

# 2023 Annual Report



**Georgia Department  
of Veterans Service**

## About this Report

In accordance with state law, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Veterans Service annually submits a report of the agency's activities to the Governor and the General Assembly. The GDVS Annual Report also serves as a repository of general information about the department.

Throughout this report, many references are made to Fiscal Year 2023; this refers to the State of Georgia's fiscal year from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Where information refers instead to calendar year 2023, this will be noted.

Where federal data are concerned, the latest available data is sometimes from Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2022). Such cases are noted where they occur.

An electronic version of this report is available online at [veterans.georgia.gov/annual-report](https://veterans.georgia.gov/annual-report). An archive of the most recent editions of the GDVS Annual Report may be found in the same location.

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## About the Cover

Veterans Service Officer Chandreas Barkley assists a veteran with a claim for veterans benefits at United Military Care's We CARE Resource Fair in Cobb County on August 4, 2023.

(Credit: Photo, GDVS/Charlotte May)



PATRICIA ROSS  
COMMISSIONER

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November 6, 2024

Governor Brian Kemp  
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:

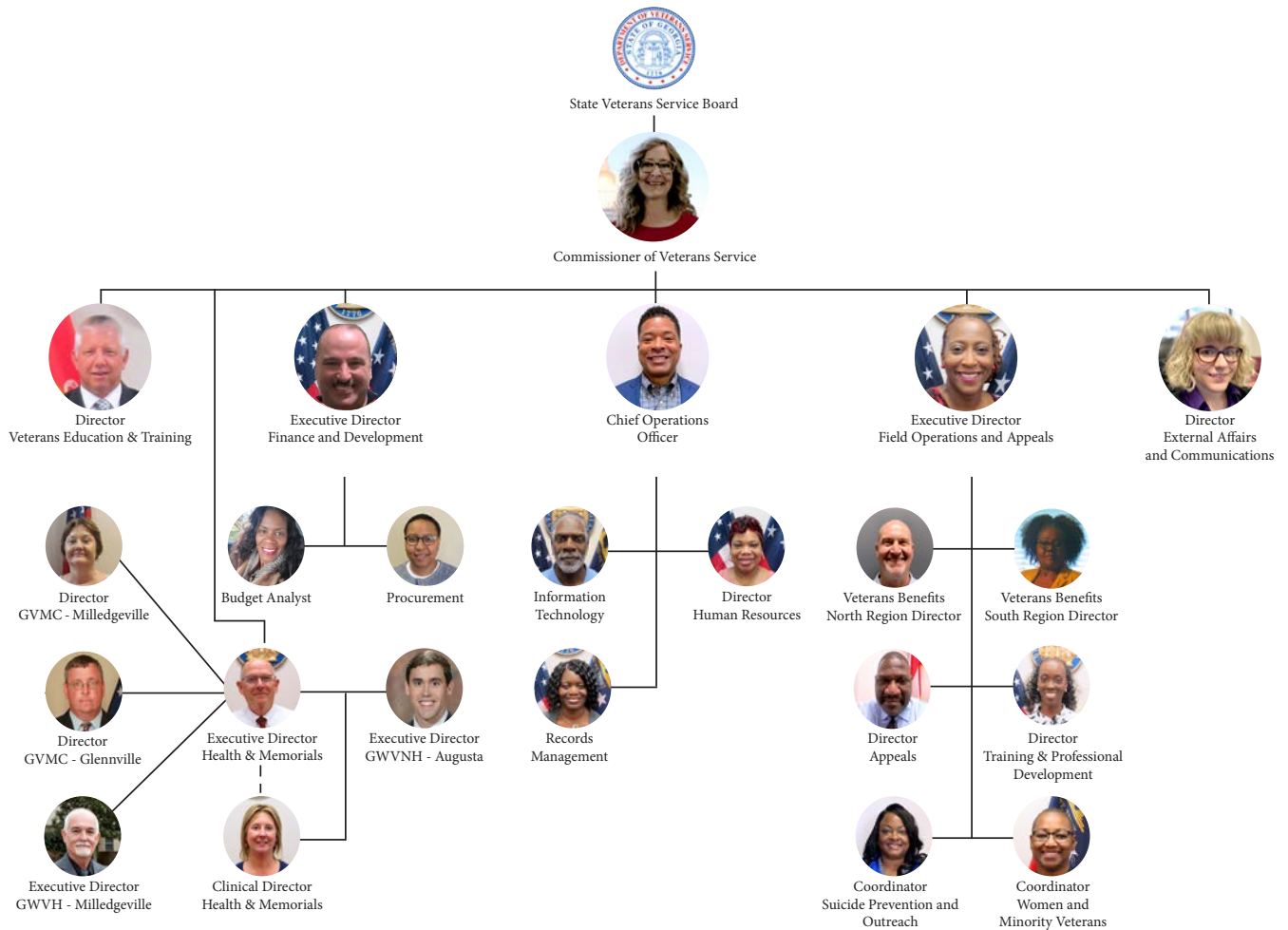
*“The Commissioner of Veterans Service shall furnish to the Governor, the members of the General Assembly, the Veterans Service Board, veterans' organizations, and the public generally an annual report with reference to claims presented on behalf of veterans of this state, concerning veterans aided under federal, state, or local legislation, and otherwise to report the 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 2023. A copy of this report is also available at <https://veterans.georgia.gov/annual-report>.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ross  
Commissioner

# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



## MISSIONS:

To assist Georgia's 689,000+ veterans with benefits claims to obtain compensation, pension and services from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

To provide nursing 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.



# VETERANS SERVICE BOARD

The constitution of the State of Georgia specifies the State Veterans Service Board be composed of seven members. 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, subject to confirmation by the State Senate. Board member terms are staggered and are for seven years. From its membership, the Board elects a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. Every four years the Board appoints a Commissioner, through whom the Board controls the overall policy of the Department of Veterans Service.



Joshua Kopsie



Shawn Hanley



Takosha Swan



John Kubinec



Steve Mendez



Tim Paslawski



Pete Peterson

## 2022 BOARD MEMBERS

### BOARD MEMBER

SHAWN HANLEY  
TAKOSHA SWAN  
JOSHUA KOPSIE  
JOHN KUBINEC  
STEVE MENDEZ  
TIM PASLAWSKI  
PETE PETERSON

### POSITION

CHAIRMAN  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
SECRETARY  
MEMBER  
MEMBER  
MEMBER  
MEMBER

### CITY

ATLANTA  
CONYERS  
MARIETTA  
WARNER ROBINS  
BRUNSWICK  
STATESBORO  
STOCKBRIDGE

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

## *Serving Those Who Served*

The mission of the Department of Veterans Service is to serve Georgia's 689,000+ veterans, 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 our mission, the department maintains an appeals division, field service offices, two veterans nursing homes, two veterans cemeteries, and a public information division.

The Appeals Division's mission is to process appeals of Georgia veterans.

The Veterans Field Service 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 Training Division ensures all veteran service offices are staffed by VA accredited veteran service officers. They provide continuing education courses to staff throughout the year.

