

Georgia Department of Veterans Service



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THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO THE
WHO FOUGHT IN SOUTHERN
CALL TO DUTY
SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

2011 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 16, 2012

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 2011.

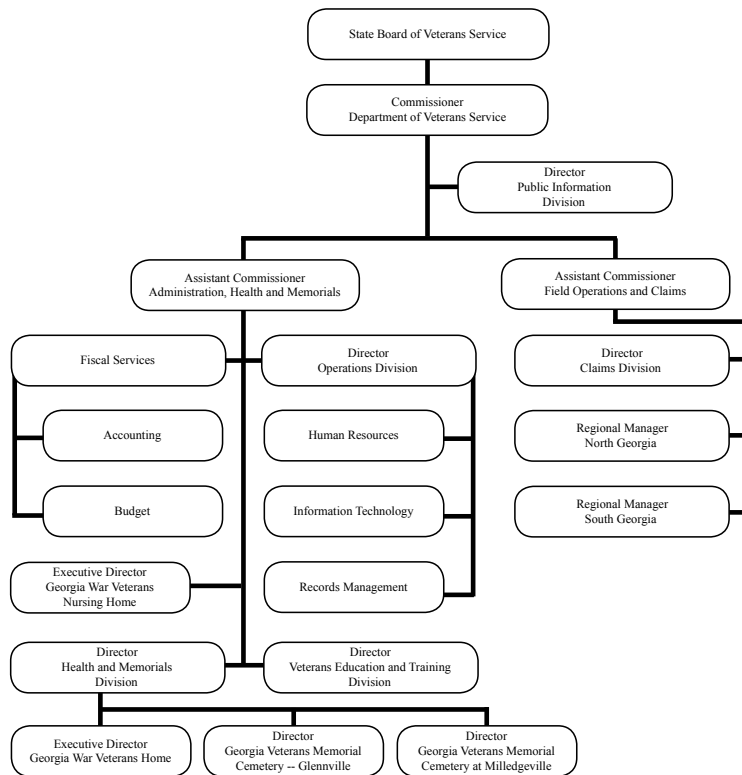
Respectfully submitted,

PETE WHEELER
Commissioner

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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.

2011 Board Members

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

In Memoriam



Kenneth W. Birdsong

July 2, 1927 - February 19, 2011

Member, Board of Veterans Service, 2005-2011

Chairman, Board of Veterans Service, 2010-2011



“To Serve Those Who Have Served”

The mission of the Department of Veterans Service is to serve the 773,337 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 773,337 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.

◆ 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

◆ 502,585 VETERAN-RELATED CONTACTS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2011

- ◆ 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.



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 2011.

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 2011.

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 2011, the approval of educational institutions and training establishments for the education of Georgia veterans resulted in the processing of 7,000 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 will begin conducting compliance survey inspections in FY 2012 using VA standards.

During 2011, personnel assigned to the Veterans Educational and Training Division conducted about 400 visits for the purpose of approval, re-approval, inspection and compliance surveys. Currently, the department monitors more than 1,500 educational institutions and training establishments.

In 2011, 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 is set to undergo a transition to a new design platform, which will improve the department's online outreach efficiency.



facebook.com/gavetsvc twitter.com/gavetsvc



GWVNH-Augusta

The Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home (GWVNH) in Augusta is a 192-bed skilled nursing care facility

located adjacent to the campus of the Georgia Health Sciences University, formally known as the Medical College of Georgia. The facility is also adjacent to the Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center. It is operated under an interagency agreement between



the Georgia Department of Veterans Service and the Georgia Health Sciences University.

Primarily, the facility provides medical and nursing services to Georgia's aged and infirm veterans. GWVNH also serves as a teaching facility to acquaint medical, 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.

In addition, the facility also houses a Georgia Department of Veterans Service field 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 2010, the nursing home

provided 57,885 days of care to Georgia's veterans with an average age of 81. During the year, there were 214 admissions and 225

discharges with an average length of stay of 312 days. Services to patients included 4,990 physical therapy treatments and 3,839 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 \$4.9 million during 2010.

Due to budget reductions, there was a five-month moratorium placed on admissions, resulting in a reduced patient census. In January 2011 the moratorium was lifted and admissions resumed, and continue currently.

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 GWVNH residents.



GWVH-Milledgeville

The Georgia War Veterans Home, situated on approximately 17 acres in Milledgeville, is a 550-bed facility licensed and certified 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 2011, which included the Richard B. Russell Building with 126 budgeted beds; the Joe T Wood Building with 150 budgeted beds; and the Alzheimer's Wing of the Pete Wheeler Building with 20 budgeted beds.

The GDVS field office serving Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Washington, and Wilkinson counties is housed on the first floor of the Vinson Building. Veteran-related contacts for this field office totaled 15,744 for 2011. 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 2011 consisted of the Alzheimer's Unit 24-bed addition and "C" Wing renovation to the Wheeler Building (\$3,222,183), renovation to the Wheeler Building for a VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Russell Building heat exchange repairs (\$393,495), and HVAC and facility upgrades to the Wood Building (\$264,340).

The Office of Regulatory Services of the Georgia Department of Human Resources conducted an unannounced licensure survey of each skilled nursing unit of the home in October 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 2011, veteran patients at the home received 79,271 days of skilled nursing care. The nursing home admitted 99 patients during the year and had 13 discharges. The average length of stay for current skilled veteran patients is 1,230 days.

Federal assistance in funding a portion of the cost of providing care to veterans in the home amounted to \$7,055,432.12. 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 1,576 individual volunteers providing in excess of 3,656 hours of time valued at over \$78,092.00 presented over 710 activities during the year.

The value of in-kind donations made available to the home was \$35,195.34. Groups and individuals also provided direct monetary donations of \$29,497.33 in 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.

Presently occupying 50 of the 142 acres, the cemetery will eventually be the final resting place for more than 100,000 eligible veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependents.

There were 197 burials in 2011, making the total-to-date 1,730 veterans, spouses, and dependents buried at the GVMC. The burials are composed of 1,217 casketed burials, 290 cremations in the columbarium, 205 in-ground cremations, and 18 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.

On May 10, 2011, the cemetery hosted a rededication ceremony formally completing the Phase II expansion of the cemetery. This expansion included an additional 1,965 spaces for casket and cremation burials. Approximately 150 people attended the ceremony.

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.

On December 10, 2011, the cemetery hosted its seventh 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. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony. The Worcester Wreath Company provided the seven wreaths for the ceremony. The cemetery received approximately 400 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. Notable visitors this year included Governor Nathan Deal and First Lady Sandra Deal.

Cemetery staff members remain active in the local community by meeting frequently with business groups, veterans organizations, and church groups. The cemetery staff also provided an information display at the department's annual Supermarket of Benefits, which was held in Dalton in December 2011.

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

The 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.

A key feature of the cemetery is the co-location of the Glennville Veterans Service Office in the Administration Building and Visitor Center. This office provides assistance to veterans and their families with applications for veterans benefits and claims. The office provides service to veterans and their families in Bryan, Liberty, Long, Tattnall, and Wayne counties.

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, 2011, there were 392 veterans, spouses, and family members interred in the cemetery. State veterans cemeteries such as the GVMC – Glennville are an integral part of the VA's National Cemetery System. The requirements for burial are the same for all National Cemetery System cemeteries.

In 2011, the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery – 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.



Lt. Col. David W. White, a member of the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. He took the opportunity to inform the crowd of the Air National Guard's role in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as their mission in today's military. Also, Cemetery

Director Ernie Cowart gave a short speech about Memorial Day and covered the beginnings of the holiday to its place in today's world. Over 150 people attended. For Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Boy Scout Troop 929 placed American 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. A bugler from Bugles Across America provided a live version of "Taps." Also involved in the ceremony were members of the Brunswick Civil Air Patrol and area Boy Scouts. A crowd of more than 125 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

Contacts.....	541,679
New Case Files.....	28,953
Hearings.....	248
Letters Written.....	18,796
Compensation and Pension.....	30,131
DIC and Death Pension.....	6,676
Education.....	2,147
Medical.....	15,353
Burial.....	3,244
Insurance.....	1,558
Loans.....	7,349
Powers of Attorney.....	16,573
Changes of Address.....	1,790
Notices of Disagreement and Appeals Filed.....	3,513
Vocational Rehabilitation.....	1,098
VA Claims Folders Reviewed.....	28,452
Driver Licenses.....	8,469
Business Licenses.....	245
Nursing Home Applications.....	702
License Plates.....	1,486
Natural Resources.....	1,875
Tax Exemptions.....	1,250
Preference Points.....	694
Welfare Assistance/Social Security.....	3,770
Miscellaneous Personal Affairs.....	20,404
Other Forms and Evidence.....	225,842



Statistical Report Definitions

Below is an explanation of terms described in the report (opposite) of the number of cases and types of services rendered by the Georgia Department of Veterans Service during 2011.

CONTACTS: Requests for service or information (in person, by telephone or by letter).

NEW CASE FILES: Cases brought to the attention of the Veterans Service Department for assistance requiring representation.

LETTERS WRITTEN: Outgoing correspondence originated in the Department on behalf of claimants in developing their claims.

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

EDUCATION: Applications for educational assistance for the veterans and/or wives, widows and children of veterans.

MEDICAL: Applications for treatment of a medical or dental condition; for admission to health care facilities; and vocational rehabilitation.

INSURANCE: An application for insurance, conversion, reinstatement, waiver of premiums, total disability income and death proceeds.

HOME LOAN APPLICATION: Applications for direct home loans from the VA and guaranteed loans from private lenders.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY: The appointment of a service organization as a claimant's representative.

NOTICES OF DISAGREEMENT AND APPEALS FILED: Written briefs and statements prepared in support of a claim where there is disagreement with the VA decision rendered.

VA CLAIMS FOLDERS REVIEWED: Claims obtained from the VA adjudication division and reviewed and rating boards conducted by claims staff personnel.

DRIVERS LICENSES: Certificates issued to veterans, their spouses, or to widows or widowers of veterans for obtaining a veteran's or honorary driver's license.

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

OTHER FORMS AND EVIDENCE: Documents completed and transmitted in support of applications filed for claims.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assisting in arrangements for military funerals, burial in national cemeteries, obtaining flags and grave markers, ambulance service, guardianship for incompetent veterans and orphans; replacement of lost or destroyed discharges and military records; review and change of discharges and military records; employment, reemployment, civil service preference, social security, welfare and related benefits; claims from the field reviewed and released to the VA; actions pertaining to DV auto tags, hunting and fishing licenses, tax exemptions, state park discount cards and change of addresses; vocational rehabilitation; and nursing home applications.



SDVS Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011

<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
State Appropriation	20,320,198	20,309,618
Federal Revenues	15,046,447	14,962,313
Other Funds	1,607,520	1,607,520
	36,974,165	36,879,451

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Personal Services	6,476,074	6,473,503
Regular Operating Expenses	511,894	492,373
Motor Vehicle Purchases	90,000	83,166
Computer Charges	27,500	27,277
Real Estate Rentals	248,284	247,936
Telecommunications	182,945	181,114
Capital Outlay	3,885,093	3,885,092
Contracts	14,783,140	14,782,743
Other	20,000	1,300
Op Exp/Payments to		
Medical College of Georgia	10,281,651	10,281,651
ROE for Projects and Insurance	467,584	423,296
	36,974,165	36,879,451



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 fiscal year 2011 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011).

