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ABSTRACT

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SUMMARY OF VETERANS' LEGISLATION REPORTED

94th Congress

Bills and Resolutions Referred and Hearings-Markup Sessions Conducted

During the 94th Congress, 719 bills and resolutions were referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Testimony taken in hearings conducted in 58 open hearing sessions is contained in 2,832 printed pages of hearings. There were 30 markup sessions and 23 bills reported to the House. Of this number, 15 were enacted and 9 were pending in the Senate committee at adjournment. Of the 15 laws enacted, two were Senate bills.

SUMMARY OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED AND HEARINGS-MARKUP SESSIONS CONDUCTED

|  | CONGRESS |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|--|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|  | 80th     | 81st  | 82d   | 83d   | 84th  | 85th  | 86th  | 87th  | 88th  | 89th  | 90th  | 91st  | 92d   | 93d   | 94th  |  |
| Bills and resolutions referred.....        | 498      | 610   | 436   | 402   | 537   | 491   | 628   | 592   | 508   | 701   | 683   | 740   | 693   | 839   | 710   |  |
| Hearings sessions.....                     | 60       | 64    | 50    | 46    | 71    | 69    | 55    | 45    | 50    | 71    | 46    | 43    | 37    | 43    | 58    |  |
| Hearings, printed pages.....               | 3,596    | 2,355 | 2,562 | 5,337 | 4,271 | 4,834 | 3,472 | 3,053 | 3,927 | 4,659 | 3,854 | 4,363 | 2,480 | 2,837 | 2,832 |  |
| Markup sessions.....                       | 49       | 34    | 27    | 55    | 37    | 28    | 21    | 15    | 21    | 32    | 13    | 27    | 21    | 15    | 30    |  |
| Bills reported.....                        | 60       | 14    | 36    | 36    | 48    | 44    | 42    | 52    | 41    | 47    | 119   | 34    | 26    | 14    | 23    |  |
| Bills in House.....                        | 16       | 1     | ..... | 14    | 1     | 5     | 2     | 28    | 15    | 44    | 2     | 1     | 2     | ..... | ..... |  |
| Pending in Senate committees.....          | 6        | 16    | 14    | 2     | 17    | 11    | 6     | 13    | 7     | 12    | 2     | 9     | 17    | 2     | 109   |  |
| Bills on Senate Calendar or in Senate..... | .....    | 1     | 1     | 2     | ..... | 1     | 1     | 2     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Recommitted.....                           | .....    | 1     | 1     | ..... | ..... | 1     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Bills vetoed.....                          | 1        | 2     | 4     | ..... | ..... | 1     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1     | ..... |  |
| Bills passed over veto.....                | .....    | 1     | 2     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4     | 1     | ..... |  |
| Laws enacted.....                          | 36       | 24    | 22    | 25    | 30    | 26    | 33    | 32    | 29    | 30    | 115   | 24    | 13    | 12    | 115   |  |

<sup>1</sup> Includes S.J. Res. 197 making technical correction to law, which was brought to House floor for immediate consideration and passed by unanimous consent.  
<sup>2</sup> Including 4 bills enacted as amendment to other legislation; 1 left in House when similar Senate bill returned to Senate; and 1 similar to another bill enacted (Public Law 87-645).  
<sup>3</sup> Provisions of 3 of these bills were passed by the House as a separate bill, and the provisions of 1 bill were included as an amendment to another bill which became public law.  
<sup>4</sup> One bill in a Senate committee had purpose accomplished administratively; 5 others were enacted as sections of another bill; and portions of 1 bill left in the House were enacted as part of another bill.  
<sup>5</sup> Includes 2 bills enacted as amendments to other bills.  
<sup>6</sup> Includes 1 bill enacted as amendment to another bill.  
<sup>7</sup> Some laws include the substance of more than 1 bill reported separately. Thirty-nine separately reported bills were enacted, 7 as amendments to other legislation.  
<sup>8</sup> It should be noted that of the 7 bills left in Senate committee, 2 were included as provisions of other bills which were cleared for the President's approval.  
<sup>9</sup> Three additional public laws were enacted which had not been reported from the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Public Laws 93-208, 93-293, and 93-337).  
<sup>10</sup> Includes H.R. 9576, subject matter of which was contained in S. 969, passed in lieu.  
<sup>11</sup> Includes two public laws which were not reported from the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Public Laws 94-324 and 94-502).

LAWS ENACTED

Public Law 94-71 (H.R. 7767)—Increased Rates of Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans and for Certain Surviving Widows and Children:

Provides increases for service-connected veterans rated 10 to 50 percent. Cases rated 60 percent or more disabled are increased 12 percent. Statutory awards, relating to more serious disabilities, are increased by 12 percent. Additional amounts for dependents which are paid to veterans rated 50 percent or more disabled also are increased by 10 percent. Dependency and indemnity compensation for widows and children of veterans who died of service-connected disabilities are also increased 12 percent.

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The bill also increases the annual clothing allowance of \$150 to \$175. It provides for a retroactive payment in the case of increased disability compensation to pay from the date of increased disability up to one year prior to the application for an increase when it is possible to determine the date disability increased.

The tables which follow outline the amounts of increases for service-connected disabled veterans:

| Percentage of Disability or Subsection Under Which Payment is Authorized | Increase |      |
|--|----------|------|
|  | From     | To   |
| (a) 10 percent.....  | \$32     | \$35 |
| (b) 20 percent.....  | 59       | 65   |
| (c) 30 percent.....  | 89       | 98   |
| (d) 40 percent.....  | 122      | 134  |
| (e) 50 percent.....  | 171      | 188  |
| (f) 60 percent.....  | 211      | 236  |
| (g) 70 percent.....  | 250      | 280  |
| (h) 80 percent.....  | 289      | 324  |
| (i) 90 percent.....  | 325      | 364  |
| (j) 100 percent.....   | 584      | 655  |

