

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 report was delayed because of the need for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) to enhance data security.

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 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. It was 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 2nd Qtr FY 2013 (October 1, 2001 – March 31, 2013).

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 utilizes additional service branch information from service branches of Veterans who served in OEF/OIF/OND troops to update the roster. Based on the latest DMDC file received on September 4, 2013, there are a total of 1,648,764 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,790 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of February 2013, 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 3rd 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 March 31, 2013 to identify those who had sought treatment in VA facilities and to identify the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) diagnostic codes used to describe the visits. These are administrative data and are not based on a review of each patient record. For the purpose of this report, a search was conducted of individual health care utilization records during FY 2002 – 2nd Qtr FY 2013 following first deployments in Iraq or Afghanistan. For identification of a potential or provisional PTSD patient, we used ICD-9-CM, 309.81.

The Vet Center counts were based on the data provided to EP on October 21, 2013 by the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS). The RCS staff matched the same DMDC roster with Vet Center users' records through 2nd Qtr FY 2013. The Epidemiology Program does not make any modifications to the data provided by RCS.

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 preliminary diagnosis.

Summary

A query of VHA health care utilization databases using the February 2013 DMDC roster yielded a total of 274,319 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 70,212 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 227,663 were seen only at a VAMC; 23,556 only at a Vet Center; and 46,656 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through March 31, 2013, a grand total of 297,875 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 2002-2nd Qtr FY 2013¹

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary ²	Inpatients-Any ³	Outpatients-Primary ⁵	Outpatients-Any ⁶	Total Patients-Primary ⁵	Total Patients-Any ⁶	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total ⁴
1-BEDFORD	101	295	1,231	1,379	1,239	1,406	219	136	281	1,524
1-BOSTON	235	722	2,820	3,303	2,839	3,423	1,026	193	3,116	3,891
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	1,132	1,276	1,132	1,276	427	51	1,193	1,486
1-NORTHAMPTON	307	374	1,226	1,406	1,300	1,486	377	1,651	870	1,652
1-PROVIDENCE	81	201	1,326	1,485	1,332	1,506	559	106	2,471	1,753
1-TOGUS	72	169	1,450	1,617	1,454	1,631	1,031	808	1,168	2,109
1-WEST HAVEN	77	239	2,845	3,027	2,845	3,051	902	283	2,160	3,334
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	74	180	1,171	1,342	1,176	1,367	1,216	303	763	2,169
VISN 1	838	1,834	11,622	12,844	11,635	12,954	5,757	3,531	12,022	15,334
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	368	726	6,240	6,871	6,257	6,914	1,682	6,920	6,641	7,705
VISN 2	368	726	6,240	6,871	6,257	6,914	1,682	6,920	6,641	7,705
3-BRONX	75	155	1,181	1,318	1,186	1,337	199	95	167	1,402
3-EAST ORANGE	177	330	3,033	3,338	3,040	3,362	1,699	22,463	1,870	4,462
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	91	142	1,140	1,223	1,143	1,229	250	97	464	1,353
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	83	306	2,654	3,008	2,661	3,047	676	1,153	1,112	3,350
3-NORTHPORT	92	218	1,251	1,426	1,253	1,440	185	40	256	1,489
VISN 3	491	1,059	8,505	9,392	8,521	9,450	3,009	23,848	3,869	10,978
4-BUTLER	.	.	587	671	587	671	.	.	.	671
4-CLARKSBURG	54	149	1,010	1,130	1,013	1,152	247	1,177	384	1,251
4-COATESVILLE	112	248	1,282	1,351	1,299	1,392	.	.	.	1,392
4-ERIE	.	19	731	805	731	807	225	42	273	892
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	1	34	1,062	1,227	1,062	1,228	141	232	1	1,295
4-LEBANON	77	200	1,680	1,823	1,685	1,842	445	1,084	94	2,034

¹ To protect the privacy of Veterans, frequencies of fewer than 10 individuals are not reported.

² 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.

³ The number for “Any” indicates the total number of unique Veterans with PTSD whether or not the primary reasons for the inpatient or outpatient visit was for treatment or evaluation of PTSD.

⁴ The number for “Grand Total” (n= 297,875) indicates the sum of “Any Total Patients” (n=274,319) and “Vet Center PTSD” (n=70,212) after excluding duplicates (n=46,656).

