

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY 2013 (October 1, 2001 – June 30, 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 1,685,788 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,807 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of May 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 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 June 30, 2013 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. 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 31, 2013 by the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS). The RCS staff matched the same DMDC roster **with Vet Center users' records** through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 May 2013 DMDC roster yielded a total of 286,897 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 71,892 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 238,854 were seen only at a VAMC; 23,849 only at a Vet Center; and 48,043 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through June 30, 2013, a grand total of 310,746 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 2002-3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY 2013<sup>1</sup>**

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary <sup>2</sup>	Inpatients-Any <sup>3</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>4</sup>
1-BEDFORD	105	318	1,281	1,444	1,291	1,476	224	137	312	1,595
1-BOSTON	253	756	2,956	3,460	2,978	3,579	1,041	193	3,209	4,052
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	1,194	1,344	1,194	1,344	432	51	1,196	1,558
1-NORTHAMPTON	326	400	1,323	1,513	1,397	1,591	379	1,654	885	1,756
1-PROVIDENCE	86	213	1,390	1,552	1,395	1,572	563	119	2,535	1,821
1-TOGUS	77	179	1,509	1,676	1,514	1,692	1,042	860	1,186	2,170
1-WEST HAVEN	80	249	2,944	3,138	2,945	3,161	910	323	2,318	3,445
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	75	192	1,204	1,383	1,209	1,412	1,227	306	777	2,212
VISN 1	887	1,929	12,121	13,388	12,136	13,498	5,818	3,643	12,418	15,877
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	384	762	6,494	7,165	6,512	7,208	1,722	6,962	7,335	8,018
VISN 2	384	762	6,494	7,165	6,512	7,208	1,722	6,962	7,335	8,018
3-BRONX	78	168	1,242	1,397	1,247	1,419	205	118	177	1,488
3-EAST ORANGE	184	348	3,126	3,447	3,133	3,473	1,726	22,487	1,880	4,583
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	93	151	1,191	1,278	1,194	1,284	258	97	515	1,410
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	85	311	2,749	3,111	2,756	3,151	682	1,163	1,135	3,455
3-NORTHPORT	94	224	1,305	1,484	1,307	1,496	188	40	269	1,545
VISN 3	504	1,106	8,821	9,752	8,837	9,810	3,059	23,905	3,976	11,353
4-BUTLER	.	.	613	695	613	695	.	.	.	695
4-CLARKSBURG	55	153	1,060	1,176	1,063	1,196	248	1,203	397	1,294
4-COATESVILLE	118	264	1,352	1,424	1,370	1,465	.	.	.	1,465
4-ERIE	.	21	752	827	752	829	229	42	292	916
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	1	34	1,102	1,267	1,102	1,268	148	232	10	148
4-LEBANON	77	211	1,751	1,894	1,756	1,912	452	1,088	98	452
4-PHILADELPHIA	103	306	3,307	3,643	3,309	3,659	445	648	191	445

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

<sup>2</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>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> The number for “Grand Total” (n= 310,746) indicates the sum of “Any Total Patients” (n=286,897) and “Vet Center PTSD” (n=71,892) after excluding duplicates (n=48,043).