Higher statutory awards for certain multiple disabilities:

|  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| (k) (1) Additional monthly payment for anatomical loss or loss of use of, any of these organs: 1 foot, 1 hand, blindness in 1 eye (having light perception only), one or more creative organs, both buttocks, organic aphonia (with constant inability to communicate by speech), deafness of both ears (having absence of air and bone conduction)—for each loss..... | 52    | 52    |
| (2) Limit for veterans receiving payments under (a) to (j) above.....  | 727   | 814   |
| (3) Limit for veterans receiving payments under (1) to (n) below.....  | 1,017 | 1,139 |
| (l) Anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands, both feet, 1 foot and 1 hand, blindness in both eyes (5/200 visual acuity or less), permanently bedridden or so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....   | 727   | 814   |
| (m) Anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities so as to prevent natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, blind in both eyes, either with light perception only or rendering veteran so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....   | 800   | 896   |
| (n) Anatomical loss of two extremities so near shoulder or hip as to prevent use of prosthesis or anatomical loss of both eyes.....  | 909   | 1,018 |
| (o) Disability under conditions entitling veteran to two or more of the rates provided in (1) through (n), no condition being considered twice in the determination, or deafness rated at 60 percent or more (impairment of either or both ears service-connected) in combination with total blindness (5/200 visual acuity or less).....                              | 1,017 | 1,139 |
| (p) (1) If disabilities exceed requirements of any rates prescribed, Administrator of VA may allow next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no case may compensation exceed.....   | 1,017 | 1,139 |
| (2) Blindness in both eyes (with 5/200 visual acuity or less) together with (a) bilateral deafness rated at 40 percent or more disabling (impairment of either or both ears service-connected) next higher rate is payable, or (b) service-connected total deafness of one ear next intermediate rate is payable, but in no event may compensation exceed.....         | 1,017 | 1,139 |
| (q) [This subsection repealed by Public Law 90-493.]   |       |       |
| (r) If veteran entitled to compensation under (o) or to the maximum rate under (p), and is in need of regular aid and attendance, he shall receive a special allowance of the amount indicated at right for aid and attendance in addition to (o) or (p) rate.....   | 437   | 489   |
| (s) Disability rated as total, plus additional disability independently ratable at 60 percent or over, or permanently housebound.....  | 654   | 732   |

In addition to basic compensation rates and/or statutory awards to which the veteran may be entitled, dependency allowances are payable to veterans who are rated at not less than 50 percent disabled. *The rates which follow are those payable to veterans while rated totally disabled.* If the veteran is rated 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90 percent disabled, dependency allowances are payable in an amount bearing the same ratio to the amount specified on the next page as the degree of disability bears to total disability. For example, the veteran who is 50 percent disabled receives 50 percent of the amounts which appear on the next page.

|  | Increase |      |
|--|----------|------|
|  | From     | To   |
| If and while veteran is rated totally disabled and--   |          |      |
| (A) has a wife but no child living.....  | \$36     | \$40 |
| (B) has a wife and one child living.....   | 61       | 67   |
| (C) has a wife and two children living.....  | 77       | 85   |
| (D) has a wife and three or more children living.....<br>(plus for each living child in excess of three).....                      | 95       | 105  |
| (E) has no wife but one child living.....  | 17       | 19   |
| (F) has no wife but two children living.....   | 24       | 26   |
| (G) has no wife but three or more children living.....<br>(plus for each living child in excess of three).....                     | 41       | 45   |
| (H) has no wife but three or more children living.....<br>(plus for each living child in excess of three).....                     | 61       | 67   |
| (I) has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support for each parent so dependent.....                        | 17       | 19   |
| (I) for each child who has attained age 18 and who is pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution..... | 29       | 32   |
|  | 55       | 61   |

The following increases are provided for widows of deceased veterans whose deaths are service-connected and who are receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) payments:

#### WIDOWS<sup>1,4</sup>

| Pay Grade | From             | To               | Pay Grade         | From             | To               |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| E-1       | \$215            | \$241            | O-1               | \$271            | \$304            |
| E-2       | 221              | 248              | O-2               | 281              | 315              |
| E-3       | 228              | 255              | O-3               | 301              | 337              |
| E-4       | 241              | 270              | O-4               | 318              | 356              |
| E-5       | 248              | 278              | O-5               | 350              | 392              |
| E-6       | 254              | 284              | O-6               | 394              | 441              |
| E-7       | 266              | 298              | O-7               | 427              | 478              |
| E-8       | 281              | 315              | O-8               | 467              | 528              |
| E-9       | 294 <sup>1</sup> | 329 <sup>1</sup> | O-9               | 502              | 562              |
| W-1       | 271              | 304              | O-10 <sup>2</sup> | 549 <sup>2</sup> | 615 <sup>2</sup> |
| W-2       | 282              | 316              |                   |                  |                  |
| W-3       | 291              | 326              |                   |                  |                  |
| W-4       | 307              | 344              |                   |                  |                  |

<sup>1</sup> If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, the widow's rate is increased from \$316 to \$354.

<sup>2</sup> If the veteran served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or Commandant of the Marine Corps, the widow's rate is increased from \$589 to \$660.

<sup>3</sup> If there is a widow with one or more children of the deceased veteran below the age of 18, the DIC monthly rate for the widow is increased by \$29 for each such child.

<sup>4</sup> The widow's aid and attendance rate is increased from \$64 to \$72. (Widows or dependent parents who receive death compensation and meet qualifications for the aid and attendance allowance also receive this increase.)

When there is no widow receiving dependency and indemnity compensation, payment is made in equal shares to the children of the deceased veteran. These rates are increased as follows:

- (1) One child, from \$108 to \$121.
- (2) Two children, from \$156 to \$175.
- (3) Three children, from \$201 to \$225.
- (4) More than three children, from \$201 plus \$40 for each child in excess of three to \$225, plus \$45 for each child in excess of three.

The additional payment to a child who has attained the age of 18 and who became permanently incapable of self-support while under such age is increased from \$64 to \$72.

If DIC is paid to a widow and there is a child of her deceased husband who has attained the age of 18 and who became permanently incapable of self-support while under such age, DIC is also payable to each such child, concurrently with the DIC payment to the widow, in the amount of \$108. This additional payment is increased to \$121.

If DIC is payable to a widow and there is a child of her deceased husband who has attained the age of 18 but has not attained the age of 23 and is pursuing a course of instruction at an educational institution approved under the veterans' education programs, DIC is paid to each such child, concurrently with the DIC payment to the widow, in the amount of \$55. This additional payment is increased to \$62.

*Effective Date:* August 1, 1975.

**Estimated Additional First Full Year Cost:** \$490.7 million.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** June 12, 1975: House Report No. 94-287 on H.R. 7767, with technical amendment.  
June 19, 1975: Senate Report No. 94-214, on S. 1597, with amendments.

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):**

June 16: H.R. 7767 considered and passed House by a yea and nay vote of 389 yeas.

June 17: H.R. 7767 referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23: Senate considered and passed H.R. 7767, after amending to include all provisions of S. 1597, as reported.

July 22: Considered and passed House, with amendments by voice vote.

July 24: Senate reconsidered, agreed to House amendments, and cleared for President.

Approved: August 5, 1975.

**Public Law 94-123 (H.R. 8240)—Veterans' Administration Physicians and Dentists Comparability Pay Act of 1975:**

Briefly, this new law will—

(1) Provide for payment of special pay to eligible physicians and dentists in the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans' Administration as follows:

(a) Full-time physicians, with the exception of those in certain narrowly drawn categories of positions equally applicable to both physicians and dentists found by the Chief Medical Director not to be experiencing a significant recruitment and retention problem, will receive \$5,000 in "primary special pay," plus up to \$8,500 in variable "incentive special pay."

(b) Full-time dentists—with the exception of those in certain narrowly drawn categories of positions equally applicable to both physicians and dentists will receive \$2,500 in "primary special pay," plus up to \$4,250 in "incentive special pay."

