### HIGHLIGHTS OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS IN WISCONSIN

Military Service — More Wisconsinites served in World War II than in any other conflict, with Vietnam ranking second, but fatalities were heaviest in the Civil War. From the Civil War through the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, about 26,700 Wisconsinites have lost their lives performing military service during times of conflict. As of mid-2007, more than 8,000 members of the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard had been mobilized to serve on active duty since September 11, 2001.

As of June 2007, about 9,600 citizen-soldiers and airmen were serving in Army and Air National Guard units at military facilities located in 67 communities throughout the state.

**Veterans' Programs** — Since the end of World War II, more than 580,000 grants and loans totaling about \$3.1 billion have been provided to Wisconsin veterans. Historically, most of the grants have been for educational purposes, while the overwhelming number of loans were for housing. The grants have also covered subsistence and emergency health care assistance for needy veterans. Veterans may qualify for low-interest home mortgage and home improvement loans. In addition, eligible veterans and, in some instances, spouses and dependent children of deceased veterans may qualify for personal loans to finance expenses, such as education, business start-ups or purchases, medical bills, debt consolidation, and mobile home purchases.

In 2005, Wisconsin veterans and their families received almost \$37 million in federal educational and vocational rehabilitation assistance. A total of 50,433 Wisconsin veterans received over \$522 million in benefits through the compensation and pension programs.

The Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King and Union Grove had 854 members at the end of 2006. In general, to be eligible for residence, a veteran must have completed certain military service requirements and be a Wisconsin resident on the date of admission to a veterans home. In addition, he or she must have been a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into service or a resident of the state for any 5-year period after service and prior to application for admission. Depending on availability of space, spouses and surviving spouses or parents of qualifying veterans may also be admitted.

The following tables present selected data. Consult the footnoted sources for more detailed information about military and veterans affairs.

### WISCONSIN'S MILITARY SERVICE

Military Action	Number Served	Number Killed
Civil War	91,3791	12,216
Spanish-American War	5,469	1342
Mexican Border Service	4,168	NA
World War I	122,215	3,932
World War II	$332,200^3$	8,390
Korean Conflict	$132,000^3$	729
Vietnam	$165,400^4$	1,2395
Lebanon/Grenada	4006	1
Panama	5207	1
Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm	10,4008	11
Somalia	4269	2
Bosnia/Kosovo	67810	NA
Iraq and Afghanistan Theaters of Operations since September 11, 2001	20,03411	8212

Note: Includes Wisconsin residents who served on active duty during declared wars and officially designated periods of hostilities.

NA – Not available.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, June 3, 2007.

# DIRECT STATE BENEFITS TO WISCONSIN WAR VETERANS 1943 – 1961

Fiscal Year	Number of Grants and Loans	Total Benefits	Rehabilitation Trust Funds	Housing Fund
8/1/43-1946	6,359	\$975,173	\$975,173	
1947	10,701	2,207,914	2,207,914	
1948	9,578	3,511,527	3,511,527	
1949	6,086	2,512,517	2,512,517	
1950	5,867	3,463,058	2,040,658	\$1,422,400
1951	6,137	5,178,106	2,104,550	3,073,556
1952	10,442	22,362,081	1,995,116	20,366,965
1953	5,099	8,842,780	1,331,140	7,511,640
954	4,507	4,420,030	1,502,748	2,917,282
955	3,482	4,236,298	1,112,173	3,124,125
1956	3,639	5,389,187	787,861	4,601,326
957	2,890	4,246,004	730,452	3,515,552
958	2,779	4,912,233	660,994	4,251,239
959	2,954	5,419,609	670,262	4,749,347
960	3,345	7,341,922	591,272	6,750,650
1961	3,081	6,654,189	584,426	6,069,763

Note: The 1961 Legislature merged all veterans' funds into the Veterans Trust Fund. Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, March 1995.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Total includes some who enlisted more than once. The net number of soldiers recruited in Wisconsin was about 80,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Casualties only from Wisconsin 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Regiments. No details available for Wisconsin residents serving in federal units.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>U.S. Veterans Administration letter, October 17, 1961.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>U.S. Veterans Administration report, March 31, 1990.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Total includes 1,131 from U.S. Department of Defense and 108 additional names from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Based on statistics developed for legislation to extend state benefits to veterans who served on active duty in Lebanon or its territorial waters between August 1, 1982, and August 1, 1984, or in Grenada between October 23, 1983, and November 21, 1983.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>U.S. Department of Defense statistics on troop involvement.