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4-PITTSBURGH-UNIV DR	156	403	1,193	1,425	1,239	1,584	914	1,100	626	914
4-WILKES BARRE	38	161	1,372	1,567	1,375	1,579	550	1,206	595	550
4-WILMINGTON	1	21	971	1,063	971	1,064	527	1,034	143	527
VISN 4	523	1,453	11,910	13,149	11,926	13,261	3,513	6,553	2,352	3,513
5-BALTIMORE	112	256	2,173	2,512	2,184	2,542	615	2,398	414	2,815
5-MARTINSBURG	75	215	1,984	2,085	1,985	2,091	224	176	82	2,160
5-WASHINGTON	81	253	3,451	3,983	3,461	4,023	1,165	1,996	713	4,551
VISN 5	257	673	7,197	8,083	7,210	8,126	2,004	4,570	1,209	8,938
6-ASHEVILLE-OTTEEN	118	231	971	1,101	980	1,133	.	.	.	1,133
6-BECKLEY	.	19	796	832	796	832	248	30	97	910
6-DURHAM	176	325	2,587	2,861	2,594	2,908	918	8,089	310	3,372
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	185	378	4,736	5,459	4,753	5,492	1,308	25,551	1,002	6,345
6-HAMPTON	93	188	2,658	3,061	2,659	3,075	562	5,077	670	3,378
6-RICHMOND	103	372	2,761	3,170	2,777	3,306	476	1,795	249	3,560
6-SALEM	185	306	1,350	1,533	1,391	1,608	75	12	1	1,622
6-SALISBURY	339	502	4,015	4,816	4,021	4,849	745	3,711	545	5,198
VISN 6	1,117	2,088	18,043	20,369	18,071	20,528	4,574	44,942	2,962	22,815
7-ATLANTA	171	441	5,011	5,575	5,014	5,595	889	3,320	273	5,996
7-AUGUSTA	208	453	2,260	2,455	2,272	2,529	.	.	.	2,529
7-BIRMINGHAM	1	225	2,918	3,226	2,918	3,269	448	3,184	235	3,472
7-CHARLESTON	68	266	3,878	4,440	3,882	4,470	1,062	9,863	774	4,991
7-COLUMBIA SC	81	262	4,140	4,503	4,145	4,515	870	4,153	246	4,903
7-DUBLIN	.	52	1,605	1,784	1,605	1,786	90	18	46	1,832
7-MONTGOMERY	179	377	3,390	3,842	3,409	3,882	167	54	12	3,923
7-TUSCALOOSA	178	276	1,689	1,745	1,703	1,771	.	.	.	1,771
VISN 7	850	2,155	22,746	25,065	22,756	25,168	3,526	20,592	1,586	26,523
8-BAY PINES	143	356	2,723	2,960	2,729	2,987	498	1,694	192	3,134
8-MIAMI	112	289	2,759	3,029	2,767	3,058	859	2,269	1,368	3,472
8-N FL/S GA HCS	109	427	4,010	4,590	4,019	4,632	1,027	5,597	611	5,093
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	4,028	4,488	4,028	4,488	828	2,701	347	4,764
8-SAN JUAN PR	96	414	1,819	2,142	1,820	2,162	613	4,191	1,473	2,384
8-TAMPA	177	791	3,046	3,776	3,070	4,046	285	637	219	4,174
8-W PALM BEACH	106	275	1,496	1,654	1,499	1,678	298	368	109	1,767
VISN 8	709	2,412	17,814	19,999	17,830	20,267	4,408	17,457	4,319	21,855
9-HUNTINGTON	.	46	1,010	1,105	1,010	1,106	384	1,500	202	1,338
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	101	363	1,953	2,123	1,958	2,171	193	543	95	2,250
9-LOUISVILLE	68	279	1,647	1,929	1,656	1,980	146	2,417	62	2,050
9-MEMPHIS	140	288	1,902	2,192	1,911	2,222	686	2,045	186	2,619
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	130	312	2,337	2,563	2,339	2,569	625	663	199	2,798
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	431	943	5,187	5,743	5,209	5,853	946	1,120	179	6,236
VISN 9	846	2,121	13,375	14,865	13,404	15,027	2,980	8,288	923	16,324
10-CHILLICOTHE	108	319	1,073	1,201	1,085	1,259	.	.	.	1,259
10-CINCINNATI	124	295	2,107	2,300	2,111	2,335	169	3,072	697	2,396

