

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

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# Introduction

This is a quarterly report on Veterans who have used Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care and who served in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), or Operation New Dawn (OND). This report shows the number and distribution of Veterans with potential (or provisional diagnosis of) Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) by VA medical center (VAMC), Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), and Vet Center.

The data only apply to OEF/OIF/OND Veterans who have accessed VA health care, and do not represent all recent Veterans who have become eligible for VA health care. This report is created by linking the Department of Defense (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 2012 (October 1, 2001 – June 30, 2012).

# 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 had separated from active duty and became eligible for VA benefits. The roster was originally prepared based on the pay records of individuals but more recently has been based on a combination of pay records and operational records provided by each branch of service. Based on the latest DMDC file received on July 11, 2012, there are a total of 1,515,707 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,709 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of May 2012, have 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 frequencies 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, 2012 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 2012 following first deployments in Iraq or Afghanistan. For identification of a potential PTSD patient, we used ICD-9-CM, 309.81.**

The Vet Center counts were based on the data provided to EP on August 29, 2012 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 2012.**

# 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 2012 DMDC roster yielded a total of 228,875 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 51,173 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 196,070 were seen only at a VAMC; 18,368 only at a Vet Center; and 32,805 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through June 30, 2012, a grand total of 247,243 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans were seen for potential PTSD at VHA facilities following their return from Iraq or Afghanistan.

# OEF/OIF/OND Veterans with Potential PTSD Using VA Facilities

**Table 1: Number and Distribution of Unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans with Potential PTSD Utilizing VA Facilities during FY 2002-3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY 2012<sup>1</sup>**

VISN-Facility	Inpatients		Outpatients		Total Patients <sup>2</sup>		Vet Centers <sup>3</sup>			Grand Total <sup>4</sup>
	Primary <sup>5</sup>	Any <sup>6</sup>	Primary <sup>4</sup>	Any <sup>5</sup>	Primary <sup>4</sup>	Any <sup>5</sup>	PTSD	Outreach	Others	
1-BEDFORD	81	233	959	1,080	967	1,103	183	110	257	1,204
1-BOSTON	182	560	2,367	2,776	2,380	2,875	812	272	2,946	3,223
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	899	1,022	899	1,022	313	91	1,211	1,167
1-NORTHAMPTON	223	276	919	1,046	968	1,099	235	1,894	662	1,184
1-PROVIDENCE	55	154	1,066	1,207	1,068	1,223	378	101	2,410	1,363
1-TOGUS	54	131	1,179	1,322	1,181	1,334	833	529	1,193	1,720
1-WEST HAVEN	63	180	2,329	2,490	2,330	2,504	613	369	2,219	2,693
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	62	133	1,001	1,131	1,006	1,152	1,108	362	731	1,915
VISN 1	644	1,413	9,541	10,576	9,553	10,668	4,475	3,728	11,629	12,634
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	298	576	5,243	5,793	5,258	5,825	1,044	6,485	4,967	6,237
VISN 2	298	576	5,243	5,793	5,258	5,825	1,044	6,485	4,967	6,237
3-BRONX	57	117	969	1,083	975	1,104	179	83	149	1,171
3-EAST ORANGE	138	264	2,561	2,790	2,566	2,807	907	23,490	1,080	3,253
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	72	115	924	994	926	1,000	183	76	405	1,086
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	66	247	2,293	2,586	2,300	2,618	513	1,153	1,027	2,841
3-NORTHPORT	75	180	1,038	1,194	1,040	1,207	137	39	263	1,242
VISN 3	387	860	7,240	7,978	7,253	8,027	1,919	24,841	2,924	8,827
4-BUTLER	.	.	485	549	485	549	.	.	.	549
4-CLARKSBURG	44	122	843	949	845	968	154	1,216	318	1,027
4-COATESVILLE	91	193	1,067	1,113	1,080	1,144	.	.	.	1,144
4-ERIE	.	15	654	724	654	726	198	13	227	800
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	1	26	882	1,013	882	1,014	106	235	1	1,067
4-LEBANON	65	155	1,438	1,560	1,443	1,575	381	1,016	93	1,739
4-PHILADELPHIA	80	232	2,741	2,963	2,742	2,970	348	645	176	3,100

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

<sup>2</sup> The “total patient” counts were generated by matching a cumulative roster of 1,515,707 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans who had been separated from active duty as of May 2012, with VA PTF and OPC databases for FY 2002 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY 2012. The DoD DMDC identified and provided the identity of these Veterans to the VA EP on July 11, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> The Vet Center counts were based on matching the DMDC OEF/OIF/OND roster with Vet Center users’ records through 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY 2012.