<sup>8</sup>Based on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs formula for determining number of state residents on active duty who served in the Middle East/Persian Gulf area (beginning August 1990) and Guard and Reserve troops activated for duty in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Based on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs formula for determining the number of state residents who served during Operation Restore Hope, beginning December 9, 1992.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Based on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs formula for determining the number of state residents who served in Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Joint Guard, and Operation Joint Forge from November 1995 to present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Based on CTS Deployment File (Service Members Ever Deployed) as of December 31, 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Based on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, June 3, 2007.

# VETERANS BENEFITS, 1962 – 2006

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	Gen. Obligation Bond Housing Loans	-		-	-	\$187,896,184	15,388,921	1,094,338	50,895,774	52,213,509	42,237,750	13,583,597	14,474,851	24,224,971	30,809,378	40,350,965	43,360,951	29,898,921	18,620,502	33,157,403	111,133,109	75,181,784	94,848,446	147,413,341	124,908,352	127,378,150	61,381,942	67,700,033	59,411,548	78,103,694	29,044,675	14,018,050	
	Revenue Bond Housing Loans	1		-	\$46,694,662	-	67,130,619	8,400,780	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-						!		!	
Loans	Second Mortgage Housing	\$6,110,586	3,263,149	5,177,305	10,076,963	843,433	1,345,430	1,062,015	762,930	782,463	552,106	243,147	141,370	289,606	832,436	327,819	62,960	18,799				-	-	-	-	-	-	-		!		-	
	Personal Loan Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		\$10,215,928 <sup>2</sup>	11,837,974	10,802,068	9,034,356	15,780,270	19,792,680	11,808,566	2,271,942	4,113,262	
	Economic Assistance	\$515,008	359,705	3,605,092	9,098,837	6,735,632	4,323,114	3,656,939	3,073,217	3,116,789	2,737,544	3,678,759	2,802,819	2,405,642	2,459,813	2,776,835	3,945,614	4,192,505	2,673,585	2,567,053	2,544,584	3,189,625	2,401,548	666,575 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Full-Time Educational Grants	-		-	\$1,836,207	731,672	479,232	469,347	391,542	328,036	225,043	157,379	127,789	91,392	77,787	62,025	50,993	137,799	167,838	299	-		-							-			
Grants	Educational	\$2,100	13,654	289,743	1,240,917	1,099,266	1,092,510	1,159,025	986,106	1,227,239	1,483,693	1,255,252	807,253	696,352	698,946	683,355	743,351	526,215	512,770	716,858	754,052	1,609,350	1,797,649	1,680,881	1,447,882	1,786,205	1,768,452	2,822,134	2,909,812	4,384,642	5,698,107	4,751,263	
	Economic	\$53,891	100,751	193,044	607,279	362,556	424,041	378,614	591,351	469,314	453,502	378,999	529,634	426,595	533,929	636,434	398,706	381,312	472,302	451,666	552,893	601,030	937,294	783,664	2,263,317	3,226,128	1,205,846	1,925,094	1,752,733	1,296,310	413,564	1,052,493	
	Total Benefits	\$6,681,585	3,737,259	9,265,183	69,554,865	197,668,743	90,183,867	16,221,058	56,700,920	58,137,350	47,689,638	19,297,133	18,883,716	28,134,558	35,412,289	44,837,433	48,562,575	35,155,551	22,446,997	58,337,8131	$126,009,594^{1}$	80,581,789	99,984,937	160,760,389	139,857,465	143,192,551	73,390,596	88,227,531	83,866,773	95,593,212	37,428,288	23,935,069	
	Number of Grants and Loans	3,073	2,384	8,296	32,898	25,670	16,926	13,333	11,516	11,522	10,326	9,648	7,690	6,643	6,614	6,150	6,279	4,871	4,314	5,314	080'9	7,483	7,231	7,767	6,493	5,912	5,020	5,951	6,255	5,628	4,424	4,068	
	Fiscal Year	1962	1965	1970	1975	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	1000

Note: The 1961 Legislature merged all veterans' funds into the Veterans Trust Fund.

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Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, June 2007.

### WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD

### JOINT UNITS

### Joint Force Headquarters Wisconsin

Joint Force Headquarters Detachment - Madison 54th Civil Support Team (WMD) - Madison

### ARMY UNITS

### Joint Force Headquarters Separate Units

Recruiting and Retention Command - Madison

Det. 52. OSA Command - Madison

32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. - Camp Douglas 1967th Contingency Contracting Team - Camp Douglas

1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery - Wisconsin

Battery A - Marshfield

Battery B - Stevens Point

2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. (-) - Appleton

Det. 1, Headquarters Co. - Clintonville

Company A (-) - Waupun

Det. 1, Co. A - Ripon

Company B - Green Bay

Company C - Fond du Lac

Company D - Marinette 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. (-) - Eau Claire

Det. 1, Headquarters Co. - Abbotsford

Company A - Menomonie

Company B (-) - New Richmond

Det. 1, Co. B - Rice Lake

Company C (-) - Arcadia

Det. 1, Co. C (-) - Onalaska

Company D - River Falls

132nd Brigade Support Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. - Portage

Company A (-) (Distro) - Janesville

Det. 1, Co. A - Elkhorn

Company B (Maint) - Mauston

Company C (Med) - Milwaukee

Company D (-) (FSC) - Baraboo

Det. 1, Co. D - Madison

Company E (-) (FSC) - Waupaca

Det. 1, Co. E - Appleton

Company F (-) (FSC) - Neillsville

Det. 1, Co. F - Eau Claire

Company G (-) (FSC) - Mosinee

Det. 1, Co. G - Wisconsin Rapids

32nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. (-) - Wausau

Det. 1, Headquarters Co. - Merrill

Company A (EN) - Onalaska

Company B (MI) - Madison

Company C (Signal) - Antigo

105th Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target

Acquisition Squadron

Headquarters Troop - Madison

Troop A - Fort Atkinson

Troop B - Watertown Troop C - Reedsburg

### 64th Troop Command

Headquarters and Headquarters Det. - Madison

Wisconsin Medical Command - Madison

Det. 1. Wisconsin Medical Command - Marshfield

332nd Rear Operations Center - Berlin

64th Rear Operations Center - Monroe

641st Troop Command Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment -Madison

32nd Military Police Company (-) - Milwaukee

Det. 1, 32nd MP Company - Oconomowoc

135th Medical Co. - Waukesha

832nd Medical Co. (Air Ambulance) - West Bend

Det. 1, Co. B, 248th Aviation Support Bn. - West Bend

112th Mobile Public Affairs Det. - Madison

132 Army Band - Madison

232nd Personnel Services Det. - Madison

732nd Combat Support Sustainment Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Det. - Tomah

107th Maintenance Co. (-) - Sparta

Det. 1, 107th Maintenance Co. - Viroqua

1157th Transportation Co. - Oshkosh

1158th Transportation Co. (-) - Beloit

Det. 1, 1158th Trans. Co. - Black River Falls

1st Battalion, 147th Command Aviation

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. - Madison

Company A - Madison

Det. 1, Co. C - Madison

Company D - Madison

Company E - Madison

# 157th Combat Support Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. - Milwaukee

1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery (HIMARS) Headquarters and Headquarters Service Btry. -

Milwaukee

Battery A - Racine

Battery B - Plymouth

Battery C - Sussex

257th Brigade Support Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Det. - Oak Creek

Company A (Distro) - Whitewater

Company B (Spt Maint) - Kenosha

357th Signal Network Support Co. - Two Rivers

108th FSC (HIMARS) - Sussex

457th Chemical Co. - Burlington

724th Engineer Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. - Chippewa Falls

Company A - Hayward

106th Engineer Det. (Quarry Team) - Tomah

229th Engineer Co. (-) (Horizontal) - Prairie du Chien

Det. 1, 229th Engineer Co. - Platteville

273rd Engineer Co. (Wheeled Sapper) - Medford

824th Engineer Det. (Concrete) – Richland Center 829th Engineer Co. (–) (Vertical) – Chippewa Falls

Det. 1, 829th Engineer Co. – Richland Center Det. 2, 829th Engineer Co. – Ashland

924th Engineer Det. (Facilities) – Chippewa Falls 949th Engineer Det. (Survey & Design Tm) – Chippewa

950th Engineer Co. (-) (Clearance) - Superior

Det. 1, 950th Engineer Co. - Spooner

951st Engineer Co. (-) (Wheeled Sapper) - Tomahawk Det. 1, 951st Engineer Co. - Rhinelander

### 426th Leadership Regiment (Wisconsin Military Academy)

Headquarters and Headquarters Det. – Fort McCoy Training Site Command – Fort McCoy 1st Battalion, 426th Rgt. (FA) – Fort McCoy 2nd Battalion, 426th Rgt. (GS) – Fort McCoy

