

Commissioner Wheeler, you have done a remarkable job over the years. It has been an honor to know you. You are such an encouragement to us all.

We appreciate the dedication and accomplishments of your staff. This is greatly due to the leadership and examples you have shown.

Again, We sincerely appreciate you and your staff for the many services and support you provide to our Veterans throughout Georgia, and to express my appreciation and gratitude to you and your staff for the hard work, dedication and overall commitment. Thank You...

I hope you will be able to attend our State Convention in Valdosta, Ga. on June 7th-9th 2013 . We look forward to hearing your words of wisdom and encouragement. We always enjoy your visit. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely:

*Mary Duncan, President
Amvets Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Georgia*

"We waited together.....Now let's work together"





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January 10, 2013

Honorable Pete Wheeler Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Services
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

Once again, it is with great pride and humility that the Disabled American Veterans Department writes to congratulate you and your staff on a successful year. We realize that you ask no accolades for yourself, but for the many men and women working the hospitals, nursing homes, and staff offices get all the credit. We enjoy the great working relationship we have with the State and all of your personnel. I am pleased with the cooperation they give us.

As commander, I volunteer in any way I can at the VA hospitals. Recently, I was assisting one of our WWII veterans to the front door, when he smiled at me and uttered proudly, "here comes another one of your DAV vans." Truly, we are happy to be able to provide this service with 29 passenger vans serving all of the counties of Georgia and eleven counties in South Carolina. Every year our volunteer drivers serve more than 12,000 veterans and drive over 145,000 miles; an astounding number by any means.

We also service thousands of veterans every year with our professional service officers in Decatur, and the 65 trained volunteer service officers throughout all of our chapters. We love doing it. Somehow, every time we help a veteran, widow, or family member, we are reminded of the days when we also were in painful situations and needed help ourselves.

We ask that you continue the great work in helping all of the veterans and family members, and the DAV will continue to fight for the rights of these men and women who served so proudly. We are initiating programs specifically oriented to helping women veterans with their disabilities. For too long, women vets have had to take a back seat for their disabilities. We will change that.

At the DAV, it is our time honored tradition of fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. Thank you, once again.

Sincerely,

Glenn Martin
State Department Commander





DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

March 28, 2013

Honorable Peter Wheeler
Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-907
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

As State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to you and your staff for all you do to help improve the lives of Veterans and their families in Georgia.

The Auxiliary stands ever ready to assist your department in making Georgia even better for those who have served America in defense of our precious freedom. With your leadership we have overcome the challenges to maintain the high standard for veterans care and assist our homeless veterans.

We thank you for your "open door" policy with regard to all matters that concern us and we consider it a privilege to have you as our advocate. The upcoming budget cuts will be a challenge but we are certain you will handle the problem the best way you can for our veterans.

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary of Georgia thanks you and knows that you will continue your very important work for many more years to come.

With Great Respect

Cheryl F. Ramirez

Cheryl Faglier Ramirez
State Commander
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Department of Georgia





The Military Order of the Purple Heart
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28 December 2012

Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suit E-970
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

As the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart for the State of Georgia, I personally want to thank you for the outstanding support and services extended to the veterans and their families throughout this state.

Our organization consists entirely of combat wounded warriors whose mission is to support all veterans and their families. This past year has been challenging and the task is crucial, but with the support of you and your staff has certainly made the difference. We especially thank you for the assistance to the veterans returning from the war zone with serious issues and those leaving the military to reside in our state of Georgia. When we have needed legislative assistance you are always ready to serve and assist.

Year 2013 starts a new year to serve Georgia veterans. We will continue to look to you for leadership. With you and your staff in the lead, we stand by eagerly, ready to serve and assist. Please be assured that the Department of Georgia Military Order of Purple Heart will be with you and together we can better serve veterans.

Commissioner Wheeler, the Purple Heart recipients of the great State of Georgia, salutes you and your staff for what you have done and what you will do for our Veterans. You have done a remarkable job as our Commissioner of Veterans Affairs. We pray that you continue to be the voice for us for many years to come.

Again, thank you for being there for us.

Respectfully,

John W. Wilder

John W. Wilder
Department Commander
MOPH, Georgia





LADIES AUXILIARY - MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

December 20, 2012

The Honorable Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
State of Georgia
Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-970
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

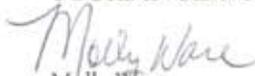
As the president of the Department of Georgia's LAMOPH, I would like to thank you and your staff on their behalf. We would like to thank you and your staff for being leaders in the cause of helping our veterans and their families throughout our state! Your dedication and expertise that you have shared with our veterans and their families have made a profound difference in the way our needs have been met.

During March 14-16, 2012, I attended the 66th VA Volunteer Service National Advisory Committee in Charleston, South Carolina. At the meeting, I attended the I-Care/Customer Service workshop. The information that I received will be helpful in carrying out our mission: *Serving Our Veterans and Their Dependents*.

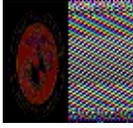
In addition, I attended our 80th National Convention, held at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona. At the convention we learned from other members across the nation that our methods of providing assistance to our veterans are the same. We also realized that our desires to provide those services were just as strong.

Because of our shared common goal, I truly understand the importance of working together as a team to form a cohesive atmosphere.

YOURS IN SERVICE,


Molly Ware
Auxiliary President





Commandant
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February 25, 2013

The Honorable Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-970
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4800

Dear Commissioner,

It has been an honor for the Department of Georgia Marine Corps League, to have worked with your office and superb staff again this past year. Even with our country's continuing financial issues the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs still provides some of the best care and assistance for our Georgia Veterans

This marks my final term as the Department Commandant for the great state of Georgia. I'm sure that my successor will enjoy the same relationship with the Georgia Department of Veterans Services that I have.

The Marine Corp League will be proud to work with you and your staff in the coming year. Your steadfast dedication to our Veterans and their families should be an inspiration for all Georgia Veterans.

Sincerely

Michael P. Clark

Michael P. Clark
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Date: December 30, 2012

To: Commissioner Pete Wheeler

From: President, Georgia Regional Group

Joseph D. McNeil Sr.

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

As President of the Blinded Veterans Association, Georgia Regional Group, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your outstanding efforts to help improve the lives of Veterans of this Great State of Georgia. As you are aware the Blinded Veterans Association is the only Congressionally Chartered Veterans Organization dedicated to representing the issues and concerns of Visually Impaired Veterans and their families, your duties assist us greatly in accomplishing our mission.

On behalf of all the Members of the Blinded Veterans Association, Georgia Regional Group (BVA GRG), We would like to wish you good fortune, health and prosperity in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. McNeil Sr.





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Honorable Pete Wheeler
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March 20, 2013

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

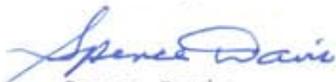
I would like to express my appreciation to you and your staff for everything you have done to help the Vietnam Veterans and their families in the State of Georgia.

Through your leadership and the efforts of your staff more Clinics are being opened throughout the State. This is making it much easier for Veterans to get the much needed medical help without having to travel for hours, especially since we are getting older and our health is not as good as it once was.