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10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	86	349	3,150	3,484	3,151	3,518	390	2,166	1,700	3,642
10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	1,628	1,876	1,628	1,876	408	89	285	2,075
10-DAYTON	145	322	1,596	1,809	1,611	1,860	119	38	48	1,907
VISN 10	451	1,213	8,828	9,818	8,841	9,906	1,086	5,365	2,730	10,283
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	104	258	2,182	2,443	2,194	2,486	192	225	32	2,558
11-BATTLE CREEK	262	403	2,462	2,695	2,475	2,729	549	1,317	65	2,987
11-DETROIT VAMC	56	214	1,385	1,765	1,397	1,814	489	1,064	88	2,051
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	65	189	1,665	1,947	1,667	1,958	323	1,524	1,480	2,090
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	121	283	2,154	2,523	2,164	2,560	140	2,276	385	2,627
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	49	159	1,443	1,650	1,450	1,671	227	1,068	283	1,769
11-SAGINAW	.	21	1,692	1,877	1,692	1,877	168	57	63	1,930
VISN 11	613	1,362	11,621	13,149	11,634	13,226	2,088	7,531	2,396	14,003
12-HINES	120	397	2,476	2,629	2,482	2,686	390	262	201	2,864
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	<sup>1</sup>	16	568	663	568	663	78	152	191	693
12-MADISON	78	268	1,370	1,551	1,381	1,607	919	30,557	1,603	2,407
12-MILWAUKEE	124	370	2,617	2,881	2,623	2,906	342	292	487	3,035
12-NORTH CHICAGO	71	187	1,436	1,706	1,456	1,737	253	903	178	1,914
12-TOMAH	73	183	1,394	1,552	1,398	1,567	83	36	36	1,613
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	113	253	1,741	2,001	1,747	2,024	350	639	628	2,193
VISN 12	531	1,498	10,363	11,521	10,391	11,628	2,466	32,870	3,337	12,923
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	254	656	4,491	5,011	4,502	5,064	725	3,275	861	5,382
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	754	1,346	7,051	7,905	7,206	8,118	935	9,448	1,346	8,547
VISN 15	989	1,955	11,329	12,661	11,475	12,897	1,660	12,723	2,207	13,616
16-ALEXANDRIA	88	295	1,790	2,028	1,803	2,082	38	10	<sup>1</sup>	2,094
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	126	314	2,195	2,349	2,203	2,382	315	174	125	2,526
16-GULF COAST HCS	107	233	3,051	3,403	3,057	3,430	979	3,736	297	3,936
16-HOUSTON	544	839	5,127	5,523	5,155	5,589	503	808	166	5,782
16-JACKSON	80	199	1,359	1,582	1,364	1,611	265	2,580	236	1,709
16-LITTLE ROCK	406	658	3,475	3,726	3,495	3,778	486	772	580	3,947
16-MUSKOGEE	88	243	1,940	2,097	1,946	2,124	375	29	65	2,304
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	155	425	3,027	3,502	3,042	3,577	538	830	162	3,771
16-SHREVEPORT	141	271	1,900	2,078	1,912	2,103	586	5,668	106	2,450
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	2,259	2,529	2,259	2,529	678	2,996	366	2,911
VISN 16	1,621	3,137	24,382	26,798	24,430	27,001	4,763	17,603	2,107	28,996
17-DALLAS	262	661	6,484	7,097	6,492	7,135	1,071	1,464	342	7,607
17-SAN ANTONIO	208	613	6,110	6,907	6,115	6,936	1,740	5,286	748	7,745
17-TX VALLEY COASTAL BEND HCS	.	.	1,666	1,926	1,666	1,926	.	.	.	1,926
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	422	686	8,361	9,358	8,378	9,388	2,612	37,547	2,562	10,795
VISN 17	878	1,915	20,964	23,323	20,985	23,406	5,600	44,389	3,705	25,952
18-AMARILLO HCS	<sup>1</sup>	56	1,250	1,339	1,250	1,343	344	124	160	1,470
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	2,039	2,385	2,039	2,385	202	6,644	566	2,480
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	132	318	2,814	3,031	2,816	3,050	881	665	302	3,370
18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	<sup>1</sup>	16	912	1,010	912	1,011	262	81	69	1,114