The figures were provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Compensation and Pension

\$2,135,191,000

Medical Care

\$1,212,137,000

Construction

21,894,000

Insurance and Indemnities

\$47,892,000

Education and Vocational Rehabilitation

\$455,222,000

General Operating Expenses

\$127,832,000

Total

\$4,000,167,000



Compensation and Pension: Represents returns in dollars for veterans compensation for service-connected disability, compensation for service-connected deaths for veterans dependents, veterans dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths, pensions for nonservice connected disability for veterans, pensions to veterans surviving spouses and children, and burial expenses allowance for veterans.

Insurance: Estimate of VA payment of death claims, mature endowments, dividends, cash surrender payments, total disability income provision payments, and total permanent disability benefits payments. The data is provided by the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia. The estimate is based on statistical allocations using the veteran population to disperse amounts to geographical locations.

Readjustment and Vocational Rehabilitation: Represents returns in dollars for automobiles and adaptive equipment for certain disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces, specially adapted housing for disabled veterans, dependents education assistance (Chapter 35), vocational rehabilitation for disabled veterans (Chapter 31), post-Vietnam Era veterans educational assistance (Chapter 32), and the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Selected Reserves (Chapter 106).

General Operating Costs: Amount spent by the VA to operate the regional office, hospitals, nursing and domiciliary facilities and clinics in Georgia.





**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE
1700 CLAIRMONT ROAD
DECATUR, GA 30033**

March 23, 2012

Mr. Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
Georgia State Department of Veterans Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
Suite E-970
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 during fiscal year 2011 which ended on September 30, 2011. As each year passes they seem to get busier and busier.

During fiscal year 2011 we were pleased to be selected to participate in pilot programs designed to improve service and benefit delivery to Veterans. These initiatives were a Quality Review Team that focused on method to improve the quality of decision-making and the Simplified Notification Letter initiative that reduced the length of the decision notification letter sent to Veterans allowing for more decisions to be processed. We are proud to have taken part in these pilots and both initiatives are now implemented nationwide.

Veterans Service Center

During FY 2011, the Veterans Service Center (VSC) completed 28,355 rating claims with an average of 257 days to complete a claim. This level of productivity exceeded the established target of (26,663) by 6.3 percent. In FY 2012, the VSC will continue our focus on increasing the number of rating claims completed in order to address the number of projected claim receipts. The VSC is also focusing on reducing the rating inventory pending more than 125 days as well as claims pending over one year, homeless Veterans claims, and improving the accuracy of our decisions.

Last year, the Atlanta VSC received 37,603 claims, which represents a 10.5 percent decrease in claims received compared to the same period in FY 2011.

The Atlanta VSC conducted three (3) Yellow Ribbon events in 2011. These events provided assistance to one hundred fifty (150) Army and Marine Corps Veterans along with their families. Additionally, four hundred four (404) briefings



were conducted providing over fourteen thousand three hundred thirty-two (14,332) service members information on VA benefits. Atlanta has signed up 1,049 Veterans to eBenefits from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, and we will continue to seek new methods and opportunities to inform Veterans of our services and benefits to which they are entitled. In October 2011 the RO assisted the Decatur VAMC with the Homeless Veterans Standown, which provided medical care and benefit assistance to more than four hundred twenty five (425) Veterans.

Last FY we expedited all claims pending as a result of a court decision that allowed us to grant service connected disability compensation to Vietnam era veterans on a presumptive basis for the following disabilities: Ischemic Heart Disease, Parkinson's disease, and Hairy cell Leukemia. We processed over 2,000 of these claims for Georgia Veterans.

In FY 2011, the Atlanta RO expanded its Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) program to Fort Gordon. The IDES program was previously available at Fort Stewart, Fort Benning, Moody Air Force Base and Robins Air Force Base. The IDES program is designed to expedite payment of VA benefits after service members are separated from service. The program incorporates a single disability rating decision and a single disability rating by the VA.

In FY 2011, the Atlanta RO was chosen to pilot the new rating Simplified Notification Letter (SNL) program. The new SNL revises the rating process to simplify, standardize, and streamline the decision documentation and notification processes. The pilot demonstrated that more Veterans could be served using this streamlined process. The Atlanta RO processed an average of 3,445 rating claims during the last four months of FY 2011 using the new SNL process.

Education

The Atlanta Regional Processing Office (RPO) is responsible for 17.1% of the nationwide education benefits workload.

The RPO processed 561,079 claims in FY2011. Average Days to Complete for original claims processing went from 53.1 days in FY2010 to 29.5 days in FY2011, a decrease of 44.4%. Average Days to Complete for supplemental claims processing decreased from 17.8 days in FY2010 to 12.9 days in FY2011, resulting in a decrease of 27.5%. Several procedural changes for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) were implemented during the year. Additionally, new legislation was passed which expanded eligibility under Chapter 33 to individuals receiving benefits for non-college degree (NCD), apprenticeship, on-the-job training (OJT), and for service under Title 32 Section 502(f) effective October 1, 2011.



Chapter 33 continued to impact processing during FY2011. Unlike other education benefits, Chapter 33 sends the tuition and fee payments directly to the school or facility. Chapter 33 returned checks (from the schools when students alter their schedules) significantly impacted both Education and Finance in that cases often required extensive review and audit of benefits paid. This function was consolidated to Debt Management Center (DMC) in December of 2011, which should allow the division to divert resources to routine claims processing.

In the area of Customer Service, the RPO assisted 27,719 students via Internet inquiries and interviewed 4,869 students visiting the RPO. Telephone inquiries regarding education benefits are processed in the Educational Call Center located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Outreach Section of the Education Division presented information at twenty-six (26) Outreach events during 2011 that provided information to school certifying officials and veterans.

Loan Guaranty

Fiscal Year 2011 realized the completion of the previous year's initiative to consolidate the national Certificate of Eligibility function from Winston-Salem, NC to the Atlanta Regional Loan Center (RLC). The Atlanta RLC now has full responsibility for this function for all of our nation's veterans and participating lenders.

The Atlanta RLC continued to lead the nation in number of VA loans closed with 57,727. This accomplishment represents more than five consecutive years leading the nation in this category. During this period, the Atlanta RLC generated approximately 17% of all VA loans closed nationally. During FY 2011, our Construction & Valuation Section processed 49,921 appraisal requests that also ranked first 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 28 outreach events and had direct contact with over 1,450 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 4,250 veterans and their families in avoiding foreclosure through one of our successful alternatives. We approved 146 Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grants totaling \$7.36 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 including 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 Coming Home to Work program targets active duty service members who are within six months of being discharged; with emphasis on those who are in a 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.

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 4,200. In FY 2011, this VR&E office received 4,095 applications for Chapter 31, VR&E services. This first quarter of FY 2012 produced 958 applications for these services and, the Division continues to assist veterans in returning to suitable, competitive employment.

The provision of Independent Living services continued to grow during FY 2011. 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 start a new year, our goal continues to improve the service we provide to Georgia Veterans. We are striving to become advocates for our Veterans and their families. I am thankful for the collaborative relationship we have in our effort to improve the services provided to Georgia Veterans. I look forward to this relationship continuing and only growing stronger. As always, we look forward to working with you and your staff serving our Veterans in 2012.

Our best wishes to you for the New Year.

Sincerely,



A. Bocchicchio
Director



Year in Review



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



Since 1954 ... Veterans Day Ceremony at the Capitol



Year in Review



*Commissioner Wheeler with
WXIA President/General Manager
John C. Deushane*



WXIA's Veterans Day "Celebration of Service" at GA Dome



Year in Review



"Band of Brothers" actors Ross McCall (Cpl. Joe Liebgott) and James Madio (Sgt. Frank Perconte) served as Grand Marshals that honored World War II veterans



30th Annual Georgia Veterans Day Parade in Atlanta



Year in Review



North and South Region employees gather for training on the latest changes to veterans benefits laws, Department policy and new software



Employees from all areas of the Department gather for brainstorming session



Department Regional Training



Year in Review



Wreaths Across America at Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Milledgeville



Wreaths Across America at Veterans Memorial Cemetery -- Glennville



Formal Dedication of Phase II at Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Milledgeville



Honoring our Veterans



Year in Review



MOP# Service Foundation Leadership with Commissioner Wheeler

Charity Tournament for Homeless Veterans



Year in Review



Georgia First Family Visits Facilities



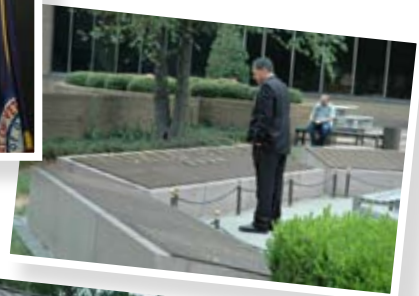
Year in Review



Commissioner Wheeler receives the Patriot of the Year Award from the USO (above) and the Special Appreciation Award from the GA National Guard Family Program (right)



Senator Johnny Isakson joined Commissioner Wheeler and dozens of veterans to see The Wall That Heals during the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's Call for Photos initiative



The Georgia Department of Veterans Service hosted a meeting of the Southeast District of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, including a tour of the Pete Wheeler Veterans Memorial Plaza

Working for our Veterans



Year in Review



VETERANS BENEFITS “SUPERMARKET” A HUGE SUCCESS

DALTON (WEDNESDAY, 12/7/11) – WITH MORE THAN 2,700 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TAKING PART, GEORGIA COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PETE WHEELER TERMED THE 2011 “SUPERMARKET OF VETERANS BENEFITS” HELD HERE TODAY, “A HUGE SUCCESS, ONE OF THE BETTER EVENTS OF THIS TYPE FOR VETERANS WE HAVE HAD IN RECENT YEARS.”

THE 46TH ANNUAL ONE-DAY PROGRAM TOOK PLACE HERE AT THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTER AND PROVIDED A ONE-STOP SHOPPING SERVICE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO GATHER INFORMATION REGARDING FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY MIGHT BE ENTITLED.



Supermarket of Veterans Benefits in Dalton



Year in Review



Supermarket of Veterans Benefits in Dalton



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 2011 Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation to members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Georgia State Council



National Commander Jimmy Foster and members of Georgia's American Legion leadership visit Governor Deal



Georgia hosts Korean War Remembrance Ceremony



Governor Deal issues proclamation recognizing Holocaust Day of Remembrance



Georgia's VSO Leadership



American Ex-Prisoners of War
Ray Reiersen of Savannah
State Commander
www.axpow.org



Jewish War Veterans of America
Joseph Kraut of Fairmount
State Commander
Shirley Rich of Atlanta
Auxiliary President
www.jwv.org



The American Legion
Phil Youngblood of Valdosta
State Commander
Hilde Martin of Valdosta
Auxiliary President
www.galegion.org



Marine Corps League
Mike Clark of Byron
Commandant, Dept. of Georgia
www.mcldeptofga.org



AMVETS
Ron Dillon of Bogart
State Commander
Mary Duncan of Bogart
Auxiliary President
www.amvets.org/georgia.html



Military Officers Association of America
Buddy Johnson of Valdosta
State President
www.georgiamoaa.org



Blinded Veterans Association
Joesph McNeil of Columbus
State President
www.grgbva.org



Military Order of the Purple Heart
John W. Wilder of Columbus
State Commander
Molly Ware of Augusta
Auxiliary President
www.purpleheart.org



Disabled American Veterans
Emanuwel J. Dixon of Decatur
State Commander
Shirley Mauldin of Guyton
Auxiliary President
www.georgia-dav.org



Reserve Officers Association
Gerald Mekosh of Warner Robins
State President
www.roa.org



GA Federal/Military Retiree Coalition
Bill Douglas of Warner Robins
State President
www.georgiamoaa.org/GFMRC



Veterans of Foreign Wars
Pledge Cannon of Centerville
State Commander
Carol A. Coggins of Morrow
Auxiliary President
www.gavfw.org



Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance
Marvin Myers of Doraville
President
www.gvva.org



Vietnam Veterans of America
Lionel Marmolejo of Savannah
State President
www.vvageorgia.com



THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

February 3, 2012



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

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

For many, many years The American Legion, Department of Georgia has enjoyed a great relationship with the Georgia Department of Veterans Service. The mainstay of that relationship has been the stewardship, leadership and dignity that you consistently provide.