We look forward to your continued leadership and service to all the Veterans in the State of Georgia.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in good health as you continue to work for the Veterans that served this county with dedication and determination to do what is right.

Sincerely,


Spence Davis

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President



" In Service To Veterans, Their Families and Community"

December 23, 2012

Honorable Peter Wheeler
Commissioner of Veterans Services
State of Georgia
Floyd Memorial Building
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Pete,

During a recent interview with a University of Georgia student, I was asked, "Is Georgia a good state for veterans?" I told her we are fortunate to live in Georgia where we have such a Veteran's Advocate in our Department of Veteran's Service. I told her we have two war veterans homes, two state veterans cemeteries, veteran service offices around the state, and veterans job fairs. I think she was quite surprised as are many others when I mention the benefits of living in a veteran's friendly state.

We continue to have visits from veterans needing one form or another of assistance. Your department makes things very easy for us. For those who can benefit from additional aid it is a very simple matter to refer them to a Service Officer in your Department. In over 20 years of doing this I have yet to receive anything but praise for your officers. Your annual report makes it very easy to handle requests from all over Georgia. All of the counties are listed along with names and phone numbers of the different offices in the Department.

. On Veterans Day you were again front and center at both the Parade and the Freedom Ball that evening. That evening when you received the Marvin Myers Leadership Award I was very proud to have my name mentioned with yours. It is great to know we have such a dynamic Commissioner who is solidly behind us.

For a veteran this is a great state. Thank you for your leadership over the years Pete and we thank your wonderful staff.

Sincerely, *Yoda FINEED,*

Marvin Myers
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December 15, 2012

Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner, Georgia Department of Veterans Service
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E – 970
Atlanta, GA 30334-4800

Dear Commissioner Wheeler

It has been a pleasure for the members and officers of the Georgia Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) to work with the dedicated officials and personnel of the Georgia Department of Veterans Service. On behalf of our nearly 1400 chapter members, please accept our deep appreciation and gratitude for all you and your department's staff do for our currently serving active duty, Guardsmen, Reservists and veterans of Georgia.

Many of our warriors are returning with wounds that previously would have resulted in death. However, due to the significantly advanced field medical technology available today, our veterans often are able to come home to their families and lead productive lives. The role of the Georgia Department of Veterans Service will be even more essential in ensuring these veterans obtain the benefits and services they require to become fully constructive members of their communities. The department has met the challenge and, given the exemplary leadership displayed throughout the year, will meet the challenges of the future. Your efforts to assist our returning warriors in obtaining meaningful employment is key to their reintegration into a productive civilian life.

The hard work of the Department of Veterans Service ensures our defenders receive the benefits they need to become as good a civilian as they were a warrior. We support the department's mission and will continue to work with you and your staff to achieve the best for our heroes.

Sincerely

Alton (Buddy) Johnson LTC, USAF Ret
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Georgia Federal/Military Retiree Coalition, Inc
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December 7, 2012

The Honorable Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-970
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4800

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

On this solemn day of remembrance, it is most appropriate to thank you for the support and services that you and your department have provided for Georgia's military veterans. Your many years of service in support of us deserve our eternal gratitude.

In particular, I thank you and your staff for the support of the Georgia Federal/Military Retiree Coalition (GFMRC). Your willingness to provide us vital services and accommodations has been outstanding. Please pass on our gratitude to your staff for their help and support. They have always been ready to step up in every way to help us.

We look forward to your continuing leadership and service to Georgia's military veterans. If there is any way we can be of service to you or your department, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Calvin S. Posner

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December 22, 2012

The Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner, Georgia Department of Veterans Service
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building E-970
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Dear Commissioner,

It has been my honor to serve again as Department Commander of our small but dedicated group. We are the oldest active veterans group in the nation, having been chartered by congress in 1896. We are in our 117th year, serving all veteran of all faiths.

Much of our service is due to you, and we thank you and your staff for your help and support. We pledge our loyalty and thanks to you

Respectfully,

Joe Kraut Department Commander

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GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS CHAPTER

December 12, 2012

The Honorable Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-907
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

As President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., General Raymond G. Davis Chapter, I and the members of the chapter wish to thank you and your staff for the many services you have provided to our veterans and their families throughout the state of Georgia.

It was a pleasure sitting with you and Mr. Roby during the 31st Annual Veterans Day Parade of Atlanta in November. Our chapter looks forward to the next parade this coming November, as it will honor veterans of the Korean War. Kevin L. Miller and I have been working to find the best way to salute all of the Korean veterans at this event and at the Freedom Ball that evening. We all look forward to seeing you at these events.

We extend our most sincere thanks to you for all you have done. Our chapter stands ready to assist your department in your efforts to make certain our veterans know they are not forgotten.

Most sincerely,

Robert M. McCubbins

Robert M. McCubbins (MAJOR, USA/RET)
President
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Commissioner Pete Wheeler
Georgia Department of Veterans Services

February 4, 2013

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

On behalf of the 17 members of the Anciens Combattants Franco-Américains Assn. who were so warmly and personally received in your offices this past November, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart. We were so proud to become Honorary Citizens of the State of Georgia. Our two veterans of World War II were especially honored by you and your wonderful staff.

Our 430 member Association has as its sole purpose the commemoration of American sacrifices during the liberation of France. We are understandably proud to see how graciously you commemorate the servicemen of the United States.

As we toured the fine military museums around your State, we were awed by the receptions we received and by the commemorations we saw. May the feelings of camaraderie and alliance between the United States and France forever remain as we discovered it in November.

Marie-France Rodgers
President



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The Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Service
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

I want to commend and applaud you for the outstanding Veteran's Supermarket that you brought to Albany on December 5, 2012. This was a great event filled with useful information and resources for our Veterans.

I would like for you to express my appreciation to your staff and all of the other organizations that partnered with you to make this event a resounding success. An event of this magnitude could only be pulled off successfully if the planning and execution was flawless. From what I have been told, this event was very informative to all Veterans in attendance.

There is an old saying that, "Freedom is not free." We live in the greatest country in the world, but someone paid the price for all of our freedoms. Our veterans paid that price and we all owe them a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid. This supermarket served as a small token of the appreciation and gratitude that we owe our veterans.

It is important that our veterans have access to all of the resources needed for a better higher quality of life for them and their families. This event provided them with those resources and the knowledge needed to put them on the road to having that important quality of life.

I commend you and your staff for the work that you do on a daily basis. I thank you for a great event in Albany and thank you for choosing my district to host this event. Please contact me if there is ever anything I can do to help you and the veterans of our state and our great country.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress

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January 9, 2013

Mr. Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Service
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

On behalf of the City of Albany, I would like to congratulate you and Mike Roby, Assistant Commissioner of Field Operations & Claims, for your efforts in coordinating the "Supermarket of Veterans Benefits" program on December 5, 2012. We were excited about the exceptional turnout of veterans and their families as they met with various state, federal and local agencies to answer their many questions regarding their benefits. We know that these veterans and their families are appreciative of the opportunity this afforded them and, we hope that their claims will result in positive benefits for them.

I hope that Albany will be considered for future "Supermarkets" and I thank you for sending an informed team of experts to Albany to plan this much needed event.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor

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Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta, Inc.