(c) Part-time physicians and dentists employed on a half-time basis or more in the Department of Medicine and Surgery, with the same narrowly drawn categorical exceptions, will receive "base special pay" plus "additional special pay" proratably reduced by the proportion of time employed in VA facilities.

(2) Remove the salary authorization for Chief Medical Director and Deputy Chief Medical Director from title 5 of the United States Code; establish statutory salaries for these officials in section 4107 of title 38 of the United States Code; impose salary ceilings on their salaries, as well as that of the Associate Deputy Chief Medical Director, to correspond to specific executive schedule levels in title 5—while retaining the Government-wide salary ceiling on all other D.M. & S. salaries, except as provided in special pay—and direct the provision of \$13,500 in special pay to these three officials.

(3) Revise the "Physician and Dentist Schedule" in section 4107 of title 38 to codify the 5-percent comparability pay increase to Public Law 94-82 and Executive Order No. 11883, effective October 12, 1975, as to D.M. & S. personnel.

(4) Require the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to report annually to the relevant committees of Congress on the operation of the special pay program.

(5) Require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Comptroller General, after consultation with the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs and the heads of relevant Federal agencies, to submit to the appropriate committees of Congress, not later than August 31, 1976, separate and independent reports proposing a permanent and coordinated legislative solution to the problem of attracting and retaining the services of qualified phy-

sicians and dentists for careers in the VA, the uniformed services, and other Federal agencies providing health care, require the Comptroller General to prepare a report on the Federal Government's recruitment and retention and pay comparability problems with respect to health care personnel other than physicians and dentists, due March 1, 1977; and require the Chief Medical Director to comment upon the OMB and GAO reports within 120 days of the receipt of these reports by the Congress.

(6) Provide for the inclusion in the title 38 Department of Medicine and Surgery personnel system of physicians' assistants and expanded-duty dental auxiliaries, along with physicians, dentists, and registered nurses, and direct that they be paid under the nurse schedule in section 4107 of title 38.

(7) Remove the prohibition on compensatory time off for VA registered nurses, but only when a nurse who, because of certain overtime work, is entitled to special compensation voluntarily and specifically requests in writing that that compensation take the form of extra time off rather than overtime pay.

*Effective Date:* Pay provisions, October 12, 1975, other provisions first pay period following thirty days after enactment.

FIRST YEAR ESTIMATED COST: \$55,788,000.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: HOUSE REPORT No. 94-339.

July 9, 1975: Without amendment.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-325.

July 23, 1975: With amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

July 21: H.R. 8240 considered and passed House by a ye and nay vote of 382 yeas to 3 nays.

August 1: Senate considered and passed H.R. 8240, after amending to include all provisions of S. 1711, as reported.

Oct. 8: House concurred with amendment in the Senate amendment to H.R. 8240.

Oct. 9: Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment, cleared for White House.

APPROVED: October 22, 1975.

Public Law 94-169 (H.R. 10355)—Veterans and Survivors Pension Adjustment Act of 1975: Contains the following provisions:

(1) Increases by approximately 8 percent the monthly rates for veterans under the current pension program, including the housebound and aid and attendance rates, and increases the maximum annual income limitations by \$300. Rates are to apply only for the period January 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976.

(2) Increases widows' monthly pension rates by approximately 8 percent, and increases their maximum annual income limitation by \$300. Increases the rate payable for each child in excess of one (where a widow receives pension) from \$20 to \$22 per month.

(3) Increases the monthly pension rate for a surviving child where there is no widow entitled to payment from \$49 to \$53, and the rate for each additional child from \$20 to \$22, and increases a child's unearned annual income limitation from \$2,400 to \$2,700.

(4) Increases from \$2,600 to \$2,900 and from \$3,900 to \$4,200 the applicable maximum income limitations governing payment of pension under the pension program in effect on June 30, 1960.

(5) Increases by approximately 8 percent the monthly dependency and idemnity compensation payable to eligible surviving parents of persons who died of service-connected causes, and increases the applicable maximum income limitations governing such payment by \$300.

(6) Increases the aid and attendance allowance payable to dependent parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation or death compensation, as well as that for eligible widows receiving death compensation, and to eligible widows on the pension rolls, from \$64 to \$69.

Examples of the new rates of pension and DIC follow :

| Annual income not over | Pension <sup>1</sup> |                         |             |                        | Dependency and Indemnity Compensation |                        |                    |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|                        | Veteran alone        | Veteran and 1 dependent | Widow alone | Widow with 1 dependent | 1 parent                              | 2 parents not together | 2 parents together |
| \$300                  | \$173                |                         | \$117       |                        |                                       |                        |                    |
| \$400                  | 170                  |                         | 116         |                        |                                       |                        |                    |
| \$500                  | 167                  | \$186                   | 115         |                        |                                       |                        |                    |
| \$600                  | 163                  | 184                     | 114         |                        |                                       |                        |                    |
| \$700                  | 159                  | 182                     | 111         | \$139                  |                                       |                        |                    |
| \$800                  | 154                  | 179                     | 108         | 138                    | \$133                                 | \$93                   |                    |
| \$900                  | 149                  | 176                     | 105         | 137                    | 130                                   | 91                     |                    |
| \$1,000                | 144                  | 173                     | 101         | 136                    | 127                                   | 89                     | \$90               |
| \$1,100                | 139                  | 170                     | 97          | 135                    | 123                                   | 87                     | 88                 |
| \$1,200                | 134                  | 167                     | 93          | 133                    | 119                                   | 83                     | 86                 |
| \$1,300                | 128                  | 164                     | 89          | 131                    | 114                                   | 79                     | 84                 |
| \$1,400                | 122                  | 160                     | 85          | 129                    | 109                                   | 75                     | 82                 |
| \$1,500                | 116                  | 156                     | 81          | 127                    | 104                                   | 71                     | 80                 |
| \$1,600                | 110                  | 152                     | 76          | 125                    | 98                                    | 67                     | 78                 |
| \$1,700                | 104                  | 148                     | 71          | 123                    | 92                                    | 62                     | 76                 |
| \$1,800                | 97                   | 144                     | 66          | 121                    | 84                                    | 57                     | 74                 |
| \$1,900                | 90                   | 140                     | 61          | 118                    | 76                                    | 52                     | 72                 |
| \$2,000                | 83                   | 136                     | 56          | 115                    | 68                                    | 47                     | 70                 |
| \$2,100                | 75                   | 132                     | 51          | 112                    | 60                                    | 42                     | 68                 |
| \$2,200                | 67                   | 128                     | 46          | 109                    | 52                                    | 37                     | 66                 |
| \$2,300                | 59                   | 124                     | 41          | 106                    | 44                                    | 32                     | 64                 |
| \$2,400                | 51                   | 120                     | 36          | 103                    | 36                                    | 27                     | 61                 |
| \$2,500                | 43                   | 116                     | 31          | 100                    | 28                                    | 21                     | 58                 |
| \$2,600                | 35                   | 112                     | 26          | 97                     | 20                                    | 15                     | 55                 |
| \$2,700                | 27                   | 108                     | 21          | 94                     | 12                                    | 9                      | 52                 |
| \$2,800                | 19                   | 104                     | 15          | 90                     | 5                                     | 5                      | 49                 |
| \$2,900                | 11                   | 99                      | 9           | 86                     | 5                                     | 5                      | 46                 |
| \$3,000                | 5                    | 94                      | 5           | 82                     | 5                                     | 5                      | 43                 |
| \$3,100                | 5                    | 89                      | 5           | 78                     | 5                                     | 5                      | 40                 |
| \$3,200                | 5                    | 84                      | 5           | 74                     | 5                                     | 5                      | 37                 |
| \$3,300                | 5                    | 78                      | 5           | 70                     | 5                                     | 5                      | 34                 |
| \$3,400                |                      | 72                      |             | 66                     |                                       |                        | 30                 |
| \$3,500                |                      | 66                      |             | 62                     |                                       |                        | 26                 |
| \$3,600                |                      | 60                      |             | 57                     |                                       |                        | 22                 |
| \$3,700                |                      | 54                      |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 18                 |
| \$3,800                |                      | 48                      |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 14                 |
| \$3,900                |                      | 40                      |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 10                 |
| \$4,000                |                      | 32                      |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 6                  |
| \$4,100                |                      | 24                      |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 5                  |
| \$4,200                |                      | 16                      |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 5                  |
| \$4,300                |                      | 5                       |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 5                  |
| \$4,400                |                      | 5                       |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 5                  |
| \$4,500                |                      | 5                       |             | 53                     |                                       |                        | 5                  |

