

# Report on VA Facility Specific Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) Veterans Diagnosed with Potential or Provisional PTSD

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# Introduction

This quarterly report on Veterans who have used VA health care and who served in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), or Operation New Dawn (OND), shows the number and distribution of these Veterans diagnosed with a potential or provisional diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This report includes only those Veterans diagnosed at a VA Medical Center (VAMC), Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), or Vet Center. This report is created by linking the DoD roster of returning Veterans to VA's electronic inpatient and outpatient health records and Vet Center records.

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## Background

This report is provided in response to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) request in 2004 that VA enumerate the total number of OEF, OIF, and OND Veterans who were diagnosed with PTSD by VISN and specific VAMC using VA inpatient and outpatient records. GAO also requested that this information be aggregated with Vet Center utilization data. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) prepared an initial report in October 2004 for health care utilization during FY 2004 (October 1, 2003-September 30, 2004). This current report covers VA health care data for FY 2002 through 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY 2014 (October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2014).

# Data Sources

## OEF/OIF/OND Veteran Roster

Since October 2003, the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) has sent the VA, Office of Public Health, Post-Deployment Health Group, Epidemiology Program (EP), a periodically updated personnel roster of troops who participated in OEF/OIF/OND and who separated from active duty and became eligible for VA benefits. In September 2004 and April 2013, DMDC revised procedures for creating periodic updates of the roster. DMDC now updates the monthly roster using service branch reported information relating to Veterans who served in OEF/OIF/OND. Based on the latest DMDC file received on October 10, 2014, there are a total of 1,866,128 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,875 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of August 2014, separated from active duty following a deployment. For each Veteran, their demographic (social security number, name, date of birth, gender, education, etc.) and military service specific data (branch, rank, unit component, deployment dates, etc.) were included in the record. Beginning in 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY 2009 (April 1, 2009- June 30, 2009), Veterans who died in-theater are included in both the DMDC total roster and health care utilization data because this is a cumulative report going back to 2002, and, due to the duration of the OEF/OIF/OND conflict and repeated deployments, a certain number of these Veterans may have accessed VA health care services for the evaluation and/or treatment of PTSD.

## VHA Health Care Utilization Records

The roster was checked against VA's inpatient (PTF) and outpatient (OPC) electronic patient records available through September 30, 2014 to identify those who had sought treatment in VA facilities and to identify the International Classification of Diseases, 9<sup>th</sup> Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) diagnostic codes used to describe the visits. The diagnostic data available for this analysis are administrative data obtained from Veterans' VA medical records and are not based on a review of patient records or a confirmation of diagnoses. However, searching administrative data for the presence of one or two ICD-9-CM codes indicating PTSD (309.81) was found to be an accurate method of PTSD case identification.<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of this report, a search was conducted of health care encounters occurring FY 2002 – 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY 2014 following first deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan. For identification of a potential or provisional PTSD patient, we used ICD-9-CM, 309.81.

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<sup>1</sup> McCaron KM, Reinhard MJ, Bloeser KJ, Mahan CM, Kang HK. (2014). PTSD Diagnoses Among Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: Comparison of Administrative Data to Chart Review. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 27: 626-629.

The Vet Center counts were based on the data provided to EP on December 17, 2014 by the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS). The RCS staff matched the DMDC roster with Vet Center users' records through 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY 2014; all clinical encounters are captured in VA's computerized patient record.

## Distribution of Veterans by Diagnostic Code and Facility

- A Veteran is counted only once in any facility specific category. For example, a Veteran who received health care from two or more medical centers within the same VISN was counted once for that VISN. Likewise, a Veteran who used services across two or more VISN facilities and a Vet Center was counted only once for the national overall total.
- The number for “Primary” indicates the total number of unique Veterans whose primary reason for the inpatient or outpatient visit was for treatment or evaluation of PTSD.
- The number for “Any” indicates the total number of unique Veterans coded with PTSD, whether or not the primary reasons for the inpatient or outpatient visit was for treatment or evaluation of PTSD.
- Both “Primary” and “Any” categories may include a potential or provisional diagnosis.

## Summary

A query of VHA health care utilization databases using the August 2014 DMDC roster yielded a total of 351,422 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 85,958 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 292,342 were seen only at a VAMC; 26,878 only at a Vet Center; and 59,080 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through September 30, 2014, a grand total of 378,300 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans were seen for potential or provisional PTSD at VHA facilities following their return from Iraq or Afghanistan.