28 December 2012

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

As the year draws to a close and we reflect upon this past year's efforts to honor our Veterans, we would remiss if we did not recognize your efforts as well.

The 31st Annual Atlanta Veterans Day Parade and the annual Freedom Ball took place on 10 November 2012. We were blessed with a record number of parade entries as well as attendees at the ball that evening. This year's theme was "Welcome Home Iraq War Veterans" and provided additional recognition to both the end of that operation as well as the sacrifices of our military.

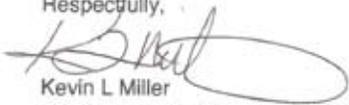
I took command of the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta in 2010 and inherited a great organization filled with both Veterans and passionate citizens. Marvin Myers, our President Emeritus, had done a tremendous job of leading this group for many years and I was proud when he recommended me as his successor.

In recognition of Marvin's great work, we named an award after him this year and it was presented at the 2012 Freedom Ball. Our association was proud to announce that Commissioner Wheeler was the first recipient of the Marvin Myers Leadership Award. Your outstanding leadership and hard work in support of Georgia's Veterans are traits that we must recognize to inspire others to step up and join our efforts. Thank you for attending the 2012 Freedom Ball and accepting this prestigious award.

Our association is already in the planning stages for our 2013 events. With our efforts focused on the 60th Anniversary of the armistice that signaled the end of the Korean War, we look to recognize the sacrifices of the Veterans who fought in the war as well as those who have continued preserving the peace along the DMZ. The first true battle of the Cold War is often forgotten, but our hopes are to honor these remarkable group of Veterans.

Thanks again for your continued support of the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta for your all you do for Georgia's Veterans.

Respectfully,



Kevin L. Miller

President - Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta, Inc.

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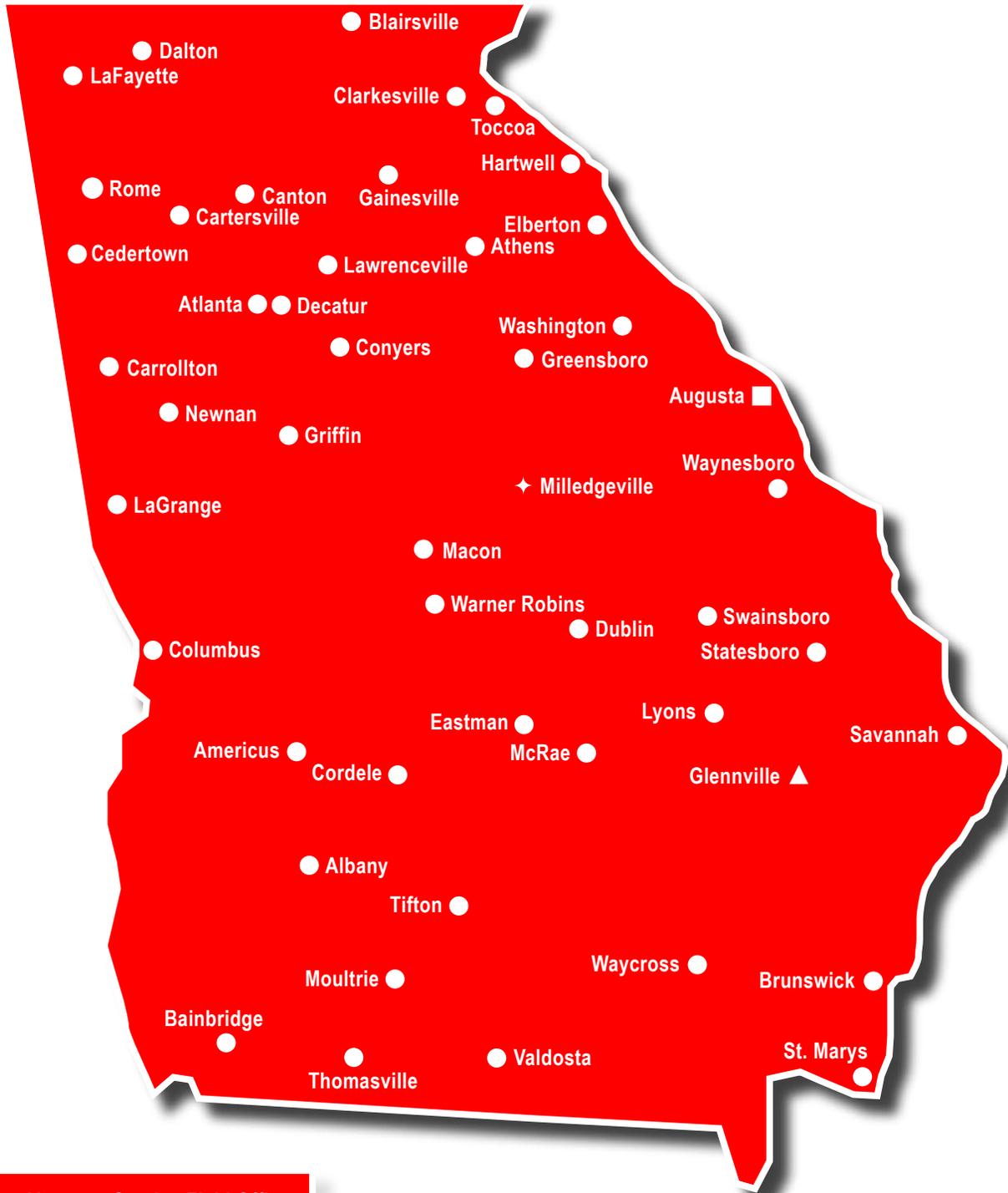
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AUGUSTA (North Region)		Counties served: Columbia, Richmond		
Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, 1101 15 th St., Augusta, GA 30901-3196				
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BAINBRIDGE (South Region)		Counties served: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole		
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CARROLLTON (North Region)		Counties served: Carroll, Douglas		
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CARTERSVILLE (North Region)		Counties served: Bartow, Paulding		
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CEDARTOWN (North Region)		County served: Polk		
142 West Ave., Cedartown, GA 30125				
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COLUMBUS (South Region)		Counties served: Chattahoochee, Muscogee, Stewart		
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CONYERS (North Region)		Counties served: Newton, Rockdale, Walton		
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CORDELE (South Region)		Counties served: Crisp, Dooly, Wilcox		
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DUBLIN (South Region) Counties served: Bleckley, Dodge, Johnson, Laurens, Pulaski, Treutlen
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MILLEDGEVILLE (North Region) Counties served: Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Washington, Wilkinson
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Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)	877-345-8179
Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)	800-733-8387
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)	800-827-0648
Direct Deposit	877-838-2778
Education	888-442-4551
Foreign Medical Program (FMP)	888-820-1756
Headstones and Markers (Status Check Only)	800-697-6947
Health Care	877-222-8387
Health Billing	866-393-9132
Home Loans	888-768-2132
Income Verification and Means Testing	800-929-8387
Life Insurance: Service Members and Veterans Group Life Insurance Program	800-419-1473
Life Insurance: All Other VA Life Insurance Programs	800-669-8477
Meds by Mail	866-229-7389
Special Issues: Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents/Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation	800-749-8387
Spina Bifida Health Care Program	888-820-1756
Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TDD)	800-829-4833