### AIR UNITS

### Headquarters, Wisconsin Air National Guard – Madison

115th Fighter Wing - Truax Field, Madison

115th Operations Group

176th Fighter Squadron

115th Operations Support Flight

115th Maintenance Group

115th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

115th Maintenance Squadron

115th Maintenance Operations Flight

115th Mission Support Group

115th Logistics Readiness Squadron

115th Security Forces Squadron

115th Mission Support Flight

115th Services Flight

115th Civil Engineer Squadron

115th Communications Flight

115th Medical Group

128th Air Refueling Wing - Mitchell Field, Milwaukee

128th Operations Group

126th Air Refueling Squadron

128th Operations Support Flight

128th Maintenance Group

128th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

128th Maintenance Squadron

128th Maintenance Operations Flight

128th Mission Support Group

128th Logistics Readiness Squadron

128th Security Forces Squadron

128th Mission Support Flight

128th Services Flight

128th Civil Engineer Squadron

128th Communications Flight

126th Weather Flight

128th Medical Group

Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center - Camp Douglas

128th Air Control Squadron – Volk Field CRTC, Camp Douglas

Bold Face – Major Command

(-) - Headquarters of a split unit

Abbreviations: Btry. - Battery

Co. – Company CRTC – Combat Readiness Training Center

Det. – Detachment Distro – Distribution

EN – Engineer

FA - Field Artillery

FSC - Forward Support Company

GS - General Studies

HIMARS - High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System

Maint - Maintenance

Med - Medical

MI - Military Intelligence

MP - Military Police

OSA - Operational Support Airlift

Rgt. - Regiment

WMD - Weapons of Mass Destruction

Source: Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, departmental data, May 2007. Updated to represent approved future force structure for Wisconsin Army National Guard units.

# MEMBERSHIP, WISCONSIN VETERANS HOMES 1888 – 2006

	Civil and	Spanish-	World	l War I	World	War II	Korean	Conflict	
	Indian Wars	American	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Total
1888	72								72
1890	139								139
1900	680								680
1910	699								699
1920	532								532
1930	254	108	10	14					386
1940	89	196	101	130					516
1950	27	156	189	93	5	1			471
1960	4	74	203	94	40	5			450
1961	3	66	221	88	39	8			427
1962	3	66	223	82	52	9			431
1963	3	67	235	87	57	10			459
1964	3	63	237	105	61	16			485
1965	2	62	247	112	77	16			516
1966	1	56	258	112	86	21			534
1967	1	46	272	120	93	20			555
1968	1	48	253	123	93	16			534
1969	1	43	253	145	101	14			560
1970	1	35	279	146	153	20	1	0	635
1971	1	39	316	160	184	31	2	0	723
1972	0	28	279	155	199	39	2	0	702
1973	0	25	285	108	199	37	0	1	715
1974	0	21	279	175	185	37	0	2	699

	Spanish- American		Wor	ld War I	Worl	d War II	Korea	n Conflict	Vie	etnam	Othe	er Eras <sup>1</sup>	
	Vets.	Deps.	Vets.	Deps.	Vets.	Deps.	Vets.	Deps.	Vets.	Deps.	Vets.	Deps.	Total
1975	. 1	18	272	171	198	40	3	2	0	0	0	0	705
1976	. 1	14	254	167	209	40	2	2	0	0	0	0	689
1977	. 1	13	270	164	205	41	4	2	0	0	0	0	700
1978	. 1	11	261	158	218	38	3	2	0	0	0	0	692
1979		11	244	146	227	37	4	1	0	0	0	0	672
1980		8	242	144	241	36	5	1	0	0	0	0	678
1981		8	224	139	264	40	8	2	0	0	0	0	685
1982		7	189	124	282	43	11	2	0	0	0	0	658
1983		5	171	111	297	42	14	2	1	0	0	0	643
1984		4	144	97	316	47	21	2	3	0	0	0	634
1985		4	129	102	329	54	28	0	5	0	0	0	651
1986		4	117	92	348	56	35	5	7	0	0	0	664
1987		2	108	84	384	60	36	4	8	0	0	0	686
1988		1	84	76	395	55	45	7	8	0	0	0	671
1989		2	62	75	399	67	50	7	9	1	0	0	672
1990		2	49	65	431	76	62	8	10	1	3	0	707
1991		2	43	57	440	74	69	10	10	2	3	0	710
1992		1	33	44	442	77	82	10	12	1	2	0	704
1993		1	23	41	463	73	94	9	11	1	2	0	718
1994		1	14	33	488	83	99	11	12	2	1	0	744
1995	0	1	8	31	484	84	99	12	16	2	1	0	738
1996	0	1	4	24	489	79	103	12	25	1	1	0	739
1997	0	1	3	20	479	82	107	11	38	1	3	0	744
1998	0	0	1	17	460	83	123	12	39	1	9	0	745
1999		0	0	12	445	87	128	11	41	3	13	1	741
2000		0	0	10	423	94	132	12	47	4	21	2	745
2001		0	0	9	414	95	133	10	51	3	25	2	742
2002		0	0	8	404	103	130	11	54	3	29	2	744
2003		0	0	7	433	105	140	13	67	3	35	2	805
2004		0	0	3	416	99	148	15	72	3	40	2	798
2005		0	0	2	350	103	144	15	71	3	40	2	730
$2006^2$ .	. 0	0	0	1	407	119	164	17	87	5	50	4	854