I congratulate you and your devoted Staff for a successful Super Market of Veterans Benefits conducted in Dalton. The American Legions' dedication to Georgia's Veterans was evident by the large number of participants from the Legion Family. This is of course just one example of our strong relationship.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service has had and will continue to have a very positive impact on Georgia's Veterans, their Survivors and Dependents. And we, The American Legion, Department of Georgia stand shoulder to shoulder with your Department in efforts on their behalf.

Thank you for your leadership, 2011 has been a dynamic year for Georgia's Veterans. As you well know, a great deal can and will be accomplished thru Team work!

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Phil Youngblood'.

Phil Youngblood
Department Commander

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December 23, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

Serving this year as State President of The Ladies Auxiliary to The American Legion, 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 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. 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,

Hilde Martin, President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

www.gavfw.org | gavfw@gavfw.org

March 12, 2012

Peter Wheeler, Commissioner

Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

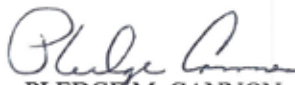
Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

It is with great pride and honor as the State Commander of the Georgia Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States that I am afforded this opportunity to thank you and your entire Georgia Department of Veterans Service Staff. Your personal dedication and direction of this department is reflective in the care and welfare of all the veterans and their families in Georgia.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary are with you in your fight for more and better care for our veterans in the Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

We are proud to be apart of and associated with the State Veterans Service Officers; GDVS Claims Staff, GDVS Cemetery Staff as well as the War Veterans Home Staff whose hard work, dedication and attitude reflect that they are true veteran advocates.

We know the future holds many challenges for you and your staff because of the current world situation with our defenders of peace that are returning with both physical and mental injuries, many who have gone untreated in the past, which will now receive the treatment and care that they deserve. Again, let me emphasize that we stand ready - shoulder to shoulder to fight for the rights of every veteran and their family with you and your staff.


PLEDGE M. CANNON
State Commander

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Department of Georgia





Carol Coggins
President

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Georgia

December 2011

Commissioner, Department of Georgia
Georgia Department of Veteran Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Suite E-970
Commissioner

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

On behalf of the 5,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Department of Georgia, I would like to thank you for the excellent assistance that you and your staff provide to our Nation's Veterans.

As an Organization, let us say how truly we appreciate the assistance you provide our Veterans here in Georgia. We treasure the partnership with the Department of Veterans Service and want to let you know that we will provide any support that makes a Veteran and his/her family's live more comfortable.

It has been an honor to represent the Ladies Auxiliary, and an even greater honor to be involved with your organization. Please know that the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is available to you at any time.

May God Bless You, and may God Bless America!

Respectfully,

Carol W. Coggins

President
Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of Georgia





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Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner, Dept. of Veteran Services
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Ste. E-907
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

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. I know I speak for every member of the American Veterans (AMVETS) of Georgia when I say that you and your staff have made a great impact on all our lives in the past, present and the future, and we are most appreciative.

It is once again our sincere hope that you will attend our State Convention which will be held in Athens this year on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of June at the Holiday Inn. Details will be forwarded to Mr. Brian Zeringue, who I would also like to commend for keeping us in the loop of all the latest and greatest information concerning veteran's issues at the local, state and federal level.

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 29 ,2011

*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 Ladies Auxiliary. I would like to express my appreciation to you and your staff for all that you have done and continue to do for our Veterans and their families.

It was great seeing you at Governor Deal`s Veterans Day Proclamation Presentation Ceremony and again at the 30th Annual Veterans Day Parade. Thank you for inviting me. It was a great honor to attend and be a part of these events.

I hope you will be able to attend our State Convention in Athens, Georgia on June 1st-3rd 2012 . We always enjoy your visits and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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

" We waited together Now let`s work together"





The Military Order of the Purple Heart
CHARTERED BY CONGRESS

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28 December 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

As commander of the Department of Georgia Military Order of Purple Heart, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to you and your staff for the outstanding service and support to our Veterans and their families throughout the state of Georgia.

As an organization of combat wounded warriors whose mission is to support veterans and their families, we could not be successful without the support of you and your staff. During all of our endeavors, you have always been there. When we have needed legislative assistance you are ready to serve and assist. This is why we have named one of our major events, "The Play it Again Pete" golf tournament in honor of you. Commissioner, this tournament is a chance for us to not only raise funds to support our Veterans, But also to honor you.

As this year comes to a close and we begin a new year, we will continue to look to you for leadership. These economic times have become more challenging each year and this year will be no different. 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.

Sincerely,

John W. Wilder
Department Commander
MOPH, Georgia





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

DECEMBER 20, 2011

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 president of the Department of Georgia's Ladies Auxiliary - Military Order of the Purple Heart, I would like to thank you and your staff on behalf of the LAMOPH for being a leader in the cause of helping our veterans and their families throughout the state of Georgia.

Your dedication and expertise that you have shared with our veterans and their families have made a profound difference in the way needs have been met. It is because of your degree of compassion and commitment to the needs of our veterans, that we say thank you for your position and service.

I was deeply impressed, moved, and honored when I attended our 78th national convention in St. Paul, MN; Our guest speaker was the Secretary of the VA, Erick K. Shinseki, and, he was very informative. Now, I truly understand the importance of working together as a team to form a cohesiveness atmosphere that is required to serve our veterans and their families.

This is the message of encouragement that is needed to be echoed throughout our nation today and I am excited to fill my role as a change agent and my first order of duty is to share what I have learned from you, with the Auxiliary. Furthermore, as a LAMOPH VAVS REP, I will ensure that the ladies continue to support our veterans' hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living homes. We look forward to your continued support for our Veterans in the upcoming years!

YOURS IN SERVICE,


Molly Wate
Auxiliary President





Commandant
Department of Georgia, Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 74 Byron, Ga. 31008

February 13, 2012

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 financial down turn the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs still provides some of the best care and assistance for our Georgia Veterans

The Supermarket that was held in Dalton and Whitfield County provided a one stop service for Georgia Veterans that otherwise may be overlooked.

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
Commandant
Department of Georgia
Marine Corps League

ONCE A MARINE~ ALWAYS A MARINE





**Blinded Veterans Association
Georgia Regional Group**

6245 Seminary Road
Columbus, Georgia 31904

*Joseph McNeil Sr.
President*

*Clifford C. Jones
Jr.
Vice President*

*Clinton Jones
2nd Vice President*

*Yvonne Williams
Secretary*

*Dr. Norman Jones
Jr.
Chaplain*

Date: December 29, 2011

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.





VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
PO BOX 60219
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31420

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

February 7, 2012

Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

I commend you and your staff for your outstanding service to the Veterans in the State of Georgia. Your personal and detailed efforts in serving the veteran are in keeping with the finest traditions of service to our veterans.

Time, it seems, goes much quicker as we grown older from year to year. Yet you still continue to provide the very best for the care of our veterans. One is hard pressed to see how you have done so much and I am sure you will continue to provide excellent leadership along with your staff in providing for the Veterans in the State of Georgia.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in good health as you continue to work for those who served this country with dedication and determination to do what is right.

In Service to America

Lionel Marmolejo
President
Georgia State Council
Vietnam Veterans of America



Marvin Myers
President



" In Service To Veterans, Their Families and Community"

December 23, 2011

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

Dear Pete,

It is hard to believe that another year has flown by and 2012 is on us. When I think about your office I realize we veterans are fortunate to live in Georgia where we have such a Veteran's Advocate in our Department of Veteran's Service.

Over the course of 2011 we have had about 300 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.

When we received the award for the Small Business Employer of the year for both Georgia and the United States this year it was great to know that you were at both the state meeting in Dalton and the National Convention of the American Legion in Minneapolis.

On Veterans Day you were again front and center at both the Parade and the Freedom Ball that evening. 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,

Marvin Myers
President

Marvin
Your friend





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AFFILIATED WITH THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

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December 30, 2011

Honorable Pete Wheeler

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Dear Commissioner Wheeler

It has been a pleasure for the members and officers of the Georgia Military Officers Association of America 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 the 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.

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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"Acting Together, We Can Make Things Happen"

December 28, 2011

The Honorable Pete Wheeler
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

Thank you for the support and services that you and your department have provided for the military veterans of the state of Georgia. You have served many years in support of us. You have always worked untiringly for Georgia veterans and have made many great contributions to our benefit. We owe you a debt of great magnitude.

I especially thank you and your staff for the support you have given to the Georgia Federal Military Retiree Coalition (GFMRC). Your willingness to provide us with services and accommodations has been outstanding. Also, please pass on our gratitude to your staff for their help and support. They have always stepped forward in every way to help us.

We look forward to your continued leadership and service to the military veterans of the state of Georgia. I know it will be outstanding, as always. If there is any way that we can be of service to you and your department, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,


William W. Douglas, Jr.
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Honorable Pete Wheeler Commission
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Commissioner Wheeler,

In June of 2011, the State of Georgia finished its 91st DAV Convention held in Columbus Georgia. The elections conducted brought together a great team to continue the time honored tradition of building better lives for our disabled veterans and their families for the future. Under this new leadership a motto was developed to ensure continuity among the state's members and chapters. That motto is "Service those who have served." It is with this motto that Georgia DAV Members can rally around so that all levels within our department will maintain the high standards of professionalism that veterans and their families have come to know and understand. It will be through this unity of effort that communities will be saturated with information and good works associated with the DAV.

I would like to share with you the results of the past year. Our National Service Officers are some of the best in this nation and their activities for the fiscal years 2011- 2012 include reviewing over 4280 files. These outstanding comrades received over 1545 New Power Attorneys; conducted 3417 interview; in excess of 3212 Rating Board Appearances, and filed 2795 New Claims. These actions along with other office activities result in total office activities of 15,630.

Additionally, we have netted a total of \$253,644,398.00 in Retro and Annual awards for new service connection, compensation increase, pension and other VA benefits to include compensation maintenance and educational benefits. During the months of June through November 2011, we conducted 212 Mobile Service Office stops (to include Harley-Davidson Stops).

Another important position within our department is our van transportation network managed by three Hospital Service Coordinators (HSC). These HSCs are talented and resourceful when assisting veterans with transportation needs. The Department of Georgia's transportation network covers 65 counties and 11 counties in South Carolina.

We have 29 vans which are put to good use by transporting veterans at each of Georgia's VA hospitals in Decatur, Augusta and Dublin. Over 150 van drivers donated over 191,261 hours and drove 145,037 miles to assist over 12,000 veterans. The Department of Georgia supports six VA hospitals, Decatur, Augusta, Dublin Georgia; Charleston, South Carolina; Florida and Tuskegee Alabama.

Our upcoming events include the Department's Spring Conference March 16-18, 2012, and finally our Department Convention to be conducted May 30-June 3, 2012. All events will be held at the Marriott City Center, in Macon Ga.

This report is very respectfully submitted by,



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June 21, 2011

Mr. Peter Wheeler
Commissioner
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Dear Pete:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Commissary. It is good to hear from you.