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18-PHOENIX	285	582	5,180	5,682	5,191	5,729	889	2,905	329	6,033
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	297	511	2,376	2,701	2,395	2,761	502	5,212	1,231	3,008
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	1	12	1,044	1,145	1,044	1,145	220	96	240	1,221
VISN 18	685	1,409	14,660	16,153	14,671	16,230	3,300	15,727	2,897	17,360
19-CHEYENNE	1	15	1,217	1,357	1,217	1,358	465	705	398	1,569
19-DENVER	390	611	6,281	7,279	6,302	7,322	1,512	9,121	1,850	7,880
19-FORT HARRISON	79	163	2,018	2,226	2,021	2,231	745	1,766	430	2,523
19-GRAND JUNCTION	27	54	508	541	508	547	102	1	16	588
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	162	421	3,072	3,464	3,075	3,492	739	2,744	988	3,814
19-SHERIDAN	152	265	920	1,049	930	1,064	.	.	.	1,064
VISN 19	753	1,396	13,100	14,861	13,120	14,923	3,563	14,345	3,682	16,241
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	1,120	1,278	1,120	1,278	861	2,841	2,610	1,757
20-BOISE	54	115	988	1,215	995	1,229	506	765	1,151	1,523
20-PORTLAND	197	513	4,276	4,863	4,281	4,912	890	1,380	983	5,191
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	543	810	6,631	7,400	6,703	7,494	1,864	10,071	2,689	8,435
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	765	810	765	810	123	64	161	852
20-SPOKANE	54	145	1,328	1,504	1,331	1,515	732	924	3,975	1,916
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	235	258	1,201	1,309	1,265	1,369	454	3,421	562	1,585
20-WALLA WALLA	1	1	984	1,110	984	1,110	11	14	21	1,112
VISN 20	1,017	1,721	15,940	17,866	15,988	17,954	5,441	19,480	12,152	20,227
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	83	200	1,410	1,598	1,411	1,614	329	1,739	311	1,738
21-HONOLULU	33	74	1,770	1,995	1,772	2,006	484	2,099	3,264	2,223
21-MANILA	.	.	305	338	305	338	.	.	.	338
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	55	196	3,679	4,469	3,685	4,493	1,157	2,246	1,040	4,946
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	194	612	3,549	3,927	3,576	4,072	754	5,186	1,891	4,345
21-SAN FRANCISCO	39	160	1,608	1,746	1,611	1,793	329	514	556	1,887
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	41	143	1,003	1,096	1,005	1,120	190	1,522	140	1,192
VISN 21	431	1,316	12,356	13,957	12,383	14,140	3,243	13,306	7,202	15,220
22-GREATER LA HCS	164	430	5,012	5,832	5,019	5,887	1,112	3,667	2,379	6,337
22-LOMA LINDA	186	569	3,921	4,607	3,928	4,667	1,104	9,579	989	5,314
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	111	295	3,966	4,375	3,971	4,401	670	451	1,151	4,794
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	122	534	5,907	6,765	5,915	6,819	1,264	8,211	4,537	7,360
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	77	199	1,859	2,105	1,870	2,133	366	70	792	2,282
VISN 22	635	1,901	19,340	21,952	19,370	22,102	4,516	21,978	9,848	23,960
23-FARGO	44	114	1,357	1,618	1,358	1,622	380	1,759	389	1,759
23-FORT MEADE	28	64	735	812	735	816	123	826	165	867
23-MINNEAPOLIS	58	350	2,261	2,720	2,265	2,801	640	1,936	592	3,155
23-SIOUX FALLS	24	113	826	982	826	990	435	1,438	1,562	1,212
23-ST CLOUD	63	205	1,657	1,747	1,659	1,757	.	.	.	1,757
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	231	660	5,734	6,259	5,738	6,300	984	3,392	1,446	6,592

VISN-Facility	Inpatients-Primary <sup>2</sup>	Inpatients-Any <sup>3</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>4</sup>
VISN 23 <sup>5</sup>	433	1,444	11,599	12,999	11,603	13,090	2,562	9,351	4,154	14,070
Unique Counts	14,421	32,600	258,416	285,540	258,635	286,897	71,892	351,580	93,497	310,746

<sup>5</sup> In 2002, VA merged VISNs 13 and 14 to form VISN 23.