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VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary ²	Inpatients-Any ³	Outpatients-Primary ⁵	Outpatients-Any ⁶	Total Patients-Primary ⁵	Total Patients-Any ⁶	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total ⁴
4-PHILADELPHIA	95	283	3,186	3,476	3,188	3,490	434	647	178	3,652
4-PITTSBURGH-UNIV DR	149	378	1,133	1,359	1,177	1,510	906	1,078	615	2,174
4-WILKES BARRE	36	155	1,320	1,515	1,322	1,526	541	1,204	586	1,822
4-WILMINGTON	1	20	926	1,012	926	1,013	519	1,027	132	1,252
VISN 4	499	1,371	11,434	12,643	11,451	12,753	3,458	6,491	2,271	14,295
5-BALTIMORE	104	241	2,084	2,420	2,094	2,447	593	2,371	396	2,712
5-MARTINSBURG	73	203	1,887	1,979	1,888	1,986	218	176	79	2,050
5-WASHINGTON	78	244	3,281	3,760	3,291	3,800	1,133	1,943	686	4,324
VISN 5	245	643	6,860	7,687	6,873	7,733	1,944	4,490	1,161	8,532
6-ASHEVILLE-OTEEN	116	221	924	1,053	933	1,084	.	.	.	1,084
6-BECKLEY	.	19	761	799	761	799	245	30	95	876
6-DURHAM	170	308	2,478	2,737	2,486	2,784	902	7,971	293	3,239
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	177	361	4,406	5,077	4,422	5,108	1,262	25,266	988	5,948
6-HAMPTON	88	175	2,520	2,892	2,522	2,905	528	4,965	632	3,188
6-RICHMOND	101	356	2,611	2,970	2,627	3,101	466	1,735	225	3,353
6-SALEM	174	290	1,289	1,464	1,331	1,538	72	12	1	1,551
6-SALISBURY	322	479	3,815	4,596	3,821	4,626	730	3,625	506	4,968
VISN 6	1,072	1,990	17,063	19,236	17,093	19,390	4,420	44,179	2,818	21,613
7-ATLANTA	164	427	4,768	5,300	4,771	5,322	857	3,267	255	5,710
7-AUGUSTA	200	439	2,174	2,356	2,185	2,427	.	.	.	2,427
7-BIRMINGHAM	1	211	2,798	3,101	2,798	3,139	429	3,167	225	3,326
7-CHARLESTON	64	246	3,659	4,167	3,663	4,196	1,042	9,672	753	4,713
7-COLUMBIA SC	66	238	3,935	4,288	3,940	4,298	855	4,127	218	4,688
7-DUBLIN	.	49	1,505	1,681	1,505	1,683	86	17	27	1,727
7-MONTGOMERY	169	360	3,204	3,651	3,223	3,691	162	45	10	3,733
7-TUSCALOOSA	163	251	1,638	1,692	1,651	1,712	.	.	.	1,712
VISN 7	795	2,035	21,622	23,831	21,633	23,931	3,431	20,295	1,488	25,257
8-BAY PINES	136	333	2,566	2,793	2,573	2,818	484	1,660	173	2,963
8-MIAMI	107	276	2,620	2,877	2,628	2,904	847	2,206	1,337	3,320
8-N FL/S GA HCS	108	397	3,801	4,354	3,810	4,390	1,008	5,502	578	4,841
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	3,806	4,221	3,806	4,221	801	2,621	332	4,496
8-SAN JUAN PR	92	389	1,739	2,059	1,740	2,075	606	4,170	1,449	2,302
8-TAMPA	170	744	2,929	3,646	2,953	3,901	270	611	189	4,020
8-W PALM BEACH	100	259	1,410	1,557	1,413	1,580	293	318	103	1,671
VISN 8	681	2,270	16,884	18,965	16,901	19,212	4,309	17,088	4,161	20,792
9-HUNTINGTON	.	45	986	1,076	986	1,077	377	1,481	200	1,304
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	99	350	1,877	2,035	1,882	2,080	190	540	86	2,159
9-LOUISVILLE	67	265	1,565	1,831	1,574	1,880	141	2,259	62	1,947
9-MEMPHIS	132	274	1,826	2,095	1,835	2,124	673	2,043	179	2,515
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	124	302	2,253	2,472	2,255	2,478	610	663	195	2,701
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	411	899	4,857	5,390	4,879	5,499	916	1,111	174	5,872
VISN 9	809	2,030	12,735	14,147	12,764	14,307	2,907	8,097	896	15,577
10-CHILlicothe	106	293	1,041	1,159	1,053	1,213	.	.	.	1,213

