

THE DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Annual Statistics

2006 - 2007

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MISSION

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is to provide assistance to Nebraska's veterans and their dependents in acquiring county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their service to this country.

- Administer state benefit programs for qualified Nebraska veterans and their eligible dependents.
- Prepare and present cases on state and federal benefits for qualified Nebraska veterans and their eligible dependents before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Service as an advocate for the veteran's position on all issues, legislative or otherwise, that impact their benefits, their status or their social well-being.
- Create and establish a State Veterans' Cemetery System that will provide an eternal resting place for veterans and eligible dependents that meet or surpass National Cemetery Administration Standards.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs duties and organization are outlined in:

Article 3, Chapter 80, Section 305-308

Article 4, Chapter 80, Section 401-412

Article 9, Chapter 80, Section 901-903

Article 13, Chapter 12, Section 1301

The agency also has a complete set of Rules and Regulations on file with the Secretary of State.

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR 2006 – 2007

LB 425	\$ 768,002	Program 036	Departmental Administration
LB1060	\$ 7,848	Program 036	Health Insurance Appropriation
LB 425	\$ 3,000	Program 037	Veterans' Cemetery System
LB 996A	\$1,500,000	Program 937	Veterans Cemetery Construction

NEBRASKA VETERANS' AID FUND

Nebraska Investment Council's Principal Investment of Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund (NVA)
as of June 30, 2007:

Value of Investments

Fixed Income Amount	\$17,832,010.23	50.00%
U.S. Equity Amount	13,328,130.00	37.37%
Non-U.S. Equity Amount	3,577,920.62	10.03%
Global Equity Amount	<u>924,745.71</u>	<u>2.60%</u>
Total	\$35,662,806.56	100%

TABLE I

Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2006:

Short-Term Investment Pool	\$1,322,457.71
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TABLE II

Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2007:

Short-Term Investment Pool	\$1,722,295.85
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TABLE III

This table shows the monthly income during Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

	Amount Available for Aid July 1, 2006	\$1,322,457.71
2006	July Receipts	\$ 4,462.86
	August “	4,857.85
	September “	325,369.11
	October “	4,574.53
	November “	5,350.63
	December “	5,121.48
2007	January Receipts	\$ 4,981.75
	February “	224,520.23
	March “	5,062.34
	April “	280,209.76
	May “	5,685.44
	June “	363,382.13
	Total	\$ 1,233,578.11
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	TOTAL AVAILABLE	2,556,035.82
	Less Amount Expended for Aid During 2006-2007 (Table V)	- 833,739.97
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	AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR AID JULY 1, 2007	\$1,722,295.85

TABLE IV

This table shows the monthly withdrawals for aid to veterans during 2006-2007.

2006	July Withdrawals	\$ 61,263.60
	August “	87,391.35
	September “	70,135.06
	October “	76,871.70
	November “	68,697.12
	December “	67,714.00
2007	January Withdrawals	\$ 88,688.13
	February “	82,358.16
	March “	68,738.06
	April “	72,924.98
	May “	52,750.71
	June “	46,765.92
	 Total	 <u>\$ 844,298.79</u>
	 Less Credits	 \$ 10,558.82
	 TOTAL WITHDRAWALS FOR AID TO VETERANS	 <u>\$ 833,739.97</u>

TABLE V

Report of Actions taken on applications for Nebraska Veterans Aid (NVA)

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

NVA Applications Pending June 30, 2006 :	33
NVA Applications Received in FY 2007:	<u>1,128</u>
TOTAL:	1,161
NVA Applications Approve for Assistance:	831
NVA Applications Denied:	233
NVA Applications Cancelled	44
NVA Applications Pending June 30, 2007:	<u>53</u>
TOTAL:	1,161
New Applications:	428

TABLE VI

Earnings and Expenditures to Needy Veterans from 1921 to June 30, 2007.

FISCAL YEAR	NET INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS & OTHER	EXPENDED FOR AID TO VETERANS
1921-1971	\$7,653,918.98	\$6,704,421.65
1971-1972	490,396.50	566,678.18
1972-1973	503,356.38	563,922.34
1973-1974	527,091.71	674,250.90
1974-1975	490,910.24	809,642.51
1975-1976	526,142.96	670,112.08
1976-1977	631,444.30	561,847.51
1977-1978	716,470.64	611,754.62
1978-1979	813,409.69	669,776.65
1979-1980	880,716.94	760,643.56
1980-1981	921,354.89	875,404.36
1981-1982	1,042,882.32	956,136.74
1982-1983	1,008,931.32	1,096,673.37
1983-1984	980,267.09	975,710.54
1984-1985	964,394.34	1,029,916.87
1985-1986	1,077,417.14	1,137,889.73
1986-1987	1,049,000.57	978,974.23
1987-1988	982,040.03	875,157.94
1988-1989	946,037.86	846,603.70
1989-1990	1,078,694.23	898,159.51
1990-1991	1,084,870.97	963,845.57
1991-1992	1,093,368.24	873,458.69
1992-1993	1,069,455.69	893,111.20
1993-1994	1,039,318.86	903,947.92
1994-1995	1,065,978.54	910,679.62
1995-1996	1,138,396.60	945,238.21
1996-1997	1,060,387.93	1,083,710.62
1997-1998	1,089,848.19	1,303,995.46
1998-1999	1,075,403.31	1,326,705.33
1999-2000	1,143,104.11	1,387,251.99
2000-2001	1,248,916.46	1,503,356.31
2001-2002	1,004,949.56	1,353,929.44
2002-2003	968,257.14	1,214,381.21
2003-2004	910,995.04	957,143.61
2004-2005	1,510,462.54	835,804.16
2005-2006	1,136,581.18	881,758.45
2006-2007	1,233,578.11	833,739.97
TOTALS	42,158,030.60	40,435,734.75

