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VA Benefits & Health Care Utilization (07/22/08)

- Veterans Receiving VA Disability Compensation (as of 06/30/08): 2.9 M
- Veterans Rated 100% Disabled (as of 06/30/08): 257,414
- Veterans Receiving VA Pension (as of 06/30/08): 317,439
- Spouses Receiving DIC (as of 06/30/08): 320,226
- Total Enrollees in VA Health Care System (FY 07): 7.8 M
- Total Unique Patients Treated (FY 07): 5.5 M1
- Veterans Compensated for PTSD (as of 06/30/08): 329,746
- Veterans in Receipt of IU Benefits (as of 06/30/08): 244,186
- VA Education Beneficiaries (FY 07): 523,344
- OEF/OIF Amputees (as of 06/30/08): 8032

U.S. Military Veterans, by Branch (9/30/2007)

Veteran Facts

- Projected U.S. Veterans Population: 23,816,000
  {Female 1,780,000 7%}
- Projected Number of Living WW II Veterans (as of 9/30/2007): 2,911,900
- Number of WW II Veterans Pass Away Per Day: 900
- Percentage of Veteran Population 65 or Older: 39.1%
- Veteran Population by Race:
  o White 80.0%
  o Black 10.9%
  o Asian/Pacific Islander 1.4%
  o Hispanic 5.6%
  o American Indian/Alaska Natives 0.8% Other 1.3%

Snapshot: Veterans’ Benefits in Georgia
Summary:
The State of Georgia offers special benefits for its military service members and Veterans including property tax exemptions, state employment preferences, education and tuition assistance, free driver’s licenses, vehicle tags, home care for War Veterans, as well as hunting and fishing license privileges. Eligibility for some benefits may depend on residency, military component and Veteran’s disability status.
For more information: http://sdvs.georgia.gov/

Tuition Assistance (Georgia Air National Guard):
Up to 100% tuition is paid, not to exceed $2,790 per school year, $1,395 per semester or the rate of $116.25 per semester hour. Rate per quarter hour not to exceed $77.40.
Eligibility: Georgia Air National Guard member.

The National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Fund:
Provides up to 100% of the tuition charges; not to exceed $3,643 per school year, $1,821 dollars per semester maximum. Soldiers with a baccalaureate degree are not eligible for this program.

Eligibility: Must be a legal resident of Georgia and be a member in good standing of the Georgia National Guard. Loan is repaid through continued membership and good standing in the Guard.

Georgia HERO Scholarship:
The Georgia HERO (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring) Scholarship Program was created to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones or the children of such members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reserves. The grant is to attend an approved school for a maximum of up to four award years in the sum of $2,000.00 per award year. No person shall be eligible to receive grant assistance provided under this subsection in excess of $8,000.00.

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply for a Georgia HERO Scholarship grant, you must meet one of the following criteria:

a. Be a member of the Georgia National Guard or a U.S. Military Reservist who is a Georgia resident that was deployed outside the United States for active duty service on or after May 3, 2005 to a location designed as a combat zone and served in such combat zone for at least 181 consecutive days; or

b. Be a daughter or son whose parent was a member of the Georgia National Guard or the U.S. Military Reserves who is a Georgia resident that was deployed outside the United States for active duty service on or after May 3, 2005 to a location designed as a combat zone and served in such combat zone for at least 181 consecutive days, or was killed or totally disabled during such service.

A student whose parent was killed or received a 100 percent disability as a result of injuries received in such combat zone shall receive up to a maximum of four award years regardless of the time such student’s parents was on active service in such combat zone. (Sections 20-3-486 and 20-3-485 of the Georgia State Code).

Important Links

81st Regional Readiness Command
http://www.armyreserve.army.mil/USARC/RRC/0081RRC/Overview.htm

Georgia National Guard
http://www.dod.state.ga.us/

Veterans Administration (VA) Facilities in Georgia
http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1

Georgia HERO Scholarship Program
http://www.gacollege411.org/
VA Outpatient Clinics
9249 Highway 29 South, Suite A, Athens, GA 30601
Phone: 706-227-4534

417 4th Avenue, Albany, GA 31701
Phone: 229-446-9000

1310 13th Street, Columbus, GA 31906
Phone: 706-257-7200

755 Commerce Drive, 2nd Floor, Decatur, GA 30030
Phone: 404-417-5200

1513 Cleveland Avenue, East Point, GA 30344
Phone: 404-321-6111 x2600

1970 Riverside Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
Phone: 404-417-1750

5398 Thomaston Road, Suite B, Macon, GA 31220
Phone: 478-476-8868

3931 Munday Mill Road, Oakwood, GA 30566
Phone: 404-728-8210

30 Chateau Dr, SE, Rome, GA 30161
Phone: (706) 235-6581

325 West Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, GA 31406
Phone: (912) 920-0214; SDVS Field Office: 912-921-3744

