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

Cumulative from 1st Qtr FY 2002 through 3rd Qtr FY 2015 (October 1, 2001 – June 30, 2015)

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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 3rd Qtr FY 2015 (October 1, 2001 – June 30, 2015).

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 Patient Care Services, 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 July 8, 2015, there are a total of 1,965,534 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,888 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of May 2015, 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 June 30, 2015 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. 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.[1] For the purpose of this report, a search was conducted of health care encounters occurring FY 2002 – 3rd Qtr FY 2015 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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[1] 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 June 23, 2016 by the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS). The RCS staff matched the DMDC roster with Vet Center users' records through 3rd Qtr FY 2015; 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 May 2015 DMDC roster yielded a total of 393,139 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 96,228 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 325,939 were seen only at a VAMC; 29,028 only at a Vet Center; and 67,200 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through June 30, 2015, a grand total of 422,167 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans were seen for potential or provisional PTSD at VHA facilities following their return from Iraq or Afghanistan.

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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 2002-3rd Qtr FY 2015[2]

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary1F[3]	Inpatients-Any2F[4]	Outpatients-Primary[5]	Outpatients-Any[6]	Total Patients-Primary[5]	Total Patients-Any[6]	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total3F[5]
1-BEDFORD	149	474	1,880	2,105	1,892	2,149	266	199	425	2,266
1-BOSTON	401	1,104	3,991	4,629	4,022	4,792	1,620	213	4,444	5,597
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	1,708	1,945	1,708	1,945	725	62	1,442	2,290
1-NORTHAMPTON	514	617	1,956	2,179	2,037	2,265	505	1,635	980	2,472
1-PROVIDENCE	100	288	1,926	2,131	1,930	2,150	736	232	2,599	2,478
1-TOGUS	107	262	2,066	2,318	2,071	2,331	1,303	1,319	1,225	2,860
1-WEST HAVEN	101	341	4,029	4,295	4,029	4,326	1,070	365	2,443	4,639
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	102	287	1,567	1,803	1,575	1,844	1,295	317	851	2,599
VISN 1	1,276	2,749	16,370	18,056	16,388	18,180	7,520	4,342	14,409	20,944
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	552	1,100	8,758	9,609	8,778	9,665	2,523	7,349	10,190	10,829
VISN 2	552	1,100	8,758	9,609	8,778	9,665	2,523	7,349	10,190	10,829
3-BRONX	93	254	1,681	1,899	1,685	1,935	286	215	203	2,029
3-EAST ORANGE	239	497	4,113	4,517	4,121	4,557	2,154	22,680	1,721	5,880
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	138	228	1,608	1,732	1,611	1,739	340	99	720	1,895
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	118	461	3,760	4,273	3,767	4,324	936	1,328	1,449	4,698
3-NORTHPORT	135	333	1,738	1,978	1,740	1,992	279	37	346	2,052
VISN 3	682	1,626	11,747	12,973	11,764	13,053	3,995	24,359	4,439	14,904
4-BUTLER	.	.	898	1,016	898	1,016	.	.	.	1,016
4-CLARKSBURG	88	233	1,439	1,583	1,445	1,609	306	1,381	446	1,718
4-COATESVILLE	165	396	1,903	2,001	1,923	2,054	.	.	.	2,054
4-ERIE	.	22	992	1,071	992	1,073	264	54	406	1,167
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	2	41	1,499	1,687	1,499	1,688	210	227	20	1,779
4-LEBANON	103	304	2,304	2,515	2,311	2,539	545	1,263	126	2,771
4-PHILADELPHIA	159	477	4,312	4,911	4,315	4,940	576	688	263	5,155

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

[3] 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.

[4] 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.

[5] The number for "Grand Total" (n= 422,167) indicates the sum of "Any Total Patients" (n=393,139) and "Vet Center PTSD" (n=96,228) after excluding duplicates (n=67,200).