# OEF/OIF/OND Veterans with a Diagnosis of Potential or Provisional PTSD Using VA Facilities

**Table 1: Number and Distribution of Unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans with Potential or Provisional PTSD Utilizing VA Facilities during FY 2002-4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY 2014<sup>2</sup>**

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary <sup>1F3</sup>	Inpatients-Any <sup>2F4</sup>	Outpatients-Primary <sup>5</sup>	Outpatients-Any <sup>6</sup>	Total Patients-Primary <sup>5</sup>	Total Patients-Any <sup>6</sup>	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total <sup>3F5</sup>
1-BEDFORD	131	418	1,627	1,828	1,639	1,866	239	170	400	1,978
1-BOSTON	336	990	3,599	4,181	3,627	4,329	1,479	217	4,162	5,078
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	1,496	1,715	1,496	1,715	673	58	1,438	2,055
1-NORTHAMPTON	442	536	1,729	1,933	1,805	2,015	447	1,650	986	2,199
1-PROVIDENCE	92	259	1,687	1,870	1,691	1,890	668	200	2,536	2,188
1-TOGUS	91	234	1,839	2,062	1,844	2,078	1,226	1,224	1,216	2,590
1-WEST HAVEN	97	310	3,638	3,881	3,638	3,908	976	325	2,430	4,197
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	92	252	1,403	1,630	1,411	1,667	1,238	318	848	2,418
VISN 1	1,120	2,461	14,690	16,227	14,706	16,347	6,946	4,162	14,016	19,012
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	491	967	7,853	8,655	7,872	8,700	2,204	7,227	9,810	9,697
VISN 2	491	967	7,853	8,655	7,872	8,700	2,204	7,227	9,810	9,697
3-BRONX	89	222	1,515	1,705	1,520	1,737	262	210	186	1,824
3-EAST ORANGE	216	434	3,744	4,117	3,752	4,154	1,920	22,749	1,668	5,319
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	123	198	1,463	1,578	1,466	1,586	299	99	662	1,718
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	106	399	3,373	3,840	3,381	3,883	859	1,322	1,382	4,238
3-NORTHPORT	115	286	1,572	1,786	1,574	1,801	255	36	332	1,855
VISN 3	613	1,415	10,642	11,767	10,660	11,845	3,595	24,416	4,230	13,510
4-BUTLER	.	.	784	890	784	890	.	.	.	890
4-CLARKSBURG	73	203	1,280	1,415	1,285	1,442	282	1,275	433	1,541
4-COATESVILLE	153	346	1,716	1,807	1,736	1,855	.	.	.	1,855
4-ERIE	.	21	869	953	869	955	253	51	389	1,048
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	1	38	1,337	1,511	1,337	1,512	188	227	17	1,601
4-LEBANON	91	271	2,092	2,271	2,097	2,291	511	1,249	112	2,508
4-PHILADELPHIA	138	402	3,927	4,417	3,929	4,440	530	691	242	4,640

<sup>2</sup> To protect the privacy of Veterans, frequencies of fewer than 10 individuals are not reported.

<sup>3</sup> The number for “Primary” indicates the total number of unique Veterans whose primary reason for the inpatient or outpatient visit was for treatment or evaluation of PTSD.

<sup>4</sup> The number for “Any” indicates the total number of unique Veterans with PTSD whether or not the primary reason for the inpatient or outpatient visit was for treatment or evaluation of PTSD.

<sup>5</sup> The number for “Grand Total” (n= 378,300) indicates the sum of “Any Total Patients” (n=351,422) and “Vet Center PTSD” (n=85,958) after excluding duplicates (n=59,080).