<sup>1</sup> Veterans housebound allowance increased from \$49 to \$53 per month and aid and attendance increased from \$123 to 133.

Effective date: January 1, 1976.

ESTIMATED COST (JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976): \$150.1 million.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: Oct. 30, 1975: HOUSE REPORT NO. 94-601, without amendment.  
Dec. 16, 1975: SENATE REPORT NO. 94-568, with amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Nov. 4: Considered and passed House on a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas and 0 nays.

Dec. 17: Considered and passed Senate, with amendment.

Dec. 18: House agreed to Senate amendment.

Approved: December 23, 1975.

Public Law 94-246 (H.R. 4034)—Naming of Veterans' Administration Hospital at Loma Linda, Calif., for Jerry L. Pettis:

Designates the Veterans' Administration hospital in Loma Linda, Calif., as the "Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital" and authorizes the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to provide such memorial at the hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Jerry L. Pettis, former Member of the United States House of Representatives.

*Effective Date:* March 25, 1976.

**FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** None.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-486, without amendment, September 18, 1975.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-693, without amendment, March 11, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):  
Oct. 6: Considered and passed House.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):  
Mar. 15: Considered and passed Senate.

Approved: March 25, 1976.

**Public Law 94-256 (H.R. 8507)—American Battle Monuments Commission Per Diem:**

Provides per diem rates in lieu of subsistence for members of the American Battle Monuments Commission when in travel status, similar to rates established for members of the uniformed services under section 405 of title 37, United States Code, as specified in tab F of the Joint Travel Regulations for Uniformed Services.

*Effective Date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** \$1,900.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-600, without amendment, October 30, 1975.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-695, with amendment, March 11, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):  
Nov. 4: Considered and passed House under a suspension of the rules.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):  
Mar. 15: Considered and passed Senate, with amendment.  
Mar. 18: House agreed to Senate amendment.

Approved: April 1, 1976.

**Public Law 94-321 (H.R. 10268)—Release of Names and Addresses of Present and Former Personnel of the Armed Services by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs:**

H.R. 10268 as amended in the Senate would:

(1) Make technical, stylistic, and conforming modifications in existing section 3301 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) Limit the Administrator's broad authority under existing section 3301(8) (subsection (g), as revised by the bill) to release information, statistics, or reports in the possession of the VA by prohibiting the release, under this provision, of information the release of which is specifically limited or otherwise provided for in other subsections of section 3301, as amended.

(3) Specifically authorize the release of patient names or addresses to any criminal or civil law enforcement governmental agency or instrumentality charged under applicable law with the protection of the public health or safety if a qualified representative of such agency or instrumentality has made a written request that such names or addresses be provided for a purpose authorized by applicable Federal, State, or local law. Under this specific statutory authority, the Administrator could report the names or addresses of patients with communicable or environmentally related diseases to State or local public health authorities; could cooperate with State or local law enforcement agencies in

reporting on patients whose injuries or disabilities suggest potential criminal liability; and could comply with State or local laws that require the names of patients treated for certain diseases or disabilities to be reported to departments or registries of motor vehicles. At present, the VA's official policy, under its interpretation of existing law, is not to cooperate with State or local public health or law enforcement agencies in any of the circumstances above.

(4) Require that any disclosure of information under section 3301 be made in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

(5) Increase the fines for knowing and willful violations of the conditions under which patient names or addresses may be released or used, and subject violators to criminal liability. Current law prescribes fines of up to \$500 for a first offense, and \$5,000 for subsequent offenses. Under the Committee bill, these maximum fines would be increased to \$5,000 and \$20,000, respectively.

(6) Make the clarifying amendments as to release of names or addresses effective as of October 24, 1972 (except for increases in criminal penalties), the date of enactment of Public Law 92-540.

*Effective date:* The amendments with respect to the release of names or addresses, or both, are effective as of October 24, 1974. Increases in criminal penalties are effective on the date of enactment.

FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST: None.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: December 10, 1975: HOUSE REPORT NO. 94-704, with amendment.  
May 17, 1976: SENATE REPORT NO. 94-892, with amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):  
Dec. 15: Considered and passed House.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):  
June 2: Considered and passed Senate, with committee amendment.  
June 16: House agreed to Senate amendments, cleared for the President.  
June 29: Approved by the President.

Public Law 94-321 (S. 2529)—Veterans' Housing Amendments Act of 1976: Contains the following provisions:

(1) Increases the maximum Veterans' Administration's guaranty for mobile home loans from 30 to 50 percent.

(2) Makes permanent the Direct Loan Revolving Fund.

(3) Extends eligibility for housing benefits to veterans who served exclusively between World War II and the Korean conflict following July 25, 1947, but prior to June 25, 1950.

(4) Establishes a single standard for all direct home loan areas in the maximum amount of \$33,000.

(5) Makes technical amendments to correct grammatical errors and remove various unnecessary gender references in title 38.

(6) Preempts, under certain conditions, State constitutional usury provisions which limit interest rates chargeable on FHA and VA mortgages by a certain class of lenders but which do not impose such rate limits on mortgages made by another class of lenders. At present, this section would apply only to California. The California Legislature, on April 16, 1975, unanimously passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 petitioning the U.S.

