

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 2nd Qtr FY 2015 (October 1, 2001 – March 31, 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 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 April 16, 2015, there are a total of 1,939,959 unique OEF/OIF/OND Veterans (including 5,887 Veterans who died in-theater) who, as of February 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 March 31, 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 – 2nd 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 July 16, 2015 by the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS). The RCS staff matched the DMDC roster with Vet Center users' records through 2nd 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 February 2015 DMDC roster yielded a total of 378,993 OEF/OIF/OND Veterans coded with PTSD at a VAMC and 89,145 Veterans who received Vet Center service for PTSD. Of these, 316,770 were seen only at a VAMC; 26,922 only at a Vet Center; and 62,223 were seen at both facilities. In summary, based on the electronic patient records available through March 31, 2015, a grand total of 405,915 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 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	145	451	1,788	2,013	1,800	2,057	247	204	422	2,169
1-BOSTON	371	1,064	3,856	4,488	3,887	4,645	1,503	217	4,511	5,386
1-MANCHESTER	.	.	1,647	1,877	1,647	1,877	687	63	1,468	2,203
1-NORTHAMPTON	495	594	1,881	2,100	1,959	2,182	449	1,650	1,008	2,364
1-PROVIDENCE	94	276	1,848	2,055	1,852	2,076	686	233	2,621	2,375
1-TOGUS	101	251	1,995	2,238	1,999	2,252	1,249	1,335	1,243	2,758
1-WEST HAVEN	101	332	3,889	4,144	3,889	4,172	989	327	2,485	4,459
1-WHITE RIVER JCT	99	277	1,516	1,749	1,524	1,786	1,259	320	860	2,528
VISN 1	1,220	2,652	15,824	17,474	15,840	17,595	7,069	4,349	14,618	20,207
2-UPSTATE N.Y. HCS	529	1,057	8,459	9,296	8,479	9,350	2,262	7,390	10,106	10,356
VISN 2	529	1,057	8,459	9,296	8,479	9,350	2,262	7,390	10,106	10,356
3-BRONX	91	247	1,635	1,845	1,640	1,881	272	216	198	1,969
3-EAST ORANGE	229	473	4,004	4,402	4,012	4,440	1,972	22,816	1,728	5,615
3-MONTROSE VA HUDSON HCS NY	135	216	1,554	1,678	1,557	1,685	315	101	720	1,829
3-N.Y. HARBOR HCS	112	438	3,627	4,136	3,635	4,185	883	1,328	1,424	4,543
3-NORTHPORT	125	311	1,679	1,904	1,681	1,918	258	37	356	1,973
VISN 3	652	1,547	11,384	12,595	11,402	12,672	3,700	24,498	4,426	14,359
4-BUTLER	.	.	859	968	859	968	.	.	.	968
4-CLARKSBURG	82	220	1,389	1,533	1,394	1,558	284	1,381	448	1,656
4-COATESVILLE	159	380	1,835	1,927	1,855	1,978	.	.	.	1,978
4-ERIE	.	21	951	1,032	951	1,034	261	54	406	1,127
4-JAMES E VAN ZANDT VAMC	²	39	1,458	1,640	1,458	1,641	200	227	21	1,729
4-LEBANON	97	291	2,236	2,429	2,241	2,451	526	1,257	120	2,674
4-PHILADELPHIA	151	459	4,186	4,734	4,189	4,764	549	693	264	4,969

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= 405,915) indicates the sum of "Any Total Patients" (n=378,993) and "Vet Center PTSD" (n=89,145) after excluding duplicates (n=62,223).