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary1F <sup>3</sup>	Inpatients-Any2F <sup>4</sup>	Outpatients-Primary <sup>5</sup>	Outpatients-Any <sup>6</sup>	Total Patients-Primary <sup>5</sup>	Total Patients-Any <sup>6</sup>	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total3F <sup>5</sup>
4-PITTSBURGH-UNIV DR	181	504	1,532	1,838	1,580	2,017	1,032	1,198	711	2,774
4-WILKES BARRE	40	199	1,695	1,920	1,697	1,937	628	1,408	605	2,270
4-WILMINGTON	1	26	1,217	1,337	1,217	1,337	612	1,191	178	1,609
VISN 4	646	1,848	14,394	15,923	14,410	16,057	4,036	7,290	2,687	17,816
5-BALTIMORE	144	343	2,652	3,054	2,663	3,092	780	2,692	463	3,422
5-MARTINSBURG	82	254	2,469	2,613	2,470	2,619	246	179	130	2,691
5-WASHINGTON	98	347	4,323	5,010	4,334	5,063	1,470	2,125	832	5,721
VISN 5	308	877	8,906	10,022	8,921	10,084	2,496	4,996	1,425	11,071
6-ASHEVILLE-OTEEEN	143	297	1,246	1,430	1,257	1,472	.	.	.	1,472
6-BECKLEY	.	26	914	968	914	968	269	30	108	1,050
6-DURHAM	210	415	3,242	3,620	3,249	3,682	1,029	8,251	342	4,174
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	238	503	6,138	7,120	6,155	7,163	1,504	26,258	634	8,016
6-HAMPTON	126	270	3,454	4,015	3,457	4,037	715	6,493	802	4,406
6-RICHMOND	128	489	3,648	4,212	3,667	4,381	534	1,942	275	4,628
6-SALEM	246	397	1,725	1,951	1,768	2,029	93	12	12	2,044
6-SALISBURY	441	671	5,080	5,998	5,087	6,037	856	4,019	716	6,426
VISN 6	1,428	2,773	22,962	26,084	22,988	26,288	5,508	48,256	3,258	28,924
7-ATLANTA	215	587	6,265	6,998	6,267	7,025	1,103	3,478	334	7,595
7-AUGUSTA	246	550	2,904	3,175	2,922	3,277	.	.	.	3,277
7-BIRMINGHAM	1	276	3,687	4,070	3,687	4,119	527	3,338	229	4,347
7-CHARLESTON	88	374	5,301	6,029	5,305	6,068	1,251	10,161	824	6,629
7-COLUMBIA SC	127	352	5,182	5,668	5,187	5,684	1,037	4,366	390	6,129
7-DUBLIN	.	61	2,066	2,267	2,066	2,269	119	22	93	2,321
7-MONTGOMERY	233	460	4,391	4,953	4,413	4,995	235	92	13	5,049
7-TUSCALOOSA	241	369	1,949	2,024	1,971	2,061	.	.	.	2,061
VISN 7	1,108	2,780	28,759	31,724	28,770	31,847	4,272	21,457	1,883	33,406
8-BAY PINES	181	466	3,409	3,766	3,415	3,796	642	1,792	266	3,984
8-MIAMI	132	391	3,484	3,834	3,493	3,877	994	2,511	1,564	4,329
8-N FL/S GA HCS	148	573	5,066	5,761	5,076	5,813	1,156	5,881	775	6,307
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	5,335	5,982	5,335	5,982	1,025	2,995	429	6,320
8-SAN JUAN PR	117	500	2,236	2,613	2,236	2,635	704	4,420	1,645	2,876
8-TAMPA	209	1,010	3,769	4,650	3,794	4,981	367	785	343	5,133
8-W PALM BEACH	136	365	1,926	2,143	1,929	2,175	348	507	141	2,272
VISN 8	882	3,122	22,538	25,356	22,553	25,688	5,236	18,891	5,163	27,475
9-HUNTINGTON	.	62	1,153	1,267	1,153	1,270	449	1,576	200	1,541
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	118	433	2,273	2,498	2,280	2,556	231	578	134	2,650
9-LOUISVILLE	76	320	2,029	2,413	2,039	2,462	164	2,582	61	2,538
9-MEMPHIS	173	388	2,376	2,722	2,385	2,757	748	2,035	204	3,158
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	155	378	2,812	3,072	2,814	3,081	708	692	210	3,339
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	542	1,256	6,785	7,505	6,810	7,646	1,160	1,307	199	8,086
VISN 9	1,034	2,699	16,550	18,444	16,585	18,644	3,460	8,770	1,008	20,086
10-CHILLICOTHE	137	409	1,275	1,441	1,296	1,512	.	.	.	1,512
10-CINCINNATI	169	390	2,627	2,861	2,631	2,902	196	3,121	731	2,972