The War Veterans Nursing Homes provide skilled nursing care to Georgia's war veterans who need those services.

The Veterans Memorial 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 Public Information Division's mission is to keep Georgia veterans informed about these issues.

Some may 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 while 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 earned 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 changes in law and determining how they impact their personal situation.



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

## 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.

**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 Veterans Service Board, and the General Assembly as to needed veterans legislation.

**Maintain** files on all veterans who have filed claims for veterans benefits 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.

**Conduct** outreach to women veterans to improve awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans benefits and services.

**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, to secure or offer services or any benefits to veterans and their dependents.

**Assist** and cooperate with all veterans organizations in their work.

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

**Sponsor** observance of Veterans Day in the state.

**Certify** eligibility for veterans driver licenses and honorary driver licenses.

**Certify** eligibility for disabled veteran discounts at Department of Natural Resources facilities.

**Issue**, to qualified veterans, Certificates of Exemption from certain business taxes and fees.

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

**Assist** in obtaining special motor vehicle license plates for qualified veterans, including veterans of specific military campaigns, retired veterans, and recipients of certain medals, as well as special tax-exempt license plates for Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, disabled veterans, and Medal of Honor recipients.

**As State Approving Agency**, enter into contracts with the federal government for the qualification, approval, certification, and supervision of educational institutions and training establishments applying for or participating in federal programs for educating and training veterans.

**As Chair Agency of the Returning Veterans Task Force**, investigate how state services can be provided to veterans returning from military service, issue recommendations to agencies to improve service delivery, and transmit specific suggestions for legislation to the Governor and senior leaders of the General Assembly.

# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FEDERAL AND STATE SERVICES



**VA** | U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**VA Benefits Administration** - provides military-to-civilian transition assistance services, disability compensation, pension, fiduciary services, educational opportunities, Veteran readiness, and employment services

**National Cemetery Administration** - provides burial and memorial benefits to Veterans and their eligible family members

**VA Health Administration** - provides a broad range of primary care, specialized care and related medical and social support services that are uniquely related to Veterans' health or special needs in 1,506 healthcare facilities.



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS SERVICE**

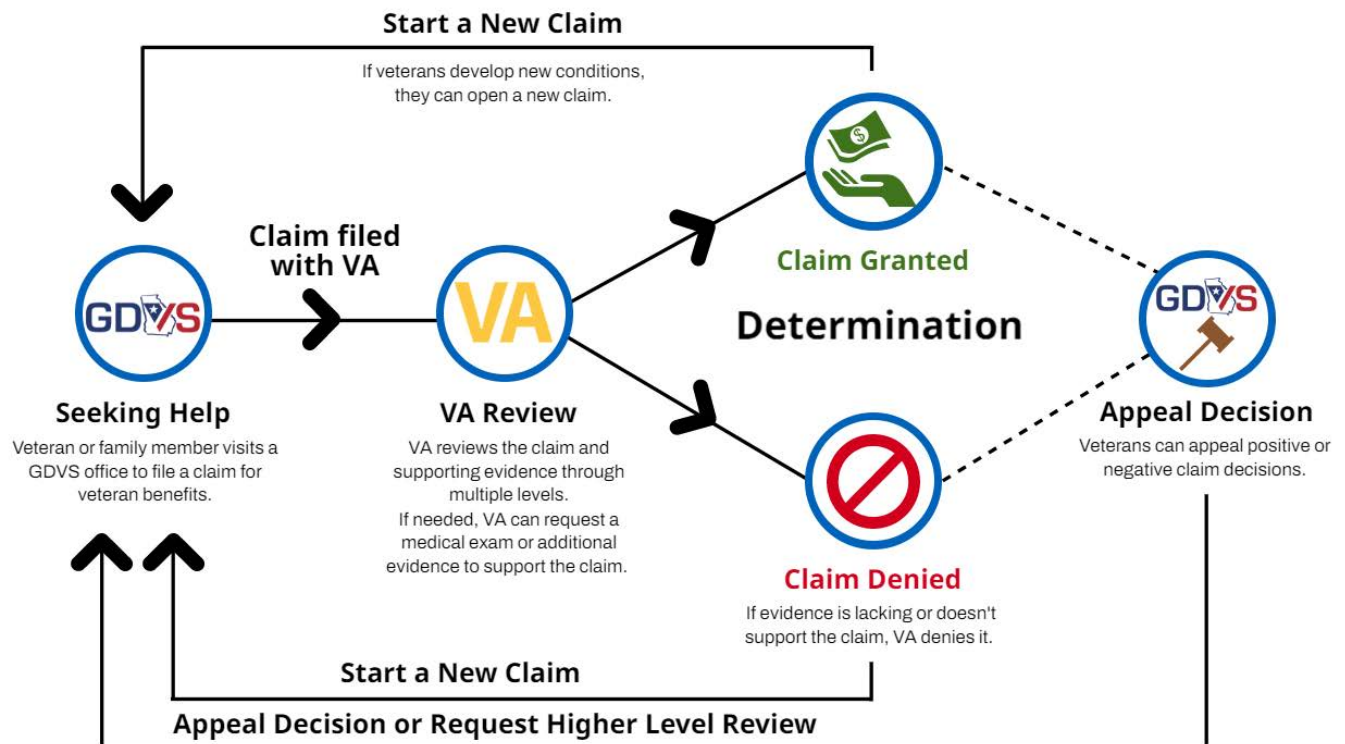
**Field Operations and Appeals** – provides counseling, assistance, and advisement to military veterans and their families on earned benefits and submits claims and/or appeals benefits decisions to the **VA Benefits Administration**

**State Cemeteries (Glennville & Milledgeville)** - provides burial and memorial benefits to Veterans and their eligible family members

**State War Veterans Homes (Augusta & Milledgeville)**- provides skilled nursing care for Georgia wartime veterans with other than dishonorable service

**\*\*Does not have healthcare facilities or providers\*\***

## CLAIM LIFE CYCLE



The GDVS is ready and available to help veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors at every step of the claims and appeals process when seeking benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



# VETERANS EDUCATION & 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.

Within the GDVS, the State Approving Agency (SAA) function is performed by the Veterans Education & Training Division. This division is responsible for ensuring approved institutions and establishments meet and maintain acceptable standards so 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 (OJT). 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.

In 2023, the 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.

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 OJT/apprenticeship training for reservists and veterans.

The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008 program expanded the benefits available to certain service members and veterans with active duty military service after September 11, 2001.

The Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010 made 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 Department of Defense also offers a “Transferability of Education Benefits” option for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This retention program requires eligible active duty veterans with at least six years of service to commit to an additional four years of service upon approval.

On August 16, 2017 the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, also known as the “Forever GI Bill” was signed into law, which will bring significant changes to veterans’ education benefits. This includes removing the 15-year limitation to use education benefits for veterans who left active duty on or after January 1, 2013.

In total, 21,173 Georgia veterans were enrolled in college degree and professional programs, technical career programs, vocational programs, flight training, and OJT programs during fiscal year 2023.