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VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary1F[3]	Inpatients-Any2F[4]	Outpatients-Primary[5]	Outpatients-Any[6]	Total Patients-Primary[5]	Total Patients-Any[6]	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total3F[5]
4-PITTSBURGH-UNIV DR	218	572	1,763	2,124	1,820	2,327	1,084	1,191	762	3,110
4-WILKES BARRE	46	234	1,910	2,161	1,912	2,178	676	1,411	614	2,528
4-WILMINGTON	2	32	1,405	1,552	1,405	1,552	668	1,228	188	1,845
VISN 4	745	2,114	16,087	17,857	16,108	18,002	4,329	7,443	2,825	19,825
5-BALTIMORE	165	387	2,941	3,380	2,954	3,427	905	2,777	485	3,816
5-MARTINSBURG	91	299	2,757	2,901	2,758	2,907	257	179	151	2,980
5-WASHINGTON	107	390	4,950	5,758	4,961	5,818	1,656	2,112	892	6,555
VISN 5	345	991	10,025	11,281	10,040	11,356	2,818	5,068	1,528	12,464
6-ASHEVILLE-OTEEN	163	340	1,398	1,601	1,409	1,650	.	.	.	1,650
6-BECKLEY	.	34	988	1,039	988	1,039	279	29	108	1,121
6-DURHAM	231	485	3,769	4,214	3,779	4,289	1,129	8,221	367	4,837
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	268	567	7,131	8,341	7,152	8,391	1,844	26,109	656	9,432
6-HAMPTON	151	325	4,006	4,674	4,011	4,703	837	6,713	873	5,118
6-RICHMOND	147	583	4,182	4,812	4,203	5,003	570	1,925	278	5,270
6-SALEM	261	429	1,920	2,156	1,961	2,233	100	12	13	2,249
6-SALISBURY	509	780	5,854	6,857	5,863	6,901	925	4,062	753	7,313
VISN 6	1,611	3,199	26,307	29,923	26,337	30,152	6,308	48,319	3,487	33,183
7-ATLANTA	240	680	7,279	8,141	7,282	8,173	1,245	3,464	373	8,708
7-AUGUSTA	266	624	3,377	3,767	3,395	3,880	.	.	.	3,880
7-BIRMINGHAM	2	308	4,198	4,630	4,198	4,683	580	3,323	247	4,928
7-CHARLESTON	102	428	6,284	7,109	6,288	7,153	1,447	10,128	830	7,811
7-COLUMBIA SC	159	424	5,989	6,575	5,994	6,590	1,112	4,359	439	7,050
7-DUBLIN	.	65	2,373	2,592	2,373	2,594	150	22	100	2,665
7-MONTGOMERY	265	514	5,036	5,675	5,060	5,720	282	150	13	5,789
7-TUSCALOOSA	273	413	2,128	2,212	2,153	2,253	.	.	.	2,253
VISN 7	1,255	3,178	33,085	36,560	33,100	36,701	4,816	21,446	2,002	38,437
8-BAY PINES	202	540	3,894	4,379	3,899	4,419	727	1,783	290	4,636
8-MIAMI	146	445	3,868	4,261	3,877	4,321	1,058	2,522	1,665	4,786
8-N FL/S GA HCS	157	643	5,786	6,559	5,795	6,614	1,240	5,861	856	7,142
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	6,130	6,835	6,130	6,835	1,141	2,994	517	7,209
8-SAN JUAN PR	122	540	2,456	2,859	2,456	2,879	785	4,402	1,698	3,148
8-TAMPA	244	1,140	4,263	5,239	4,290	5,590	443	790	394	5,774
8-W PALM BEACH	156	434	2,189	2,438	2,193	2,476	379	502	149	2,578
VISN 8	980	3,524	25,492	28,697	25,507	29,066	5,773	18,854	5,569	30,995
9-HUNTINGTON	.	75	1,227	1,351	1,227	1,356	471	1,594	217	1,641
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	130	476	2,454	2,702	2,464	2,766	248	577	155	2,865
9-LOUISVILLE	79	349	2,274	2,703	2,284	2,754	182	2,609	61	2,844
9-MEMPHIS	188	437	2,631	3,006	2,640	3,044	771	2,030	226	3,451
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	190	432	3,151	3,435	3,153	3,446	754	687	216	3,717
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	619	1,454	7,893	8,699	7,917	8,846	1,275	1,306	208	9,289
VISN 9	1,174	3,077	18,651	20,740	18,688	20,956	3,701	8,803	1,083	22,437
10-CHILLICOTHE	157	468	1,397	1,585	1,421	1,670	.	.	.	1,670
10-CINCINNATI	190	440	2,964	3,229	2,969	3,271	215	3,113	746	3,351

