

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 *1st Qtr FY 2015* (October 1, 2001 – December 31, 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 January 8, 2015, there are a total of 1,906,754 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,884 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of November 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 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 December 31, 2014 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 – 1st 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.

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 April 3, 2015 by the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS). The RCS staff matched the DMDC roster with Vet Center users' records through 1st 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 November 2014 DMDC roster yielded a total of 364,894 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 87,472 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 304,287 were seen only at a VAMC; 26,865 only at a Vet Center; and 60,607 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through December 31, 2014, a grand total of 391,759 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 2002-1st Qtr FY 2015²

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	138	434	1,713	1,920	1,725	1,965	242	170	412	2,074
1-BOSTON	355	1,030	3,722	4,326	3,753	4,482	1,491	217	4,295	5,229
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	1,574	1,801	1,574	1,801	681	58	1,447	2,133
1-NORTHAMPTON	472	569	1,811	2,025	1,887	2,104	449	1,650	998	2,286
1-PROVIDENCE	94	269	1,754	1,948	1,758	1,968	679	200	2,574	2,269
1-TOGUS	95	242	1,921	2,150	1,927	2,166	1,236	1,224	1,224	2,672
1-WEST HAVEN	101	323	3,761	4,007	3,761	4,034	983	325	2,450	4,323
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	95	266	1,455	1,684	1,463	1,720	1,247	318	854	2,467
VISN 1	1,173	2,560	15,235	16,822	15,254	16,947	7,008	4,162	14,254	19,587
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	504	1,007	8,137	8,956	8,157	9,008	2,225	7,227	9,902	10,011
VISN 2	504	1,007	8,137	8,956	8,157	9,008	2,225	7,227	9,902	10,011
3-BRONX	90	240	1,576	1,778	1,581	1,814	270	210	189	1,902
3-EAST ORANGE	222	449	3,868	4,255	3,876	4,294	1,942	22,749	1,675	5,457
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	129	205	1,511	1,627	1,514	1,635	307	99	667	1,773
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	110	417	3,486	3,976	3,494	4,022	869	1,322	1,396	4,378
3-NORTHPORT	123	302	1,624	1,845	1,626	1,860	256	36	342	1,914
VISN 3	635	1,481	11,001	12,173	11,019	12,252	3,644	24,416	4,269	13,919
4-BUTLER	.	.	817	926	817	926	.	.	.	926
4-CLARKSBURG	78	213	1,331	1,473	1,337	1,500	282	1,275	442	1,597
4-COATESVILLE	156	362	1,772	1,859	1,792	1,907	.	.	.	1,907
4-ERIE	.	21	903	989	903	991	258	51	403	1,086
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	²	39	1,394	1,574	1,394	1,575	198	227	19	1,666
4-LEBANON	94	282	2,168	2,356	2,173	2,377	520	1,249	115	2,599
4-PHILADELPHIA	143	425	4,052	4,574	4,055	4,599	539	690	257	4,798

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= 391,759) indicates the sum of "Any Total Patients" (n=364,894) and "Vet Center PTSD" (n=87,472) after excluding duplicates (n=60,607).