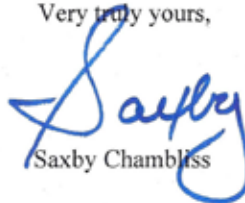
As you are aware, the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) has approved the construction of a commissary at Dobbins. While the Air Force has not yet programmed funding for this commissary, I will continue to work to obtain funding for this facility. Until funding is provided, I will work to keep existing commissaries at either Fort McPherson or Fort Gillem open so that military members and retirees in the Atlanta area will have access to a commissary.

On April 13th, I joined Senator Isakson and several Georgia Congressmen in a letter expressing our concerns to Secretary McHugh. While we realize that maintaining a commissary at either Fort Gillem or Fort McPherson following their closure requires specific approval, we believe we must preserve easy access to this benefit for our military constituents in the Atlanta area until the Dobbins facility opens. Additionally, Senator Isakson, Congressman Gingrey and I wrote the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Norton Schwartz, in March encouraging him to include funding for the Dobbins commissary in an up-coming Air Force budget request.

Pete, I certainly understand how crucial an accessible commissary is for the thousands of veterans and military personnel in the Atlanta area. I can think of no higher priority than caring for our nation's servicemembers and veterans. Please continue to stay in touch as this issue develops. As always, thank you for your dedicated service and valued leadership in the state of Georgia.

Please let me know whenever I may be of assistance.

Very truly yours,


Saxby Chambliss

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the other day.
I know we continue
to work thru.
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November 14, 2011

Mr. Pete Wheeler, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

On behalf of the State Personnel Administration, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to you for participating in the special video address to Georgia's workforce in honor of all veterans and Veterans Day.

Of the 774,000 veterans living in Georgia, thousands continue to serve their fellow citizens each day as state employees. Your special message helps us express the deep gratitude that we all share for these men and women who protect our country and our freedom. We are fortunate to work alongside these heroes.

We are additionally grateful to you, Commissioner, as Georgia's chief companion for veterans and our longest-serving state leader. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our fellow Americans and fellow Georgians.

The State Personnel Administration looks forward to our continued partnership with the Georgia Department of Veterans Service. Together, our teams can help spread messages of support and thanks to all of the state employees who have served and are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

We wish you, your team, and our nation's veterans a very joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Joe Doyle

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April 13, 2011

The Honorable Pete Wheeler
Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me and my cemetery project coordinator, Sandy Speakman, to tour the Georgia Veterans Cemetery at Milledgeville which is a superb facility. Georgia is fortunate to have such a beautiful cemetery to honor its Veterans.

This trip was invaluable as we learned a great deal about construction and operating lessons learned as well as best practices that we can apply to our cemetery project. The professional expertise and hospitality provided by Ernie Simmons, director of Health and Memorial Services and Russell Feagin, director of the Georgia Veterans Cemetery Milledgeville was top notch. They went out of their way to show us around and explain operations in detail. They also injected suggestions and recommendations along the way. In summary, this was a highly successful visit.

You and your staff are to be commended for your superb and unwavering commitment to Georgia Veterans and their families. Please convey my personal well don to your staff and please let us know when we can return the favor.

Sincerely,

*I still plan
to come visit you
in Atlanta.*


W. Clyde Marsh
Commissioner

WCM/bi



JOHN C. DEUSHANE
PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER

February 9, 2012

Mr. Peter Wheeler
Commissioner
Department of Veterans Service
Floyd Veterans Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Imagine my delight to open the Georgia Department of Veteran's Service "Year in Review" and see a photo of myself standing next to you. What an honor!

Again, I wanted to thank you for partnering with us on Veteran's Day at the Georgia Dome. It was truly one of the most prideful days of my career. Watching the students standing and waving the American flags during patriotic music was extremely emotional.

Your staff, especially Brian Zeringue, were terrific to work with and really assisted in making the event special for all in attendance and those who viewed it across the world.

All my personal best,



John



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Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta, Inc.

31 December 2011

Commissioner Peter Wheeler
Department of Veterans Services
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Dear Commissioner Wheeler,

I want to take this opportunity to commend you and to thank you for your passion and drive to help Georgia's Veterans. You and your office can feel extremely proud to know that you are accomplishing your mission.

The parade theme for our 30th Annual Atlanta Veterans Day Parade was "Honoring the Greatest Generation – Our World War II Veterans". To help us honor those who served, we were pleased to have two actors from the Emmy Award Winning mini-series "Band of Brothers" – actors James Madio (*Sgt Frank Perconte*) and Ross McCall (*Cpl Joseph Liebgott*). With our Nation losing over 1,000 of our WWII Veterans every day, we wanted to take this time to pay special recognition to them. And with the 70th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, we wanted to remind everyone of the fight for freedom those men and women endured.

I want to personally thank you for attending and participating in this year's parade. It was an honor to have you accept our invitation to sit at the head table during our annual Freedom Ball. With all of your hard work supporting Georgia's Veterans, I feel it was especially important for you to be honored and recognized at our events.

Those who have served our Nation are truly members of a brotherhood and that bond drives us to look out for one another. We are so thankful that we have you looking out for the thousands of Veterans once they leave active duty.

Thank you, Pete, for everything you do. Please let me know if I or our organization can ever be of any assistance to your efforts.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Miller
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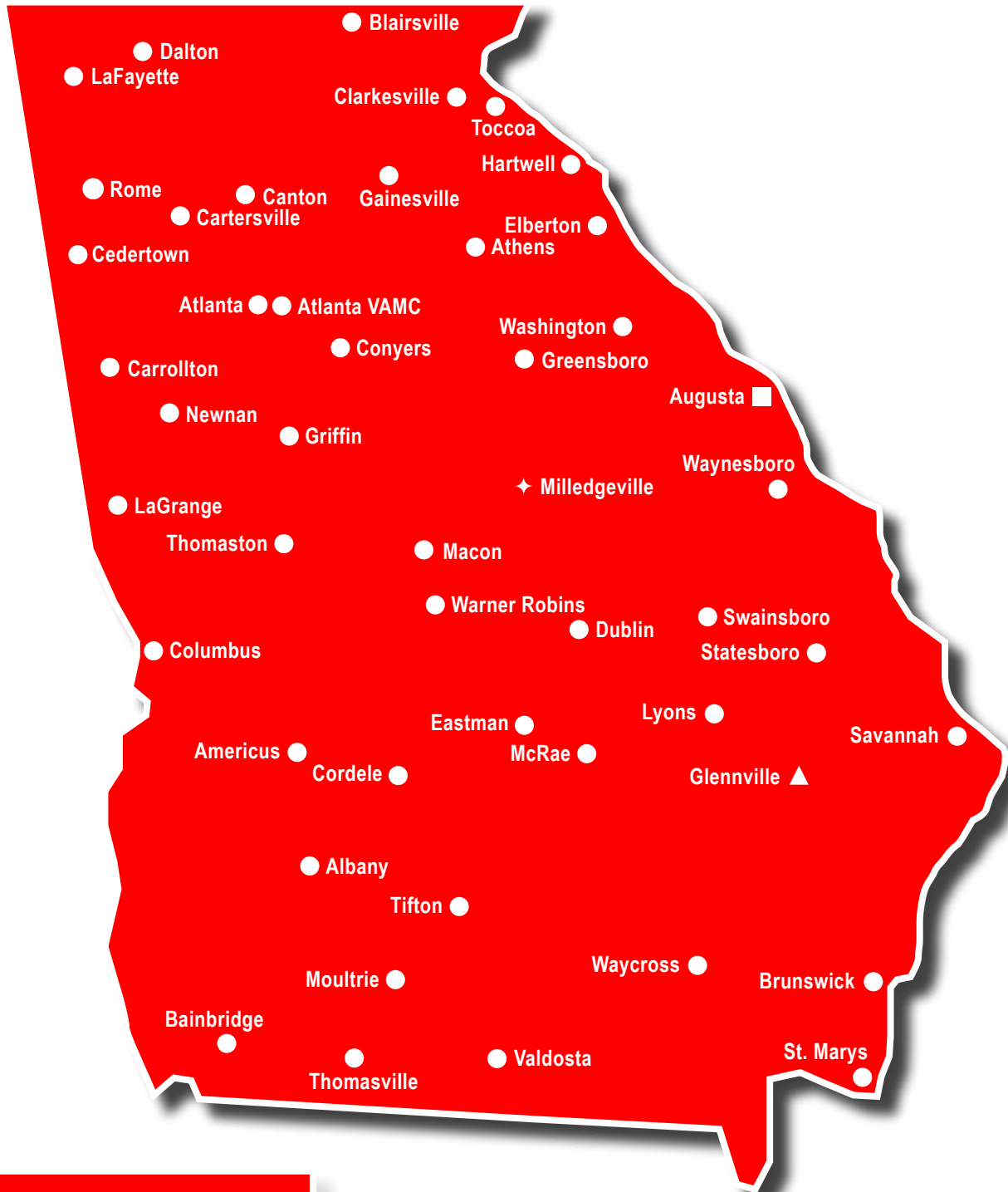
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AUGUSTA VA MEDICAL CENTER (North Region)
950 15th Street, Room 2D-105C, PO Box 3692, Augusta, 30914

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BAINBRIDGE (South Region) Counties served: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Early, Miller,
307 East Broughton Street, Bainbridge, 39817-4003 Quitman, Randolph, Seminole

	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	@vs.state.ga.us	229-248-2599	229-243-5362
Terri Hurst	VFSO 1	thurst@vs.state.ga.us	229-248-2663	229-243-5362

BLAIRSVILLE (North Region) Counties served: Fannin, Rabun, Towns, Union
1294 Hwy 515 East, Blairsville 30512

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BRUNSWICK (South Region) Counties served: Camden, Columbus, Glynn, McIntosh
11 Judicial Lane, Suite 203, Brunswick, 31520

Christine Herring	VFSO 2 (Office Mgr)	therring@vs.state.ga.us	912-262-2345	912-261-3937
Mac Bollinger	VFSO 1	mbollinger@vs.state.ga.us	912-264-7360	912-261-3937

CANTON (North Region) Counties served: Cherokee, Cobb, Gilmer, Pickens
100 North Street, Suite G-20, Canton, 30114-2779

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Daphne Nicholls	Secretary (P/T)			