TABLE VII

#	county	total	#	county	total
14	ADAMS	\$12,327.58	52	KEARNEY	\$ 4,094.97
26	ANTELOPE	\$ 5,325.20	68	KEITH	\$ 2,000.00
91	ARTHUR		82	KEYA PAHA	
85	BANNER		71	KIMBALL	
86	BLAINE		12	KNOX	\$ 9,666.31
23	BOONE	478.00	2	LANCASTER	\$ 101,317.92
65	BOX BUTTE		15	LINCOLN	\$ 14,620.04
63	BOYD		87	LOGAN	
75	BROWN		88	LOUP	
9	BUFFALO	\$ 29,116.73	7	MADISON	\$ 5,864.54
31	BURT	\$ 8,519.83	90	MCPHERSON	
25	BUTLER		46	MERRICK	
20	CASS	\$ 19,217.59	64	MORRILL	
13	CEDAR	\$ 3,575.17	58	NANCE	\$ 2,639.51
72	CHASE	\$ 7,600.00	44	NEMAHA	
66	CHERRY	\$ 4,728.28	42	NUCKOLLS	
39	CHEYENNE	\$ 380.00	11	OTOE	\$ 5,892.26
30	CLAY	\$ 674.68	54	PAWNEE	
43	COLFAX	\$,595.00	74	PERKINS	\$ 3,000.00
24	CUMING		37	PHELPS	\$ 21,088.98
4	CUSTER	\$ 3,400.00	40	PIERCE	\$ 201.99
70	DAKOTA	\$ 8,022.61	10	PLATTE	\$ 6,770.46
69	DAWES		41	POLK	\$ 923.80
18	DAWSON	\$ 8,578.93	48	RED WILLOW	\$ 1,484.06
78	DEUEL		19	RICHARDSON	
35	DIXON	\$ 2,340.00	81	ROCK	
5	DODGE	\$ 23,507.27	22	SALINE	\$ 4,337.54
1	DOUGLAS	\$ 265,657.71	59	SARPY	\$ 48,405.67
76	DUNDY		6	SAUNDERS	\$ 3,949.31
34	FILLMORE	\$ 943.32	21	SCOTTS BLUFF	\$ 36,062.90
50	FRANKLIN		16	SEWARD	\$ 3,425.00
60	FRONTIER		61	SHERIDAN	\$ 66.00
38	FURNAS	\$ 2,145.00	56	SHERMAN	
3	GAGE	\$ 23,864.03	80	SIOUX	
77	GARDEN	\$ 1,439.00	53	STANTON	\$ 10,239.33
83	GARFIELD		32	THAYER	\$ 1,795.00
73	GOSPER		89	THOMAS	
92	GRANT		55	THURSTON	\$ 3,000.00
62	GREELEY		47	VALLEY	
8	HALL	\$ 72,412.99	29	WASHINGTON	\$ 2,376.57
28	HAMILTON	\$ 5,380.22	27	WAYNE	
51	HARLAN		45	WEBSTER	\$ 1,595.00
79	HAYES		84	WHEELER	
67	HITCHCOCK		17	YORK	\$ 6,182.00
36	HOLT	\$ 3,016.49			
93	HOOKER			TOTAL	\$ 883,739.97
49	HOWARD	\$ 5,902.78			
33	JEFFERSON	\$ 7,592.40			
57	JOHNSON				

TABLE VIII

JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007

NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME

Applications Received	371
Pending from June 30, 2006	11
Total Acted Upon	364
Approved	347
Disapproved	6
Canceled	11
Pending	18
Inactive Cancelled	92

WAIVER OF TUITION

Applications Received	335
Pending from June 30, 2006	7
Total Acted Upon	334
Approved	305
Disapproved	23
Canceled	6
Pending	8

TUITION CREDIT FOR ACTIVE RESERVISTS

Applications Received	43
Applications Acted Upon	43

DISCHARGES

Discharges on File June 30, 2006	710,123
Discharges Received and Filed During FY 2007	3,048
Discharges on File June 30, 2007	713,171
DD-215 Received	157
Requests for Discharges	2,911

GRAVE REGISTRATION CARDS

Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2006	80,581
Grave Registrations Received During FY 2007	1,752
Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2007	82,333
Grave Registration Requests	9

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Governor's Welcome Home Letters	1,191
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TABLE IX

STATE SERVICE DIVISION

Report on claims adjudicated by the Veterans' Administration during Fiscal Year
2006 - 2007 on which the State Service Division held Power of Attorney.

CLAIMS APPROVED	10,312	
HEARINGS	249	
CLAIMS FILED	5,891	
RATINGS RECEIVED	8,073	
TOTAL MAIL CLAIMS & SUPPORTING EVIDENCE	64,013	
	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>
DISABILITY BENEFITS:		
Compensation	5,814	1,997
Pension	806	157
DEATH BENEFITS:		
Death Indem. Comp.	113	114
Pension	253	108
Insurance	0	0
Burial	289	0
OTHER BENEFITS:		
Voc. Rehab. & Ed.	310	0
Waivers	37	41
CONFIRMED & CONTINUED:		
Without Reduction	2,690	0
Reduced Amt. Conserved	0	508
TOTAL	10,312	2,925
POWER OF ATTORNEY	4,244	
ANNUAL AMOUNT OF BENEFITS	\$138,973,557.00	