OEF/OIF/OND Veterans Coded with Potential or Provisional PTSD

Cumulative from FY 2002 – 1st Qtr FY 2015, Released June 2015

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	200	529	1,594	1,918	1,647	2,106	1,045	1,198	753	2,867
4-WILKES BARRE	42	206	1,748	1,982	1,750	1,999	637	1,408	619	2,334
4-WILMINGTON	2	28	1,289	1,426	1,289	1,426	628	1,191	182	1,706
VISN 4	682	1,934	14,920	16,533	14,939	16,669	4,107	7,289	2,790	18,439
5-BALTIMORE	151	360	2,753	3,163	2,765	3,202	797	2,692	477	3,537
5-MARTINSBURG	85	268	2,555	2,699	2,556	2,705	248	179	140	2,776
5-WASHINGTON	99	361	4,517	5,239	4,528	5,293	1,518	2,125	851	5,960
VISN 5	318	914	9,266	10,419	9,281	10,484	2,563	4,996	1,468	11,483
6-ASHEVILLE-OTEEN	151	312	1,305	1,488	1,316	1,532	.	.	.	1,532
6-BECKLEY	.	27	941	993	941	993	271	30	110	1,075
6-DURHAM	218	436	3,402	3,793	3,411	3,859	1,043	8,251	350	4,354
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	247	522	6,451	7,510	6,469	7,554	1,553	26,258	645	8,425
6-HAMPTON	135	286	3,618	4,214	3,623	4,239	734	6,493	815	4,609
6-RICHMOND	136	516	3,835	4,429	3,856	4,604	538	1,942	278	4,852
6-SALEM	249	410	1,785	2,022	1,827	2,100	94	12	12	2,115
6-SALISBURY	465	709	5,312	6,259	5,320	6,301	866	4,019	736	6,690
VISN 6	1,490	2,910	24,028	27,322	24,058	27,538	5,630	48,256	3,361	30,214
7-ATLANTA	225	619	6,576	7,344	6,579	7,376	1,139	3,478	359	7,864
7-AUGUSTA	252	572	3,056	3,370	3,074	3,478	.	.	.	3,478
7-BIRMINGHAM	2	286	3,854	4,258	3,854	4,307	535	3,338	237	4,534
7-CHARLESTON	95	395	5,652	6,397	5,656	6,437	1,292	10,161	830	7,008
7-COLUMBIA SC	142	378	5,426	5,949	5,431	5,967	1,055	4,366	413	6,408
7-DUBLIN	.	63	2,157	2,358	2,157	2,360	128	22	94	2,418
7-MONTGOMERY	239	470	4,570	5,166	4,592	5,208	240	92	14	5,262
7-TUSCALOOSA	253	383	2,004	2,088	2,030	2,131	.	.	.	2,131
VISN 7	1,161	2,909	30,135	33,260	30,147	33,396	4,389	21,457	1,947	34,968
8-BAY PINES	190	497	3,584	3,988	3,589	4,023	652	1,792	280	4,207
8-MIAMI	136	409	3,611	3,983	3,620	4,033	1,004	2,511	1,588	4,485
8-N FL/S GA HCS	152	600	5,292	6,013	5,301	6,067	1,162	5,881	796	6,560
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	5,599	6,249	5,599	6,249	1,048	2,995	459	6,593
8-SAN JUAN PR	119	512	2,300	2,680	2,300	2,700	708	4,421	1,668	2,942
8-TAMPA	221	1,053	3,930	4,833	3,957	5,174	380	785	362	5,330
8-W PALM BEACH	140	383	2,010	2,231	2,014	2,264	353	507	142	2,361
VISN 8	915	3,259	23,501	26,433	23,516	26,778	5,307	18,892	5,295	28,562
9-HUNTINGTON	.	67	1,178	1,294	1,178	1,299	453	1,576	205	1,572
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	122	451	2,333	2,574	2,340	2,636	233	578	135	2,731
9-LOUISVILLE	77	330	2,112	2,517	2,122	2,566	165	2,582	61	2,643
9-MEMPHIS	177	402	2,454	2,807	2,463	2,841	751	2,035	213	3,243
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	167	397	2,917	3,191	2,919	3,201	716	692	210	3,462
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	560	1,323	7,118	7,880	7,143	8,022	1,194	1,307	200	8,467
VISN 9	1,072	2,828	17,200	19,186	17,235	19,391	3,512	8,770	1,024	20,845
10-CHILLICOTHE	146	434	1,320	1,493	1,343	1,571	.	.	.	1,571
10-CINCINNATI	177	404	2,755	2,989	2,759	3,030	198	3,121	732	3,100