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CARROLLTON (North Region) 408 N. White St., Room 601, Carrollton, 30117		Counties served: Carroll, Douglas OPEN ONLY Wednesday and Thursday – 8 to 4:30		
Billy Robbins	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	brobbins@vs.state.ga.us	770-836-6760	770-836-6844
CARTERSVILLE (North Region) 320 West Cherokee Avenue, Room 105, Cartersville, 30120		Counties served: Bartow, Paulding		
Robert Turner	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	rmturner@vs.state.ga.us	770-387-3746	770-387-4077
Jeffery Baker	VFSO 1	jbaker@vs.state.ga.us	770-387-3746	770-387-4077
CEDARTOWN (North Region) 142 West Avenue, Cedartown, 30125		County served: Polk OPEN ONLY Monday & Friday – 8 to 4:30; Wednesday – 8 to 12		
Stephen Rood (P/T)	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	vdubl943@aol.com	770-749-2209	770-749-2266
CLARKESVILLE (North Region) 451 Roper Drive, Unit C, Clarksville, 30523		Counties served: Banks, Habersham, White		
William Tucker	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	wtucker@vs.state.ga.us	706-754-4316	706-754-9185
Randy Woodie	VFSO 1	awoodie@vs.state.ga.us		
COLUMBUS (South Region) 1520 3rd Avenue, Suite 5, Columbus, 31901		Counties served: Chattahoochee, Muscogee, Stewart		
Lionel Haynes	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	lhaynes@vs.state.ga.us	706-649-1264	706-649-1726
David Floyd	VFSO 1	dfloyd@vs.state.ga.us	706-649-1264	706-649-1726
Cynthia Gilyard	VFSO 1	cgilyard@vs.state.ga.us	706-649-1264	706-649-1726
CONYERS (North Region) 983 Taylor Street, Conyers, 30012		Counties served: Newton, Rockdale, Walton		
Janice Mohr	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	jeller@vs.state.ga.us	770-388-5075	770-785-6868
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CORDELE (South Region) 210 7th Street South, Room 204, Cordele 31015		Counties served: Crisp, Dooly, Wilcox		
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DALTON (North Region) 305 Point North Place, Suite 7, Dalton, 30722-1104		Counties served: Catoosa, Murray, Whitfield		
Judy Johnson	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	jjohnson@vs.state.ga.us	706-272-2355	706-272-2335
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DUBLIN (South Region)		Counties served: Johnson, Laurens, Treutlen		
Carl Vinson VAMC, Room 124-6, Ward 6A, 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin, 31021-3699				
Shaun Evans	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	shaun.evans@va.gov	478-272-4266	478-274-7802
Michael Hunnicutt	VFSO 1	michael.hunnicutt@va.gov	478-272-4266	478-274-7802
EASTMAN (South Region)		Counties served: Bleckley, Dodge, Pulaski		
636 Oak Street SE, Eastman, 31023				
(open)	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)		478-374-6977	478-374-6551
ELBERTON (North Region)		County served: Elbert		
Elbert County Office Complex, 45 Forest Avenue, Elberton, 30635				
Charles Hopkins	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	chopkins@vs.state.ga.us	706-213-2040	706-213-2094
GAINESVILLE (North Region)		Counties served: Dawson, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Lumpkin		
311 Green Street NW, Room 405, Gainesville, 30501-6060				
Cynthia Hayes	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	chayes@vs.state.ga.us	770-531-6060	770-531-6061
GLENNVILLE (South Region)		Counties served: Bryan, Liberty, Long, Tattnall, Wayne		
8819 US Hwy 301, Glennville, 30427				
Tonya Malpass	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	tmalpass@vs.state.ga.us	912-654-5159 x227	912-654-2963
Lindsey Dale	VFSO 1	ldale@vs.state.ga.us	912-654-5179 x2	912-654-2963
GREENSBORO (North Region)		County served: Greene		
113 N. Main St., Suite 117, Greensboro, 30642				
OPEN ONLY Tuesday and Friday – 8 to 4:30				
Sandra Mauldin	VFSO 1 (P/T)	smauldin@vs.state.ga.us	706-453-7455	706-453-9816
GRIFFIN (North Region)		Counties served: Butts, Fayette, Henry, Pike, Spalding, Talbot		
883 Memorial Drive, Griffin, 30223				
Artis Robinson	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	arobinson@vs.state.ga.us	770-412-4074	770-467-6099
Willie Miles	VFSO 1	wmiles@vs.state.ga.us	770-412-4023	770-467-6099
HARTWELL (North Region)		County served: Hart		
185 West Franklin Street, Courthouse Annex, Room 5, Hartwell, 30643-1594				
Mike Partlow	VFSO 2 (Office Mgr)	mpartlow@vs.state.ga.us	706-376-4461	706-856-2737
LAFAYETTE (North Region)		Counties served: Chattooga, Dade, Walker		
Judiciary Annex, 108-E Villanow Street, LaFayette, 30728-2519				
Terry Roberson	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	troberson@vs.state.ga.us	706-638-5544	706-639-2046



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LAGRANGE (North Region) Counties served: Harris, Heard, Meriwether, Troup
2170 West Point Road, Suite 35, LaGrange, 30240

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LYONS (South Region) Counties served: Montgomery, Toombs
126 West Grady Avenue, Lyons, 30436

Debra O’Neal	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	doneal@vs.state.ga.us	912-526-8860	912-526-4285
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MACON (North Region) Counties served: Bibb, Crawford, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Monroe, Twiggs
653 Second Street, Room 203, Macon, 31201-2817

Debra Marshall	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	dmarshall@vs.state.ga.us	478-751-3186	478-751-6594
Leila DiSola	VFSO 1	ldisola@vs.state.ga.us	478-751-3187	478-751-6594

MCRAE (South Region) Counties served: Appling, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Telfair, Wheeler
63 West Oak Street, McRae, 31055
OPEN ONLY Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 8 to 4:30

Jennifer Conley	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	jconley@vs.state.ga.us	229-868-6391	229-868-4972
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MILLEDGEVILLE (North Region) Counties served: Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Washington, Wilkinson
Georgia State War Veterans Home, Vinson Building, Milledgeville, 31059-0741

Melanie Goss	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	Mkay@vs.state.ga.us	478-445-4751	478-445-3139
Linda Lavender	VFSO 1	llavender@vs.state.ga.us	478-445-6900	478-445-3139

MOULTRIE (South Region) Counties served: Colquitt, Mitchell
101 East Central Avenue, Room 127, Moultrie, 31768

Jim Bolduc	VFSO 2 (Office Mgr)	jbolduc@vs.state.ga.us	229-891-7135	229-891-7098
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NEWNAN (North Region) Counties served: Coweta, Taylor
22 East Broad Street, Room 119, Newnan, 30264

Billy Robbins	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	brobbins@vs.state.ga.us	770-254-7260	770-254-7339
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ROME (North Region) Counties served: Floyd, Gordon, Haralson
201 Calhoun Avenue, Rome, 30161

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Barry Hunter	VFSO 1	bhunter@vs.state.ga.us	706-295-6280	706-802-5520



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SAVANNAH (South Region)		County served: Chatham		
Savannah VA Outpatient Clinic, 325 W. Montgomery Cross Roads, Savannah, 31406-3309				
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Jacqueline Johnson	VFSO 1	jacqueline.johnson@va.gov	912-920-0214 x2193	912-921-2016
STATESBORO (South Region)		Counties served: Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Screven		
3A West Altman Street, Statesboro, 30458				
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ST. MARYS COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (South Region)		County served: Emanuel		
205 Lakeshore Point, St. Marys, 31558		OPEN ONLY Thursday – 9 to 3:30		
Christine Herring	VFSO 2 (Office Mgr)	therring@vs.state.ga.us	912-510-3440	912-510-3426
SWAINSBORO (Asst. Commissioner, FO&C)		County served: Emanuel		
Emanuel County Office Building, 101 North Main Street, Room 3, Swainsboro, 30401				
Tessa Gilmore	VFSO 1 (Office Mgr)	tgilmore@vs.state.ga.us	478-289-2617	478-289-2704
THOMASTON (North Region)		County served: Upson		
250 E. Lee St., Govt Admin Annex, Thomaston		OPEN ONLY Third Wednesday each month – 8 to 4:30		
Artis Robinson	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	arobinson@vs.state.ga.us	706-646-6035	
THOMASVILLE (South Region)		Counties served: Grady, Thomas		
101 South Broad Street, Thomasville, 31792				
Larry Price	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	jprice@vs.state.ga.us	229-225-4050	229-227-2418
TIFTON (South Region)		Counties served: Ben Hill, Irwin, Tift, Turner		
222 Chesnutt Avenue, Tifton, 31793-0534				
Elijah Collins	VFSO 2 (Office Mgr)	ecollins@vs.state.ga.us	229-386-3856	229-391-6956
TOCCOA (North Region)		Counties served: Franklin, Stephens		
Courthouse Annex, Room 104, 12 W. Tugalo St.		OPEN ONLY Tuesday and Thursday – 8 to 4:30		
William Tucker	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	wtucker@vs.state.ga.us	706-282-4525	706-282-4800
VALDOSTA (South Region)		Counties served: Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes		
2841 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, 31602-1938				
Janet S. Pajeroski	Sr VFSO (Office Mgr)	janet.pajeroski2@va.gov	229-333-2178	229-259-5583
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WARNER ROBINS (South Region) Counties served: Houston, Peach
City Hall, Room 20, 700 Watson Boulevard, Warner Robins, 31093-3414

Vincent Pritchett Sr VFSO (Office Mgr) vpritchett@vs.state.ga.us 478-929-1126 478-929-1124

WASHINGTON (North Region) Counties served: Glascock, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDuffie, Morgan, Taliaferro,
104 East Liberty Street, Washington, 30673-1422 Warren, Wilkes

Perry Morgan Sr VFSO (Office Mgr) gmorgan@vs.state.ga.us 706-678-2821 706-678-3144
Jan Callaway VFSO 2 jcallaway@vs.state.ga.us 706-678-2821 706-678-3144

WAYCROSS (South Region) Counties served: Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Pierce, Ware
415 Lott Street, Waycross

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John Lewis VFSO 1 jlewis@vs.state.ga.us 912-285-6340 912-285-6341

WAYNESBORO (North Region) County served: Burke
Burke County Office Park, Room 107, 715 West 6th Street, Waynesboro, 30830-0093

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VA Contacts

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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VA Regional Office – Atlanta	1700 Clairmont Road, Decatur, 30033	800-827-1000
VA Medical Center – Atlanta	1670 Clairmont Road, Decatur, 30033	404-321-6111
Beneficiaries in Receipt of Pension Benefits		877-294-6380
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

NOTE: Listings for VA medical facilities in Georgia are listed inside the back cover of this publication.



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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE BY COUNTY

COUNTY	LOCATION	PHONE	COUNTY	LOCATION	PHONE
Appling	McRae	229-868-6391	Dawson	Gainesville	770-531-6060
Atkinson	Waycross	912-285-6340	Decatur	Bainbridge	229-248-2599
Bacon	Waycross	912-285-6340	DeKalb	Atlanta VAMC	404-728-7611
Baker	Bainbridge	229-248-2599	Dodge	Eastman	229-251-4849
Baldwin	Milledgeville	478-445-4751	Dooley	Cordele	229-276-2366
Banks	Clarkesville	706-754-4316	Dougherty	Albany	229-430-1797
Barrow	Athens	706-369-5630	Douglas	Carrollton	770-836-6760
Bartow	Cartersville	770-387-3746	Early	Bainbridge	229-248-2599
Ben Hill	Tifton	229-386-3856	Echols	Valdosta	229-333-2179
Berrien	Valdosta	229-333-2179	Effingham	Statesboro	912-871-1104
Bibb	Macon	478-751-3186	Elbert	Elberton	706-213-2040
Bleckley	Eastman	229-251-4849	Emanuel	Swainsboro	478-289-2617
Brantley	Waycross	912-285-6340	Evans	Statesboro	912-871-1104
Brooks	Valdosta	229-333-2179	Fannin	Blairsville	706-745-6341
Bryan	Glennville	912-654-5159	Fayette	Griffin	770-412-4074
Bulloch	Statesboro	912-871-1104	Floyd	Rome	706-295-6026
Burke	Waynesboro	706-554-3874	Forsyth	Gainesville	770-531-6060
Butts	Griffin	770-412-4074	Franklin	Toccoa	706-282-4525
Calhoun	Bainbridge	229-248-2599	Fulton	Atlanta	404-656-5940
Camden	Brunswick	912-262-2345	Gilmer	Canton	770-720-3538
Candler	Statesboro	912-871-1104	Glascok	Washington	706-678-2821
Carroll	Carrollton	770-836-6760	Glynn	Brunswick	912-262-2345
Catoosa	Dalton	706-272-2355	Gordon	Rome	706-295-6026
Charlton	Waycross	912-285-6340	Grady	Thomasville	229-225-4050
Chatham	Savannah	912-920-0214x12194	Greene	Greensboro	706-453-7455
Chattahoochee	Columbus	706-649-1264	Gwinnett	Gainesville	770-531-6060
Chattooga	LaFayette	706-638-5544	Habersham	Clarkesville	706-754-4316
Cherokee	Canton	770-720-3538	Hall	Gainesville	770-531-6060
Clarke	Athens	706-369-5630	Hancock	Milledgeville	478-445-4751
Clay	Bainbridge	229-248-2599	Haralson	Rome	706-295-6026
Clayton	Atlanta	404-656-5940	Harris	LaGrange	706-845-4095
Clinch	Waycross	912-285-6340	Hart	Hartwell	706-376-4461
Cobb	Canton	770-720-3538	Heard	LaGrange	706-845-4095
Coffee	McRae	229-868-6391	Henry	Griffin	770-412-4074
Colquitt	Moultrie	229-891-7135	Houston	Warner Robins	478-929-1126
Columbia	Augusta	706-721-4301	Irwin	Tifton	229-386-3856
Columbus	Brunswick	912-262-2345	Jackson	Athens	706-369-5630
Cook	Valdosta	229-333-2179	Jasper	Macon	478-751-3186
Coweta	Newnan	770-254-7260	Jeff Davis	McRae	229-868-6391
Crawford	Macon	478-751-3186	Jefferson	Washington	706-678-2821
Crisp	Cordele	229-276-2366	Jenkins	Statesboro	912-871-1104
Dade	LaFayette	706-638-5544	Johnson	Dublin	478-272-4266