In FY23, the approval of educational institutions and training establishments for the education of Georgia veterans resulted in the processing of numerous individual actions in the approval, re-approval, withdrawal and compliance survey process.

At the close of 2023, there were 1,826 approved educational institutions and approved training establishments in Georgia. The Veterans Education & Training Division monitors all approved educational institutions and training establishments.

The division conducts regular inspection visits to ensure approval criteria and schools’ standards of progress are being followed as prescribed by law.

For more information on all GI Bill programs, visit [benefits.va.gov/gibill](https://benefits.va.gov/gibill) or call the GDVS Education & Training Division at 404-656-2306.

# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The External Affairs and Communications Division collects, evaluates, and disseminates information to veterans regarding changes in benefits 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 that may affect them.

Through an aggressive internal communication program, the division keeps the field offices informed about changes in law and policy interpretations impacting veterans.

The division also supports the department's internal training website for field and appeals officers in cooperation with the Professional Training and Development Division. Together, both teams ensure the department's personnel have access to timely training modules on issues impacting veterans.

The division supports the department's field personnel in their efforts to 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 division compiles, edits, and publishes a series of print materials explaining in detail the various benefits available to veterans, their dependents, and survivors. These include books, flyers, and pamphlets, all of which are updated as changes occur in laws, regulations, or benefits.

In 2022, the division launched a newsletter which covers changes to veterans law, departmental

achievements, events, public interest stories on notable veterans, and more. The newsletter is available through the department's website and a robust mailing list of subscribers.

This division is responsible for the department's online presence, including its

website, blog, and several social media channels.

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: [facebook.com/gavetsvc](https://facebook.com/gavetsvc).

Although the division strives to utilize the latest available new media tools, the department's website, [veterans.georgia.gov](https://veterans.georgia.gov), remains the top source for official Georgia Department of Veterans Service information.

The GDVS website is a repository of information about veterans benefits, including the most up-to-date version of *State Benefits for Georgia Veterans*, and detailed information concerning all aspects of the department: the Commissioner's Office, Georgia War Veterans Homes, Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, Veterans Field Service Offices, Appeals Division, and Veterans Education & Training. The website is also home to the department's official news feed and calendar of events.



# GEORGIA WAR VETERANS NURSING HOME

## Augusta

The Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta is a skilled nursing care facility located adjacent to the campus of Augusta 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 Augusta University.

Primarily, the facility provides medical, rehabilitation, and skilled nursing services to Georgia's aged and infirm war 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 residents of the home and veterans of Richmond and Columbia counties. This office also serves the veterans of the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home by assisting with compensation and pension claims, counseling services, and family-related issues.

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 accredited by the Joint Commission.

In fiscal year 2023, the nursing home provided 45,890 days of care to Georgia's veterans with an average age of 81. During the year, there were 73 admissions and 71 discharges with an average length of stay of 422 days.

Services to patients included 3,962 physical therapy treatments and 8,064 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, three 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 \$8.4 million during fiscal year 2023.

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

## *Milledgeville*

The Georgia War Veterans Home, situated on approximately 17 acres in Milledgeville, is a 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, operated the home for the Department of Veterans Service under a contractual agreement through August 2023. STG International began running the home in September 2023.

The home operated three skilled nursing care facilities in 2023. The Carl Vinson Building remains at an 84 – bed capacity, the Joe T. Wood Building remains at a 140 – bed capacity and the Alzheimer's Unit remains at a 24 – bed capacity.

The Richard B. Russell Building is undergoing major renovations for a new 58 – bed skilled care sub-acute therapy unit which will treat service-connected disabled veterans as part of the home. Construction of a 14 – bed facility to support the sub-acute therapy unit and a food service facility to provide on campus meal service was completed in 2022. The new food production facility opened in September 2023.

During fiscal year 2023, veteran patients at the home received 54,250 days of skilled nursing care. The nursing home admitted 76 patients during the year and had 92 discharges/deaths.

The average length of stay for current skilled veteran patients is 1,394 days or 3.8 years.

During fiscal year 2023, federal assistance in funding a portion of the cost of providing care to veterans in the home amounted to \$10,954,681.

With the lifting of virus control restrictions, veterans service organizations, civic groups, and church groups are again sponsoring 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 492 individual volunteers provided more than 2,000 hours of time, valued at over \$24,000, and presented 72 activities during fiscal year 2023.

The value of donated items made available to the home and residents during fiscal year 2023

was \$80,000. Groups and individuals also provided direct monetary donations of \$26,040 in support of special activities and projects.

The GDVS Veteran Field Service Office serving veteran residents in the home and those who live in Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Washington, and Wilkinson counties is located in



the Wheeler Building.

This office serves the veterans of the Georgia War Veterans Home by assisting with compensation and pension claims, counseling services, and family-related issues. They also assist veterans, service members, and families with referrals to community based organizations for various social needs services and support.

A VA community clinic which provides outpatient care to veterans in Baldwin and the surrounding counties is also located in the home.



# GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

## *Milledgeville*

**G**eorgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Milledgeville is located approximately five 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.

The cemetery will eventually be the final resting place for more than 100,000 eligible veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependents.

As of December 22, 2023, there were 5,322 veterans, spouses and dependents buried at GVMC. Burials are composed of 3,519 casketed burials, 1,056 cremations, 719 in ground cremations, and 28 memorial markers.

Cemetery operations expanded in October 2018. The expansion included 15 acres of developed land and added space for 1,520 pre-placed crypts and 320 columbarium niches. Planning and requests for additional expansions and renovations continued in 2023.

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 by volunteers and cemetery staff on all burial sites and at the front entrance of the cemetery in recognition of Memorial Day.

The Patriot Guard, Knights of Columbus, and American Legion conducted a ceremony attended

by approximately 500 people.

On December 16, 2023 the cemetery hosted its annual Wreaths Across America ceremony in honor of our past and present military.

Seven wreaths, provided by the Worchester Wreath Company, were presented at the entrance of the cemetery to honor each branch of our Armed Forces, Merchant Marines and POWs/

MIAs. The ceremony included members of the Morris Little American Legion Post, the Patriot Guard Riders, Honor Guards from the Retired Marine Corps League and Wilkinson County Junior ROTC, music by Stacey Blanton, and guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) John Griffin,

Post Commander of Morris Little American Legion Post 6.

The cemetery typically 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 remained active in the local community and met with business groups, veterans organizations, and church groups through teleconferences.

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.



# GEORGIA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

## Glennville

**G**eorgia 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 22, 2023, there were 2,426 veterans, spouses, and family members interred.

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

In 2023, GVMC–Glennville hosted its annual Memorial Day ceremony and saw a large crowd gather to honor the sacrifice paid for by the country's fallen members of the Armed Forces. U.S. flags were placed on each veteran's gravesite for the weekend by volunteers. The ceremony included a keynote address by LT COL Timothy Nix, a battalion commander from Fort Stewart's 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry

Division's Field Artillery provided a Color Guard to open and close the event with a flag display, along with a rifle team providing a gun salute. Fort Stewart's 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division's band provided a bugler to play "Taps" and a vocalist to provide a patriotic rendition of the National Anthem.