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10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	106	489	4,046	4,462	4,048	4,507	542	2,575	1,799	4,685
10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	2,067	2,353	2,067	2,353	491	89	317	2,585
10-DAYTON	164	400	2,027	2,302	2,044	2,365	152	43	72	2,419
VISN 10	574	1,614	11,176	12,377	11,191	12,483	1,383	5,828	2,920	12,945
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	121	349	2,806	3,203	2,821	3,271	263	223	36	3,372
11-BATTLE CREEK	346	541	3,229	3,561	3,243	3,601	709	1,398	83	3,902
11-DETROIT VAMC	76	319	1,689	2,202	1,701	2,268	619	1,073	109	2,561
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	85	229	2,092	2,425	2,097	2,444	394	1,602	1,509	2,598
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	164	387	2,708	3,116	2,725	3,171	161	2,379	424	3,246
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	62	224	1,899	2,140	1,909	2,168	255	1,112	301	2,273
11-SAGINAW	.	32	2,117	2,378	2,117	2,378	218	125	97	2,443
VISN 11	800	1,853	14,688	16,643	14,710	16,756	2,619	7,912	2,559	17,688
12-HINES	157	523	3,089	3,299	3,099	3,370	538	332	269	3,605
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	²	18	718	848	718	848	101	161	203	884
12-MADISON	110	373	1,761	1,999	1,774	2,072	905	30,466	1,236	2,835
12-MILWAUKEE	151	469	3,258	3,575	3,264	3,604	473	465	613	3,778
12-NORTH CHICAGO	94	266	1,854	2,174	1,877	2,213	303	964	204	2,409
12-TOMAH	89	224	1,767	1,949	1,771	1,966	177	40	50	2,064
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	154	344	2,256	2,581	2,261	2,614	400	732	701	2,803
VISN 12	695	1,965	12,988	14,414	13,014	14,546	2,984	33,186	3,310	15,989
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	307	885	5,504	6,192	5,519	6,271	853	3,358	930	6,624
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	999	1,761	9,274	10,455	9,452	10,687	1,134	10,214	1,364	11,147
VISN 15	1,282	2,590	14,507	16,316	14,678	16,593	1,987	13,572	2,294	17,374
16-ALEXANDRIA	143	435	2,396	2,689	2,411	2,757	51	79	²	2,772
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	175	419	2,794	3,015	2,800	3,047	440	208	160	3,239
16-GULF COAST HCS	147	308	4,013	4,489	4,021	4,531	1,240	4,113	251	5,129
16-HOUSTON	729	1,237	7,034	7,665	7,070	7,766	623	809	202	7,987
16-JACKSON	121	282	1,847	2,168	1,854	2,196	307	2,775	239	2,303
16-LITTLE ROCK	504	864	4,084	4,393	4,108	4,459	520	849	630	4,629
16-MUSKOGEE	112	336	2,454	2,649	2,463	2,680	490	29	103	2,904
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	207	559	4,064	4,684	4,084	4,767	707	956	251	5,017
16-SHREVEPORT	191	366	2,466	2,658	2,483	2,700	612	5,759	95	3,036
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	²	²	2,933	3,313	2,933	3,313	793	3,069	382	3,724
VISN 16	2,157	4,328	31,678	34,941	31,733	35,187	5,783	18,646	2,321	37,455
17-DALLAS	295	855	8,690	9,545	8,701	9,599	1,350	1,496	434	10,137
17-SAN ANTONIO	320	893	7,991	9,101	8,001	9,169	2,123	5,662	896	10,179
17-TX VALLEY COASTAL BEND HCS	.	.	2,425	2,842	2,425	2,842	.	.	.	2,842
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	606	1,007	11,198	12,503	11,217	12,546	3,008	45,269	2,985	14,020
VISN 17	1,204	2,696	28,154	31,445	28,183	31,590	6,750	52,530	4,381	34,411
18-AMARILLO HCS	²	75	1,684	1,794	1,684	1,799	419	128	172	1,947
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	2,965	3,686	2,965	3,686	312	6,965	691	3,809
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	157	403	3,583	3,878	3,585	3,897	1,067	664	364	4,275
18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	²	19	1,185	1,322	1,185	1,322	300	145	80	1,435