Veterans Crisis Hotline	800-273-TALK
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VA Statistical Data

FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

GEORGIA Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
APPLING	1,256	\$ 6,281	\$ 3,110	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ 2,865	362
ATKINSON	458	\$ 2,489	\$ 1,387	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 979	171
BACON	799	\$ 4,059	\$ 2,155	\$ -	\$ 123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 1,760	241
BAKER	329	\$ 802	\$ 506	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 224	68
BALDWIN	4,173	\$ 17,771	\$ 8,516	\$ -	\$ 984	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485	\$ 7,787	883
BANKS	1,066	\$ 4,745	\$ 2,923	\$ -	\$ 235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118	\$ 1,469	261
BARROW	5,825	\$ 18,941	\$ 10,325	\$ -	\$ 1,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114	\$ 6,753	989
BARTOW	8,142	\$ 26,370	\$ 16,378	\$ -	\$ 2,222	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 484	\$ 7,286	1,260
BEN HILL	1,289	\$ 8,587	\$ 4,865	\$ -	\$ 290	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 3,365	433
BERRIEN	1,520	\$ 11,264	\$ 6,273	\$ -	\$ 821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63	\$ 4,107	528
BIBB	12,474	\$ 68,309	\$ 35,855	\$ -	\$ 5,286	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 677	\$ 26,491	3,834
BLECKLEY	1,073	\$ 6,290	\$ 2,762	\$ -	\$ 224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 3,248	265
BRANTLEY	1,398	\$ 7,486	\$ 3,891	\$ -	\$ 255	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 3,275	417
BROOKS	1,450	\$ 7,307	\$ 3,560	\$ -	\$ 187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 3,477	531
BRYAN	3,786	\$ 21,244	\$ 12,725	\$ -	\$ 5,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 399	\$ 3,111	772
BULLOCH	4,985	\$ 17,645	\$ 8,734	\$ -	\$ 2,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187	\$ 6,241	946
BURKE	1,839	\$ 12,811	\$ 6,205	\$ -	\$ 489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95	\$ 6,022	601
BUTTS	2,319	\$ 9,717	\$ 6,036	\$ -	\$ 631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 2,981	404
CALHOUN	441	\$ 1,855	\$ 1,161	\$ -	\$ 74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 572	142
CAMDEN	7,016	\$ 34,776	\$ 18,998	\$ -	\$ 7,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409	\$ 7,913	1,554
CANDLER	849	\$ 3,309	\$ 1,623	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55	\$ 1,464	209
CARROLL	8,251	\$ 34,957	\$ 21,452	\$ -	\$ 3,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 924	\$ 9,121	1,364
CATOOSA	5,302	\$ 15,375	\$ 9,118	\$ -	\$ 938	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185	\$ 5,134	1,076
CHARLTON	956	\$ 5,870	\$ 2,770	\$ -	\$ 169	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 2,883	305
CHATHAM	28,079	\$ 124,479	\$ 68,660	\$ -	\$ 25,973	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,780	\$ 28,066	5,764
CHATTAHOOCHEE	1,069	\$ 3,331	\$ 2,446	\$ -	\$ 299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 582	179
CHATTOOGA	2,003	\$ 8,137	\$ 5,701	\$ -	\$ 370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 2,001	381
CHEROKEE	17,599	\$ 51,067	\$ 31,713	\$ -	\$ 5,578	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,326	\$ 12,450	2,104
CLARKE	6,198	\$ 25,267	\$ 14,170	\$ -	\$ 3,190	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 543	\$ 7,366	1,123
CLAY	315	\$ 979	\$ 498	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ 425	65
CLAYTON	22,645	\$ 102,483	\$ 55,172	\$ -	\$ 11,307	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382	\$ 35,622	5,310
CLINCH	564	\$ 2,045	\$ 1,076	\$ -	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 828	154
COBB	49,712	\$ 170,213	\$ 90,796	\$ -	\$ 25,944	\$ -	\$ 610	\$ 3,947	\$ 48,917	7,397
COFFEE	2,465	\$ 16,001	\$ 8,050	\$ -	\$ 565	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ 7,230	868
COLOUJIT	2,948	\$ 16,602	\$ 8,803	\$ -	\$ 586	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 7,014	850
COLUMBIA	15,098	\$ 120,994	\$ 72,053	\$ -	\$ 17,876	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ 29,815	4,092
COOK	1,324	\$ 7,018	\$ 3,993	\$ -	\$ 361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189	\$ 2,475	457
COWETA	11,807	\$ 39,246	\$ 24,628	\$ -	\$ 3,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 649	\$ 10,238	1,945
CRAWFORD	1,022	\$ 3,865	\$ 1,504	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49	\$ 2,215	320



VA Statistical Data

FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

GEORGIA Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
CRISP	1,627	\$ 7,687	\$ 3,995	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282	\$ 3,103	438
DADE	1,429	\$ 4,129	\$ 2,389	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ 1,461	261
DAWSON	2,370	\$ 6,692	\$ 4,468	\$ -	\$ 453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 1,733	288
DECATUR	2,186	\$ 7,878	\$ 3,562	\$ -	\$ 704	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151	\$ 3,460	628
DEKALB	41,622	\$ 404,732	\$ 122,567	\$ 25,177	\$ 26,677	\$ -	\$ 92,230	\$ 3,223	\$ 134,858	11,914
DODGE	1,556	\$ 10,058	\$ 3,831	\$ -	\$ 493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 5,673	446
DOOLY	924	\$ 4,149	\$ 2,401	\$ -	\$ 169	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ 1,528	195
DOUGHERTY	7,435	\$ 47,137	\$ 30,039	\$ -	\$ 3,872	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 970	\$ 12,256	2,386
DOUGLAS	12,071	\$ 51,247	\$ 29,529	\$ -	\$ 6,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736	\$ 14,697	2,092
EARLY	901	\$ 3,443	\$ 2,043	\$ -	\$ 191	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ 1,181	233
ECHOLS	249	\$ 1,660	\$ 668	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 961	98
EFFINGHAM	6,068	\$ 17,811	\$ 10,310	\$ -	\$ 2,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293	\$ 5,074	912
ELBERT	1,703	\$ 8,324	\$ 4,834	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 3,282	481
EMANUEL	1,371	\$ 12,781	\$ 4,968	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 7,301	574
EVANS	794	\$ 3,852	\$ 2,272	\$ -	\$ 238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 1,326	218
FANNIN	2,146	\$ 11,829	\$ 7,159	\$ -	\$ 252	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ 4,305	664
FAYETTE	11,625	\$ 44,548	\$ 30,865	\$ -	\$ 4,489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,369	\$ 7,825	1,518
FLOYD	7,181	\$ 26,021	\$ 17,694	\$ -	\$ 1,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 343	\$ 6,533	1,301
FORSYTH	11,996	\$ 21,434	\$ 11,943	\$ -	\$ 1,577	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 797	\$ 7,118	1,279
FRANKLIN	1,850	\$ 7,488	\$ 4,535	\$ -	\$ 307	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 2,579	385
FULTON	50,488	\$ 275,610	\$ 133,937	\$ 3,118	\$ 32,120	\$ -	\$ 1,856	\$ 3,832	\$ 100,748	11,794
GILMER	2,712	\$ 11,277	\$ 7,407	\$ -	\$ 287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107	\$ 3,475	632
GLASCOCK	164	\$ 987	\$ 462	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 492	61
GLYNN	8,027	\$ 33,079	\$ 18,322	\$ -	\$ 2,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 365	\$ 12,181	1,967
GORDON	3,748	\$ 12,257	\$ 7,795	\$ -	\$ 615	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 253	\$ 3,594	621
GRADY	1,835	\$ 7,782	\$ 3,527	\$ -	\$ 530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 3,641	627
GREENE	1,451	\$ 6,376	\$ 3,072	\$ -	\$ 257	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161	\$ 2,885	298
GWINNETT	48,027	\$ 157,216	\$ 79,817	\$ -	\$ 22,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,001	\$ 51,555	7,956
HABERSHAM	3,405	\$ 13,157	\$ 8,377	\$ -	\$ 447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 4,286	726
HALL	12,360	\$ 40,566	\$ 24,164	\$ -	\$ 2,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 927	\$ 12,972	2,198
HANCOCK	693	\$ 4,509	\$ 2,278	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 2,051	193
HARALSON	2,219	\$ 8,074	\$ 4,898	\$ -	\$ 505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273	\$ 2,397	405
HARRIS	4,112	\$ 16,996	\$ 11,930	\$ -	\$ 1,236	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251	\$ 3,580	722
HART	2,063	\$ 6,761	\$ 3,401	\$ -	\$ 195	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144	\$ 3,021	478
HEARD	882	\$ 3,414	\$ 1,988	\$ -	\$ 145	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147	\$ 1,133	200
HENRY	20,353	\$ 100,559	\$ 60,740	\$ -	\$ 15,702	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 769	\$ 23,348	4,003
HOUSTON	20,466	\$ 112,615	\$ 70,508	\$ -	\$ 17,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,048	\$ 23,020	4,228
IRWIN	662	\$ 3,100	\$ 1,493	\$ -	\$ 184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124	\$ 1,299	186
JACKSON	5,061	\$ 17,929	\$ 11,348	\$ -	\$ 1,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ 4,812	886