Congress to provide relief from the State usury limitations as applied to FHA/VA mortgages.

*Effective date:* Sections 2 and 3 shall become effective on October 1, 1976. Section 5 shall become effective on July 1, 1976. All other sections shall become effective on the date of enactment.

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL FIRST YEAR COST:** Veterans' Administration estimates no increase in general operating expenses, but an outlay from Loan Guaranty and Direct Loan Revolving Funds of approximately \$4.7 million in fiscal year 1977. Congressional Budget Office estimates 1977 cost at \$2,192,000.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** May 11, 1976: SENATE REPORT NO. 94-804, on S. 2529, with amendment.  
May 13, 1976: HOUSE REPORT NO. 94-1129, on H.R. 13724, without amendment.

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May 13: Senate considered and passed S. 2529, with committee amendment.

May 18: House considered and passed H.R. 13724 on a yeas and nays vote of 386 yeas and 2 nays.

Subsequently S. 2529 was passed in lieu, after being amended to contain the title and language of H.R. 13724.

June 11: Senate considered and passed S. 2529, with substitute amendment.

June 16: House concurred in Senate amendments, cleared for White House.

Approved: June 30, 1976.

#### Public Law 94-417 (H.R. 10394)—Care of Veterans in State Homes:

Increases the amounts paid by the Veterans' Administration to States for the care and treatment of eligible veterans receiving such care in State homes, from the current \$4.50 per diem to \$5.50 for domiciliary care; from \$6.00 to \$10.50 for nursing home care; and from \$10.00 to \$11.50 for hospital care. Expands the eligibility requirement of veterans for whom reimbursement payments may be made to the States by extending eligibility to any veteran eligible for care in a VA facility. Current law restricts eligibility to wartime veterans or to those whose service occurred after January 31, 1955.

Provides a lump-sum payment to State homes equal to the difference between the amount of reimbursement they have actually received from the Federal Government since January 1, 1976, and the amount they would have received had the new, higher rates of reimbursement been in effect for payments made after that date. The lump-sum payment will be added to the first payment in the new fiscal year.

*Effective date:* October 1, 1976 for per diem rates, date of enactment for other provisions.

**FISCAL YEAR 1977 COST:** \$18.7 million.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-705, without amendment, December 10, 1975.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-1164, with amendment, August 25, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Dec. 15: Considered and passed House under suspension of the rules.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Aug. 30: Passed Senate with amendment by unanimous consent.

Sept. 9: House unanimously concurred in Senate amendment, thereby clearing for the President.

Sept. 21: Approved by the President.

#### Public Law 94-420 (H.R. 9811)—William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital, Madison, Wis.:

Proposes to name the Veterans' Administration hospital, Madison, Wis., the "William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital," and to authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to provide a suitable memorial at the hospital in remembrance of the late former Chief Medical Director of the Veterans' Administration.

*Effective Date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST-YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** None.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-949, without amendment, March 25, 1976.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-1163, August 25, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Apr. 5: Considered and passed House.

Apr. 6: Referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Aug. 31: Passed Senate with amendment.

Sept. 14: House concurred.

Sept. 23: Approved by President.

**Public Law 94-124 (H.R. 3348)—Extension of Authority for Exchange of Medical Information:**

Provides for a continuation of funding for the exchange of medical information program through fiscal year 1979, at the following level: For fiscal year 1976, \$3,500,000; for the interim period July 1 through September 30, 1976, \$1,700,000; for each of the fiscal years 1977 through 1979, \$4 million. The bill also provides that any proceeds to the Government received for providing medical information to the medical community be credited to the applicable Veterans' Administration medical appropriation. Under current law, VA is authorized to charge a fair and equitable fee for providing medical information. The moneys received for such services go directly to the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Authorizes that funds appropriated to the Veterans' Administration may, to the extent provided in title 38 or an appropriations act, remain available until expended.

*Effective date:* Date of enactment.

**ESTIMATED COST FY 1977:** \$4 million.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** June 12, 1975: House Report No. 94-286, with amendment.

May 14, 1976: Senate Report No. 94-891, with amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

June 16: Considered and passed House under a suspension of the rules.

June 17: Referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Sept. 13: Passed Senate with amendment and returned to House.

Sept. 16: House concurred with Senate amendment, thereby clearing for the President.

Sept. 28: Signed by the President.

**Public Law 94-132 (H.R. 14298)—Veterans and Survivors Pension Adjustment Act of 1976: Contains the following provisions:**

(1) Makes permanent the "Interim Rate Adjustment" (8 percent) of Public Law 94-169 to permit payment of the present rates after September 30, 1976.

(2) Changes the definition of permanent total disability to permit payment from date of unemployability after age 65 if claim is filed in 1 year as now done for those filing in 1 year of age 65 or of becoming permanently totally disabled before that age.

(3) Provides a 7 percent increase in pension for totally disabled wartime veterans, effective January 1, 1977.

(4) Increases veterans' pension annual income limitation to protect against loss of pension from a 6.5 percent increase in annuity type payments:

\$3,300 to \$3,540 for a single veteran.

\$4,500 to \$4,760 for veterans with wife and children.

(5) Increases the present aid and attendance rate for veteran pensioners from \$133 to \$155.

- (6) Increases the disability pension housebound rate by 7 percent from \$53 to \$57.
- (7) Provides for gradual reduction in aid and attendance allowance to reduce  $\frac{1}{6}$  for each \$100 or fraction thereof that annual income exceeds maximum limit but not beyond \$500 excess.
- (8) Provides a 25 percent added differential for all pension rates for eligible veterans who are 78 years of age or older.
- (9) Provides a 7 percent increase in pension for eligible widows.
- (10) Increases annual income limitations governing payment of pension to widows to protect against loss of pension from a 6.5 percent increase in annuity type payments:  
\$3,300 to \$3,540 for widows alone.  
\$4,500 to \$4,760 for widows with children.
- (11) Increases from \$53 to \$57 monthly death pension for children where there is no widow.
- (12) Increases the annual income limitation governing payment of pension to children from \$2,700 to \$2,890.
- (13) Increases by 7 percent the aid and attendance allowance for widows from \$69 to \$74.
- (14) Increases the annual income limitation governing payment of protected law pension to protect against loss of such pension from a 6.5 percent increase in annuity type income from \$2,900 to \$3,100 for single veterans and widows without children, and from \$4,200 to \$4,460 for married veterans and widows where there is a child.
- (15) Provides a 7 percent increase in DIC benefits for parents.
- (16) Provides increased maximum income limitations to protect against loss of DIC entitlement from a 6.5 percent increase in other annuity type income.
- (17) Provides a 7 percent increase in the aid and attendance rate of DIC for parents from \$69 to \$74.
- (18) Increases by 7 percent the aid and attendance allowance for widows receiving death compensation under the old law from \$69 to \$74.
- (19) Revises the rule governing prima facie evidence of dependency of a parent to recognize the Administrator's need to set guidelines recognizing cost-of-living increases.
- (20) Requires of other agency heads the furnishing of entitlement information they have to the Administrator on request by a provision the same as that now applying in the case of the Secretary of HEW.
- (21) Requires the Administrator of the Veterans' Administration to conduct a study in fiscal year 1977 into current pension programs and recommend such changes and reform as his findings dictate.