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COUNTY	LOCATION	PHONE	COUNTY	LOCATION	PHONE
Jones	Macon	478-751-3186	Rockdale	Conyers	770-388-5075
Lamar	Macon	478-751-3186	Schley	Americus	229-931-2546
Lanier	Valdosta	229-333-2179	Randolph	Bainbridge	229-248-2599
Johnson	Dublin	478-272-4266	Richmond	Augusta	706-721-4301
Jones	Macon	478-751-3186	Rockdale	Conyers	770-388-5075
Lamar	Macon	478-751-3186	Schley	Americus	229-931-2546
Lanier	Valdosta	229-333-2179	Screven	Statesboro	912-871-1104
Laurens	Dublin	478-272-4266	Seminole	Bainbridge	229-248-2599
Lee	Albany	229-430-1797	Spalding	Griffin	770-412-4074
Liberty	Glennville	912-654-5159	Stephens	Toccoa	706-282-4525
Lincoln	Washington	706-678-2821	Stewart	Columbus	706-649-1264
Long	Glennville	912-654-5159	Sumter	Americus	229-931-2546
Lowndes	Valdosta	229-333-2179	Talbot	Griffin	770-412-4074
Lumpkin	Gainesville	770-531-6060	Taliaferro	Washington	706-678-2821
Macon	Americus	229-931-2546	Tattnall	Glennville	912-654-5159
Madison	Athens	706-369-5630	Taylor	Newnan	770-254-7260
Marion	Americus	229-931-2546	Telfair	McRae	229-868-6391
McDuffie	Washington	706-678-2821	Terrell	Albany	229-430-1797
McIntosh	Brunswick	912-262-2345	Thomas	Thomasville	229-225-4050
Meriwether	LaGrange	706-845-4095	Tift	Tifton	229-386-3856
Miller	Bainbridge	229-248-2599	Toombs	Lyons	912-526-8860
Mitchell	Moultrie	229-891-7135	Towns	Blairsville	706-745-6341
Monroe	Macon	478-751-3186	Treutlen	Dublin	478-272-4266
Montgomery	Lyons	912-526-8860	Troup	LaGrange	706-845-4095
Morgan	Washington	706-678-2821	Turner	Tifton	229-386-3856
Murray	Dalton	706-272-2355	Twiggs	Macon	478-751-3186
Muscogee	Columbus	706-649-1264	Union	Blairsville	706-745-6341
Newton	Conyers	770-388-5075	Upson	Thomaston	706-646-6035
Oconee	Athens	706-369-5630	Walker	LaFayette	706-638-5544
Oglethorpe	Athens	706-369-5630	Walton	Conyers	770-388-5075
Paulding	Cartersville	770-387-3746	Ware	Waycross	912-285-6340
Peach	Warner Robins	478-929-1126	Warren	Washington	706-678-2821
Pickens	Canton	770-720-3538	Washington	Milledgeville	478-445-4751
Pierce	Waycross	912-285-6340	Wayne	Glennville	912-654-5159
Pike	Griffin	770-412-4074	Webster	Americus	229-931-2546
Polk	Cedartown	770-749-2209	Wheeler	McRae	229-868-6391
Pulaski	Eastman	229-251-4849	White	Clarksville	706-754-4316
Putnam	Milledgeville	478-445-4751	Whitfield	Dalton	706-272-2355
Quitman	Bainbridge	229-248-2599	Wilcox	Cordele	229-276-2366
Rabun	Blairsville	706-745-6341	Wilkes	Washington	706-678-2821
Randolph	Bainbridge	229-248-2599	Wilkinson	Milledgeville	478-445-4751
Richmond	Augusta	706-721-4301	Worth	Albany	229-430-1797



VA Statistical Data

FY11 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	1,287	\$ 5,940	\$ 2,943	\$ -	\$ 228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 2,730	343
ATKINSON	428	\$ 3,128	\$ 1,513	\$ -	\$ 184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 1,409	164
BACON	774	\$ 4,313	\$ 2,371	\$ -	\$ 154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 1,771	231
BAKER	345	\$ 1,424	\$ 980	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ 329	69
BALDWIN	4,295	\$ 16,699	\$ 7,466	\$ -	\$ 988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 317	\$ 7,929	877
BANKS	1,033	\$ 5,871	\$ 3,546	\$ -	\$ 167	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 2,076	307
BARROW	4,764	\$ 17,258	\$ 9,954	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 163	\$ 5,892	952
BARTOW	7,842	\$ 25,926	\$ 15,291	\$ -	\$ 2,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 349	\$ 7,930	1,257
BEN HILL	1,279	\$ 8,386	\$ 4,669	\$ -	\$ 293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85	\$ 3,339	430
BERRIEN	1,644	\$ 11,325	\$ 6,846	\$ -	\$ 877	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ 3,515	498
BIBB	12,116	\$ 63,243	\$ 27,516	\$ -	\$ 5,883	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300	\$ 28,545	3,717
BLECKLEY	1,053	\$ 5,370	\$ 2,511	\$ -	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 2,605	278
BRANTLEY	1,724	\$ 8,787	\$ 5,129	\$ -	\$ 356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ 3,194	403
BROOKS	1,359	\$ 9,509	\$ 5,104	\$ -	\$ 551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ 3,817	521
BRYAN	2,717	\$ 20,790	\$ 12,624	\$ -	\$ 5,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 221	\$ 2,716	621
BULLOCH	5,319	\$ 19,879	\$ 9,508	\$ -	\$ 3,226	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 483	\$ 6,663	979
BURKE	1,953	\$ 23,167	\$ 16,183	\$ -	\$ 1,672	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240	\$ 5,072	619
BUTTS	2,094	\$ 9,023	\$ 5,603	\$ -	\$ 495	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 2,815	391
CALHOUN	347	\$ 1,878	\$ 1,183	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 596	149
CAMDEN	5,772	\$ 39,915	\$ 24,199	\$ -	\$ 7,241	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 351	\$ 8,124	1,402
CANDLER	935	\$ 3,482	\$ 1,882	\$ -	\$ 197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 1,328	212
CARROLL	8,013	\$ 29,918	\$ 17,558	\$ -	\$ 4,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ 8,022	1,328
CATOOSA	5,620	\$ 18,491	\$ 11,284	\$ -	\$ 1,197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191	\$ 5,819	1,075
CHARLTON	1,040	\$ 5,670	\$ 2,786	\$ -	\$ 153	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 2,673	295
CHATHAM	25,357	\$ 169,151	\$ 67,713	\$ -	\$ 71,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,661	\$ 28,357	5,535
CHATTAHOOCHEE	898	\$ 4,974	\$ 2,823	\$ -	\$ 1,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 532	178
CHATTOOGA	2,381	\$ 7,269	\$ 4,783	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 1,970	372
CHEROKEE	16,359	\$ 45,430	\$ 27,556	\$ -	\$ 5,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,011	\$ 11,560	1,970
CLARKE	6,077	\$ 22,123	\$ 11,739	\$ -	\$ 3,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 404	\$ 6,413	1,050
CLAY	252	\$ 867	\$ 458	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 360	53
CLAYTON	24,503	\$ 126,798	\$ 73,496	\$ -	\$ 15,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 795	\$ 37,356	5,197
CLINTON	539	\$ 2,841	\$ 1,441	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101	\$ 1,151	152
COBB	59,588	\$ 164,169	\$ 87,708	\$ -	\$ 26,168	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ 4,007	\$ 45,971	7,095
COFFEE	2,546	\$ 14,765	\$ 6,578	\$ -	\$ 609	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142	\$ 7,436	864
COLQUITT	3,299	\$ 16,263	\$ 9,332	\$ -	\$ 604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ 6,206	873
COLUMBIA	13,664	\$ 121,649	\$ 74,740	\$ -	\$ 15,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 871	\$ 30,494	3,804
COOK	1,339	\$ 8,963	\$ 5,258	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 2,932	457
COWETA	10,643	\$ 38,474	\$ 24,857	\$ -	\$ 3,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 511	\$ 9,127	1,880
CRAWFORD	1,210	\$ 7,804	\$ 5,138	\$ -	\$ 538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89	\$ 2,038	316



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FY11 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)