VA Statistical Data

FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

GEORGIA Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
JASPER	1,157	\$ 4,133	\$ 2,369	\$ -	\$ 239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 1,498	283
JEFF DAVIS	815	\$ 5,359	\$ 2,401	\$ -	\$ 174	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 2,726	299
JEFFERSON	1,167	\$ 8,541	\$ 3,757	\$ -	\$ 294	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 4,431	425
JENKINS	800	\$ 3,342	\$ 1,471	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 1,775	180
JOHNSON	592	\$ 4,013	\$ 1,574	\$ -	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 2,197	168
JONES	2,308	\$ 8,591	\$ 3,457	\$ -	\$ 441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 4,635	633
LAMAR	1,848	\$ 6,959	\$ 4,126	\$ -	\$ 335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 2,457	335
LANIER	833	\$ 5,026	\$ 2,258	\$ -	\$ 607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 2,136	278
LAURENS	4,124	\$ 60,250	\$ 16,060	\$ 562	\$ 958	\$ -	\$ 11,296	\$ 253	\$ 31,121	1,923
LEE	3,230	\$ 11,225	\$ 6,968	\$ -	\$ 1,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105	\$ 2,880	681
LIBERTY	10,463	\$ 71,206	\$ 43,211	\$ -	\$ 15,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 652	\$ 11,754	2,564
LINCOLN	878	\$ 4,745	\$ 2,579	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ 2,055	253
LONG	1,557	\$ 9,582	\$ 5,125	\$ -	\$ 1,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259	\$ 2,425	354
LOWNDES	12,524	\$ 60,997	\$ 34,865	\$ -	\$ 7,595	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ 17,887	3,049
LUMPKIN	2,417	\$ 8,483	\$ 4,923	\$ -	\$ 1,011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 2,467	448
MCDUFFIE	1,870	\$ 11,257	\$ 5,662	\$ -	\$ 642	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 4,933	554
MCINTOSH	1,437	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,693	\$ -	\$ 254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169	\$ 2,581	369
MACON	1,110	\$ 4,016	\$ 1,601	\$ -	\$ 146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 2,264	252
MADISON	2,319	\$ 11,056	\$ 7,163	\$ -	\$ 529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69	\$ 3,294	554
MARION	875	\$ 3,916	\$ 2,207	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ 1,352	201
MERIWETHER	1,984	\$ 7,336	\$ 4,038	\$ -	\$ 234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 3,029	373
MILLER	535	\$ 1,358	\$ 619	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ 565	120
MITCHELL	1,706	\$ 5,639	\$ 3,053	\$ -	\$ 404	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 2,120	385
MONROE	2,132	\$ 8,965	\$ 4,158	\$ -	\$ 416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ 4,312	546
MONTGOMERY	607	\$ 4,260	\$ 1,961	\$ -	\$ 213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ 2,078	209
MORGAN	1,232	\$ 6,505	\$ 3,687	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ 2,564	307
MURRAY	2,483	\$ 10,259	\$ 6,515	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ 3,357	551
MUSCOGEE	23,850	\$ 210,805	\$ 144,499	\$ -	\$ 24,392	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,523	\$ 40,390	6,216
NEWTON	8,449	\$ 39,707	\$ 21,753	\$ -	\$ 3,416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238	\$ 14,299	1,741
OCONEE	2,620	\$ 8,294	\$ 5,476	\$ -	\$ 488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302	\$ 2,029	311
OGLETHORPE	1,029	\$ 3,765	\$ 1,806	\$ -	\$ 161	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 1,715	291
PAULDING	11,641	\$ 31,736	\$ 16,880	\$ -	\$ 3,861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 497	\$ 10,498	1,618
PEACH	2,824	\$ 17,403	\$ 11,442	\$ -	\$ 1,847	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101	\$ 4,013	657
PICKENS	3,327	\$ 9,141	\$ 6,123	\$ -	\$ 351	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 163	\$ 2,505	379
PIERCE	1,267	\$ 8,804	\$ 4,635	\$ -	\$ 221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106	\$ 3,842	555
PIKE	1,500	\$ 5,478	\$ 3,477	\$ -	\$ 355	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95	\$ 1,551	273
POLK	2,918	\$ 11,851	\$ 8,390	\$ -	\$ 492	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 2,886	510
PULASKI	871	\$ 4,285	\$ 2,486	\$ -	\$ 284	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 1,509	216
PUTNAM	2,199	\$ 8,715	\$ 4,175	\$ -	\$ 238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81	\$ 4,221	447