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10-CINCINNATI	113	270	2,014	2,195	2,018	2,224	164	3,059	691	2,281
10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	87	329	3,027	3,360	3,028	3,391	379	2,137	1,677	3,513
10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	1,558	1,797	1,558	1,797	397	89	284	1,994
10-DAYTON	139	309	1,509	1,718	1,525	1,770	114	38	44	1,813
VISN 10	434	1,138	8,463	9,427	8,477	9,510	1,054	5,323	2,696	9,875
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	98	240	2,068	2,318	2,080	2,358	184	225	31	2,428
11-BATTLE CREEK	244	381	2,336	2,558	2,348	2,589	530	1,298	63	2,838
11-DETROIT VAMC	54	195	1,329	1,695	1,340	1,742	472	1,058	85	1,964
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	59	179	1,611	1,890	1,612	1,901	313	1,524	1,465	2,028
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	119	276	2,080	2,424	2,090	2,460	137	2,228	381	2,525
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	48	152	1,378	1,561	1,385	1,579	227	1,035	278	1,680
11-SAGINAW	.	21	1,616	1,796	1,616	1,796	166	57	57	1,850
VISN 11	579	1,287	11,136	12,590	11,147	12,659	2,029	7,425	2,360	13,411
12-HINES	115	368	2,391	2,538	2,397	2,588	369	223	195	2,760
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	1	16	554	648	554	648	78	152	186	678
12-MADISON	74	255	1,312	1,479	1,323	1,532	914	30,475	1,588	2,329
12-MILWAUKEE	119	347	2,509	2,763	2,515	2,786	326	281	468	2,910
12-NORTH CHICAGO	69	181	1,354	1,616	1,373	1,647	246	875	175	1,820
12-TOMAH	69	177	1,321	1,476	1,325	1,491	77	35	35	1,534
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	109	236	1,654	1,900	1,660	1,922	345	631	616	2,092
VISN 12	510	1,419	9,928	11,054	9,956	11,156	2,405	32,689	3,273	12,437
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	246	622	4,350	4,824	4,361	4,873	715	3,219	845	5,183
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	715	1,262	6,650	7,460	6,798	7,662	915	9,257	1,336	8,094
VISN 15	943	1,839	10,797	12,044	10,938	12,266	1,630	12,476	2,181	12,981
16-ALEXANDRIA	86	284	1,705	1,932	1,718	1,983	35	10	1	1,997
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	111	292	2,088	2,247	2,094	2,278	293	173	118	2,410
16-GULF COAST HCS	101	225	2,896	3,224	2,902	3,252	945	3,679	288	3,745
16-HOUSTON	516	787	4,876	5,235	4,904	5,295	479	808	158	5,480
16-JACKSON	77	192	1,275	1,491	1,280	1,520	259	2,514	235	1,615
16-LITTLE ROCK	390	629	3,376	3,623	3,396	3,668	481	770	572	3,834
16-MUSKOGEE	82	228	1,836	1,987	1,842	2,011	366	29	62	2,187
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	146	409	2,901	3,330	2,914	3,405	514	804	156	3,594
16-SHREVEPORT	135	261	1,827	1,992	1,837	2,015	582	5,561	106	2,363
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	1	1	2,164	2,428	2,164	2,428	664	2,928	352	2,804
VISN 16	1,537	2,987	23,293	25,581	23,341	25,776	4,618	17,276	2,050	27,722
17-DALLAS	257	626	6,188	6,749	6,197	6,786	1,030	1,442	326	7,247
17-SAN ANTONIO	188	558	5,807	6,539	5,812	6,566	1,689	5,126	710	7,344
17-TX VALLEY COASTAL BEND HCS	.	.	1,563	1,808	1,563	1,808	.	.	.	1,808
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	398	650	7,829	8,768	7,846	8,803	2,564	35,414	2,536	10,198
VISN 17	829	1,792	19,801	21,984	19,823	22,071	5,448	42,063	3,621	24,569
18-AMARILLO HCS	1	54	1,177	1,268	1,177	1,272	336	124	159	1,394
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	1,892	2,159	1,892	2,159	194	5,357	536	2,252
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	125	295	2,711	2,917	2,713	2,934	859	663	290	3,242