<sup>4</sup> The number for “Grand Total” (n= 247,243) indicates the sum of “Any Total Patients” (n=228,875) and “Vet Center PTSD” (n=51,173) after excluding duplicates (n=32,805).

<sup>5</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.

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4-PITTSBURGH-UNIV DR	107	280	916	1,096	951	1,215	831	1,032	566	1,841
4-WILKES BARRE	30	128	1,171	1,340	1,173	1,352	423	1,240	585	1,571
4-WILMINGTON	1	12	767	835	767	835	441	1,049	98	1,036
VISN 4	399	1,076	9,762	10,761	9,774	10,849	2,882	6,446	2,071	12,161
5-BALTIMORE	88	198	1,752	2,060	1,761	2,082	428	2,424	353	2,264
5-MARTINSBURG	65	167	1,567	1,651	1,567	1,654	201	169	70	1,718
5-WASHINGTON	68	189	2,705	3,074	2,713	3,105	946	1,721	667	3,536
VISN 5	214	519	5,702	6,400	5,713	6,433	1,575	4,314	1,090	7,080
6-ASHEVILLE-OTTEEN	93	163	722	816	728	833	.	.	.	833
6-BECKLEY	.	16	658	682	658	682	222	27	100	753
6-DURHAM	150	255	2,089	2,298	2,094	2,333	649	7,674	146	2,613
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	146	293	3,348	3,843	3,360	3,863	423	25,497	89	3,994
6-HAMPTON	73	137	2,032	2,284	2,033	2,292	370	4,565	531	2,489
6-RICHMOND	83	270	2,093	2,358	2,104	2,456	378	1,701	205	2,665
6-SALEM	138	227	1,035	1,159	1,071	1,223	69	11	1	1,236
6-SALISBURY	255	377	3,156	3,852	3,160	3,872	554	3,426	329	4,120
VISN 6	875	1,572	13,679	15,302	13,700	15,417	2,777	43,078	1,443	16,554
7-ATLANTA	133	306	3,847	4,256	3,849	4,275	667	3,175	227	4,585
7-AUGUSTA	167	368	1,868	2,019	1,875	2,077	.	.	.	2,077
7-BIRMINGHAM	1	165	2,311	2,567	2,311	2,599	361	3,089	158	2,742
7-CHARLESTON	52	183	2,780	3,208	2,785	3,233	651	9,282	516	3,479
7-COLUMBIA SC	53	187	3,191	3,484	3,196	3,492	673	4,211	104	3,791
7-DUBLIN	.	41	1,191	1,330	1,191	1,332	63	1	26	1,366
7-MONTGOMERY	141	294	2,697	3,019	2,714	3,052	123	20	1	3,087
7-TUSCALOOSA	120	184	1,459	1,506	1,468	1,519	.	.	.	1,519
VISN 7	638	1,579	17,736	19,485	17,744	19,570	2,538	19,781	1,038	20,503
8-BAY PINES	108	257	2,080	2,255	2,085	2,273	398	1,593	130	2,388
8-MIAMI	79	212	2,175	2,387	2,179	2,403	680	2,023	1,330	2,761
8-N FL/S GA HCS	97	330	3,156	3,601	3,164	3,635	826	5,065	454	3,991
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	2,976	3,290	2,976	3,290	598	2,350	305	3,515
8-SAN JUAN PR	77	320	1,451	1,771	1,452	1,787	447	4,266	1,216	1,978
8-TAMPA	153	608	2,493	3,124	2,515	3,342	199	470	139	3,422
8-W PALM BEACH	82	206	1,124	1,239	1,128	1,259	250	133	101	1,340
VISN 8	574	1,835	13,787	15,510	13,800	15,717	3,398	15,900	3,675	17,037
9-HUNTINGTON	.	34	891	978	891	980	300	1,473	156	1,142
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	88	296	1,617	1,747	1,621	1,785	162	545	80	1,855
9-LOUISVILLE	63	223	1,325	1,526	1,334	1,569	99	1,682	37	1,604
9-MEMPHIS	108	203	1,537	1,786	1,544	1,805	590	1,955	141	2,165
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	104	252	1,858	2,042	1,859	2,047	528	685	183	2,251
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	325	680	3,824	4,247	3,840	4,323	792	1,039	168	4,665
VISN 9	670	1,607	10,551	11,725	10,575	11,846	2,471	7,379	765	12,948
10-CHILLICOTHE	87	222	874	965	887	1,010	.	.	.	1,010
10-CINCINNATI	91	206	1,663	1,794	1,666	1,816	112	2,675	643	1,845
10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	70	261	2,527	2,784	2,528	2,813	250	1,726	1,606	2,890