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

Cumulative from FY 2002 – 2nd Qtr FY 2015, Released September 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	208	541	1,680	2,023	1,735	2,214	1,048	1,198	770	2,972
4-WILKES BARRE	43	216	1,825	2,066	1,827	2,084	645	1,413	621	2,421
4-WILMINGTON	2	31	1,343	1,485	1,343	1,485	640	1,233	188	1,765
VISN 4	708	2,013	15,511	17,179	15,530	17,317	4,153	7,456	2,838	19,081
5-BALTIMORE	156	377	2,848	3,272	2,860	3,315	825	2,713	490	3,662
5-MARTINSBURG	89	292	2,657	2,805	2,658	2,813	249	179	148	2,884
5-WASHINGTON	101	370	4,718	5,488	4,729	5,543	1,566	2,125	881	6,225
VISN 5	328	958	9,632	10,843	9,647	10,915	2,640	5,017	1,519	11,937
6-ASHEVILLE-OTEEN	159	325	1,347	1,544	1,358	1,590	.	.	.	1,590
6-BECKLEY	.	30	966	1,019	966	1,019	272	30	112	1,100
6-DURHAM	225	463	3,579	3,997	3,588	4,069	1,049	8,259	364	4,561
6-FAYETTEVILLE NC	260	548	6,777	7,908	6,797	7,958	1,589	26,277	662	8,839
6-HAMPTON	145	305	3,826	4,457	3,831	4,485	755	6,733	837	4,860
6-RICHMOND	143	552	3,999	4,624	4,020	4,810	540	1,942	281	5,059
6-SALEM	255	420	1,852	2,093	1,893	2,171	97	12	12	2,186
6-SALISBURY	481	740	5,567	6,530	5,576	6,574	872	4,074	752	6,963
VISN 6	1,554	3,055	25,148	28,624	25,179	28,850	5,741	48,584	3,457	31,565
7-ATLANTA	236	651	6,930	7,730	6,933	7,763	1,175	3,480	368	8,267
7-AUGUSTA	257	598	3,214	3,556	3,232	3,669	.	.	.	3,669
7-BIRMINGHAM	2	299	4,045	4,456	4,045	4,509	540	3,339	251	4,735
7-CHARLESTON	100	413	5,946	6,717	5,950	6,758	1,333	10,172	839	7,344
7-COLUMBIA SC	149	399	5,705	6,262	5,711	6,279	1,070	4,375	433	6,725
7-DUBLIN	.	63	2,260	2,474	2,260	2,476	139	23	96	2,542
7-MONTGOMERY	253	492	4,819	5,431	4,842	5,474	250	121	14	5,530
7-TUSCALOOSA	269	404	2,066	2,150	2,091	2,191	.	.	.	2,191
VISN 7	1,216	3,049	31,612	34,875	31,626	35,013	4,507	21,510	2,001	36,627
8-BAY PINES	193	514	3,741	4,164	3,747	4,202	669	1,796	294	4,394
8-MIAMI	142	428	3,741	4,124	3,750	4,180	1,012	2,537	1,622	4,629
8-N FL/S GA HCS	156	623	5,534	6,277	5,542	6,331	1,185	5,883	824	6,831
8-ORLANDO FL VAMC	.	.	5,839	6,502	5,839	6,502	1,073	3,008	497	6,851
8-SAN JUAN PR	120	523	2,387	2,782	2,387	2,802	711	4,437	1,702	3,042
8-TAMPA	235	1,098	4,078	5,021	4,106	5,370	392	799	380	5,529
8-W PALM BEACH	147	403	2,088	2,325	2,092	2,361	362	509	150	2,457
VISN 8	949	3,386	24,460	27,508	24,476	27,872	5,404	18,969	5,469	29,671
9-HUNTINGTON	.	71	1,205	1,327	1,205	1,332	455	1,598	208	1,606
9-LEXINGTON-LEESTOWN	179	415	3,011	3,286	3,014	3,296	726	692	218	3,557
9-LOUISVILLE	125	465	2,394	2,637	2,401	2,699	235	582	139	2,793
9-MEMPHIS	78	340	2,198	2,620	2,208	2,670	165	2,624	62	2,747
9-MOUNTAIN HOME	183	418	2,537	2,897	2,546	2,932	756	2,038	217	3,332
9-VA MID TENN HCS NASH TN	589	1,382	7,487	8,296	7,511	8,441	1,232	1,310	207	8,885
VISN 9	1,123	2,948	17,889	19,945	17,924	20,154	3,569	8,844	1,051	21,605
10-CHILLICOTHE	152	454	1,363	1,546	1,388	1,628	.	.	.	1,628
10-CINCINNATI	184	423	2,856	3,106	2,861	3,148	200	3,122	741	3,216