Examples of the new rates of pension and DIC follows:

| Annual income not over | Pension <sup>1</sup> |                         |             |                        | Dependency and Indemnity Compensation |                    |                        |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|                        | Veteran alone        | Veteran and 1 dependent | Widow alone | Widow with 1 dependent | 1 parent                              | 2 parents together | 2 parents not together |
| \$0.....               | \$185                | \$199                   | \$125       | \$149                  | \$142                                 |                    |                        |
| \$100.....             | 185                  | 199                     | 125         | 149                    | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$200.....             | 185                  | 199                     | 125         | 149                    | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$300.....             | 185                  | 199                     | 125         | 149                    | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$400.....             | 182                  | 199                     | 125         | 149                    | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$500.....             | 179                  | 199                     | 125         | 149                    | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$600.....             | 175                  | 197                     |             |                        | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$700.....             | 171                  | 195                     |             |                        | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$800.....             | 166                  | 192                     |             |                        | 142                                   |                    |                        |
| \$900.....             | 161                  | 189                     |             | 147                    | 139                                   |                    | \$100                  |
| \$1,000.....           | 155                  | 186                     |             | 146                    | 136                                   | \$96               |                        |
| \$1,100.....           | 149                  | 183                     | 105         | 145                    | 132                                   | 94                 | 94                     |
| \$1,200.....           | 143                  | 179                     | 101         | 143                    | 128                                   | 92                 | 90                     |
| \$1,300.....           | 137                  | 175                     | 96          | 141                    | 123                                   | 90                 | 86                     |
| \$1,400.....           | 131                  | 171                     | 91          | 139                    | 118                                   | 88                 | 81                     |
| \$1,500.....           | 125                  | 167                     | 86          | 137                    | 112                                   | 86                 | 76                     |
| \$1,600.....           | 118                  | 163                     | 81          | 135                    | 106                                   | 84                 | 71                     |
| \$1,700.....           | 111                  | 159                     | 76          | 133                    | 98                                    | 82                 | 66                     |
| \$1,800.....           | 104                  | 155                     | 71          | 130                    | 90                                    | 80                 | 61                     |
| \$1,900.....           | 96                   | 151                     | 66          | 127                    | 82                                    | 78                 | 56                     |
| \$2,000.....           | 88                   | 147                     | 61          | 124                    | 74                                    | 76                 | 51                     |
| \$2,100.....           | 80                   | 143                     | 56          | 121                    | 66                                    | 74                 | 46                     |
| \$2,200.....           | 72                   | 139                     | 51          | 118                    | 58                                    | 71                 | 41                     |
| \$2,300.....           | 64                   | 135                     | 46          | 115                    | 50                                    | 68                 | 36                     |
| \$2,400.....           | 56                   | 131                     | 40          | 112                    | 42                                    | 65                 | 30                     |
| \$2,500.....           | 48                   | 126                     | 34          | 109                    | 34                                    | 62                 | 24                     |
| \$2,600.....           | 40                   | 121                     | 28          | 105                    | 26                                    | 59                 | 18                     |
| \$2,700.....           | 32                   | 116                     | 22          | 101                    | 18                                    | 56                 | 12                     |
| \$2,800.....           | 24                   | 111                     | 16          | 97                     | 10                                    | 53                 | 6                      |
| \$2,900.....           | 16                   | 106                     | 10          | 93                     | 5                                     | 50                 | 5                      |
| \$3,000.....           | 8                    | 101                     | 5           | 89                     | 5                                     | 47                 | 5                      |
| \$3,100.....           | 5                    | 96                      | 5           | 85                     | 5                                     | 44                 | 5                      |
| \$3,200.....           | 5                    | 90                      | 5           | 81                     | 5                                     | 40                 | 5                      |
| \$3,300.....           | 5                    | 84                      | 5           | 77                     | 5                                     | 36                 | 5                      |
| \$3,400.....           | 5                    | 78                      | 5           | 72                     | 5                                     | 32                 | 5                      |
| \$3,500.....           | 5                    | 72                      | 5           | 67                     | 5                                     | 28                 | 5                      |
| \$3,540.....           | 5                    |                         | 5           |                        |                                       |                    |                        |
| \$3,600.....           |                      | 65                      |             | 62                     |                                       | 24                 |                        |
| \$3,700.....           |                      | 58                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 20                 |                        |
| \$3,800.....           |                      | 50                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 16                 |                        |
| \$3,900.....           |                      | 42                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 11                 |                        |
| \$4,000.....           |                      | 34                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 6                  |                        |
| \$4,100.....           |                      | 26                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,200.....           |                      | 18                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,300.....           |                      | 10                      |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,400.....           |                      | 5                       |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,500.....           |                      | 5                       |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,600.....           |                      | 5                       |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,700.....           |                      | 5                       |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |
| \$4,760.....           |                      | 5                       |             | 57                     |                                       | 5                  |                        |

<sup>1</sup> Veterans housebound allowance increased from \$58 to \$67 per month and aid and attendance increased from \$133 to \$155.

Effective date: 7 percent rate increases and increase in income limitations, January 1, 1977.

Continue P.L. 94-169 rate increases and other provisions: date of enactment.

ESTIMATED COST FISCAL YEAR 1977: \$432.1 million.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: HOUSE REPORT No. 94-1269, without amendment, June 16, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

June 21: Considered and passed House unanimously.

Aug. 4: Senate passed and amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2635 and returned to the House.

Sept. 9: House concurred with amendment to the amendment of the Senate and returned the measure to the Senate.

Sept. 20: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

Sept. 30: Signed by the President.

**Public Law 94-433 (H.R. 14299)—Increased Rates of Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans and for Certain Surviving Widows and Children:**

Provides increases in disability compensation for service-connected veterans by 8 percent. Statutory awards, relating to more serious disabilities, also are increased by 8 percent. Additional amounts for dependents which are paid to veterans rated 50 percent or more disabled also are increased by 8 percent. A new provision would pay increased additional compensation to the disabled veteran rated 50 percent to 100 percent who has a spouse who is a patient in a nursing home or who is so helpless as to need regular aid and attendance. The clothing allowance is increased from \$175 to \$190.

Dependency and indemnity compensation for widows and children of veterans who died of service-connected disabilities are increased by 8 percent.