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18-PHOENIX	381	764	6,788	7,522	6,804	7,577	1,269	3,114	348	7,958
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	383	676	3,011	3,403	3,037	3,482	572	5,697	1,314	3,746
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	²	12	1,390	1,581	1,390	1,581	286	97	255	1,673
VISN 18	888	1,845	19,272	21,551	19,288	21,645	4,225	16,810	3,224	22,961
19-CHEYENNE	²	20	1,625	1,797	1,625	1,798	580	740	436	2,056
19-DENVER	449	789	8,425	9,784	8,446	9,848	1,826	9,767	1,977	10,482
19-FORT HARRISON	111	243	2,434	2,741	2,438	2,748	895	1,761	512	3,084
19-GRAND JUNCTION	32	69	643	685	643	692	123	²	19	739
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	198	548	3,942	4,398	3,945	4,429	912	2,974	1,100	4,810
19-SHERIDAN	184	319	1,119	1,281	1,130	1,299	.	.	.	1,299
VISN 19	910	1,831	16,926	19,221	16,945	19,300	4,336	15,249	4,044	20,836
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	1,474	1,683	1,474	1,683	1,095	3,123	3,142	2,280
20-BOISE	61	146	1,341	1,645	1,349	1,668	600	796	1,185	1,989
20-PORTLAND	251	671	5,523	6,232	5,530	6,293	1,042	1,368	1,166	6,591
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	602	954	8,635	9,774	8,707	9,871	2,340	10,550	3,230	11,018
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	1,041	1,102	1,041	1,102	156	64	194	1,150
20-SPOKANE	67	182	1,679	1,947	1,682	1,961	868	1,009	4,080	2,426
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	257	292	1,484	1,636	1,553	1,701	493	3,400	657	1,923
20-WALLA WALLA	²	²	1,212	1,390	1,212	1,390	27	18	26	1,396
VISN 20	1,164	2,107	20,451	23,075	20,501	23,175	6,621	20,328	13,680	25,817
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	113	268	1,768	2,026	1,769	2,044	387	1,736	371	2,182
21-HONOLULU	46	103	2,351	2,699	2,355	2,713	610	2,879	3,689	2,976
21-MANILA	.	.	413	458	413	458	.	.	.	458
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	90	290	4,744	5,758	4,751	5,783	1,363	2,454	1,247	6,308
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	246	761	4,529	5,038	4,563	5,215	905	5,573	2,063	5,533
21-SAN FRANCISCO	61	238	2,055	2,260	2,059	2,326	366	546	634	2,422
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	60	175	1,340	1,490	1,344	1,515	238	1,559	184	1,611
VISN 21	593	1,734	15,792	17,957	15,822	18,168	3,869	14,747	8,188	19,431
22-GREATER LA HCS	200	569	6,536	7,527	6,541	7,599	1,367	4,201	2,932	8,133
22-LOMA LINDA	225	770	5,312	6,283	5,321	6,372	1,335	10,247	1,342	7,084
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	151	443	5,058	5,586	5,063	5,627	782	468	1,330	6,046
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	161	715	8,054	9,283	8,062	9,343	1,477	8,967	4,816	9,909
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	122	327	2,740	3,086	2,752	3,129	466	114	928	3,299
VISN 22	828	2,651	25,724	29,203	25,754	29,401	5,427	23,997	11,348	31,408
23-FARGO	60	157	1,682	1,987	1,684	1,995	488	1,807	405	2,170
23-FORT MEADE	34	92	1,000	1,107	1,000	1,111	157	884	166	1,175
23-MINNEAPOLIS	78	453	2,782	3,331	2,787	3,437	761	2,036	690	3,854
23-SIOUX FALLS	28	149	1,036	1,205	1,036	1,218	498	1,587	1,561	1,454
23-ST CLOUD	75	251	2,029	2,136	2,031	2,147	.	.	.	2,147
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	293	874	7,131	7,799	7,136	7,847	1,199	3,630	1,597	8,174

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	551	1,877	14,331	16,021	14,336	16,131	3,103	9,944	4,419	17,252
Unique Counts	18,671	43,457	328,645	363,212	328,889	364,894	87,472	378,214	106,998	391,759

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