For Veterans Day, local Scouts and volunteers placed U.S. flags at the grave sites of the veterans interred in the cemetery. They assist the cemetery staff yearly with this task and give honor to veterans buried here.

In December, cemetery staff held a Wreaths Across America ceremony to place remembrance wreaths on graves throughout the cemetery.

The patriot event recognized veterans of the past and present. Elaine Lester, the WAA location coordinator, welcomed the large crowd. Effingham County High School's JROTC cadets placed ceremonial wreaths for all who served in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, along with wreaths for Merchant Marines and POW/MIAs. The ceremony closed with a solemn playing of "Taps" and visitors placed wreaths throughout the cemetery at gravesites.

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# GDVS FINANCIAL REPORT

## *Fiscal Year 2023*

Class Name	Program Name	Budget	Expenditures
Personal Services	Administration	1,778,677.00	1,702,132.20
Regular Operating	Administration	38,961.00	38,711.81
Computer Charges	Administration	206,605.00	206,604.17
Real Estate Rentals	Administration	44,587.00	44,586.12
Telecommunications	Administration	106,801.00	106,800.40
Contracts	Administration	766,083.00	766,082.06
		2,941,714.00	2,864,916.76

Personal Services	Milledgeville Cemetery	526,070.00	439,071.23
Regular Operating	Milledgeville Cemetery	404,786.00	205,492.79
Computer Charges	Milledgeville Cemetery	8,370.00	6,638.00
Telecommunications	Milledgeville Cemetery	17,291.00	4,413.18
Capital Outlay	Milledgeville Cemetery	7,640.00	7,640.00
Contracts	Milledgeville Cemetery	3,213.00	3,212.01
		967,370.00	666,467.21

Personal Services	Glennville Cemetery	403,168.00	448,918.44
Regular Operating	Glennville Cemetery	287,504.00	153,881.92
Computer Charges	Glennville Cemetery	893.00	2,625.00
Telecommunications	Glennville Cemetery	7,656.00	2,559.44
Contracts	Glennville Cemetery	50,000.00	50,000.00
		749,221.00	657,984.80

Personal Services	Field Operations	6,716,532.00	6,681,076.76
Regular Operating	Field Operations	359,099.00	413,454.10
Motor Vehicle Purchases	Field Operations	11,180.00	11,180.00
Computer Charges	Field Operations	6,092,238.00	5,981,543.97
Real Estate Rentals	Field Operations	211,532.00	211,536.91
Telecommunications	Field Operations	96,267.00	115,406.45
Contracts	Field Operations	530,146.00	530,145.31
ROE For Projects And Insurance	Field Operations	-	-
		14,016,994.00	13,944,343.50

Personal Services	Appeals	997,780.00	1,007,916.21
Regular Operating	Appeals	27,406.00	6,043.23
Telecommunications	Appeals	16,148.00	100.66
		1,041,334.00	1,014,060.10

Personal Services	Education And Training	690,568.00	715,886.84
Regular Operating	Education And Training	91,523.00	46,359.15
Real Estate Rentals	Education And Training	72,141.00	72,135.92
Telecommunications	Education And Training	11,989.00	8,896.59
Capital Outlay	Education And Training	1.00	
		866,222.00	843,278.50

Personal Services	Augusta	70,825.00	61,033.63
Regular Operating	Augusta	48,000.00	-
Telecommunications	Augusta	2,000.00	
Contracts	Augusta	41,049.00	29,755.64
Op Exp/Pay Med College of GA	Augusta	17,717,775.00	17,189,439.12
		17,879,649.00	17,280,228.39

Personal Services	Milledgeville Skilled Care	264,043.00	210,156.38
Regular Operating	Milledgeville Skilled Care	1,743,898.00	1,791,897.04
Computer Charges		420.00	420.00
Telecommunications		50,413.00	52,412.75
Capital Outlay	Milledgeville Skilled Care	1,649,475.00	999,638.39
Contracts	Milledgeville Skilled Care	19,021,688.00	18,798,286.26
		22,729,937.00	21,852,810.82

Totals		61,192,441.00	59,124,090.08
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# ASSISTING VETERANS STATEWIDE

## GDVS 2023 AT A GLANCE



**1,250+**

Veterans began a claim on-site at an event



**7,806**

Referrals to support services via Unite Us



**5,000+**

SSG Fox Grant Suicide Prevention screenings completed



**678,000+**

Veterans living in Georgia



**130,639**

Veterans received help via phone calls, emails, and in office visits



**41,453**

Claims submitted for veterans benefits



**\$4.4 Billion**

Monies received by Georgia veterans and families



**115**

Employees serving veterans in 55 field offices



**7,748**

Veterans and spouses interred in a Veterans Memorial Cemetery



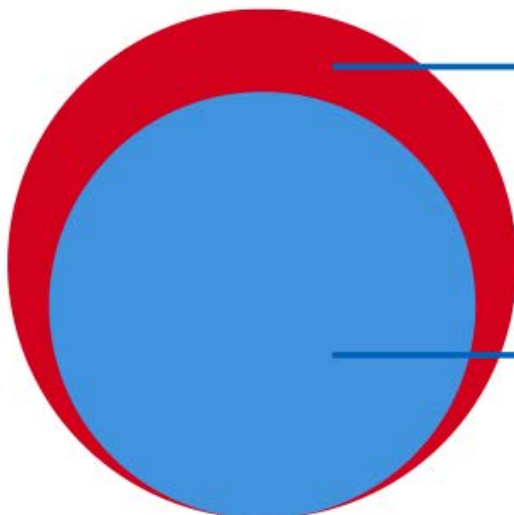
**261**

Veterans receiving care at a War Veterans Home



**15**

Veterans Benefit Enrollment Events



**\$6,295,547,000**

Total Compensation and Pension payments received by Georgia veterans in Federal FY21

**\$4,406,883,000**

Compensation and Pension payments received by veterans with GDVS assistance



# VA MONETARY REPORT

## 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 2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022). The figures were provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and were the latest available at the end of 2023. (See the end of this report for a more detailed breakdown of these figures.)

***Compensation and Pension***  
**\$6,295,547,000**

***Medical Care***  
**\$3,132,709,000**

***Construction***  
**\$24,931,000**

***Insurance and Indemnities***  
**\$24,861,000**

***Education and Vocational  
Rehabilitation***  
**\$469,088,000**

***General Operating Expenses***  
**\$79,949,000**

***Total Expenditure***  
**\$10,027,086,000**



**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.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Commissioner's Activities



In March, Commissioner Ross joined Lt. Governor Burt Jones, state legislators, and Georgia's military community to welcome the new class of the Georgia Military Hall of Fame.



In April, Commissioner Ross joined Governor and First Lady Kemp, state legislators, and veterans to celebrate the passage of several bills into Georgia law for veterans, service members, and families.



In June, the department hosted the first Georgia Women Veterans Gala at Middle Georgia University. The evening celebrated the life and service of women veterans from all ages across the state.