562 Concord Road, Smyrna, GA 30082
Phone: 404-417-1760

2841 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31602
Phone: 229-293-0132; SDVS Field Office: 229-333-2178

VA Medical Centers
Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, 1 Freedom Way, Augusta, GA 30904-6285
Phone: (706) 733-0188 or (800) 836-5561; SDVS Field Office: (706) 823-2218

Atlanta VA Medical Center, 1670 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033
Phone: (404) 321-6111 or (800) 944-9726; SDVS Field Office: (404) 728-7611

Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin, GA 31021
Phone: (478) 272-1210 (800) 595-5229; SDVS Field Office: (478) 272-4266
TRICARE Service Centers in Georgia
Phone: 800-444-5445

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Albany, GA
P.O. Box 43079
Albany, GA 31704

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Augusta, GA (Ft. Gordon)
Dwight Eisenhower Medical Center
Bldg. 300
Ft. Gordon, -100 30905

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Ft. Benning
P.O. Box 52530
Ft. Benning, GA 31995-2530

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Hinesville, GA (Ft. Stewart)
740 General Stewart Way
Suite 109
Hinesville, GA 31313

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Valdosta, GA (Moody AFB)
347th Medical Group
3278 Mitchell Blvd., Bldg. 3268
Moody AFB, GA 31699-1500

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Macon, GA (Robins AFB)
78th Medical Group
655 - 7th St., Bldg. 702
Robins AFB, GA 31098

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Ft. McPherson, GA
1283 Howe St. S.W.
Building 162
Ft. McPherson, GA 30330

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.
TSC - Kings Bay, GA
The Proctor Building
4011 Highway 40E
St. Marys, GA 31558
800-444-544
Resources for Veterans and Active Duty Personnel

MilitaryOne Source (www.militaryonesource.com) has services to support both service members and their families.

Seamless Transition for OIF/OEF Veterans
www.seamlesstransition.va.gov

Deployment Health Clinical Center
http://www.pdhealth.mil

Health Care and Assistance for US Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom
http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/Pubs/Index.htm

VA Health Care Enrollment Information
http://www.va.gov/elig/

VA Benefits Information
http://www.vba.va.gov

Women Veterans Health and Benefits Information
http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/

Information for Iraqi Freedom Veterans
http://www.va.gov/gulfwar/

Afghanistan Service Information
http://www1.va.gov/environagents/

State and County Veteran Service Officers
http://www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/dso.htm

Courage to Care Information Fact Sheets
http://www.usuhs.mil/psy/courage.html

Citizen-Soldier Support Program
www.RibbonsToReality.org

Resources for Family Members

My Army Life, Too
http://www.myarmylifetoo.com/

SOFAR: Strategic Outreach to Families of All Reservists
http://www.sofarusa.org/

Operation Military Kids
http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/
In 2006, Sesame Workshop launched a groundbreaking, bilingual (English/Spanish), multi-phase, multimedia initiative for young children and their military families called Talk, Listen, Connect. The initiative was born from a strong and singular hope—to recognize the thousands of American children and families who know all too well what it’s like to see a loved one go off to war.

To view videos on Deployment, Homecomings, and Changes, please follow the link below: http://www.sesameworkshop.org/initiatives/emotion/tlc

National Military Family Association (NMFA)
http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer

“10 Things Military Teens Want You to Know” (NMFA)
https://secure2.convio.net/nmfa/site/SPageServer?pagename=toolkit

Nurturing Skills for Military Families
http://www.nurturingparenting.com/npp/nurturing_skills_military_info.php

Zero to Three
www.zerotothree.org/military

Military Child Education Coalition
www.militarychild.org
Returning From the War Zone: A Guide for Military Families

Department of Defense
www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/

Operation Kids on Guard
www.nc.ngb.army.mil/family/default.asp

Military Child in Transition and Deployment
www.militarystudent.dod.mil

Military Child of Deployed Parents
www.departingkids.com/

**Mental Health and PTSD Resources**

American Psychological Association
www.apa.org

American Psychiatric Association
www.psych.org/public_info/ptsd.cfm

AMVETS National Headquarters
www.amvets.org

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):
www.samhsa.gov/index.aspx

SAMHSA, National Mental Health Information Center:
www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/