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10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	1,256	1,439	1,256	1,439	345	84	278	1,605
10-DAYTON	107	233	1,245	1,404	1,257	1,438	103	33	36	1,483
VISN 10	347	877	7,040	7,775	7,054	7,844	810	4,518	2,563	8,128
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	71	181	1,705	1,906	1,714	1,934	147	222	25	1,986
11-BATTLE CREEK	188	292	1,925	2,095	1,935	2,122	390	1,157	68	2,298
11-DETROIT VAMC	44	137	1,124	1,388	1,135	1,415	375	1,075	80	1,588
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	45	149	1,374	1,609	1,374	1,621	198	1,511	1,483	1,693
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	97	215	1,783	2,044	1,791	2,068	92	2,052	347	2,108
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	42	128	1,148	1,296	1,153	1,308	172	1,055	261	1,384
11-SAGINAW	.	14	1,342	1,501	1,342	1,502	121	1	55	1,539
VISN 11	453	1,003	9,358	10,514	9,367	10,566	1,495	7,073	2,319	11,113
12-HINES	86	290	2,035	2,150	2,039	2,193	285	202	185	2,323
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	1	11	475	555	475	555	65	167	170	578
12-MADISON	64	200	1,063	1,202	1,071	1,245	140	32,119	469	1,320
12-MILWAUKEE	91	280	2,128	2,355	2,133	2,375	219	259	490	2,465
12-NORTH CHICAGO	64	149	1,090	1,339	1,108	1,366	191	878	168	1,493
12-TOMAH	53	136	1,081	1,205	1,084	1,219	54	35	24	1,249
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	84	171	1,333	1,538	1,339	1,556	288	521	615	1,703
VISN 12	405	1,110	8,322	9,296	8,344	9,386	1,270	34,181	2,132	9,884
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	206	500	3,718	4,115	3,724	4,150	576	3,033	790	4,396
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	572	984	5,267	5,838	5,382	5,999	592	8,343	1,216	6,237
VISN 15	763	1,450	8,831	9,771	8,938	9,948	1,168	11,376	2,006	10,415
16-ALEXANDRIA	64	216	1,369	1,553	1,379	1,586	28	10	1	1,600
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	90	233	1,690	1,821	1,693	1,849	228	176	116	1,952
16-GULF COAST HCS	81	189	2,366	2,622	2,372	2,646	956	3,495	118	3,160
16-HOUSTON	389	595	3,922	4,197	3,945	4,240	400	812	142	4,400
16-JACKSON	56	136	995	1,184	1,000	1,204	205	1,776	240	1,274
16-LITTLE ROCK	329	525	2,981	3,213	3,001	3,252	419	785	570	3,389
16-MUSKOGEE	67	182	1,518	1,641	1,524	1,663	332	17	67	1,827
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	109	303	2,390	2,694	2,399	2,747	425	670	134	2,913
16-SHREVEPORT	95	188	1,538	1,661	1,542	1,674	419	5,239	40	1,897
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	1	1	1,812	2,046	1,812	2,046	589	2,747	321	2,387
VISN 16	1,207	2,352	19,273	21,111	19,314	21,260	4,001	15,727	1,753	22,992
17-DALLAS	212	494	5,183	5,581	5,188	5,606	850	1,401	291	6,020
17-SAN ANTONIO	157	424	4,876	5,485	4,881	5,503	1,354	4,517	652	6,090
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	309	493	6,300	6,983	6,314	7,006	1,317	32,861	1,350	7,581
VISN 17	667	1,378	16,130	17,775	16,149	17,833	3,631	38,846	2,321	19,377
18-AMARILLO HCS	1	46	956	1,027	956	1,030	291	129	158	1,139
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	1,501	1,654	1,501	1,654	100	1,566	495	1,694
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	106	228	2,268	2,447	2,270	2,461	724	678	281	2,736
18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	1	11	711	771	711	771	218	83	69	865
18-PHOENIX	195	426	4,134	4,524	4,146	4,566	590	2,848	260	4,769
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	230	382	1,956	2,211	1,972	2,257	356	4,505	1,157	2,412
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	1	12	770	852	770	852	175	97	235	922