County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	GEORGIA Expenditures in \$000s										Medical Care	Unique Patients**
			Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities						
CRISP	1,514	\$ 7,352	\$ 3,590	\$ -	\$ 386	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ 3,296	434	
DADE	1,762	\$ 3,836	\$ 2,456	\$ -	\$ 272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 1,068	275	
DAWSON	1,938	\$ 5,728	\$ 3,919	\$ -	\$ 389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 1,363	283	
DECATUR	2,034	\$ 7,472	\$ 3,350	\$ -	\$ 732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69	\$ 3,322	641	
DEKALB	45,353	\$ 375,869	\$ 116,965	\$ 10,004	\$ 27,637	\$ -	\$ 108,176	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,353	\$ 109,734	11,446	
DODGE	1,690	\$ 10,503	\$ 4,304	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ 5,742	447	
DOOLY	834	\$ 3,959	\$ 1,995	\$ -	\$ 154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ 1,743	206	
DOUGHERTY	8,356	\$ 49,614	\$ 29,149	\$ -	\$ 3,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 717	\$ 16,169	2,399	
DOUGLAS	11,634	\$ 50,188	\$ 31,182	\$ -	\$ 6,516	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 451	\$ 12,039	1,946	
EARLY	721	\$ 3,637	\$ 2,151	\$ -	\$ 166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49	\$ 1,269	244	
ECHOLS	289	\$ 2,315	\$ 1,140	\$ -	\$ 112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 1,046	94	
EFFINGHAM	5,630	\$ 20,037	\$ 12,055	\$ -	\$ 3,252	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153	\$ 4,576	848	
ELBERT	1,743	\$ 7,734	\$ 4,301	\$ -	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 3,042	470	
EMANUEL	1,458	\$ 11,374	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 847	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118	\$ 5,910	503	
EVANS	845	\$ 4,121	\$ 1,966	\$ -	\$ 212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 1,895	210	
FANNIN	2,083	\$ 10,322	\$ 6,514	\$ -	\$ 187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72	\$ 3,550	610	
FAYETTE	14,657	\$ 46,962	\$ 32,994	\$ -	\$ 4,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,482	\$ 7,590	1,446	
FLOYD	7,558	\$ 24,451	\$ 15,577	\$ -	\$ 1,668	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 343	\$ 6,863	1,332	
FORSYTH	11,219	\$ 24,581	\$ 14,531	\$ -	\$ 2,279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,013	\$ 6,758	1,204	
FRANKLIN	2,023	\$ 6,324	\$ 3,666	\$ -	\$ 286	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 2,307	374	
FULTON	52,142	\$ 256,587	\$ 117,204	\$ 3,275	\$ 33,733	\$ -	\$ 2,169	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,511	\$ 95,696	11,332	
GILMER	3,493	\$ 11,500	\$ 7,682	\$ -	\$ 285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 422	\$ 3,111	577	
GLASCOCK	156	\$ 787	\$ 311	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 423	60	
GLYNN	7,843	\$ 31,421	\$ 17,592	\$ -	\$ 2,191	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547	\$ 11,090	1,802	
GORDON	4,058	\$ 11,672	\$ 7,098	\$ -	\$ 776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 3,638	632	
GRADY	1,893	\$ 7,696	\$ 3,825	\$ -	\$ 512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 3,306	628	
GREENE	1,495	\$ 5,621	\$ 3,045	\$ -	\$ 188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 2,323	281	
GWINNETT	48,006	\$ 166,871	\$ 91,649	\$ -	\$ 23,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,908	\$ 48,394	7,512	
HABERSHAM	3,526	\$ 12,764	\$ 7,757	\$ -	\$ 384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 256	\$ 4,367	717	
HALL	11,535	\$ 37,326	\$ 22,377	\$ -	\$ 2,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462	\$ 12,052	2,145	
HANCOCK	685	\$ 4,984	\$ 2,637	\$ -	\$ 185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 2,146	199	
HARALSON	2,130	\$ 7,888	\$ 5,195	\$ -	\$ 470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 2,177	391	
HARRIS	3,864	\$ 23,955	\$ 18,043	\$ -	\$ 2,136	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166	\$ 3,610	670	
HART	2,305	\$ 8,163	\$ 5,052	\$ -	\$ 358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 2,644	488	
HEARD	746	\$ 4,079	\$ 2,654	\$ -	\$ 166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 1,240	206	
HENRY	17,544	\$ 100,130	\$ 63,185	\$ -	\$ 16,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 470	\$ 20,373	3,622	
HOUSTON	17,136	\$ 121,593	\$ 80,057	\$ -	\$ 16,860	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,190	\$ 23,485	4,137	
IRWIN	681	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,122	\$ -	\$ 276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 1,205	196	
JACKSON	3,935	\$ 17,771	\$ 11,260	\$ -	\$ 1,319	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218	\$ 4,974	807	



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County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Expenditures in \$000s							Medical Care	Unique Patients**	
			Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities				
JASPER	1,105	\$ 5,386	\$ 3,354	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 1,661	283
JEFF DAVIS	816	\$ 4,936	\$ 2,025	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29	\$ 2,716	303
JEFFERSON	1,192	\$ 10,004	\$ 3,733	\$ -	\$ 602	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ 5,576	401
JENKINS	855	\$ 2,833	\$ 1,231	\$ -	\$ 76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 1,516	176
JOHNSON	633	\$ 4,308	\$ 1,867	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 2,275	174
JONES	1,848	\$ 10,753	\$ 4,868	\$ -	\$ 686	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ 5,106	650
LAMAR	2,033	\$ 6,805	\$ 4,089	\$ -	\$ 335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96	\$ 2,284	337
LAMAR	893	\$ 5,029	\$ 2,396	\$ -	\$ 474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 2,153	274
LAURENS	3,864	\$ 65,976	\$ 15,117	\$ 6,355	\$ 1,028	\$ -	\$ 13,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ 29,584	1,916
LEE	3,660	\$ 12,951	\$ 8,511	\$ -	\$ 1,365	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183	\$ 2,892	629
LIBERTY	7,160	\$ 73,156	\$ 47,156	\$ -	\$ 14,921	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 379	\$ 10,700	2,214
LINCOLN	867	\$ 4,850	\$ 2,763	\$ -	\$ 123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55	\$ 1,908	250
LONG	1,310	\$ 15,469	\$ 10,922	\$ -	\$ 2,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ 1,510	321
LOWNDES	13,215	\$ 61,377	\$ 33,314	\$ -	\$ 7,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 632	\$ 19,708	2,934
LUMPKIN	2,138	\$ 9,439	\$ 6,041	\$ -	\$ 1,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ 2,156	426
MCDUFFIE	2,080	\$ 12,126	\$ 6,105	\$ -	\$ 703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 5,252	540
MCINTOSH	1,374	\$ 6,241	\$ 3,673	\$ -	\$ 336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ 2,130	328
MACON	1,109	\$ 3,675	\$ 1,384	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49	\$ 2,072	255
MADISON	2,691	\$ 11,431	\$ 7,548	\$ -	\$ 473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134	\$ 3,276	530
MARION	962	\$ 4,196	\$ 2,561	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 1,408	181
MARIWETHER	1,627	\$ 8,681	\$ 5,463	\$ -	\$ 435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89	\$ 2,694	377
MILLER	472	\$ 1,070	\$ 428	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 559	126
MITCHELL	1,728	\$ 6,381	\$ 3,446	\$ -	\$ 482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 2,420	401
MONROE	1,879	\$ 9,332	\$ 5,285	\$ -	\$ 636	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ 3,233	532
MONTGOMERY	654	\$ 3,618	\$ 1,602	\$ -	\$ 159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 1,817	203
MORGAN	1,054	\$ 5,604	\$ 3,543	\$ -	\$ 228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123	\$ 1,710	285
MURRAY	2,784	\$ 10,340	\$ 5,918	\$ -	\$ 928	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ 3,466	530
MUSCOGEE	22,291	\$ 206,952	\$ 140,384	\$ -	\$ 21,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,119	\$ 43,030	6,168
NEWTON	5,930	\$ 38,626	\$ 21,473	\$ -	\$ 3,646	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 13,157	1,642
OCONEE	2,928	\$ 8,298	\$ 5,431	\$ -	\$ 801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 1,977	312
OGLETHORPE	1,097	\$ 5,379	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 2,299	324
PAULDING	10,924	\$ 44,574	\$ 27,366	\$ -	\$ 6,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736	\$ 10,340	1,499
PEACH	2,495	\$ 14,973	\$ 9,044	\$ -	\$ 1,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ 4,592	665
PICKENS	2,956	\$ 8,051	\$ 5,477	\$ -	\$ 487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158	\$ 1,929	378
PIERCE	1,291	\$ 8,175	\$ 4,372	\$ -	\$ 162	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 3,618	537
PIKE	1,384	\$ 6,011	\$ 3,360	\$ -	\$ 845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ 1,755	275
POLK	3,153	\$ 9,190	\$ 6,086	\$ -	\$ 477	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164	\$ 2,463	507
PULASKI	914	\$ 4,450	\$ 2,583	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 1,641	204
PUTNAM	2,429	\$ 7,962	\$ 4,133	\$ -	\$ 248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ 3,152	454



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FY11 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	218	\$ 1,845	\$ 836	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 987	103
RABUN	1,537	\$ 6,665	\$ 3,615	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87	\$ 2,792	413
RANDOLPH	446	\$ 2,059	\$ 1,014	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 980	127
RICHMOND	21,228	\$ 250,027	\$ 124,239	\$ 2,259	\$ 20,112	\$ -	\$ 3,449	\$ 1,681	\$ 98,286	9,188
ROCKDALE	9,162	\$ 38,569	\$ 22,843	\$ -	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352	\$ 10,575	1,595
SCHLEY	372	\$ 1,371	\$ 839	\$ -	\$ 112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 417	59
SCREVEN	1,383	\$ 4,610	\$ 1,921	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98	\$ 2,332	280
SEMINOLE	953	\$ 3,351	\$ 1,807	\$ -	\$ 95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 1,396	239
SPALDING	4,480	\$ 22,622	\$ 14,168	\$ -	\$ 1,555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314	\$ 6,585	1,082
STEPHENS	2,182	\$ 9,111	\$ 5,410	\$ -	\$ 341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 3,297	494
STEWART	295	\$ 2,386	\$ 1,388	\$ -	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 901	88
SUMTER	2,267	\$ 9,664	\$ 5,494	\$ -	\$ 718	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 3,394	535
TALBOT	540	\$ 5,533	\$ 4,044	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122	\$ 1,102	140
TALIAFERRO	132	\$ 754	\$ 251	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4	\$ 479	34
TATTNALL	2,265	\$ 10,683	\$ 6,026	\$ -	\$ 780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255	\$ 3,622	480
TAYLOR	627	\$ 2,708	\$ 1,268	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51	\$ 1,258	157
TELFAIR	986	\$ 5,607	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11	\$ 3,077	310
TERRELL	841	\$ 2,293	\$ 1,198	\$ -	\$ 114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 929	197
THOMAS	3,980	\$ 18,538	\$ 9,793	\$ -	\$ 783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ 7,631	1,218
TIFT	2,796	\$ 12,814	\$ 7,419	\$ -	\$ 739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269	\$ 4,387	798
TOOMBS	2,016	\$ 13,036	\$ 4,737	\$ -	\$ 621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ 7,633	645
TOWNS	1,464	\$ 6,456	\$ 3,755	\$ -	\$ 219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117	\$ 2,365	404
TREUTLEN	574	\$ 5,010	\$ 1,251	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34	\$ 3,683	200
TROUP	4,956	\$ 24,680	\$ 14,043	\$ -	\$ 1,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462	\$ 8,826	1,072
TURNER	624	\$ 3,090	\$ 1,851	\$ -	\$ 216	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56	\$ 966	192
TWIGGS	591	\$ 6,371	\$ 3,696	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 2,462	236
UNION	3,392	\$ 14,012	\$ 8,824	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 236	\$ 4,738	846
UPSON	2,422	\$ 11,011	\$ 5,829	\$ -	\$ 449	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111	\$ 4,622	583
WALKER	4,973	\$ 21,814	\$ 12,806	\$ -	\$ 2,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135	\$ 6,490	1,193
WALTON	6,183	\$ 24,612	\$ 14,878	\$ -	\$ 1,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 456	\$ 7,426	1,108
WARE	3,803	\$ 19,722	\$ 10,544	\$ -	\$ 620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	\$ 8,487	1,144
WARREN	301	\$ 3,097	\$ 1,381	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 1,543	139
WASHINGTON	1,522	\$ 9,981	\$ 4,072	\$ -	\$ 284	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ 5,561	503
WAYNE	2,767	\$ 13,423	\$ 7,647	\$ -	\$ 659	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 5,055	678
WEBSTER	168	\$ 995	\$ 761	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 147	27
WHEELER	544	\$ 2,699	\$ 1,294	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1,305	143
WHITE	3,013	\$ 9,876	\$ 5,876	\$ -	\$ 287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179	\$ 3,334	521
WHITFIELD	5,771	\$ 17,701	\$ 10,825	\$ -	\$ 1,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119	\$ 5,614	1,174
WILCOX	919	\$ 3,748	\$ 1,752	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 1,904	160