VA Statistical Data

FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

GEORGIA Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
QUITMAN	292	\$ 2,047	\$ 1,081	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21	\$ 874	103
RABUN	1,702	\$ 6,759	\$ 3,567	\$ -	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ 2,903	429
RANDOLPH	578	\$ 2,045	\$ 1,169	\$ -	\$ 114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 759	112
RICHMOND	22,245	\$ 242,554	\$ 114,864	\$ 2,585	\$ 19,132	\$ -	\$ 3,243	\$ 1,388	\$ 101,342	9,325
ROCKDALE	8,360	\$ 36,172	\$ 20,693	\$ -	\$ 3,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 252	\$ 11,405	1,655
SCHLEY	302	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,071	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 400	65
SCREVEN	1,204	\$ 5,214	\$ 2,234	\$ -	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 2,713	296
SEMINOLE	924	\$ 3,157	\$ 1,886	\$ -	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ 1,088	244
SPALDING	5,085	\$ 23,002	\$ 14,094	\$ -	\$ 1,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216	\$ 7,324	1,109
STEPHENS	2,058	\$ 10,767	\$ 6,867	\$ -	\$ 339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 3,504	496
STEWART	370	\$ 1,958	\$ 1,388	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 501	79
SUMTER	2,070	\$ 10,096	\$ 5,950	\$ -	\$ 746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264	\$ 3,126	526
TALBOT	637	\$ 3,615	\$ 2,612	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 871	146
TALIAFERRO	155	\$ 570	\$ 224	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 325	41
TATTNALL	2,331	\$ 10,738	\$ 6,234	\$ -	\$ 747	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152	\$ 3,606	494
TAYLOR	659	\$ 2,580	\$ 1,378	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 1,058	151
TELFAIR	876	\$ 6,955	\$ 3,032	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 3,772	295
TERRELL	898	\$ 2,553	\$ 1,296	\$ -	\$ 185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 1,062	203
THOMAS	3,642	\$ 19,199	\$ 10,875	\$ -	\$ 1,062	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167	\$ 7,096	1,205
TIFT	2,550	\$ 14,319	\$ 9,106	\$ -	\$ 653	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302	\$ 4,259	806
TOOMBS	1,829	\$ 12,837	\$ 5,665	\$ -	\$ 554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99	\$ 6,519	654
TOWNS	1,374	\$ 6,845	\$ 4,211	\$ -	\$ 179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 2,393	430
TREUTLEN	486	\$ 4,484	\$ 1,263	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4	\$ 3,195	148
TROUP	4,950	\$ 24,935	\$ 14,965	\$ -	\$ 1,406	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 663	\$ 7,901	1,107
TURNER	655	\$ 3,116	\$ 2,208	\$ -	\$ 202	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4	\$ 701	189
TWIGGS	726	\$ 3,961	\$ 1,824	\$ -	\$ 122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49	\$ 1,966	232
UNION	2,786	\$ 13,344	\$ 7,779	\$ -	\$ 283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ 5,126	892
UPSON	2,348	\$ 11,348	\$ 6,308	\$ -	\$ 380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ 4,551	582
WALKER	5,367	\$ 22,461	\$ 14,627	\$ -	\$ 1,049	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ 6,693	1,205
WALTON	6,627	\$ 29,710	\$ 19,011	\$ -	\$ 2,634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 296	\$ 7,769	1,159
WARE	3,394	\$ 20,498	\$ 11,161	\$ -	\$ 613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112	\$ 8,612	1,186
WARREN	407	\$ 2,401	\$ 1,035	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 1,272	134
WASHINGTON	1,510	\$ 8,630	\$ 3,734	\$ -	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ 4,556	489
WAYNE	2,861	\$ 13,580	\$ 7,695	\$ -	\$ 554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 5,314	690
WEBSTER	204	\$ 629	\$ 395	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 157	32
WHEELER	526	\$ 3,202	\$ 1,255	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1,896	170
WHITE	2,535	\$ 9,972	\$ 5,892	\$ -	\$ 451	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 3,592	561
WHITFIELD	5,116	\$ 21,413	\$ 14,405	\$ -	\$ 891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 296	\$ 5,821	1,176
WILCOX	772	\$ 4,244	\$ 1,968	\$ -	\$ 117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 2,077	178



VA Statistical Data

FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

GEORGIA Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
WILKES	994	\$ 4,902	\$ 2,504	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 2,187	248
WILKINSON	798	\$ 5,430	\$ 2,599	\$ -	\$ 259	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166	\$ 2,406	242
WORTH	1,836	\$ 6,184	\$ 3,288	\$ -	\$ 256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56	\$ 2,584	515
GEORGIA (Totals)	776,205	\$ 3,928,851	\$ 2,090,187	\$ 31,441	\$ 388,892	\$ -	\$ 109,235	\$ 48,953	\$ 1,260,142	172,624
CONG. DIST (01)	75,796	\$ 387,332	\$ 214,697	\$ -	\$ 50,171	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,434	\$ 118,029	18,997
CONG. DIST (02)	56,938	\$ 353,737	\$ 221,813	\$ -	\$ 32,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,567	\$ 96,172	15,768
CONG. DIST (03)	78,242	\$ 344,305	\$ 217,780	\$ -	\$ 34,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,573	\$ 86,181	14,277
CONG. DIST (04)	40,807	\$ 342,438	\$ 120,573	\$ 130	\$ 26,385	\$ -	\$ 87,356	\$ 2,275	\$ 105,720	11,572
CONG. DIST (05)	34,108	\$ 293,436	\$ 119,469	\$ 26,003	\$ 28,113	\$ -	\$ 6,730	\$ 2,543	\$ 110,578	9,354
CONG. DIST (06)	50,821	\$ 123,805	\$ 66,029	\$ 1,425	\$ 14,354	\$ -	\$ 99	\$ 5,443	\$ 36,455	5,995
CONG. DIST (07)	60,749	\$ 197,097	\$ 104,581	\$ 630	\$ 25,137	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 3,382	\$ 63,202	9,870
CONG. DIST (08)	65,986	\$ 387,233	\$ 198,943	\$ 662	\$ 31,199	\$ -	\$ 11,642	\$ 4,548	\$ 140,238	17,380
CONG. DIST (09)	62,366	\$ 208,842	\$ 128,652	\$ 32	\$ 10,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,067	\$ 66,440	11,766
CONG. DIST (10)	64,292	\$ 390,315	\$ 215,199	\$ 2,536	\$ 34,513	\$ -	\$ 3,243	\$ 4,282	\$ 130,542	16,310
CONG. DIST (11)	59,350	\$ 191,340	\$ 114,387	\$ -	\$ 19,124	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 3,918	\$ 53,909	9,246
CONG. DIST (12)	63,063	\$ 396,133	\$ 198,016	\$ 17	\$ 41,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,685	\$ 152,949	17,951
CONG. DIST (13)	63,689	\$ 312,839	\$ 170,049	\$ 5	\$ 40,824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,236	\$ 99,726	14,138
GEORGIA (Totals)	776,205	\$ 3,928,851	\$ 2,090,187	\$ 31,441	\$ 388,892	\$ -	\$ 109,235	\$ 48,953	\$ 1,260,142	172,624

Notes:

* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2012, are produced by the VA Office of the Actuary (VetPop 2011).

Prior to FY 08, "Loan Guaranty" expenditures were included in the Education & Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (E&VRE) programs. Currently, all "Loan Guaranty" expenditures are attributed to Travis County, TX, where all Loan Guaranty payments are processed. VA will continue to improve data collection for future GDX reports to better distribute loan expenditures at the state, county and congressional district levels.