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VISN 18	511	1,040	11,595	12,671	11,607	12,736	2,454	9,906	2,655	13,594
19-CHEYENNE	1	12	942	1,029	942	1,029	348	649	400	1,194
19-DENVER	317	486	4,872	5,623	4,888	5,662	934	7,756	1,748	5,976
19-FORT HARRISON	34	94	1,633	1,812	1,634	1,813	554	1,714	370	2,030
19-GRAND JUNCTION	23	39	432	459	432	461	76	1	16	495
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	129	315	2,484	2,812	2,488	2,831	553	2,621	898	3,087
19-SHERIDAN	130	199	744	839	751	848	.	.	.	848
VISN 19	588	1,051	10,417	11,793	10,433	11,838	2,465	12,746	3,432	12,756
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	853	963	853	963	586	2,506	2,145	1,288
20-BOISE	48	95	733	916	740	929	359	773	1,166	1,150
20-PORTLAND	136	366	3,389	3,886	3,390	3,920	703	1,478	802	4,154
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	502	687	5,284	5,879	5,364	5,974	1,320	9,064	2,085	6,588
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	588	629	588	629	96	61	165	663
20-SPOKANE	39	109	1,039	1,182	1,042	1,192	381	2,145	2,865	1,366
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	220	238	983	1,072	1,045	1,132	250	3,965	136	1,201
20-WALLA WALLA	1	1	788	893	788	893	1	1	1	894
VISN 20	884	1,387	12,687	14,248	12,735	14,328	3,698	19,994	9,372	15,848
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	63	156	1,124	1,265	1,125	1,277	246	1,777	235	1,361
21-HONOLULU	29	55	1,442	1,607	1,444	1,614	293	1,253	2,915	1,737
21-MANILA	.	.	216	240	216	240	.	.	.	240
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	34	125	2,849	3,509	2,850	3,520	880	2,154	951	3,861
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	141	461	2,803	3,098	2,824	3,213	415	4,856	1,499	3,314
21-SAN FRANCISCO	36	136	1,270	1,373	1,273	1,416	257	476	514	1,488
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	29	106	808	878	810	891	142	1,393	83	940
VISN 21	319	988	9,797	11,066	9,817	11,197	2,233	11,909	6,197	11,897
22-GREATER LA HCS	122	327	3,993	4,668	3,997	4,706	689	2,912	2,113	4,962
22-LOMA LINDA	143	415	3,021	3,518	3,027	3,561	608	8,407	678	3,854
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	84	207	3,172	3,479	3,177	3,494	501	363	1,133	3,827
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	101	397	4,501	5,109	4,508	5,154	792	6,487	3,989	5,424
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	58	139	1,359	1,531	1,369	1,556	294	31	763	1,690
VISN 22	488	1,397	15,117	17,084	15,140	17,200	2,884	18,200	8,676	18,314
23-FARGO	39	90	1,076	1,273	1,077	1,275	259	1,632	387	1,369
23-FORT MEADE	17	44	571	633	571	637	105	697	158	682
23-MINNEAPOLIS	53	285	1,812	2,184	1,815	2,251	507	1,491	561	2,532
23-SIOUX FALLS	15	83	676	808	676	813	343	1,334	1,562	993
23-ST CLOUD	56	164	1,333	1,419	1,335	1,431	.	.	.	1,431
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	183	493	4,520	4,929	4,522	4,960	771	3,317	1,304	5,212
VISN 23 <sup>7</sup>	353	1,112	9,273	10,405	9,276	10,479	1,985	8,471	3,972	11,274
Unique Counts	11,161	24,526	206,512	227,833	206,693	228,875	51,173	324,899	77,000	247,243

<sup>7</sup> In 2002, VA merged VISNs 13 and 14 to form VISN 23.  
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