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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	923	\$ 4,535	\$ 2,566	\$ -	\$ 112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 1,847	249
WILKINSON	693	\$ 5,526	\$ 2,638	\$ -	\$ 221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 2,658	244
WORTH	2,306	\$ 7,387	\$ 4,030	\$ -	\$ 345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 2,965	548
GEORGIA (Totals)	773,337	\$ 4,000,167	\$ 2,135,191	\$ 21,894	\$ 455,222	\$ -	\$ 127,832	\$ 47,892	\$ 1,212,137	166,815
CONG. DIST (01)	70,904	\$ 402,781	\$ 231,715	\$ -	\$ 53,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,732	\$ 114,175	17,805
CONG. DIST (02)	57,472	\$ 319,173	\$ 185,790	\$ -	\$ 25,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,352	\$ 104,868	15,705
CONG. DIST (03)	74,166	\$ 399,855	\$ 262,596	\$ 6,154	\$ 43,126	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,201	\$ 82,778	13,814
CONG. DIST (04)	46,334	\$ 347,307	\$ 119,740	\$ 237	\$ 26,029	\$ -	\$ 103,442	\$ 2,701	\$ 95,158	11,086
CONG. DIST (05)	39,259	\$ 224,478	\$ 84,822	\$ 12,718	\$ 26,753	\$ -	\$ 4,736	\$ 2,995	\$ 92,453	9,110
CONG. DIST (06)	53,498	\$ 128,663	\$ 70,721	\$ 323	\$ 19,523	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,857	\$ 33,239	5,791
CONG. DIST (07)	56,465	\$ 208,272	\$ 118,767	\$ -	\$ 25,791	\$ -	\$ 253	\$ 3,524	\$ 59,936	9,307
CONG. DIST (08)	59,817	\$ 393,056	\$ 201,868	\$ 201	\$ 32,175	\$ -	\$ 15,952	\$ 4,098	\$ 138,762	17,142
CONG. DIST (09)	62,747	\$ 204,252	\$ 125,000	\$ 2	\$ 13,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,151	\$ 62,602	11,395
CONG. DIST (10)	63,334	\$ 387,559	\$ 216,112	\$ 2,208	\$ 36,110	\$ -	\$ 3,449	\$ 4,177	\$ 125,504	15,776
CONG. DIST (11)	61,444	\$ 206,825	\$ 125,128	\$ -	\$ 25,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,515	\$ 53,134	9,028
CONG. DIST (12)	60,834	\$ 459,136	\$ 213,023	\$ 50	\$ 87,436	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,050	\$ 154,578	17,549
CONG. DIST (13)	67,063	\$ 318,810	\$ 179,910	\$ -	\$ 41,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,541	\$ 94,950	13,307
GEORGIA (Totals)	773,337	\$ 4,000,168	\$ 2,135,191	\$ 21,894	\$ 455,222	\$ -	\$ 127,833	\$ 47,892	\$ 1,212,137	166,815

Notes:

* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2011, are produced by the VA Office of the Actuary (VetPop 2007).

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: Federal Assistance Awards Data System (FAADS) 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.

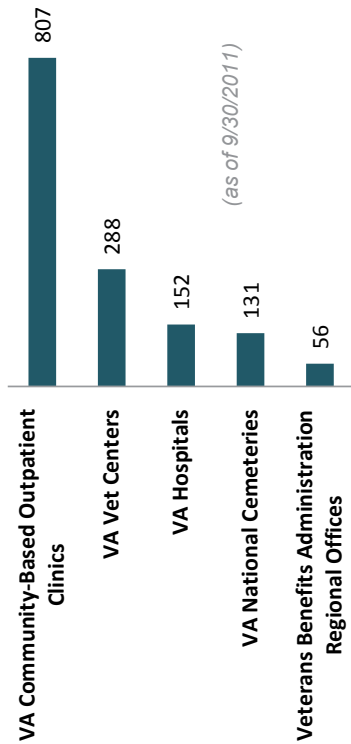




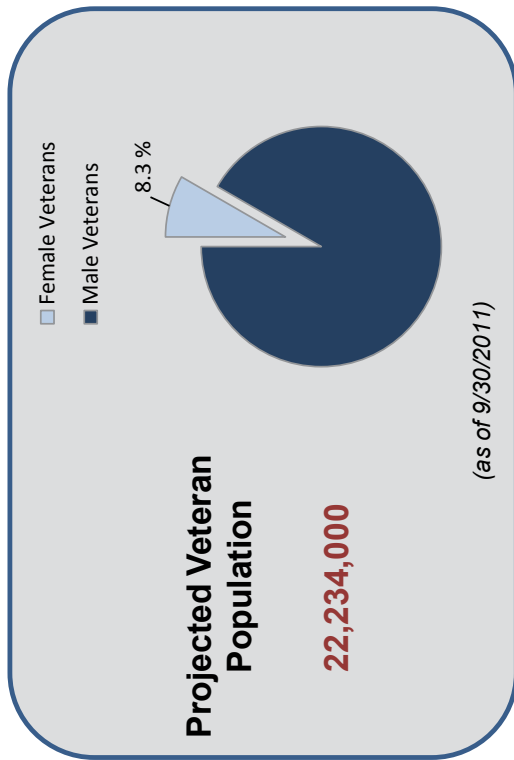
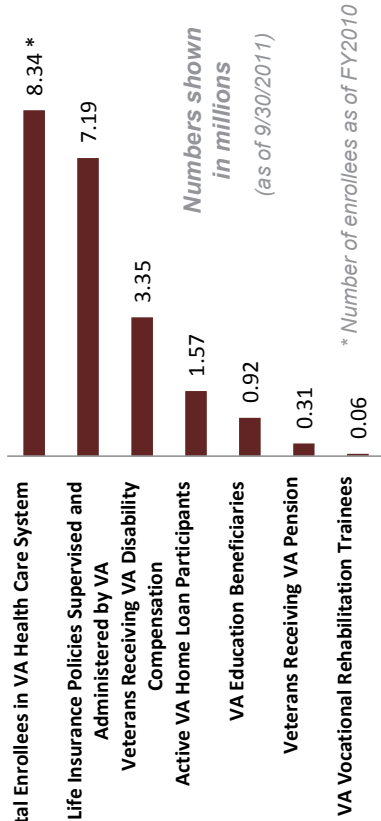
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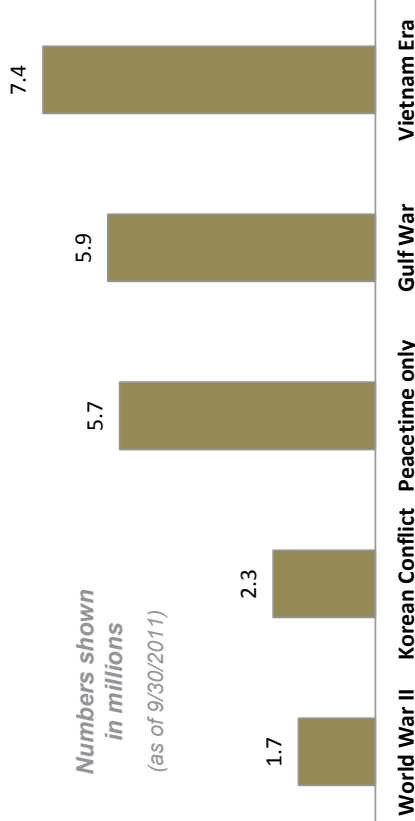
Number of VA Facilities



VA Benefits and Health Care Utilization



Numbers shown in millions (as of 9/30/2011)



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) 2007; Veterans Benefits Administration; Veterans Health Administration, Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Planning.

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VA Statistical Data



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America's Wars

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Nov 2011

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	1,711,000

NOTES:

1. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 - 250,000.
2. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000 - 1,500,000.
3. Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
4. Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
5. 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	2,275,000

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}	7,391,000

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)	230,254
Non-mortal Woundings	1,430,290
Living War Veterans ¹¹	16,962,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	22,234,000

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 2009.



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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:^{*}

9/30/11.....1,711,000	9/30/12..... 1,463,000	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	

* Estimates have changed based on new population projections.

U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of September 2011

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War	-	2	-	-
Indian Wars	-	-	-	-
Spanish-American War	-	63	-	50
Mexican Border	-	10	-	22
World War I	-	2,371	-	2,734
World War II	269,418	11,185	29	210,696
Korean Conflict	206,502	2,347	105	65,900
Vietnam Era	1,325,941	4,051	2,228	191,488
Gulf War ¹	1, 214,715	3,220	1,231	19,941
Non service-connected	313,660	12,416	0	189,433
Service-connected	3,354,740	12,364	4,514	338,565

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.



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



VA Medical System

- ▲ Medical Center
- ▲ Medical Center/Vet Center
- Clinic
- Clinic/Vet Center
- Clinic Under Construction



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Atlanta VA Medical Center
 1670 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033
 404-321-6111 or 800-944-9726
 SDVS Field Office: 404-728-7611

Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center
 1 Freedom Way, Augusta, GA 30904
 706-733-0188 or 800-836-5561
 SDVS Field Office: 706-823-2218

Carl Vinson VA Medical Center
 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin, GA 31021
 478-272-1210 or 800-595-5229
 SDVS Field Office: 478-272-4266

VET CENTERS

Atlanta
 1440 Dutch Valley Place, Suite 1100
 Phone: 404-347-7264

Augusta
 West Parkway
 Phone: 706-729-5762

Lawrenceville
 930 River Centre Place
 Phone: 404-728-4195

Macon
 750 Riverside Drive
 Phone: 478-477-3813

Marietta
 40 Dodd St., Suite 700,
 Phone: 678-290-0772

Savannah
 308-A Commercial Drive
 Phone: 912-652-4097

Veterans Crisis Hotline: 800-273-TALK

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526 W. Broad Ave., **Albany**, GA 31701
 Phone: 229-446-9000

9249 Highway 29 South, Suite A, **Athens**, GA 30601
 Phone: 706-227-4534

2041 Mesa Valley Way, **Austell**, GA 30082
 Phone: 404-417-1760

1294 Highway 515 East, Suite 100, **Blairsville**, GA 30511
 Phone: 404-329-2222; SDVS Field Office: 706-745-6341

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1310 13th Ave., **Columbus**, GA 31906
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755 Commerce Drive, 2nd Floor, **Decatur**, GA 30030
 Phone: 404-417-5200

1513 Cleveland Ave., **East Point**, GA 30344
 Phone: 404-321-6111, x2600

740 East General Stewart Way, Suite 103, **Hinesville**, GA 31313
 Phone: 912-920-0214; x5833 or x5847

1970 Riverside Parkway, **Lawrenceville**, GA 30043
 Phone: 404-417-1750

5398 Thomaston Road, Suite B, **Macon**, GA 31220
 Phone: 478-476-8868

39-A Oak Hill Ct., **Newnan**, GA 30265
 Phone: 404-329-2222

3931 Munday Mill Road, **Oakwood**, GA 30566
 Phone: 404-728-8210

2370 S. Houston Lake Road, **Perry**, GA 31047
 Phone: 478-224-1309

30 Chateau Drive SE, **Rome**, GA 30161
 Phone: 706-235-6581

325 W. Montgomery Crossroads, **Savannah**, GA 31406
 Phone: (912) 920-0214; SDVS Field Office: 912-921-3744

205 Lakeshore Point, **St. Marys**, GA 31558
 Phone: 912-510-3420; SDVS Field Office: 912-510-3440

175 Medical Blvd., **Stockbridge**, GA 30281
 Phone: 404-329-2222

2841 N. Patterson Street, **Valdosta**, GA 31602
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