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10-CLEVELAND-WADE PARK	108	513	4,223	4,662	4,225	4,712	555	2,590	1,820	4,893
10-COLUMBUS-IOC	.	.	2,132	2,426	2,132	2,426	501	89	320	2,665
10-DAYTON	168	417	2,129	2,405	2,146	2,472	164	44	80	2,528
VISN 10	593	1,686	11,615	12,864	11,633	12,979	1,420	5,845	2,961	13,451
11-ANN ARBOR HCS	123	368	2,924	3,347	2,939	3,417	273	223	40	3,518
11-BATTLE CREEK	365	568	3,361	3,699	3,381	3,738	728	1,431	89	4,046
11-DETROIT VAMC	85	348	1,749	2,288	1,764	2,365	634	1,075	116	2,666
11-ILLIANA HCS DANVILLE IL	86	238	2,168	2,501	2,172	2,519	397	1,602	1,526	2,669
11-INDIANAPOLIS-10TH ST	170	402	2,793	3,213	2,810	3,270	163	2,413	432	3,346
11-NORTHERN INDIANA HCS	65	237	1,962	2,217	1,973	2,248	256	1,112	304	2,352
11-SAGINAW	.	34	2,180	2,453	2,180	2,453	227	125	107	2,516
VISN 11	839	1,954	15,201	17,213	15,229	17,331	2,678	7,981	2,614	18,264
12-HINES	162	532	3,186	3,408	3,194	3,479	563	333	279	3,725
12-IRON MOUNTAIN	²	19	752	889	752	889	102	172	210	926
12-MADISON	122	399	1,836	2,090	1,853	2,169	908	30,468	1,249	2,933
12-MILWAUKEE	160	490	3,381	3,698	3,388	3,728	482	465	635	3,902
12-NORTH CHICAGO	99	279	1,923	2,260	1,946	2,301	309	972	218	2,501
12-TOMAH	92	229	1,821	2,010	1,825	2,027	189	40	54	2,133
12-VA CHICAGO HCS	159	363	2,347	2,682	2,352	2,718	404	734	725	2,908
VISN 12	730	2,043	13,442	14,927	13,467	15,064	3,046	33,210	3,408	16,525
15-VA HEARTLAND-E VH MO	320	918	5,684	6,399	5,701	6,481	862	3,457	950	6,835
15-VAMC HEARTLAND-W KANSAS MO	1,029	1,829	9,688	10,892	9,870	11,132	1,172	10,284	1,391	11,607
VISN 15	1,325	2,686	15,090	16,945	15,266	17,231	2,034	13,741	2,341	18,028
16-ALEXANDRIA	147	452	2,496	2,793	2,511	2,863	51	79	²	2,878
16-FAYETTEVILLE AR	183	437	2,906	3,141	2,912	3,175	456	208	174	3,367
16-GULF COAST HCS	161	328	4,175	4,664	4,183	4,704	1,269	4,117	264	5,316
16-HOUSTON	751	1,303	7,435	8,123	7,472	8,226	638	809	213	8,447
16-JACKSON	129	297	1,928	2,273	1,936	2,302	315	2,775	239	2,407
16-LITTLE ROCK	523	900	4,205	4,532	4,229	4,598	525	856	637	4,770
16-MUSKOGEE	116	350	2,557	2,757	2,566	2,790	501	31	109	3,017
16-OKLAHOMA CITY	211	581	4,220	4,866	4,239	4,947	731	962	276	5,198
16-SHREVEPORT	203	391	2,588	2,788	2,606	2,835	614	5,765	95	3,170
16-SOUTHEAST LA HCS	²	²	3,069	3,459	3,069	3,459	805	3,069	387	3,866
VISN 16	2,241	4,533	33,031	36,443	33,086	36,689	5,905	18,671	2,403	38,969
17-DALLAS	308	895	9,049	9,958	9,060	10,014	1,394	1,499	461	10,553
17-SAN ANTONIO	340	954	8,296	9,469	8,303	9,544	2,169	5,664	934	10,565
17-TX VALLEY COASTAL BEND HCS	.	.	2,593	2,999	2,593	2,999	.	.	.	2,999
17-VA CENTRAL TEXAS HCS	626	1,052	11,708	13,036	11,727	13,083	3,058	45,435	3,080	14,565
VISN 17	1,254	2,838	29,402	32,822	29,428	32,978	6,903	52,701	4,541	35,812
18-AMARILLO HCS	²	80	1,748	1,865	1,748	1,871	431	128	174	2,019
18-EL PASO HCS	.	.	3,126	3,899	3,126	3,899	321	6,967	743	4,023
18-NEW MEXICO HCS	161	413	3,711	4,003	3,713	4,022	1,087	666	376	4,413
18-NORTHERN ARIZONA HCS	²	19	1,243	1,392	1,243	1,392	306	145	82	1,507