In September, Commissioner Ross hosted the first Veteran Engagement Senior Leader meeting. The group is composed of representatives from federal, state, and local veteran organizations.





# YEAR IN REVIEW

## GreenVeterans.com and Samsung Donate Technology for Veterans Suicide Prevention



The Georgia Veterans Service Foundation (GVSF) received a donation of 60 tablets from GreenVeterans.com and Samsung to support suicide prevention programs for veterans, military service members, and their families in March 2023.

“Georgia is committed to doing our part to support the brave men and women whose service safeguards the freedoms we hold dear,” said Governor Brian Kemp.

“This means providing our veterans facing mental health challenges the resources they need to recover and thrive. I want to thank Samsung and GreenVeterans for their support of this cause, and I look forward to the impact this initiative will have on our veterans.”

The devices will provide access to a suicide prevention screening assessment for veterans visiting Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS) offices. The assessment is currently available through a scannable QR code but was difficult to access for those without mobile devices or who need help navigating the web-based form.

The GDVS launched the suicide prevention screening tool as part of a program to identify emerging trends of suicidality in veterans in Georgia. The program operates through a grant received through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention program. The GDVS is working with partners at the Center for the Advancement of Military and Emergency Services Research at Kennesaw State University to develop predictive models of areas of concern, develop suicide prevention programs, and improve equity and access to mental healthcare services for veterans, service members, and their families.

“Losing even one veteran to suicide is too many. Having a strong network of caring partners working together to provide the support our veterans need is critical,” said GDVS Commissioner Patricia Ross. “We look forward to continuing to make a difference for Georgia’s veterans and reducing veteran suicides across the state with our partners’ help.”

The donation from Samsung and GreenVeterans.com to the GVSF’s suicide prevention programs strongly supports Governor Kemp’s initiative to utilize public-private partnerships and technology to improve Georgian’s lives. Through similar partnerships, the GVSF aims to meet the needs of Georgia’s veterans, families, caregivers, and their survivors.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Memorial Day in Georgia



Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service celebrated Memorial Day at the Georgia State Capitol on May 15, 2023.

Commissioner Ross, members of the Veterans Service Board, state legislators, veterans service organizations, and veterans attended the ceremony in remembrance of the military service members who gave their lives while serving the United States.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

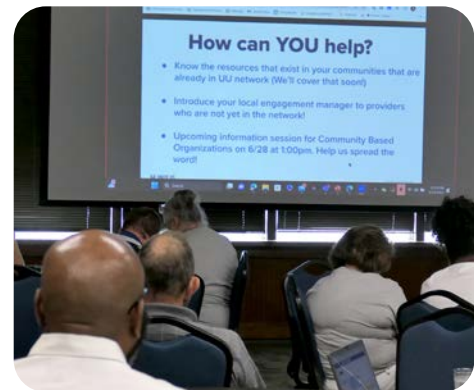
## Let's Connect Suicide Prevention Summit



The department and the KSU AMES Center hosted the first Let's Connect Suicide Prevention and Awareness Summit on May 24-25, 2023. Nearly 100 attendees, representing 44 organizations and 26 counties in Georgia, participated in the two day event. Guest presenters included Georgia's Adjutant General Tom Carden, the DPH, Unite Us, and VA.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Annual Training



To maintain compliance with veterans benefits regulations and maintains employee certifications, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS) annually gathers its Veterans Field Service Officers and Appeals Officers for training.

The 2023 annual training, held in June in Atlanta, featured group sessions on essential skills, small group discussions focused on vital competency areas and policy changes, and interactive learning games to reinforce skills and build teamwork.

The GDVS Training Division plans and coordinates training for all department employees, with a comprehensive test required annually to maintain VA accreditation. In addition to annual training, employees participate in regularly scheduled monthly classes to accumulate accreditation hours.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## GDVS Announces Recipients of Veterans Mental Health Services Grant Program

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service announced the selection of two recipients for the Veterans Mental Health Services Grant Program on July 3, 2023.

The Emory Healthcare Veterans Program and the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Aspire Health Partners were chosen after a thorough review of eligible applicants.

“We are honored to support these organizations who are providing much needed services to our veterans, military service members, and their families,” said Patricia Ross, Commissioner of Georgia Department of Veterans Service. “The GDVS is committed to building a strong network of mental and behavioral support to serve our over a million military-affiliated Georgians.”

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program (EHVP) provides post-9/11 veterans and service members with expert mental healthcare through outpatient and telemedicine programs, as well as family support services. Launched in 2015, EHVP has assisted thousands of veterans seeking critical mental health care services.

EHVP will use awarded grant funds to expand the awareness and reach of the program in underserved Georgia military and veteran communities. Their plans include a traveling Veteran Outreach Coordinator to collaborate with military installations and veteran service organizations. The coordinator will spread awareness of the program and assist with the application process for care.

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Aspire Health Partners provides accessible, confidential, and high-quality behavioral healthcare services to active-duty military service members, post-9/11 veterans, National Guardsmen, Reservists, and their families. The first Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic in Georgia opened in Hinesville in October 2022 and is part of the Cohen Veterans Network of 23 clinics across 16 states.

The clinic will use awarded grant funds to enhance services at the Hinesville clinic, to include adding clinicians as requests for service grow. The clinic, located near Fort Stewart, serves a large active-duty military population with continual deployments and a busy transition assistance program office. More than 25,000 veterans also call the Fort Stewart area home.

The Veterans Mental Health Services Grant program was created through HB 414 and was signed by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp on April 25, 2023. The grant program aims to improve and expand access to mental health services for military service members, veterans, and their families in the state of Georgia.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## We CARE Fair



The GDVS joined United Military Care for the first We CARE Veterans Resource Fair at the Cobb County Civic Center on August 3-4, 2023.

During the two day resource fair, veterans and their families were able to meet with a variety of local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit groups.

The GDVS assisted veterans in filing claims, getting status updates on their claim or appeal, and sharing information on state and federal veterans benefits.





# YEAR IN REVIEW

## GDVS Hosts SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Awareness Forum

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS) and GreenVeterans hosted a forum focused on suicide prevention awareness and outreach for active-duty military service members, veterans, and their families on October 5, 2023.

The forum featured the parents of SSG Parker Gordon Fox, David and Brenda Fox, for introductory remarks. The forum also featured remarks from U.S. Representative Austin Scott (GA-8), Member of the House Armed Services Committee and U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop (GA-2), Member of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

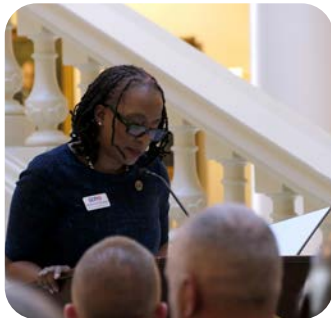
The forum panel consisted of Rachel Holloman, DBHDD, Suicide Prevention Director and Federal Grants; Dr. Todd Burnett, Senior Consultant for Operations for Suicide Prevention at VA; Dr. Ramya Sundararaman, Deputy Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office; Dr. Brian Moore – Director of the AMES Center at KSU; and Dr. Patricia Ross, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Veterans Service.





# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Veterans Day in Georgia



Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service held the state's annual ceremony to designate November 11 as Veterans Day in Georgia.

Commissioner Patricia Ross, members of the Veterans Service Board, state legislators, veterans service organizations, and veterans attended the ceremony under the Gold Dome of the capitol building.

# VA STATISTICAL DATA

## FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State 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	959	\$ 11,811	\$ 6,418	\$ -	\$ 161	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 5,213	342
ATKINSON	373	\$ 5,226	\$ 2,920	\$ -	\$ 74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,232	151
BACON	575	\$ 6,057	\$ 3,687	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 2,262	192
BAKER	196	\$ 2,598	\$ 1,757	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 818	70
BALDWIN	2,652	\$ 39,412	\$ 22,160	\$ -	\$ 933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114	\$ 16,204	1,076
BANKS	973	\$ 11,512	\$ 7,672	\$ -	\$ 371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 3,442	343
BARROW	4,242	\$ 53,425	\$ 35,187	\$ -	\$ 2,155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 16,025	1,266
BARTOW	6,062	\$ 68,175	\$ 47,161	\$ -	\$ 3,179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204	\$ 17,631	1,682
BEN HILL	974	\$ 15,390	\$ 9,710	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ 5,440	383
BERRIEN	1,196	\$ 22,438	\$ 14,686	\$ -	\$ 860	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55	\$ 6,837	536
BIBB	11,499	\$ 173,720	\$ 106,455	\$ -	\$ 6,002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 419	\$ 60,844	4,275
BLECKLEY	793	\$ 14,492	\$ 8,448	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 5,770	306
BRANTLEY	1,085	\$ 14,454	\$ 7,643	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 6,526	501
BROOKS	1,037	\$ 15,312	\$ 7,270	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 7,677	506
BRYAN	4,783	\$ 100,730	\$ 75,901	\$ -	\$ 8,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ 16,268	2,072
BULLOCH	4,219	\$ 53,535	\$ 32,464	\$ -	\$ 3,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 17,328	1,457
BURKE	1,677	\$ 24,089	\$ 11,154	\$ -	\$ 516	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 12,372	658
BUTTS	1,375	\$ 22,098	\$ 16,262	\$ -	\$ 831	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ 4,970	471
CALHOUN	299	\$ 5,251	\$ 3,874	\$ -	\$ 162	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 1,213	118
CAMDEN	6,822	\$ 107,248	\$ 73,088	\$ -	\$ 7,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ 26,666	2,642
CANDLER	626	\$ 7,776	\$ 4,477	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 3,143	253
CARROLL	6,613	\$ 100,255	\$ 60,244	\$ -	\$ 4,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318	\$ 34,977	2,113
CATOOSA	4,656	\$ 41,870	\$ 23,351	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 17,808	1,395
CHARLTON	944	\$ 10,504	\$ 6,147	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 4,018	326
CHATHAM	27,324	\$ 346,136	\$ 237,788	\$ -	\$ 23,316	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 697	\$ 84,335	9,156
CHATTAHOOCHEE	2,231	\$ 7,207	\$ 4,783	\$ -	\$ 288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,136	203
CHATTOOGA	1,569	\$ 15,444	\$ 10,555	\$ -	\$ 635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 4,179	422
CHEROKEE	14,339	\$ 155,063	\$ 111,748	\$ -	\$ 9,029	\$ -	\$ 3,220	\$ 517	\$ 30,548	3,202
CLARKE	5,466	\$ 52,477	\$ 33,375	\$ -	\$ 3,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 15,314	1,259
CLAY	227	\$ 1,868	\$ 1,262	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 582	73
CLAYTON	17,837	\$ 235,994	\$ 135,950	\$ -	\$ 9,882	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194	\$ 89,968	7,041
CLINCH	322	\$ 4,831	\$ 2,413	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 2,341	145
COBB	40,810	\$ 431,112	\$ 284,434	\$ 191	\$ 33,177	\$ -	\$ 454	\$ 1,871	\$ 110,985	9,906
COFFEE	1,884	\$ 28,332	\$ 16,869	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 10,873	869
COLQUITT	2,352	\$ 26,948	\$ 16,144	\$ -	\$ 628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 10,145	802
COLUMBIA	17,713	\$ 449,239	\$ 318,098	\$ -	\$ 29,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 539	\$ 101,594	8,605
COOK	1,205	\$ 16,001	\$ 9,618	\$ -	\$ 396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 5,956	477
COWETA	10,079	\$ 124,158	\$ 89,012	\$ -	\$ 6,680	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 507	\$ 27,958	3,213
CRAWFORD	925	\$ 8,204	\$ 3,724	\$ -	\$ 253	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 4,224	323