The tables which follow outline the amounts of increases for service-connected disabled veterans:

| Percentage of Disability or Subsection Under Which Payment is Authorized | Increase |      |
|--|----------|------|
|  | From     | To   |
| (a) 10 percent.....  | \$35     | \$38 |
| (b) 20 percent.....  | 65       | 70   |
| (c) 30 percent.....  | 98       | 106  |
| (d) 40 percent.....  | 134      | 145  |
| (e) 50 percent.....  | 188      | 203  |
| (f) 60 percent.....  | 236      | 255  |
| (g) 70 percent.....  | 280      | 302  |
| (h) 80 percent.....  | 324      | 350  |
| (i) 90 percent.....  | 364      | 393  |
| (j) 100 percent.....   | 655      | 707  |

**Higher statutory awards for certain multiple disabilities:**

|  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| (k) (1) Additional monthly payment for anatomical loss or loss of use of, any of these organs: 1 foot, 1 hand, blindness in 1 eye (having light perception only), one or more creative organs, both buttocks, organic aphonia (with constant inability to communicate by speech), deafness of both ears (having absence of air and bone conduction)—for each loss..... | 52    | 56    |
| (2) Limit for veterans receiving payments under (a) to (j) above.....  | 814   | 879   |
| (3) Limit for veterans receiving payments under (1) to (n) below.....  | 1,139 | 1,231 |
| (l) Anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands, both feet, 1 foot and 1 hand, blindness in both eyes (5/200 visual acuity or less), permanently bedridden or so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....   | 814   | 879   |
| (m) Anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities so as to prevent natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, blind in both eyes, either with light perception only or rendering veteran so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....   | 896   | 968   |
| (n) Anatomical loss of two extremities so near shoulder or hip as to prevent use of prosthesis or anatomical loss of both eyes.....  | 1,018 | 1,099 |
| (o) Disability under conditions entitling veteran to two or more of the rates provided in (1) through (n), no condition being considered twice in the determination, or deafness rated at 60 percent or more (impairment of either or both ears service-connected) in combination with total blindness (5/200 visual acuity or less).....                              | 1,139 | 1,231 |
| (p) (1) If disabilities exceed requirements of any rates prescribed, Administrator of VA may allow next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no case may compensation exceed.....   | 1,139 | 1,231 |
| (2) Blindness in both eyes (with 5/200 visual acuity or less) together with (a) bilateral deafness rated at 40 percent or more disabling (impairment of either or both ears service-connected) next higher rate is payable, or (b) service-connected total deafness of one ear next intermediate rate is payable, but in no event may compensation exceed.....         | 1,139 | 1,231 |

- (q) [This subsection repealed by Public Law 90-493.]
- (r) If veteran entitled to compensation under (o) or to the maximum rate under (p), and is in need of regular aid and attendance, he shall receive a special allowance of the amount indicated at right for aid and attendance in addition to (o) or (p) rate.----- 489 528
- (s) Disability rated as total, plus additional disability independently ratable at 60 percent or over, or permanently housebound..... 732 791

In addition to basic compensation rates and/or statutory awards to which the veteran may be entitled, dependency allowances are payable to veterans who are rated at not less than 50 percent disabled. *The rates which follow are those payable to veterans while rated totally disabled.* If the veteran is rated 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90 percent disabled, dependency allowances are payable in an amount bearing the same ratio to the amount specified on the next page as the degree of disability bears to total disability. For example, the veteran who is 50 percent disabled receives 50 percent of the amounts which appear on the next page.

|  | Increase |      |
|--|----------|------|
|  | From     | To   |
| If and while veteran is rated totally disabled and—  |          |      |
| (A) has a wife but no child living.....  | \$40     | \$43 |
| (B) has a wife and one child living.....   | 67       | 72   |
| (C) has a wife and two children living.....  | 85       | 92   |
| (D) has a wife and three or more children living.....  | 105      | 113  |
| (plus for each living child in excess of three).....   | 19       | 21   |
| (E) has no wife but one child living.....  | 26       | 28   |
| (F) has no wife but two children living.....   | 45       | 49   |
| (G) has no wife but three or more children living.....   | 67       | 72   |
| (plus for each living child in excess of three).....   | 19       | 21   |
| (H) has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support for each parent so dependent.....                        | 32       | 35   |
| (I) for a spouse who is a patient in a nursing home or who is so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....            | none     | 78   |
| (J) for each child who has attained age 18 and who is pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution..... | 61       | 66   |

The following increases are provided for widows of deceased veterans whose deaths are service-connected and who are receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) payments:

WIDOWS<sup>1</sup>

| Pay Grade | From             | To    | Pay Grade         | From             | To               |
|-----------|------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| E-1       | \$241            | \$260 | O-1               | \$304            | \$328            |
| E-2       | 248              | 268   | O-2               | 315              | 340              |
| E-3       | 255              | 275   | O-3               | 337              | 364              |
| E-4       | 270              | 292   | O-4               | 356              | 384              |
| E-5       | 278              | 300   | O-5               | 392              | 423              |
| E-6       | 284              | 307   | O-6               | 441              | 476              |
| E-7       | 298              | 322   | O-7               | 478              | 516              |
| E-8       | 315              | 340   | O-8               | 523              | 565              |
| E-9       | 329 <sup>1</sup> | 355   | O-9               | 562              | 607              |
| W-1       | 304              | 328   | O-10 <sup>2</sup> | 615 <sup>3</sup> | 664 <sup>3</sup> |
| W-2       | 316              | 341   |                   |                  |                  |
| W-3       | 326              | 352   |                   |                  |                  |
| W-4       | 344              | 372   |                   |                  |                  |

<sup>1</sup> If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, the widow's rate is increased from \$354 to \$382.

<sup>2</sup> If the veteran served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or Commandant of the Marine Corps, the widow's rate is increased from \$660 to \$712.

<sup>3</sup> If there is a widow with one or more children of the deceased veterans below the age of 18, the DIC monthly rate for the widow is increased by \$31 for each such child.

<sup>4</sup> The widow's aid and attendance rate is increased from \$72 to \$78. (Widows or dependent parents who receive death compensation and meet qualifications for the aid and attendance allowance also receive this increase.)

When there is no widow receiving dependency and indemnity compensation, payment is made in equal shares to the children of the deceased veteran. These rates are increased as follows:

- (1) One child, from \$121 to \$131.
- (2) Two children, from \$175 to \$189.
- (3) Three children, from \$225 to \$243.
- (4) More than three children, from \$225 plus \$45 for each child in excess of three to \$243 plus \$49 for each child in excess of three.

The additional payment to a child who has attained the age of 18 and who became permanently incapable of self-support while under such age is increased from \$72 to \$78.

If DIC is paid to a widow and there is a child of her deceased husband who has attained the age of 18 and who became permanently incapable of self-support while under such age, DIC is also payable to each such child, concurrently with the DIC payment to the widow, in the amount of \$131. This additional payment is increased to \$131.