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18-PHOENIX	395	797	7,068	7,852	7,083	7,908	1,324	3,115	357	8,301
18-SOUTHERN ARIZONA HCS	397	710	3,108	3,511	3,137	3,591	585	5,698	1,332	3,862
18-WEST TEXAS HCS	²	12	1,471	1,661	1,471	1,661	292	97	259	1,755
VISN 18	919	1,923	20,061	22,458	20,077	22,553	4,346	16,816	3,323	23,896
19-CHEYENNE	²	21	1,706	1,882	1,706	1,883	592	741	442	2,146
19-DENVER	463	826	8,821	10,235	8,842	10,301	1,849	9,793	2,028	10,930
19-FORT HARRISON	119	255	2,510	2,838	2,513	2,845	905	1,762	519	3,184
19-GRAND JUNCTION	32	71	661	706	661	713	126	²	22	761
19-SALT LAKE CITY HTHCARE	201	568	4,106	4,571	4,109	4,604	922	2,978	1,122	4,986
19-SHERIDAN	185	328	1,158	1,326	1,169	1,345	.	.	.	1,345
VISN 19	937	1,909	17,632	20,017	17,651	20,100	4,394	15,281	4,133	21,640
20-ALASKA HCS & RO	.	.	1,542	1,763	1,542	1,763	1,115	3,125	3,195	2,367
20-BOISE	66	157	1,421	1,733	1,429	1,757	601	803	1,199	2,077
20-PORTLAND	257	696	5,757	6,490	5,764	6,554	1,049	1,369	1,200	6,846
20-PUGET SOUND HCS	611	976	8,984	10,221	9,056	10,319	2,413	10,631	3,281	11,482
20-S.ORG REHAB WHITE CITY	.	.	1,088	1,154	1,088	1,154	158	64	199	1,204
20-SPOKANE	69	187	1,756	2,039	1,759	2,055	876	1,009	4,117	2,518
20-VA ROSEBURG HCS	261	297	1,539	1,696	1,607	1,759	494	3,408	672	1,980
20-WALLA WALLA	²	²	1,254	1,439	1,254	1,439	29	18	29	1,444
VISN 20	1,189	2,170	21,274	24,039	21,323	24,142	6,735	20,427	13,892	26,792
21-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HCS	116	279	1,860	2,121	1,861	2,138	398	1,736	378	2,278
21-HONOLULU	50	112	2,453	2,818	2,457	2,832	622	2,917	3,793	3,096
21-MANILA	.	.	435	483	435	483	.	.	.	483
21-NCHC MARTINEZ	98	307	4,949	6,008	4,956	6,034	1,383	2,455	1,305	6,556
21-PALO ALTO-PALO ALTO	249	774	4,743	5,255	4,777	5,435	915	5,582	2,100	5,748
21-SAN FRANCISCO	66	250	2,137	2,354	2,143	2,422	373	547	656	2,522
21-SIERRA NEVADA HCS	62	184	1,411	1,568	1,415	1,596	242	1,574	188	1,690
VISN 21	618	1,799	16,496	18,728	16,527	18,945	3,933	14,811	8,420	20,201
22-GREATER LA HCS	206	587	6,823	7,847	6,829	7,920	1,392	4,337	3,070	8,458
22-LOMA LINDA	233	802	5,582	6,556	5,591	6,645	1,370	10,280	1,455	7,362
22-VA LONG BEACH HCS CA	163	469	5,246	5,813	5,253	5,856	798	470	1,367	6,280
22-VA SAN DIEGO HCS CA	165	731	8,455	9,775	8,463	9,834	1,508	8,982	4,882	10,404
22-VA SOUTHERN NEVADA HCS	130	344	2,879	3,245	2,891	3,288	482	116	943	3,457
VISN 22	862	2,749	26,865	30,498	26,897	30,698	5,550	24,185	11,717	32,713
23-FARGO	63	163	1,750	2,052	1,751	2,059	501	1,807	409	2,242
23-FORT MEADE	35	95	1,034	1,144	1,034	1,148	161	884	170	1,213
23-MINNEAPOLIS	79	461	2,898	3,452	2,903	3,557	771	2,038	708	3,973
23-SIOUX FALLS	29	155	1,087	1,273	1,087	1,286	501	1,600	1,568	1,517
23-ST CLOUD	79	267	2,104	2,221	2,106	2,232	.	.	.	2,232
23-VA NEB-WESTERN IA HCS	309	919	7,385	8,073	7,391	8,126	1,222	3,663	1,627	8,456

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	576	1,958	14,876	16,603	14,882	16,720	3,156	9,992	4,482	17,847
Unique Counts	19,387	45,263	341,429	377,262	341,670	378,993	89,145	380,278	109,720	405,915

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