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10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	101	466	3,891	4,301	3,893	4,345	528	2,576	1,783	4,517
10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	1,990	2,270	1,990	2,270	477	89	314	2,500
10-DAYTON	161	389	1,956	2,215	1,973	2,274	148	43	67	2,327
VISN 10	552	1,550	10,758	11,930	10,774	12,033	1,349	5,829	2,895	12,488
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	118	334	2,699	3,082	2,714	3,147	252	223	33	3,247
11-BATTLE CREEK	325	506	3,104	3,426	3,114	3,464	689	1,398	81	3,762
11-DETROIT VAMC	74	302	1,645	2,134	1,659	2,199	603	1,073	104	2,485
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	83	220	2,030	2,347	2,035	2,365	387	1,602	1,503	2,517
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	155	367	2,613	3,022	2,631	3,075	159	2,379	411	3,150
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	61	213	1,817	2,056	1,828	2,085	253	1,112	300	2,191
11-SAGINAW	.	30	2,033	2,288	2,033	2,288	214	125	90	2,357
VISN 11	762	1,752	14,167	16,068	14,189	16,175	2,557	7,912	2,522	17,104
12-HINES	146	502	2,984	3,188	2,993	3,257	519	332	256	3,486
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	1	18	679	804	679	805	97	161	203	841
12-MADISON	107	355	1,686	1,917	1,699	1,987	900	30,466	1,228	2,750
12-MILWAUKEE	146	461	3,151	3,462	3,157	3,491	462	465	581	3,664
12-NORTH CHICAGO	89	253	1,787	2,104	1,809	2,141	297	964	200	2,335
12-TOMAH	86	211	1,700	1,883	1,704	1,898	165	40	47	1,988
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	147	327	2,159	2,470	2,166	2,503	398	732	688	2,694
VISN 12	661	1,881	12,521	13,915	12,547	14,042	2,924	33,186	3,232	15,472
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	303	851	5,328	5,999	5,343	6,077	843	3,358	911	6,429
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	959	1,699	8,900	10,006	9,077	10,237	1,116	10,214	1,349	10,701
VISN 15	1,238	2,497	13,967	15,690	14,137	15,965	1,959	13,572	2,260	16,749
16-ALEXANDRIA	134	410	2,318	2,607	2,332	2,669	49	79	1	2,685
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	172	403	2,681	2,899	2,688	2,929	432	208	156	3,120
16-GULF COAST HCS	137	292	3,846	4,300	3,854	4,337	1,203	4,113	239	4,915
16-HOUSTON	688	1,168	6,692	7,286	6,725	7,382	610	809	195	7,599
16-JACKSON	116	269	1,736	2,039	1,744	2,066	303	2,775	239	2,173
16-LITTLE ROCK	491	832	3,987	4,280	4,009	4,340	518	849	623	4,511
16-MUSKOGEE	110	323	2,359	2,539	2,368	2,571	476	29	98	2,790
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	201	533	3,893	4,505	3,914	4,587	683	956	242	4,832
16-SHREVEPORT	183	345	2,371	2,554	2,389	2,593	609	5,759	94	2,931
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	1	1	2,827	3,197	2,827	3,197	777	3,069	382	3,602
VISN 16	2,068	4,122	30,406	33,557	30,463	33,783	5,660	18,646	2,276	36,018
17-DALLAS	293	828	8,339	9,143	8,350	9,196	1,318	1,496	424	9,725
17-SAN ANTONIO	300	849	7,687	8,764	7,695	8,826	2,086	5,662	874	9,821
17-TX VALLEY COASTAL BEND HCS	.	.	2,293	2,677	2,293	2,677	.	.	.	2,677
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	570	949	10,711	11,958	10,734	12,004	2,962	45,267	2,853	13,468
VISN 17	1,146	2,568	26,976	30,106	27,007	30,248	6,626	52,528	4,216	33,046
18-AMARILLO HCS	1	73	1,602	1,712	1,602	1,717	399	128	167	1,859
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	2,802	3,454	2,802	3,454	308	6,965	678	3,579
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	154	390	3,453	3,729	3,455	3,748	1,056	664	346	4,128
18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	1	18	1,143	1,271	1,143	1,271	296	145	78	1,386



