

THE DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Annual Statistics

2005 - 2006

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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 2005 – 2006

LB 425	\$739,140	Program 036	Departmental Administration
LB1060	\$ 3,691	Program 036	Health Insurance Appropriation
LB 425	\$ 3,000	Program 037	Veterans' Cemetery System

NEBRASKA VETERANS' AID FUND

Nebraska Investment Council's Principal Investment of Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund as of June 30, 2006:

Value of Investments

Fixed Income Amount	\$15,049,213.07	46.62%
U.S. Equity Amount	12,104,523.02	37.49%
Non-U.S. Equity Amount	4,157,849.09	12.88%
Global Equity Amount	<u>972,124.39</u>	<u>3.01%</u>
Total	\$32,283,709.57	100%

TABLE I

Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2005:

Short-Term Investment Pool	\$1,067,634.98
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TABLE II

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 III

This table shows the monthly income during Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

	Amount Available for Aid July 1, 2005	\$ 1,067,634.98
2005	July Receipts	\$ 3,557.73
	August “	263,699.86
	September “	3,391.30
	October “	3,655.89
	November “	3,436.18
	December “	3,405.29
2006	January Receipts	\$ 3,216.30
	February “	247,222.59
	March “	2,995.43
	April “	405,349.78
	May “	3,716.96
	June “	192,833.87
	Total	\$ 1,136,481.18
	August 2005 Revenue-Reimb Non Gov.	100.00
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$2,204,216.16
	Less Amount Expended for Aid During 2005-2006 (Table V)	- 881,758.45
	AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR AID JULY 1, 2006	\$ 1,322,457.71

TABLE IV

This table shows the monthly withdrawals for aid to veterans during 2005-2006.

2005	July Withdrawals	\$ 71,081.44
	August “	101,588.37
	September “	98,005.20
	October “	51,447.10
	November “	64,882.89
	December “	77,651.18
2006	January Withdrawals	\$ 72,487.88
	February “	66,339.24
	March “	80,416.21
	April “	78,098.95
	May “	57,299.04
	June “	66,949.96
	Total	<u>\$ 886,247.45</u>
	Less Credits	\$ 4,489.00
	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS FOR AID TO VETERANS	<u>\$ 881,758.45</u>

TABLE V

Report of action taken on applications for Nebraska Veterans' Aid 2005-2006

APPLICATIONS	WW I VETERANS	WWII VETERANS	KOREAN VETERANS	VIETNAM VETERANS	LEBANON VETERANS	GRENADA VETERANS	PANAMA VETERANS	GULF VETERANS	PEACE TIME	TOTAL
BEGIN BAL FY 2006	0	9	1	26	2	1	1	5	4	49
RECEIVED DURING YEAR	1	89	89	538	104	26	66	148	200	1261
REOPENED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
APPROVED	1	73	67	389	64	20	45	105	131	895
DISAPPROVED	0	10	16	146	36	6	19	40	59	332
PENDING END YEAR	0	5	4	16	3	2	1	1	6	38
CANCELED	0	8	2	18	2	1	3	9	15	58
OF THOSE APPROVED										
MAINTENANCE	0	11	15	289	54	20	44	100	100	633
MEDICAL	0	20	19	37	3	0	1	4	8	92
FUNERAL	1	42	33	63	7	0	0	1	23	170

New Applications Received: 501

Apps Originated From Post: 1

TABLE VI

Earnings and Expenditures to Needy Veterans from 1921 to June 30, 2006.

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
TOTALS	40,924,452.49	39,601,994.78

TABLE VIII

JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006

NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME

Applications Received	343
Pending from June 30, 2005	14
Total Acted Upon	346
Approved	322
Disapproved	11
Canceled	13
Pending	11
Inactive Cancelled	83

WAIVER OF TUITION

Applications Received	286
Pending from June 30, 2005	12
Total Acted Upon	291
Approved	268
Disapproved	19
Canceled	4
Pending	7

TUITION CREDIT FOR ACTIVE RESERVISTS

Applications Received	53
Applications Acted Upon	53

DISCHARGES

Discharges on File June 30, 2005	707,212
Discharges Received and Filed During FY 2006	2,911
Discharges on File June 30, 2006	710,123
DD-215 Received	117
Requests for Discharges	3,239

GRAVE REGISTRATION CARDS

Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2005	78,438
Grave Registrations Received During FY 2006	2,143
Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2006	80,581
Grave Registration Requests	4

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Governor's Welcome Home Letters	1,532
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TABLE IX

STATE SERVICE DIVISION

Report on claims adjudicated by the Veterans' Administration during Fiscal Year
2005 - 2006 on which the State Service Division held Power of Attorney.

CLAIMS APPROVED	8,758	
HEARINGS	212	
CLAIMS FILED	5,808	
RATINGS RECEIVED	7,672	
TOTAL MAIL CLAIMS & SUPPORTING EVIDENCE	74,178	
	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>
DISABILITY BENEFITS:		
Compensation	5,158	1,990
Pension	738	184
DEATH BENEFITS:		
Death Indem. Comp.	111	155
Pension	195	117
Insurance	0	0
Burial	213	0
OTHER BENEFITS:		
Voc. Rehab. & Ed.	237	0
Waivers	71	50
CONFIRMED & CONTINUED:		
Without Reduction	2,035	0
Reduced Amt. Conserved	0	453
TOTAL	8,758	2,949
POWER OF ATTORNEY	4,588	
ANNUAL AMOUNT OF BENEFITS	\$116,591,909.00	