# VA STATISTICAL DATA

## FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State 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	1,233	\$ 15,030	\$ 9,004	\$ -	\$ 465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127	\$ 5,434	397
DADE	926	\$ 12,803	\$ 7,879	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 4,536	339
DAWSON	1,628	\$ 22,432	\$ 15,580	\$ -	\$ 1,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81	\$ 5,763	438
DECATUR	1,566	\$ 20,518	\$ 11,033	\$ -	\$ 552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106	\$ 8,827	633
DEKALB	38,268	\$ 739,437	\$ 305,118	\$ 12,057	\$ 28,297	\$ -	\$ 76,270	\$ 1,713	\$ 315,980	13,404
DODGE	1,342	\$ 17,179	\$ 9,252	\$ -	\$ 360	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 7,536	471
DOOLY	791	\$ 7,301	\$ 4,517	\$ -	\$ 111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 2,659	204
DOUGHERTY	6,514	\$ 108,787	\$ 76,151	\$ -	\$ 3,626	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 307	\$ 28,702	2,505
DOUGLAS	9,316	\$ 152,086	\$ 103,676	\$ -	\$ 8,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 271	\$ 39,807	3,616
EARLY	660	\$ 8,181	\$ 5,328	\$ -	\$ 154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ 2,653	231
ECHOLS	177	\$ 1,061	\$ 182	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 863	64
EFFINGHAM	5,110	\$ 84,349	\$ 59,606	\$ -	\$ 4,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179	\$ 20,308	2,117
ELBERT	1,223	\$ 17,694	\$ 10,206	\$ -	\$ 434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 7,023	439
EMANUEL	1,207	\$ 20,637	\$ 10,030	\$ -	\$ 441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 10,119	529
EVANS	670	\$ 7,497	\$ 5,249	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 2,117	215
FANNIN	2,260	\$ 25,164	\$ 16,707	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ 8,040	795
FAYETTE	9,297	\$ 133,655	\$ 100,456	\$ -	\$ 6,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 388	\$ 25,906	2,820
FLOYD	6,019	\$ 51,695	\$ 34,960	\$ -	\$ 1,278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277	\$ 15,179	1,431
FORSYTH	10,408	\$ 69,838	\$ 46,431	\$ -	\$ 3,516	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408	\$ 19,484	1,967
FRANKLIN	1,262	\$ 15,251	\$ 9,839	\$ -	\$ 486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 4,888	410
FULTON	50,450	\$ 653,611	\$ 380,735	\$ 2,607	\$ 38,343	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,780	\$ 229,146	14,284
GILMER	2,636	\$ 26,038	\$ 18,138	\$ -	\$ 312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 7,528	785
GLASCOCK	175	\$ 1,872	\$ 911	\$ -	\$ 49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 912	60
GLYNN	7,289	\$ 76,483	\$ 49,492	\$ -	\$ 2,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 513	\$ 24,209	2,342
GORDON	2,676	\$ 28,830	\$ 19,776	\$ -	\$ 748	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 8,282	737
GRADY	1,454	\$ 19,098	\$ 9,199	\$ -	\$ 349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ 9,523	646
GREENE	1,226	\$ 12,508	\$ 7,847	\$ -	\$ 326	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159	\$ 4,177	334
GWINNETT	39,556	\$ 445,338	\$ 278,755	\$ -	\$ 28,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,429	\$ 136,792	11,658
HABERSHAM	2,497	\$ 27,101	\$ 18,633	\$ -	\$ 558	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 7,840	815
HALL	10,251	\$ 100,439	\$ 66,007	\$ -	\$ 3,404	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 613	\$ 30,415	2,796
HANCOCK	617	\$ 7,815	\$ 4,923	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 2,769	222
HARALSON	1,526	\$ 16,636	\$ 11,246	\$ -	\$ 518	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 4,841	479
HARRIS	3,207	\$ 62,649	\$ 46,102	\$ -	\$ 2,594	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 235	\$ 13,718	1,523
HART	1,607	\$ 14,282	\$ 7,696	\$ -	\$ 287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 6,242	540
HEARD	716	\$ 5,691	\$ 3,970	\$ -	\$ 89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 1,621	223
HENRY	18,178	\$ 384,616	\$ 278,931	\$ -	\$ 20,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 543	\$ 84,797	8,005
HOUSTON	21,196	\$ 374,333	\$ 266,755	\$ -	\$ 18,817	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 612	\$ 88,149	7,541
IRWIN	574	\$ 6,493	\$ 3,212	\$ -	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 199	\$ 2,873	213
JACKSON	4,213	\$ 58,507	\$ 43,086	\$ -	\$ 2,306	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196	\$ 12,919	1,261

# VA STATISTICAL DATA

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JASPER	896	\$ 10,038	\$ 5,487	\$ -	\$ 323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,222	306
JEFF DAVIS	783	\$ 12,072	\$ 6,127	\$ -	\$ 176	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,767	297
JEFFERSON	925	\$ 21,558	\$ 9,837	\$ -	\$ 354	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,343	493
JENKINS	449	\$ 7,218	\$ 3,311	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,792	170
JOHNSON	504	\$ 8,681	\$ 4,015	\$ -	\$ 43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,577	213
JONES	2,026	\$ 18,341	\$ 9,527	\$ -	\$ 255	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,511	725
LAMAR	1,221	\$ 15,535	\$ 8,927	\$ -	\$ 479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,121	407
LANIER	801	\$ 11,311	\$ 6,328	\$ -	\$ 634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,338	320
LAURENS	3,468	\$ 138,665	\$ 37,767	\$ 7,011	\$ 1,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,348	1,909
LEE	2,308	\$ 38,312	\$ 28,141	\$ -	\$ 1,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,545	967
LIBERTY	14,443	\$ 246,568	\$ 176,465	\$ -	\$ 18,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,334	5,488
LINCOLN	558	\$ 9,545	\$ 5,633	\$ -	\$ 188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,721	273
LONG	2,339	\$ 61,320	\$ 44,304	\$ -	\$ 4,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,366	1,481
LOWNDES	9,737	\$ 147,677	\$ 92,102	\$ -	\$ 8,849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,467	3,725
LUMPKIN	2,152	\$ 20,853	\$ 14,031	\$ -	\$ 783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,982	612
MCDUFFIE	1,416	\$ 25,993	\$ 15,946	\$ -	\$ 621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,411	668
MCINTOSH	1,343	\$ 13,253	\$ 8,706	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,200	405
MACON	702	\$ 9,717	\$ 5,821	\$ -	\$ 223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,659	267
MADISON	1,569	\$ 21,636	\$ 14,318	\$ -	\$ 559	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,729	575
MARION	719	\$ 8,977	\$ 6,303	\$ -	\$ 262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,408	234
MERIWETHER	1,310	\$ 14,087	\$ 9,212	\$ -	\$ 432	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,436	473
MILLER	254	\$ 4,200	\$ 2,187	\$ -	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,895	108
MITCHELL	1,297	\$ 14,342	\$ 9,597	\$ -	\$ 389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,325	408
MONROE	1,862	\$ 19,869	\$ 12,835	\$ -	\$ 652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,338	610
MONTGOMERY	435	\$ 6,613	\$ 3,774	\$ -	\$ 122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,705	212
MORGAN	1,266	\$ 13,065	\$ 8,002	\$ -	\$ 369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,599	330
MURRAY	1,696	\$ 20,422	\$ 12,330	\$ -	\$ 415	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,632	576
MUSCOGEE	23,665	\$ 488,349	\$ 364,855	\$ -	\$ 27,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,475	9,031
NEWTON	6,959	\$ 125,999	\$ 80,711	\$ -	\$ 4,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,036	2,964
OCONEE	1,762	\$ 18,700	\$ 13,237	\$ -	\$ 787	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,541	410
OGLETHORPE	854	\$ 7,798	\$ 4,073	\$ -	\$ 115	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,535	330
PAULDING	9,604	\$ 108,691	\$ 69,610	\$ -	\$ 6,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,895	3,123
PEACH	2,152	\$ 53,252	\$ 40,656	\$ -	\$ 1,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,511	948
PICKENS	2,410	\$ 22,993	\$ 16,364	\$ -	\$ 632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,949	679
PIERCE	1,160	\$ 19,229	\$ 11,866	\$ -	\$ 352	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,946	611
PIKE	1,366	\$ 12,027	\$ 8,832	\$ -	\$ 569	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,605	357
POLK	2,398	\$ 27,223	\$ 18,527	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,833	615
PULASKI	642	\$ 11,950	\$ 8,524	\$ -	\$ 251	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,167	263
PUTNAM	1,734	\$ 19,124	\$ 10,616	\$ -	\$ 413	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,855	496