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10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	111	525	4,367	4,822	4,369	4,870	607	2,665	1,813	5,075
10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	2,213	2,525	2,213	2,525	513	89	326	2,769
10-DAYTON	171	437	2,199	2,484	2,217	2,555	174	43	86	2,615
VISN 10	610	1,742	12,017	13,320	12,035	13,436	1,509	5,910	2,971	13,949
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	128	389	3,026	3,468	3,041	3,538	287	220	41	3,646
11-BATTLE CREEK	384	595	3,498	3,843	3,518	3,884	752	1,430	93	4,195
11-DETROIT VAMC	86	368	1,800	2,355	1,814	2,433	673	1,067	116	2,751
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	88	249	2,247	2,584	2,251	2,602	429	1,595	1,531	2,767
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	173	418	2,902	3,321	2,917	3,383	177	2,425	431	3,469
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	67	248	2,050	2,319	2,060	2,352	264	1,115	309	2,456
11-SAGINAW	.	37	2,262	2,530	2,262	2,530	237	124	106	2,598
VISN 11	871	2,048	15,742	17,780	15,765	17,901	2,819	7,976	2,627	18,883
12-HINES	167	564	3,297	3,527	3,306	3,602	594	330	285	3,862
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	2	21	792	939	792	939	110	172	207	975
12-MADISON	129	417	1,890	2,152	1,906	2,234	1,081	30,322	1,234	3,152
12-MILWAUKEE	171	510	3,487	3,829	3,493	3,860	516	462	659	4,044
12-NORTH CHICAGO	104	285	1,984	2,331	2,007	2,372	324	986	231	2,585
12-TOMAH	95	232	1,869	2,066	1,872	2,082	208	39	53	2,200
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	165	389	2,426	2,771	2,431	2,812	425	727	751	3,017
VISN 12	764	2,138	13,861	15,407	13,885	15,551	3,355	33,064	3,456	17,197
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	329	945	5,889	6,615	5,906	6,697	909	3,476	944	7,068
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	1,064	1,910	10,080	11,335	10,265	11,584	1,283	10,319	1,385	12,121
VISN 15	1,369	2,792	15,674	17,588	15,853	17,882	2,192	13,795	2,329	18,757
16-ALEXANDRIA	154	477	2,589	2,889	2,605	2,959	53	77	13	2,975
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	187	462	3,006	3,262	3,012	3,295	476	207	188	3,495
16-GULF COAST HCS	168	338	4,331	4,843	4,340	4,883	1,326	4,104	279	5,514
16-HOUSTON	781	1,375	7,863	8,569	7,900	8,677	677	805	216	8,915
16-JACKSON	132	308	2,012	2,386	2,019	2,415	348	2,760	231	2,537
16-LITTLE ROCK	535	925	4,311	4,639	4,335	4,706	541	849	637	4,885
16-MUSKOGEE	123	368	2,670	2,874	2,680	2,906	511	30	119	3,135
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	218	606	4,406	5,089	4,426	5,171	783	975	296	5,435
16-SHREVEPORT	210	413	2,693	2,906	2,711	2,956	659	5,734	94	3,322
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	2	2	3,205	3,596	3,205	3,596	827	3,061	388	4,013
VISN 16	2,319	4,743	34,404	37,947	34,460	38,194	6,201	18,602	2,461	40,582
17-DALLAS	322	929	9,432	10,384	9,445	10,444	1,451	1,497	464	10,997
17-SAN ANTONIO	355	1,006	8,679	9,956	8,686	10,032	2,305	5,628	943	11,107
17-TX VALLEY COASTAL BEND HCS	.	.	2,728	3,134	2,728	3,134	.	.	.	3,134
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	634	1,085	12,188	13,628	12,207	13,676	3,461	45,245	3,193	15,442
VISN 17	1,290	2,954	30,698	34,366	30,725	34,526	7,523	52,473	4,665	37,703
18-AMARILLO HCS	2	82	1,828	1,947	1,828	1,953	461	127	174	2,111
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	3,317	4,169	3,317	4,169	419	6,924	733	4,352
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	168	430	3,847	4,156	3,850	4,177	1,150	657	369	4,600
18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	2	19	1,311	1,471	1,311	1,471	322	143	83	1,592

