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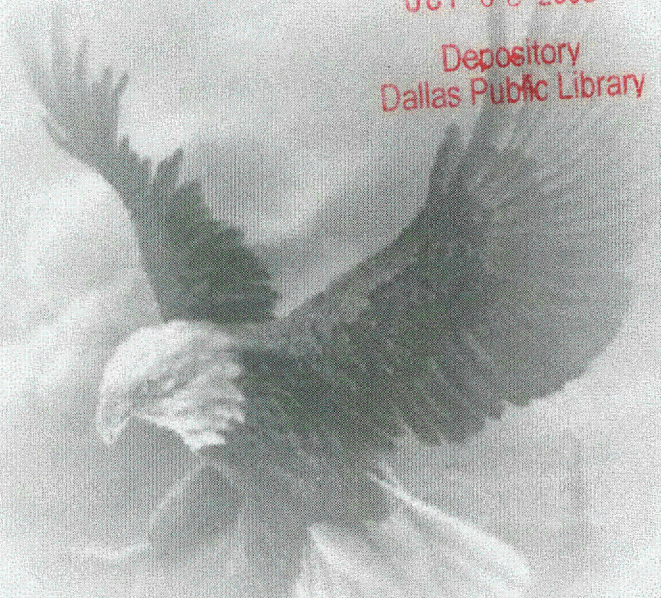
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***Texas & the U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs
During Calendar Year 2007***

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FOREWORD

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a wide variety of programs and services for the nation's 23.5 million veterans.

In 2007, about 5.5 million people were treated in VA health care facilities, 3.6 million veterans and survivors received VA disability compensation or pensions, more than 500,000 used GI Bill education benefits and more than 2.2 million owned homes purchased with GI Bill home loan benefits,

Some 90,000 veterans took advantage of VA's vocational rehabilitation and employment service in 2007. More than 100,000 veterans and family members were buried in VA's national cemeteries and more than 360,000 headstones and markers were provided for veterans' graves worldwide.

This Pamphlet shows many of the statistics showing the relationship between Texas veterans and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For statistics specific to other states, visit www1.va.gov/opa/fact/statesum/.

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General Information Specific to Texas

- *Number of veterans: 1.7 million*
- *VA expenditures in Texas: \$6 billion*
 - *Compensation and pensions: \$3 billion*
 - *Readjustment benefits: \$298 million*
 - *Medical and construction programs: \$2.2 billion*
 - *Insurance and indemnities: \$97 million*
- *Number of veterans and survivors receiving disability compensation or pension payments in Texas: 318,647*
- *Number of Texas veterans using GI Bill education benefits: 42,173*
- *Number of veterans owning homes backed by VA loan guarantees: 261,501*
- *Value of Texas home loans guaranteed by VA: \$8.3 billion*
- *Number of VA life insurance policies held by Texas residents: 84,748*
- *Value of VA life insurance policies held by Texas residents: \$969 million*
- *Number of Texas participants in vocational rehabilitation: 11,243*
- *Number of veterans buried in Texas's VA national cemeteries: 10,605*
- *Number of headstones and markers provided for graves of Texas veterans and survivors: 25,227*

Health Care Statistics

One of the most visible of-all VA benefits is health care. VA has 153 hospitals, 732 community-based outpatient clinics, 232 Vet Centers, 135 nursing homes, 47 residential rehabilitation treatment programs and 121 comprehensive home care programs nationwide. To improve patients' ability to access care, VA has changed from a hospital-based system to a primarily outpatient-focused system over the past decade. Veterans will make more than 60 million outpatient visits to VA health care facilities this year. Health care statistics specific to Texas are listed below:

- *Inpatient admissions, statewide, fiscal year 2007: 47,603*
 - Houston: 13,275
 - Central Texas (Temple and Waco): 6,032
 - North Texas (Bonham and Dallas): 13,485
 - South Texas (Kerrville and San Antonio): 11,130
 - Amarillo: 2,889
 - West Texas (Big Spring): 792
- *Outpatient visits, statewide, fiscal year 2007: 4,333,582*
- *VA Outpatient Clinic and Community-Based Outpatient Clinic locations are listed below. Contact information is available on the Texas Veterans Commission website.*

Abilene	Eagle Pass	Odessa
Austin	Fort Stockton	Palestine
Beaumont	Fort Worth (2)	Paris
Beeville	Galveston	San Angelo
Bridgeport	Granbury	San Antonio (7)
Brownwood	Harlingen	Sherman
Cedar Park	Laredo	Stamford
Childress	Longview	Stratford
College Station	Lubbock	Texas City
Conroe	Lufkin	Tyler
Corpus Christi	McAllen	Victoria
Denton	New Braunfels	Wichita Falls

Post-Conflict Care

VA has launched special efforts to provide a “seamless transition” for those returning from service in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). Each VA medical facility and benefits regional office has a point of contact to coordinate activities locally to help meet the needs of these returning combat service members and veterans. In addition, VA increased the staffing of benefits counselors at key military hospitals where severely wounded service members from Iraq and Afghanistan are frequently sent. Once home, recent Iraq and Afghan veterans have ready access to VA health care, which is free of charge for five years following separation for any health problem possibly related to wartime service. Some 300,000 veterans from the Global War on Terror have sought VA health care since returning stateside, about one-third of the total number of men and women leaving military service. Statistics specific to Texas are listed below:

- *Number of veterans from the Global War on Terror seeking treatment in 2007: 20,875*
 - Houston: 2,935
 - Central Texas: 5,851
 - North Texas: 3,345
 - South Texas: 5,962
 - Amarillo: 666
 - West Texas: 615
 - El Paso: 1,501
- *Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers (Vet Centers) Locations:*
 - Amarillo
 - Austin
 - Corpus Christi
 - Dallas
 - El Paso
 - Fort Worth
 - Houston (2)
 - Killeen
 - Laredo
 - Lubbock
 - McAllen
 - Midland
 - San Antonio

Disabilities & Pensions

Not all military service-related issues end when people are discharged from active duty. About 2.7 million veterans receive monthly VA disability compensation for medical conditions related to their service in uniform. VA pensions go to about 323,000 wartime veterans with limited means. Family members of about 524,000 veterans qualify for

monthly VA payments as the survivors of disabled veterans or pension recipients.

- *Number of veterans receiving monthly disability compensation: 247,516*
- *Number of VA pensions to veterans in Texas: 26,336*
- *Number of death compensation or pension payments made to survivors: 44,795*
- *Number of disability compensation claims processed: 60,944*

Memorial Affairs

Most men and women who have been in the military are eligible for burial in a national cemetery, as are their dependent children and usually their spouses. VA manages the country's network of national cemeteries with more than 2.9 million gravesites at 125 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, as well as in 33 soldier's lots and monument sites. In 2007, more than 100,000 veterans and dependents were buried in VA's national cemeteries. Additionally, VA provided more than 359,000 headstones and markers and 423,000 Presidential Memorial Certificates to the loved ones of deceased veterans. VA-assisted state veterans cemeteries provided more than 23,000 interments.

- *National cemetery burials in Texas, 2007: 10,605*
 - Dallas-Fort Worth: 3,093
 - Fort Bliss: 1,242
 - Fort Sam Houston: 3,565
 - Houston: 2,705
 - Kerrville: 0 (Closed to new interments, however, space may be available in the same gravesite for eligible family members.)
 - San Antonio: 0 (Closed to new interments)
- *State cemetery burials (cemeteries receiving VA grants): 583*
 - Central Texas Veterans: 464
 - Rio Grande Valley: 119
- *Headstones and markers provided in 2007 (statewide): 25,227*
- *Presidential Memorial Certificates issued in 2007 (statewide): 10,965*



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