# VA STATISTICAL DATA

## FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State 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	159	\$ 3,735	\$ 2,134	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 1,548	88
RABUN	1,384	\$ 12,029	\$ 7,132	\$ -	\$ 235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 4,640	422
RANDOLPH	367	\$ 4,957	\$ 3,330	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 1,527	145
RICHMOND	21,988	\$ 562,605	\$ 272,527	\$ 3,065	\$ 15,234	\$ -	\$ 4	\$ 497	\$ 271,279	10,836
ROCKDALE	6,063	\$ 113,661	\$ 76,339	\$ -	\$ 5,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337	\$ 31,766	2,672
SCHLEY	309	\$ 2,985	\$ 2,080	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 854	77
SCREVEN	876	\$ 11,752	\$ 6,691	\$ -	\$ 215	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 4,799	349
SEMINOLE	620	\$ 6,465	\$ 3,984	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2,329	209
SPALDING	4,639	\$ 52,214	\$ 34,670	\$ -	\$ 1,560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ 15,890	1,442
STEPHENS	1,786	\$ 20,258	\$ 13,582	\$ -	\$ 314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 6,336	526
STEWART	270	\$ 5,190	\$ 3,294	\$ -	\$ 164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 1,707	109
SUMTER	1,667	\$ 21,289	\$ 13,850	\$ -	\$ 408	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 7,005	567
TALBOT	568	\$ 10,892	\$ 7,418	\$ -	\$ 296	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 3,158	214
TALIAFERRO	111	\$ 1,933	\$ 661	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 1,266	56
TATTNALL	1,580	\$ 23,621	\$ 16,707	\$ -	\$ 735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ 6,143	530
TAYLOR	505	\$ 6,302	\$ 3,961	\$ -	\$ 203	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ 2,131	163
TELFAIR	684	\$ 10,438	\$ 5,221	\$ -	\$ 135	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 5,059	250
TERRELL	579	\$ 7,953	\$ 4,315	\$ -	\$ 159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 3,454	207
THOMAS	2,846	\$ 43,991	\$ 25,290	\$ -	\$ 990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 17,695	1,198
TIFT	2,210	\$ 33,875	\$ 21,166	\$ -	\$ 1,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 11,584	884
TOOMBS	1,693	\$ 22,672	\$ 12,609	\$ -	\$ 565	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 9,491	619
TOWNS	1,259	\$ 16,645	\$ 10,330	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 6,165	523
TREUTLEN	524	\$ 5,847	\$ 2,677	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ 3,056	153
TROUP	4,445	\$ 53,786	\$ 38,303	\$ -	\$ 1,668	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105	\$ 13,711	1,273
TURNER	571	\$ 7,325	\$ 4,692	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 2,476	211
TWIGGS	712	\$ 10,489	\$ 5,259	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 5,093	269
UNION	2,425	\$ 35,080	\$ 21,625	\$ -	\$ 384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183	\$ 12,888	1,120
UPSON	1,732	\$ 20,225	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 7,142	566
WALKER	4,204	\$ 52,926	\$ 34,498	\$ -	\$ 1,398	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127	\$ 16,903	1,365
WALTON	5,370	\$ 100,552	\$ 73,943	\$ -	\$ 4,852	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ 21,452	1,774
WARE	2,206	\$ 38,912	\$ 22,997	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 15,265	1,063
WARREN	270	\$ 4,697	\$ 2,783	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 1,875	135
WASHINGTON	1,270	\$ 19,327	\$ 10,503	\$ -	\$ 579	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 8,229	533
WAYNE	2,101	\$ 29,980	\$ 20,110	\$ -	\$ 849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ 8,969	875
WEBSTER	118	\$ 1,678	\$ 771	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 863	41
WHEELER	328	\$ 5,773	\$ 2,741	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 2,981	167
WHITE	2,378	\$ 23,288	\$ 15,371	\$ -	\$ 319	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 7,514	658
WHITFIELD	4,699	\$ 40,450	\$ 25,426	\$ -	\$ 1,086	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69	\$ 13,869	1,153
WILCOX	420	\$ 6,556	\$ 3,796	\$ -	\$ 137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 2,624	152



# VA STATISTICAL DATA AND NOTES

## FY22 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

FY22 Summary of Expenditures by State 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	595	\$ 10,719	\$ 6,093	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61	\$ 4,345	283
WILKINSON	484	\$ 10,359	\$ 5,808	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76	\$ 4,327	254
WORTH	1,270	\$ 15,119	\$ 8,933	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153	\$ 5,784	498
<b>GEORGIA (Totals)</b>	<b>678,304</b>	<b>\$ 10,027,086</b>	<b>\$ 6,295,547</b>	<b>\$ 24,931</b>	<b>\$ 469,088</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 79,949</b>	<b>\$ 24,861</b>	<b>\$ 3,132,709</b>	<b>233,027</b>
CONG. DIST (01)	77,132	\$ 1,142,531	\$ 787,848	\$ -	\$ 71,086	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,054	\$ 281,543	28,975
CONG. DIST (02)	54,503	\$ 904,384	\$ 617,391	\$ -	\$ 36,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,068	\$ 248,287	20,512
CONG. DIST (03)	53,333	\$ 784,009	\$ 555,069	\$ -	\$ 36,838	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,044	\$ 190,058	18,323
CONG. DIST (04)	43,244	\$ 758,541	\$ 382,942	\$ 744	\$ 32,360	\$ -	\$ (49)	\$ 1,898	\$ 340,646	17,065
CONG. DIST (05)	36,898	\$ 615,090	\$ 282,280	\$ 900	\$ 26,570	\$ -	\$ 76,319	\$ 1,671	\$ 227,349	12,630
CONG. DIST (06)	34,407	\$ 354,618	\$ 257,579	\$ 47	\$ 26,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,722	\$ 68,776	5,637
CONG. DIST (07)	32,321	\$ 337,991	\$ 209,417	\$ 11,109	\$ 20,484	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,189	\$ 95,792	8,580
CONG. DIST (08)	57,856	\$ 896,689	\$ 580,896	\$ 83	\$ 36,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,805	\$ 277,116	21,534
CONG. DIST (09)	47,548	\$ 517,729	\$ 342,588	\$ -	\$ 14,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,909	\$ 158,799	14,565
CONG. DIST (10)	45,366	\$ 679,747	\$ 448,394	\$ 5,020	\$ 29,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,078	\$ 194,580	15,216
CONG. DIST (11)	42,824	\$ 459,684	\$ 316,475	\$ 1,783	\$ 30,318	\$ -	\$ 3,675	\$ 1,770	\$ 105,662	9,845
CONG. DIST (12)	60,216	\$ 1,361,778	\$ 742,436	\$ 4,972	\$ 50,168	\$ -	\$ 4	\$ 1,765	\$ 562,433	27,912
CONG. DIST (13)	51,988	\$ 790,365	\$ 499,352	\$ 181	\$ 42,299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,752	\$ 246,781	20,388
CONG. DIST (14)	40,669	\$ 423,929	\$ 272,882	\$ 90	\$ 14,934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,136	\$ 134,887	11,845
<b>GEORGIA (Totals)</b>	<b>678,304</b>	<b>\$ 10,027,086</b>	<b>\$ 6,295,547</b>	<b>\$ 24,931</b>	<b>\$ 469,088</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 79,949</b>	<b>\$ 24,861</b>	<b>\$ 3,132,709</b>	<b>233,027</b>

### Notes:

- \* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2022, are produced by the VA Predictive Analytics and Actuary Service (VetPop 2020).
- # 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 (O&P) and Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVR) 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 allocated to the patient's home location, not the site of care.



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