Deps. - Dependents.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, June 2007.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm I}\!\!$  Other periods of hostilities for which expeditionary medals were awarded.

 $<sup>^2 \</sup>mbox{Includes}$  Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove.

# FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FOR VETERANS By State, Federal Fiscal Year 2005

State	Number of Veterans <sup>1</sup>	Education and Vocational Rehabilitation (in thousands)	Compensation and Pension (in thousands)	Number of Veterans Receiving Compensation and Pension
Alabama	421,992	\$57,566	\$781,564	68,273
Alaska	66,537	10,577	112,403	12,069
Arizona	552,963	85,494	741,741	66,801
Arkansas	265,532	30,353	521.422	39,217
California	2,257,130	304,138	2,664,232	245,078
Colorado	424,029	77,084	557,998	54,514
Connecticut	260,388	42,702	203,599	21,445
Delaware	79,915	6,945	81,726	8,631
District of Columbia	36,056	15,330	93,351	5,205
Florida	1,768,359	217,636	2,547,217	235,286
Georgia	758,963	153,708	1,080,278	102,465
Hawaii	104,842	19,909	163,804	15,230
Idaho	132,554	16,010	181,769	17,499
ILLINOIS	874,387	92,901	675,043	71,387
Indiana	542,505	37,635	464,767	50,772
IOWA	260,406	19.847	245.947	24,557
Kansas	241,958	28.242	273,066	27,380
Kentucky	355,576	40,220	556,571	48.043
Louisiana	361,757	48,870	618,578	45,792
Maine	141,416	25,408	294,034	22,571
Maryland	478,543	60,010	503,180	52,430
Massachusetts	476,363	45,021	606,065	55,889
MICHIGAN	820,485	60,713	713,938	72,841
MINNESOTA	418,386	38,041	501,299	50,503
Mississippi	238,279	23,899	392,591	32,912
Missouri	546,416	55,633	637,033	59,775
Montana	101,438	11,246	157,711	15.017
Nebraska	156,667	20,985	260,924	18.984
Nevada	244,205	24,943	299,197	29.318
New Hampshire	129,281	15,714	156,451	15,573
New Jersey	563,953	59,300	525,614	51,685
New Mexico	178,070	30,885	407,879	29,217
New York	1,132,703	151,405	1,211,440	119,135
North Carolina	761,894	126,828	1,264,959	110,871
North Dakota	54,208	8,756	80,266	8,537
Ohio	1,032,095	86,172	944,206	99,498
Oklahoma	351,072	64,030	800,396	58,943
Oregon	362,104	47,154	541,793	44,846
Pennsylvania	1,117,004	73,050	1,099,113	105,185
Rhode Island	88,735	6,551	123,063	10,707
South Carolina	411,987	59,358	636,454	57,486
South Dakota	72,196	11,223	123,022	11,798
Tennessee	536,574	58,189	776,018	69,199
Texas	1,667,370	294,748	2,840,910	251,564
Utah	148,958	20,608	161,144	16,320
Vermont	56,743	18,430	69,051	5,983
Virginia	744,459	136,262	1,037,063	106,520
Washington	625,408	91,717	958,516	89,164
West Virginia	185,221	62,266	347,552	26,564
WISCONSIN	466,054	36,832	522,151	50,433
Wyoming	54,341	5,515	64,805	6,716
UNITED STATES <sup>2</sup>	24,256,800	\$3,154,748	\$32,068,270	2,947,646

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Estimate as of September 30, 2005.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, June 2007.

 $<sup>^2 \</sup>mbox{United States total includes Puerto Rico.}$