“That Guy” is an award-winning Department of Defense-funded, multi-faceted campaign to increase awareness of the problems associated with binge drinking.
www.thatguy.com

Battlemind training at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Department of Military Psychiatry
www.battlemind.org

The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies:
www.istss.org/index.htm

Mental Health Channel
www.mentalhealthchannel.net/ptsd/

Mental Help Net
www.mentalhelp.net/poc/center_index.php?id=1

Mid-Atlantic Addiction Technology Transfer Center,

Anxiety Disorders Association of America
www.adaa.org

Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists
www.atss-hq.com
Defense Centers of Excellence

Military Order of the Purple Heart
www.purpleheart.org

National Amputation Foundation
www.nationalamputation.org

National Center for PTSD, Clinical Quarterly
www.ncptsd.va.gov/publications/cq/index.html

National Center for PTSD, PTSD Research Quarterly
www.ncptsd.va.gov/publications/rq/index.html

National Center for PTSD, The PILOTS Database
www.ncptsd.va.gov/publications/pilots/index.html

National Demonstration Program for Citizen-Soldier Support
www.ribbonstoreality.org (919) 966-2450

National Clearinghouse on Alcohol and Drug Information
www.health.org
(800) 729-6686, TDD: (800) 487-4889

SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center
www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov
(800) 789-2647, TDD: (866) 889-2647

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
www.taps.org
1-800-959-TAPS (8277)

Uniformed Services University, Courage to Care Fact Sheets
http://www.usuhs.mil/psy/courage.html

PCTS – Links to Post Traumatic Stress Web Sites
www.vietnamveteranministers.org/ptsd.htm

The Post-Traumatic Gazette
www.patiencepress.com/ptg.html

National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder,
Department of Veterans Affairs:
www.ncptsd.va.gov/

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Resources
www.umdnj.edu/psyevnts/ptsd.html

The National Institute of Mental Health
www.nimh.nih.gov/anxiety/anxietymenu.cfm

National Mental Health Association
www.nmha.org/infoctr/factsheets/index.cfm

National Personnel Records Center
www.archives.gov/st-louis/index.html

American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/ptsd70.htm

More Resources
Military Officers Association of America
www.moaa.org
National Veterans Legal Services Program
www.nvlsp.org/

National Veterans Organization of America
www.nvo.org/

Non-Commissioned Officers Association
www.ncoausa.org/

Helmets to Hardhats
www.helmetstohardhats.org/home.jsp

HELP4Vets
www.help4vets.com

American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization
www.expow.org

The American Legion
www.legion.org

OLIVE-DRAB
www.olive-drab.com/od_milorgs_veterans.php3

The Retired Enlisted Association
www.trea.org/

U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)
www.dol.gov/vets

VA Office of Seamless Transition
www.seamlesstransition.va.gov

Veterans News and Information Service
www.vnis.com/

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
www.vfw.org/

Iraq War Veterans Organization
www.iraqwarveterans.org

Catholic War Veterans
www.cwv.org

Jewish War Veterans of the USA
www.jwv.org

Kitchen Table Gang
www.kitchentablegang.org/

Leaders Guide for Managing Marines in Distress
www.usmc.mil

Legion of Valor
www.legionofvalor.com/

Deployment Health Clinical Center
www.pdhealth.mil (866) 559-1627

Disabled American Veterans
www.dav.org

Blinded Veterans Association
www.bva.org

Paralyzed Veterans of America
www.pva.org
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Map of Georgia’s 14 Military Installations:

- Catoosa Rifle Range (Na)
- Fort McPherson Military
- Fort Benning Military Res
- Marine Corps Supply Center
- Moody Air Force Base
- Atlanta NAS (Marietta)
- Robins Air Force Base
- Fort Stewart Military Res
- Fort Gilliam Military Res
- Athens Supply Corps School
- Fort Gordon
- Hunter Army Airfield
- Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base
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Total Number of Dependents for Army Active and Reserve Personnel in Georgia = 66,044
### Veterans in Georgia, by Gender and Race/Ethnicity (9/30/2007)

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**Summary Statistics of Callers**

- 29% of callers are active duty military personnel with approximately one fourth seeking assistance for substance abuse problems; one third seeking assistance for alcohol-related problems
- 35% of callers are African American
- 18% of callers are female
- 37% of callers are from the Macon/Warner Robbins area, though cities/towns represent the complete geographic demographic of the state. Some calls are from other installations or from wives of spouses stationed in other locations.
- 57% of callers report having children
- 37% of callers report being unemployed

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