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18-PHOENIX	366	740	6,529	7,235	6,545	7,290	1,243	3,114	336	7,669
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	376	648	2,906	3,283	2,932	3,356	561	5,697	1,304	3,622
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	1	12	1,323	1,497	1,323	1,497	268	97	254	1,586
VISN 18	863	1,782	18,481	20,616	18,497	20,706	4,131	16,810	3,163	22,023
19-CHEYENNE	1	20	1,539	1,700	1,539	1,701	571	740	431	1,955
19-DENVER	443	763	8,034	9,328	8,055	9,391	1,802	9,767	1,922	10,016
19-FORT HARRISON	103	226	2,362	2,651	2,366	2,656	882	1,761	504	2,992
19-GRAND JUNCTION	32	66	621	660	621	666	122	1	17	713
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	196	527	3,807	4,246	3,810	4,274	891	2,974	1,078	4,650
19-SHERIDAN	180	311	1,080	1,242	1,091	1,260	.	.	.	1,260
VISN 19	891	1,757	16,254	18,430	16,273	18,503	4,268	15,249	3,952	20,020
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	1,399	1,595	1,399	1,595	1,074	3,123	3,121	2,180
20-BOISE	61	143	1,270	1,554	1,278	1,577	595	796	1,180	1,900
20-PORTLAND	242	644	5,306	5,979	5,313	6,038	1,033	1,368	1,133	6,341
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	589	925	8,264	9,327	8,336	9,423	2,292	10,545	3,204	10,559
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	988	1,046	988	1,046	153	64	188	1,094
20-SPOKANE	64	174	1,593	1,848	1,596	1,862	859	1,009	4,058	2,325
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	254	288	1,444	1,581	1,514	1,646	491	3,400	632	1,869
20-WALLA WALLA	1	1	1,176	1,342	1,176	1,342	25	18	26	1,347
VISN 20	1,137	2,038	19,594	22,060	19,647	22,162	6,522	20,323	13,542	24,796
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	108	255	1,709	1,954	1,710	1,973	384	1,736	358	2,110
21-HONOLULU	45	99	2,239	2,566	2,243	2,580	602	2,879	3,628	2,842
21-MANILA	.	.	392	440	392	440	.	.	.	440
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	87	271	4,561	5,530	4,568	5,555	1,340	2,454	1,226	6,075
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	238	732	4,351	4,835	4,384	5,004	891	5,573	2,029	5,325
21-SAN FRANCISCO	56	226	1,961	2,156	1,964	2,220	364	546	626	2,320
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	55	166	1,281	1,417	1,283	1,439	232	1,559	181	1,532
VISN 21	568	1,656	15,189	17,249	15,217	17,452	3,813	14,747	8,048	18,716
22-GREATER LA HCS	193	546	6,288	7,235	6,294	7,305	1,337	4,201	2,857	7,832
22-LOMA LINDA	218	735	5,057	5,994	5,066	6,077	1,312	10,248	1,275	6,788
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	146	418	4,849	5,359	4,854	5,400	774	468	1,308	5,819
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	158	691	7,663	8,837	7,671	8,899	1,457	8,966	4,784	9,464
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	116	303	2,590	2,904	2,601	2,940	456	114	906	3,107
VISN 22	801	2,529	24,591	27,918	24,621	28,105	5,336	23,997	11,130	30,113
23-FARGO	59	156	1,623	1,922	1,625	1,930	479	1,807	403	2,102
23-FORT MEADE	33	90	957	1,055	957	1,059	153	884	166	1,123
23-MINNEAPOLIS	75	439	2,684	3,224	2,688	3,322	755	2,036	671	3,737
23-SIOUX FALLS	26	140	1,004	1,170	1,004	1,181	494	1,587	1,560	1,416
23-ST CLOUD	71	242	1,972	2,073	1,974	2,084	.	.	.	2,084
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	282	832	6,888	7,543	6,893	7,590	1,179	3,630	1,569	7,922

VISN-Facility	Inpatients- Primary1F3	Inpatients- Any2F4	Outpatients- Primary5	Outpatients- Any6	Total Patients- Primary5	Total Patients- Any6	Vet Centers- PTSD	Vet Centers- Outreach	Vet Centers- Others	Grand Total3F5
VISN 23 <sup>6</sup>	529	1,806	13,860	15,509	13,864	15,615	3,060	9,944	4,369	16,737
Unique Counts	17,966	41,630	316,518	349,807	316,766	351,422	85,958	378,208	105,085	378,300

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<sup>6</sup> In 2002, VA merged VISNs 13 and 14 to form VISN 23.