** Unique patients are patients who received treatment at a VA health care facility. Data are provided by the Allocation Resource Center (ARC).

Expenditure data sources: USASpending.gov for Compensation & Pension (C&P) and Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) Benefits; Veterans Benefits Administration Insurance Center for the Insurance costs; the VA Financial Management System (FMS) for Construction, Medical Research, General Operating Expenses, and certain C&P and Readjustment data; and the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) for Medical Care costs.

1. Expenditures are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. For example, \$500 to \$1,000 are rounded to \$1, \$0 to \$499 are rounded to \$0, and "\$-" = 0 or no expenditures.

2. The Compensation & Pension expenditures include dollars for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disabilities; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for nonservice-connected disabilities; and burial and other benefits to veterans and their survivors.

3. Medical Care expenditures include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical Care expenditures do not include dollars for construction or other non-medical support.

4. Medical Care expenditures are based on where patients live instead of where care is delivered.

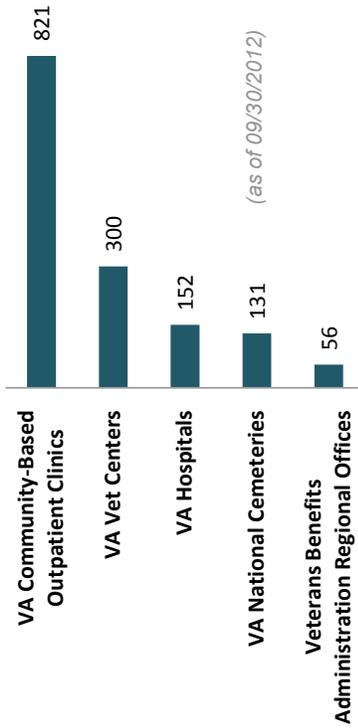




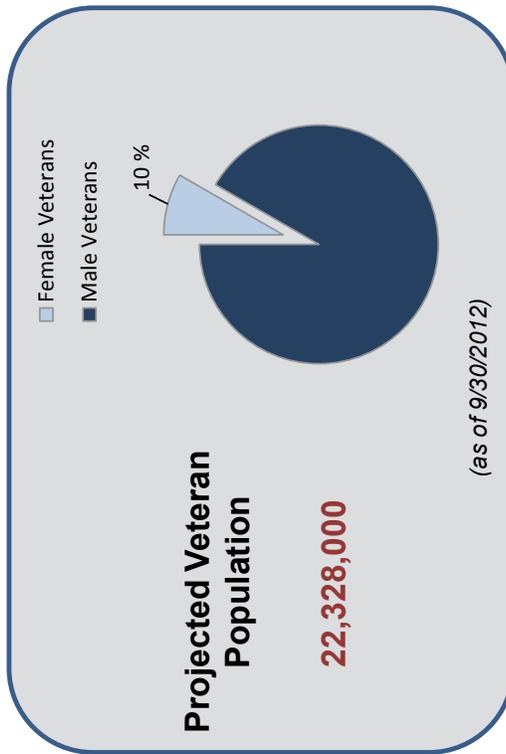
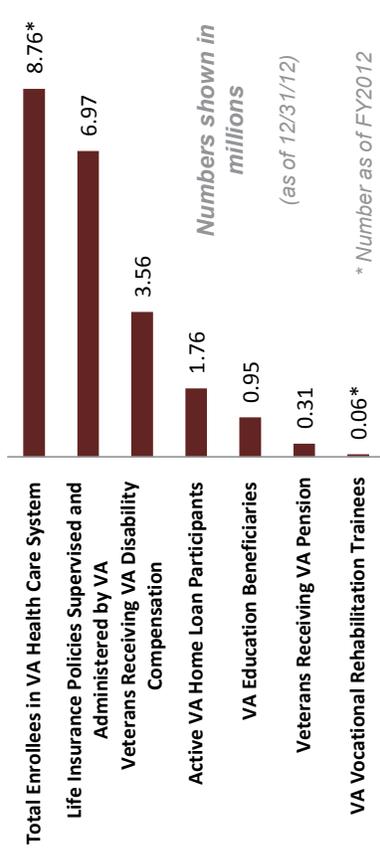
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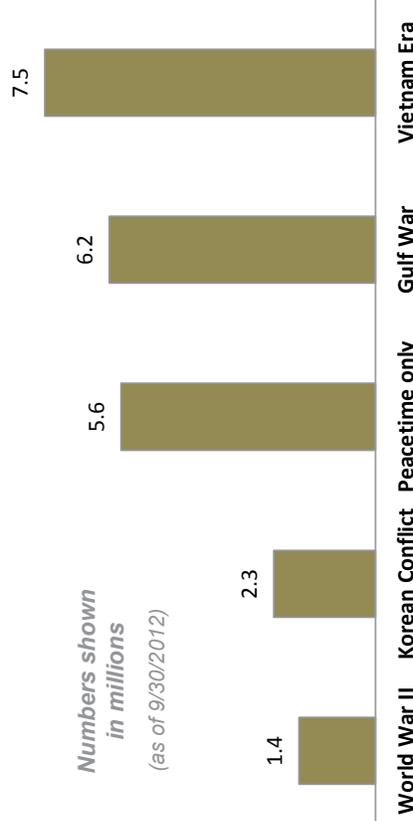
Number of VA Facilities



VA Benefits and Health Care Utilization



Numbers shown in millions (as of 9/30/2012)



NOTE: Categories are not mutually exclusive. Veterans may serve in multiple periods.

Source: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Actuary, Veteran Population Projection Model (VetPop) 2011; Veterans Benefits Administration; Veterans Health Administration, Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Planning.

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America's Wars

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American Revolution (1775-1783)

Total U.S. Servicemembers ¹	217,000
Battle Deaths	4,435
Non-mortal Woundings	6,188

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	286,730
Battle Deaths	2,260
Non-mortal Woundings	4,505

Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate)	106,000
Battle Deaths (VA estimate)	1,000

Mexican War (1846-1848)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	78,718
Battle Deaths	1,733
Other Deaths (In Theater)	11,550
Non-mortal Woundings	4,152

Civil War (1861-1865)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Union)	2,213,363
Battle Deaths (Union)	140,414
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Union)	224,097
Non-mortal Woundings (Union)	281,881
Total Servicemembers (Conf.) ²	1,050,000
Battle Deaths (Confederate) ³	74,524
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate) ^{3,4}	59,297
Non-mortal Woundings (Confederate)	Unknown

Spanish-American War (1898-1902)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	306,760
Battle Deaths	385
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	2,061
Non-mortal Woundings	1,662

World War I (1917-1918)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	4,734,991
Battle Deaths	53,402
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	63,114
Non-mortal Woundings	204,002
Living Veterans	0

World War II (1941 -1945)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	16,112,566
Battle Deaths	291,557
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	113,842
Non-mortal Woundings	670,846
Living Veterans ⁵	1,462,809

NOTES:

- Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 – 250,000.
- Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000 – 1,500,000.
- Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
- Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
- Estimate based upon new population projection methodology.