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18-PHOENIX	407	827	7,391	8,198	7,406	8,255	1,431	3,087	349	8,678
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	410	746	3,232	3,642	3,262	3,727	659	5,662	1,330	4,042
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	[2]	12	1,540	1,739	1,540	1,739	316	94	257	1,845
VISN 18	951	2,005	20,986	23,512	21,004	23,612	4,758	16,694	3,295	25,122
19-CHEYENNE	[2]	22	1,777	1,958	1,777	1,959	632	736	444	2,237
19-DENVER	481	867	9,223	10,675	9,244	10,743	2,046	9,719	2,009	11,483
19-FORT HARRISON	130	270	2,586	2,923	2,589	2,930	972	1,747	512	3,298
19-GRAND JUNCTION	35	77	686	732	686	739	128	[2]	22	786
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	204	588	4,263	4,748	4,266	4,782	976	2,969	1,118	5,176
19-SHERIDAN	189	338	1,195	1,371	1,207	1,391	.	.	.	1,391
VISN 19	975	1,996	18,320	20,775	18,339	20,860	4,754	15,178	4,105	22,558
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	1,605	1,837	1,605	1,837	1,213	3,108	3,180	2,508
20-BOISE	68	167	1,481	1,812	1,489	1,836	636	797	1,192	2,168
20-PORTLAND	258	723	6,002	6,748	6,009	6,817	1,124	1,371	1,199	7,124
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	626	1,010	9,340	10,634	9,413	10,735	2,656	10,579	3,260	12,056
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	1,142	1,203	1,142	1,203	164	64	199	1,252
20-SPOKANE	70	194	1,818	2,120	1,821	2,135	935	1,005	4,103	2,624
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	263	300	1,596	1,772	1,664	1,836	558	3,380	650	2,093
20-WALLA WALLA	[2]	[2]	1,298	1,487	1,298	1,487	34	18	31	1,495
VISN 20	1,209	2,247	22,091	24,972	22,141	25,078	7,320	20,322	13,814	28,009
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	122	295	1,951	2,214	1,952	2,231	449	1,714	363	2,395
21-HONOLULU	51	120	2,540	2,914	2,544	2,931	731	2,904	3,823	3,251
21-MANILA	.	.	458	507	458	507	.	.	.	507
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	104	317	5,125	6,213	5,132	6,241	1,497	2,428	1,286	6,826
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	257	804	4,931	5,454	4,967	5,642	1,069	5,567	2,062	6,042
21-SAN FRANCISCO	70	269	2,209	2,446	2,216	2,520	414	538	642	2,636
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	65	196	1,473	1,641	1,477	1,670	257	1,573	190	1,774
VISN 21	645	1,888	17,117	19,411	17,149	19,636	4,417	14,724	8,366	21,117
22-GREATER LA HCS	212	606	7,102	8,161	7,108	8,237	1,593	4,353	3,093	8,888
22-LOMA LINDA	243	842	5,873	6,853	5,882	6,944	1,583	10,193	1,470	7,795
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	174	495	5,463	6,050	5,470	6,094	866	467	1,336	6,546
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	171	770	8,868	10,274	8,876	10,341	1,722	8,932	4,882	11,025
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	139	366	3,026	3,408	3,039	3,455	521	113	944	3,631
VISN 22	903	2,889	28,062	31,827	28,095	32,038	6,285	24,058	11,725	34,379
23-FARGO	64	168	1,805	2,128	1,806	2,135	533	1,795	402	2,332
23-FORT MEADE	36	101	1,102	1,219	1,102	1,223	164	883	175	1,289
23-MINNEAPOLIS	79	468	3,001	3,576	3,006	3,684	799	2,033	728	4,118
23-SIOUX FALLS	32	162	1,127	1,321	1,127	1,334	525	1,593	1,568	1,578
23-ST CLOUD	81	275	2,174	2,300	2,176	2,311	.	.	.	2,311
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	320	952	7,628	8,325	7,634	8,378	1,291	3,679	1,645	8,726

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary1F[3]	Inpatients-Any2F[4]	Outpatients-Primary[5]	Outpatients-Any[6]	Total Patients-Primary[5]	Total Patients-Any[6]	Vet Centers-PTSD	Vet Centers-Outreach	Vet Centers-Others	Grand Total3F[5]
VISN 23[6]	594	2,018	15,394	17,185	15,400	17,299	3,312	9,983	4,518	18,482
Unique Counts										
	20,101	47,165	354,332	391,395	354,572	393,139	96,228	378,762	109,864	422,167

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[6] In 2002, VA merged VISNs 13 and 14 to form VISN 23.