

Agency Programs/Activities: Inventory and Key Data
Division of Veterans' Affairs (as of 8/20/08)

Relation to Core Mission (H/M/L)	Program/Activity	Spending Category (SO, ATL, CAP)	3/31/09 FTEs (All Funds)	General Fund Disbursements (\$000s)				State Special Revenue Funds Disbursements (\$000s)				Capital Projects Funds Disbursements (\$000s)				
				2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Plan	2009-10 Projected	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Plan	2009-10 Projected	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Plan	2009-10 Projected	
	Discretionary															
H	Veteran Counseling Program	SO	91	\$5,036	\$5,153	\$5,744	\$6,117	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
H	Administration Program	SO	8	\$719	\$736	\$820	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
L	Veterans' Education Program	SO	12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,372	\$1,535	\$1,854	\$1,854	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total		111	\$5,755	\$5,889	\$6,564	\$6,967	\$1,372	\$1,535	\$1,854	\$1,854	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Non Discretionary															
M	Blind Veteran Annuity Program	ATL	0.75	\$4,832	\$5,063	\$5,200	\$5,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
M	Gold Star Parent Annuity Program	ATL	0.5	\$0	\$0	\$30	\$70	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
L	Merchant Marine Program	ATL	0	\$0	\$0	\$270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
M	County Aid To Localities Program	ATL	0	\$546	\$574	\$680	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
L	Rochester VOC Program	ATL	0	\$212	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
M	Supplemental Burial Benefit Program	ATL	0.25	\$33	\$15	\$30	\$30	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
L	Community Projects	ATL	0	\$1,659	\$2,375	\$3,816	\$2,947	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
L	Canine for Combat Veteran Program	ATL	0.25	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total		1.75	\$7,282	\$8,277	\$10,426	\$9,897	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Statutorily Mandated															
L	Depleted Uranium Task Force	n/a	0													
L	Hall of Fame	n/a	0													
L	Women Veteran Coordinator	n/a	0.25													
M	Veterans Affairs Commission	n/a	0													
L	Senior Seminars	n/a	0													
L	Veteran Procurement Seminars (new)	n/a	0													
	Total		0.25													
	TOTAL		113													

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Women Veteran Coordinator

Mandate:
Article 17, Executive Law, Section 361-b

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE

Brief Description/History/Background:
Women Veteran Coordinator (who shall be a woman veteran) was created in order to assist women veterans in accessing all benefits especially those specific to women.

Issues:

Population Served:
66,000

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Administration Program

Mandate:
Article 17 NYS Executive Law

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE: 80/09 appropriation \$820,000 ; 07/08 approp \$736,000 ; 06/07 approp \$719,000

Brief Description/History/Background:
NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs was established in 1945 by legislation to assist and advocate for veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned as a result of service in the Armed Forces of the United States. The State Director, with the approval of the Governor, may establish such bureaus within the Division as are necessary and appropriate to carry out its functions.

Issues:

Population Served:
approximately 1,065,000 veterans reside in NYS

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Blind Veteran Annuity Program

Mandate:

Article 17, Section 362 Subdivision 3 of the Laws of New York State

Mandated Funding Level:

2008/09 funding level is \$1128.72 per veteran, paid in monthly installments of \$94.06. Statute provides for an annual Cost of Living adjustment not to exceed 4%

Brief Description/History/Background:

The program was originally defined in section 3 of chapter 415 of the laws of 1913. April 1961 Article VI of NYS Military Law was repealed and Article XVII was amended, transferring the powers and functions for administering the Blind Annuity Program to the Division of Veterans' Affairs. The Blind Annuity Program is a benefit for legally blind NYS Wartime Veterans or their surviving, un-remarried spouse

Issues:

Population Served:

currently there are 4549 Veterans and unremarried surviving spouse's receiving the annual benefit

Performance Measures:

NONE

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Program: Supplemental Burial Benefit

Mandate:

July 1, 2003 - Section 354B of the Executive Law

Mandated Funding Level:

individual awards shall not exceed \$6000 per individual - it is intended to cover any remaining costs not covered by the federal benefit

Brief Description/History/Background:

Provides aid to families of military personnel, who were killed in combat or on active duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger on or after September 29, 2003, with respect to expenses incurred in connection with the burial of the decedent.

Issues:

Population Served:

families of military members killed in action

Performance Measures:

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Program: Community Projects

Mandate:
Legislative Initiatives

Mandated Funding Level:
Varies

Brief Description/History/Background:

Issues:

Population Served:
Unknown

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Aid to County and City Veteran's Service Agencies

Mandate:

Article 17, Executive Law of State of New York Section 357 and 359

Mandated Funding Level:

County population of not more than 100,000 = \$5000; county population exceeding 100,000 = \$5000 + \$2500 per 100,000 over

Brief Description/History/Background:

there shall be established a county veterans' service agency in each county, not wholly included within a city and there shall be a county director which is an appointed position

Issues:

Population Served:

NYS veteran population of 1,065,000 or the veteran population of each individual county

Performance Measures:

counties are required to submit their budget to the Division prior to receiving funds

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Program: Military Toxins Task Force

Mandate:
Chapter 743, Laws of New York, 2006

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE

Brief Description/History/Background:
task force is intended to study the effects of health problems due to military service such as the exposure to depleted uranium

Issues:
Federal Government already tests for exposure

Population Served:
unknown

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Gold Star Parent Annuity

Mandate:

State Statute; August 1, 2006 the Governor signed Chapter 399

Mandated Funding Level:

Program authorizes an annuity of up to \$500 per Gold Star Parent of a deceased veteran, not to exceed \$1000 per veteran

Brief Description/History/Background:

Awards an annuity to parents of veterans who are identified as Gold Star Parents under 10 USC 1126 annually for the service provided by veterans and their parents loss

Issues:

income level at or below 200% of the federal poverty level

Population Served:

57 have been approved to receive the annuity

Performance Measures:

136 applications sent; 57 approved

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Program: New York State Veterans Hall of Fame

Mandate:
Chapter 434, Laws of 2005

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE

Brief Description/History/Background:
provides for the establishment of a NYS Veterans' Hall of Fame to honor those men and women who served in the military during wartime and then became outstanding citizens in life

Issues:

Population Served:
unknown

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Merchant Marine Program

Mandate:

Chapter 325, law of New York State - amends Chapter 547 of the laws of 1947

Mandated Funding Level:

provides \$250 one time bonus to members of the Merchant Marines who served at sea during WWII; was appropriated at \$1,666,000

Brief Description/History/Background:

In 1988 the Federal Government conferred veteran status upon Merchant Marines. Thereafter, NYS enacted legislation that also gave veteran status to Merchant Marines, however the original time to file for the WWII bonus was March 31, 1965. This law was enacted to provide payment of the bonus to members of the Merchang Marines who served in WWII or their un-remarried surviving spouse. Applications were only accepted until July 18, 2008

Issues:

Population Served:

650 have been approved to receive the bonus

Performance Measures:

822 applications were mailed

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Program: Rochester Veterans Outreach Center (VOC)

Mandate:
NONE

Mandated Funding Level:
\$250,000

Brief Description/History/Background:

The Rochester VOC is a not for profit that traditionally received the money through the member item process until a few years ago when it became "above the line" for reasons unknown by the Division

Issues:

Population Served:
Monroe County Veterans (est. 50,774)

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Senior Seminars

Mandate:
Section 353(4)(a) Executive Law

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE

Brief Description/History/Background:

To provide seminars three times a year at locations throughout the state to advise veterans and their surviving spouses, who are age 62 or older, of veterans' benefits for which they may be eligible from the state and federal governments and the means of obtaining such benefits

Issues:

Population Served:
veterans age 62 and older

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Veterans Affairs Commission

Mandate:

Article 17, Section 352, Executive Laws of the State of New York

Mandated Funding Level:

NONE - members receive no salary but each is entitled to receive expenses incurred by the performance of duties

Brief Description/History/Background:

There shall be in the Division a Veterans' Affairs Commission to assist the state director in the formulation of policies affecting veterans and in the coordination of all operations of state agencies relating to veterans affairs

Issues:

Population Served:

approximately 1,065,000 veterans in NYS

Performance Measures:

NONE

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Program: Canine for Combat Veteran Program

Mandate:
"above the line" in the Division's 08/09 budget

Mandated Funding Level:
\$150,000

Brief Description/History/Background:
Under development

Issues:
unknown

Population Served:
unknown

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Veteran Procurement Seminars (new program)

Mandate:
Chapter 387 of the Laws of New York signed 7/21/08

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE

Brief Description/History/Background:
Directs the Division to work in Cooperation with the Office of General Services (OGS) to host a series of 4 or more seminars across NYS that focus on training, requirements and opportunities for procurement contracts from NYS agencies, municipalities and authorities. The seminars would be available to veteran-owned businesses

Issues:

Population Served:
unknown

Performance Measures:
NONE

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Program: Veterans' Education Program

Mandate:

Federal Statute - provisions of Section 3674, Title 38, U.S.C

Mandated Funding Level:

Special Revenue Fund

Brief Description/History/Background:

Veterans Education is a State Approving Agency(SAA) and renders necessary services in ascertaining the qualifications of educational institutions and/or training establishments to furnish courses of education under the provisions of the law, and in the supervision of such educational institutions and/or training establishments

Issues:

Better implementaion of the new federal GI Bill for the 21st Century and New York State's Veterans' Tuition Award

Population Served:

505 Institutions of Higher Learning and 332 Job Training Providers

Performance Measures:

SAA shall furnish VA a copy of the written report of each visit made; SAA maintains complete approval records for all approved courses or programs; SAA shall furnish VA a written report of results of each special investigation or inspection

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Program: Veteran Counseling Services Program

Mandate:
Article 17, NYS Executive Law

Mandated Funding Level:
NONE; however for fiscal year 08/09 Veteran Counseling was appropriated at \$5,744,000 ; 07/08 \$5,153,000 ; and 06/07 \$5,036,00

Brief Description/History/Background:
NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs was established in 1945 by legislation to assist and advocate for veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned as a result of service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Our counseling services across the state encompass the core of our direct care service delivery model of connecting veterans and their families with their earned benefits

Issues:
#2. Greater reliance upon Technology in supporting claim development. In order to keep up with moving trends, the Division must have the best technological resources available in order to submit timely claims for veterans and their families.

Population Served:
approximately 1,065,000 veterans reside in NYS with only about 11% accessing services

Performance Measures:
11,791 is the number of claims filed with the Federal VA for Compensation and Pension in the year 2007. The value of claim work for New Yorkers in 2007 was \$80 million.