Korean War (1950-1953)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	5,720,000
Total Serving (In Theater)	1,789,000
Battle Deaths	33,739
Other Deaths (In Theater)	2,835
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	17,672
Non-mortal Woundings	103,284
Living Veterans	2,100,735

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) ⁶	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia ⁷	3,403,000
Battle Deaths ⁸	47,434
Other Deaths (In Theater) ⁸	10,786
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) ⁸	32,000
Non-mortal Woundings ⁹	153,303
Living Veterans ^{5,10}	7,247,414

Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	148
Other Deaths (In Theater)	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	1,565
Non-mortal Woundings	467
Living Veterans ^{5,10}	2,244,583

America's Wars Total (1775 -1991)

U.S. Military Service during Wartime	41,892,128
Battle Deaths	651,031
Other Deaths (In Theater)	308,800
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,279
Non-mortal Woundings	1,431,290
Living War Veterans ¹¹	16,122,098
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	21,806,449

Global War on Terror (Oct 2001 -)

The Global War on Terror (GWOT), including Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), are ongoing conflicts. For the most current GWOT statistics visit the following Department of Defense Website:
http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/gwot_component.pdf

6. Covers the period 8/5/64 - 1/27/73 (date of cease fire)

7. Department of Defense estimate

8. Covers period 11/1/55 – 5/15/75

9. Excludes 150,341 not requiring hospital care

10. Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) estimate, as of 4/09, does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

11. Total will be more than sum of conflicts due to no "end date" established for Persian Gulf War.

Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2010.



VA Statistical Data

America's Wars Fact Sheet, Nov 2012

American Revolution Last Veteran, Daniel F. Bakeman, died 4/5/1869, age 109 Last Widow, Catherine S. Damon, died 11/11/06, age 92 Last Dependent, Phoebe M. Palmeter, died 4/25/11, age 90	Mexican War Last Veteran, Owen Thomas Edgar, died 9/3/29, age 98 Last Widow, Lena James Theobald, died 6/20/63, age 89 Last Dependent, Jesse G. Bivens, died 11/1/62, age 94
War of 1812 Last Veteran, Hiram Cronk, died 5/13/05, age 105 Last Widow, Carolina King, died 6/28/36, age unknown Last Dependent, Esther A.H. Morgan, died 3/12/46, age 89	Civil War Last Union Veteran, Albert Woolson, died 8/2/56, age 109 Last Confederate Veteran, John Salling, died 3/16/58, age 112 Last Union Widow, Gertrude Janeway, died 1/17/2003, age 93
Indian Wars Last Veteran, Fredrak Fraske, died 6/18/73, age 101	Spanish-American War Last veteran, Nathan E. Cook, died 9/10/92, age 106
World War I Last Veteran, Frank Buckles, died 2/27/11, age 110	

VA estimates the number of living World War II U.S. veterans will be:^{*}

9/30/13.....1,237,000	9/30/14.....1,035,000	9/30/15.....855,000	9/30/16.....698,000
9/30/17.....562,000	9/30/18.....446,000	9/30/19.....350,000	9/30/20.....270,000
9/30/21.....205,000	9/30/22.....153,000	9/30/23.....112,000	9/30/24.....81,000
9/30/25.....57,000	9/30/26.....40,000	9/30/27.....27,000	9/30/28.....18,000

* Estimates have changed based on new population projections.

U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of September 2012

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War	-	1	-	-
Indian Wars	-	-	-	-
Spanish-American War	-	60	-	46
Mexican Border	-	9	-	14
World War I	-	2,227	-	2,374
World War II	244,932	10,900	23	209,534
Korean Conflict	203,458	2,336	78	68,036
Vietnam Era	1,373,105	4,208	2,104	205,370
Gulf War ¹	1,338,000	3,822	1,358	20,574
Non service-connected ²	313,310	12,021	0	195,091
Service-connected ²	3,510,015	13,083	4,451	348,241

1 For compensation and pension purposes, the Persian Gulf War period has not yet been terminated and includes veterans of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

2 This total includes peacetime veterans receiving benefits



VA Priority Groups

The number of veterans who can be enrolled in the health care program is determined by the amount of money Congress gives VA each year. Since funds are limited, VA set up Priority Groups to make sure that certain groups of veterans are able to be enrolled before others.

Once you apply for enrollment, your eligibility will be verified. Based on your specific eligibility status, you will be assigned a Priority Group. The Priority Groups range from 1-8 with 1 being the highest priority for enrollment. Some veterans may have to agree to pay copay to be placed in certain Priority Groups.

You may be eligible for more than one Enrollment Priority Group. In that case, VA will always place you in the highest Priority Group that you are eligible for. Under the Medical Benefits Package, the same services are generally available to all enrolled veterans. VA determines your eligibility for VA's comprehensive medical benefits package through its patient enrollment system, which is based on Priority Groups from 1 through 8.

Priority Group 1

- ◆ Veterans with VA Service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more.

- ◆ Veterans assigned a total disability rating for compensation based on unemployment.

Priority Group 2

- ◆ Veterans with VA Service-connected disabilities rated 30% or 40%.

Priority Group 3

- ◆ Veterans who are former POWs.
- ◆ Veterans awarded the Purple Heart Medal.
- ◆ Veterans awarded the Medal of Honor.
- ◆ Veterans whose discharge was for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

- ◆ Veterans with VA Service-connected disabilities rated 10% or 20%.

- ◆ Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., § 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation."

Priority Group 4

- ◆ Veterans receiving increased compensation or pension based on their need for regular Aid and Attendance or by reason of being permanently Housebound.

- ◆ Veterans determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled.

Priority Group 5

- ◆ Nonservice-connected Veterans and noncompensable Service-connected Veterans rated 0%, whose annual income and/or net worth are not greater than the VA financial thresholds.

- ◆ Veterans receiving VA Pension benefits.

- ◆ Veterans eligible for Medicaid benefits.

Priority Group 6

- ◆ Compensable 0% Service-connected Veterans.

- ◆ Veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

- ◆ Project 112/SHAD participants.

- ◆ Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

- ◆ Veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990, through November 11, 1998.

- ◆ Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, as follows: Veterans discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003, for five years post discharge.

Priority Group 7

- ◆ Veterans with incomes below the geographic means test (GMT) income thresholds and who agree to pay the applicable copayment.

Priority Group 8

- ◆ Veterans with gross household incomes above the VA national income threshold and the geographically-adjusted income threshold for their resident location and who agree to pay copays

- Veterans eligibility for enrollment: Noncompensable 0% service-connected and:

- Subpriority a: Enrolled as of January 16, 2003, and who have remained enrolled since that date and/ or placed in this subpriority due to changed eligibility status.

- Subpriority b: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income exceeds the current VA National Income Thresholds or VA National Geographic Income Thresholds by 10% or less

- Veterans eligible for enrollment: Nonservice-connected and:

- Subpriority c: Enrolled as January 16, 2003, and who remained enrolled since that date and/ or placed in this subpriority due to changed eligibility status

- Subpriority d: Enrolled on or after June 15, 2009 whose income exceeds the current VA National Income Thresholds or VA National Geographic Income Thresholds by 10% or less

- Veterans not eligible for enrollment: Veterans not meeting the criteria above:

- Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected

- Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected



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