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18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	1	15	863	944	863	945	250	81	67	1,044
18-PHOENIX	268	556	4,965	5,443	4,978	5,490	845	2,873	318	5,777
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	281	476	2,290	2,599	2,309	2,657	497	4,992	1,225	2,904
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	1	12	995	1,097	995	1,097	214	96	237	1,172
VISN 18	649	1,328	13,992	15,366	14,004	15,439	3,195	14,186	2,832	16,541
19-CHEYENNE	1	14	1,161	1,288	1,161	1,289	451	698	391	1,496
19-DENVER	373	578	5,979	6,916	6,000	6,958	1,469	8,836	1,815	7,504
19-FORT HARRISON	70	149	1,943	2,137	1,946	2,143	720	1,706	389	2,424
19-GRAND JUNCTION	26	49	492	526	492	530	96	1	16	570
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	159	400	2,933	3,322	2,936	3,348	723	2,675	953	3,664
19-SHERIDAN	148	257	892	1,014	901	1,028	.	.	.	1,028
VISN 19	720	1,318	12,533	14,207	12,553	14,265	3,459	13,924	3,564	15,549
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	1,081	1,228	1,081	1,228	829	2,751	2,441	1,684
20-BOISE	53	109	944	1,171	951	1,185	491	765	1,143	1,477
20-PORTLAND	187	485	4,086	4,662	4,090	4,709	877	1,377	944	4,989
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	542	794	6,328	7,058	6,399	7,149	1,821	9,788	2,570	8,077
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	728	768	728	768	123	64	160	812
20-SPOKANE	52	137	1,281	1,444	1,284	1,454	726	914	3,919	1,855
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	232	253	1,149	1,250	1,214	1,312	450	3,412	539	1,531
20-WALLA WALLA	1	1	938	1,071	938	1,071	10	14	20	1,073
VISN 20	1,002	1,663	15,266	17,118	15,313	17,206	5,327	19,085	11,736	19,461
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	80	192	1,355	1,527	1,356	1,542	326	1,734	303	1,665
21-HONOLULU	33	69	1,691	1,904	1,693	1,914	478	1,694	3,177	2,129
21-MANILA	.	.	285	309	285	309	.	.	.	309
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	50	178	3,508	4,277	3,512	4,293	1,147	2,207	1,009	4,751
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	175	577	3,376	3,738	3,403	3,881	738	5,097	1,838	4,153
21-SAN FRANCISCO	38	153	1,529	1,654	1,532	1,700	326	505	538	1,795
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	39	135	951	1,040	953	1,061	187	1,505	117	1,135
VISN 21	402	1,239	11,788	13,301	11,812	13,469	3,202	12,742	6,982	14,555
22-GREATER LA HCS	156	413	4,763	5,564	4,769	5,616	1,092	3,562	2,253	6,060
22-LOMA LINDA	177	525	3,725	4,390	3,732	4,445	1,073	9,234	955	5,077
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	105	277	3,815	4,219	3,821	4,245	663	410	1,107	4,634
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	118	505	5,559	6,364	5,566	6,415	1,241	8,003	4,442	6,953
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	74	182	1,739	1,970	1,750	1,996	358	58	773	2,145
VISN 22	606	1,787	18,369	20,889	18,398	21,025	4,427	21,267	9,530	22,859
23-FARGO	43	108	1,311	1,567	1,312	1,569	369	1,759	387	1,707
23-FORT MEADE	28	62	699	772	700	777	120	810	164	828
23-MINNEAPOLIS	58	336	2,183	2,633	2,187	2,708	628	1,936	570	3,053
23-SIOUX FALLS	22	110	805	945	805	951	433	1,396	1,558	1,173
23-ST CLOUD	62	201	1,597	1,681	1,599	1,692	.	.	.	1,692
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	225	630	5,521	6,029	5,525	6,069	951	3,380	1,414	6,353

OEF/OIF/OND Veterans Coded with Potential or Provisional PTSD
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VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary ²	Inpatients-Any ³	Outpatients-Primary ⁵	Outpatients-Any ⁶	Total Patients-Primary ⁵	Total Patients-Any ⁶	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total ⁴
VISN 23 ⁵	424	1,388	11,197	12,542	11,203	12,628	2,501	9,281	4,093	13,593
Unique Counts	13,764	30,918	247,085	273,020	247,307	274,319	70,212	342,676	90,245	297,875

⁵ In 2002, VA merged VISNs 13 and 14 to form VISN 23.