If DIC is paid to a widow and there is a child of her deceased husband who has attained the age of 18 but has not attained the age of 23 and is pursuing a course of instruction at an educational institution approved under the veterans' education programs, DIC is paid to each such child, concurrently with the DIC payment to the widow, in the amount of \$62. This additional payment is increased to \$67.

The bill would require the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a scientific study to determine if there is a causal relationship between the amputation of an extremity and the subsequent development of cardiovascular disorders.

A provision includes "annulment" as a form of dissolution of a marriage in application of the so-called "end-of-the-year" rule in establishing the effective date of a reduction or discontinuance of compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, or pension as a result of such action.

Provides for a study into the DIC program as to adequacy with particular attention to the question of whether benefit payments should be related to the rank of the deceased serviceman.

Provides for an increase in mortgage protection life insurance now available for certain severely disabled veterans from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Authorizes the Veterans' Administration to pay the cost of transporting the remains of deceased, service-disabled veterans to a national cemetery for burial.

Extends eligibility for Veterans' Administration assistance in the purchase of automobiles and necessary special adaptive equipment to certain disabled veteran who served from September 16, 1940. The benefit has been limited to those with service in World War II (December 7, 1941) or thereafter.

*Effective Date: October 1, 1976.*

**ESTIMATED COST FISCAL YEAR 1977: \$388.7 million.**

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** June 15, 1976, House Report No. 94-1271.  
September 9, 1976, Senate Report No. 94-1226.

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):**

June 21: Considered and passed by House unanimously.

Sept. 20: Passed Senate with amendments.

Sept. 21: House concurred with Senate amendment thereby clearing for the President.

Sept. 30: Signed by the President.

**Public Law 94-491 (H.R. 71)—Hospital and Medical Care for Certain Members of Armed Forces of Nations Allied With the United States in World Wars I and II:**

Extends entitlement to hospital and medical care to any person who served during World War I or World War II as a member of any Armed Forces of the Governments of Czechoslovakia or Poland, and participated while so serving in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States, and who has been a citizen of the United States for at least 10 years. Benefits would not be available to a person who is entitled to payment for equivalent care under a program established for the foreign government of persons who served in its armed forces during the subject periods of war.

*Effective Date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST YEAR COST:** \$5 million.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-337, without amendment, July 9, 1975.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-694, with amendment, March 11, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

July 21: Passed House under suspension of rules.

July 22: Referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Sept. 10: Passed Senate with amendment.

Sept. 14: House disagreed with Senate amendment and returned the bill to the Senate.

Oct. 1: Senate receded from its amendment, clearing the bill for the President.

Oct. 14: Signed by the President.

**Public Law 94-502 (S. 969 and H.R. 9576)—Veterans' Education and Employment Assistance Act of 1976: Contains the following provisions:**

(1) Increases by 8 percent educational assistance allowances under all veterans' education programs except flight training.

(2) Establishes December 31, 1976 as the termination date for accrual of entitlement to veterans' educational assistance benefits under chapter 34 of title 38, United States Code and December 31, 1989 as the date when the program will be ended.

(3) Establishes a Post-Vietnam Era contributory educational assistance program for those entering the Armed Forces on or after January 1, 1977.

(4) Terminates the eligibility under the predischARGE education program (PREP) and allows no enrollment or re-enrollment on or after October 31, 1976, except those individuals participating in the Post-Vietnam Era contributory educational assistance program.

(5) Terminates prepay education allowances and limits advance payments to those requested by veterans after May 31, 1977.

(6) Increases from 36 months to 45 months the maximum educational benefits for eligible veterans, survivors, and dependents.

(7) Terminates further accrual of 5-point entitlement to veterans preference in Federal employment.

(8) Provides for the establishment of a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment, and contains other provisions to assure veterans receive satisfactory employment assistance.

(9) Increases by 3 percent administrative allowance paid to State approving agencies, and increases reporting fees to institutions by \$2.

(10) Eliminates the June 30, 1975 termination date for seriously disabled service connected veterans who, because of increased disabilities, are still in need of vocational rehabilitation.

(11) Codifies existing regulations limiting enrollment of veterans and dependents in independent study programs other than those leading to a standard college degree, and limits the payment for such courses to less than half-time basis.

(12) Extends to all courses of education the requirement that no more than 85 percent of students enrolled be in receipt of Veterans' Administration benefits or other Federal grants, except disadvantaged and farm coop with provision for Administrator to waive.

(13) Codifies the definition of "unsatisfactory progress" to include situations in which the veteran or dependent is not progressing at a rate permitting graduation within the normal period of time for completion of studies.

(14) Reduces from 30 to 27 the number of clock hours required to qualify for payment at the full time rate in certain vocational objective courses, and from 25 to 22 per week net of instruction in which theoretical or classroom instruction predominates.

(15) Extends 2 years of operation requirement to courses offered by certain branches or extensions of educational institutions.

(16) Limits the enrollment in courses by institutions under contract with the Department of Defense to active duty military personnel and their dependents and approval by the State Approving Agency in which State the program is offered.

(17) Prohibits payment of veterans' benefits for a program of education by correspondence when the normal completion time is less than 6 months.

(18) Prohibits veterans enrolling in any course offered by an institution utilizing certain enrollment practices and requires advertising used during the preceding 12-month period be retained for VA review.

(19) Requires records of students be made available for VA inspection when necessary.

(20) Prohibits the assignment of educational assistance allowance benefits.

(21) Permits a veteran student to complete a work-study agreement if the veteran ceases to be a full-time student.

(22) Increases from \$600 to \$1,500 the maximum education loan for eligible veterans, survivors and dependents.

(23) Extends the period of eligibility of educational benefits for certain children from 5 to 8 years.

(24) Permits service-connected disabled veterans to be trained in Federal agencies under the vocational rehabilitation program.

(25) Codifies regulatory definitions of the terms "institutions of higher learning" and "standard college degree."

(26) Requires the Administrator to conduct a study into the effectiveness of vocational objective courses with particular emphasis on the requirement that 50 percent of the graduates be placed in the field for which training was given.

(27) Extends the requirement of 2-year operation before approval to certain branches or extensions of institutions.

*Effective Date:* Rate increases and the increase to 45 months entitlement effective October 1, 1976. Other provisions effective on date of enactment or December 1, 1976.

FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST: \$495.4 million, fiscal year 1977.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: HOUSE REPORT No. 94-487 (H.R. 9576), Sept. 18, 1975.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-1243 (S. 969), Sept. 16, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Oct. 6: House considered and passed H.R. 9576.

Oct. 7: Referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Oct. 1: Senate passed S. 969 in lieu of H.R. 9576 and sent to the House.

Oct. 1: House passed S. 969 with amendments and returned to the Senate.

Oct. 1: Senate concurred in House amendments, clearing the measure for the President.

Oct. 15: Signed by the President.

**Public Law 94-581 (H.R. 2735 and S. 2908)—Veterans' Omnibus Health Care Act of 1976:**  
Contains the following provisions:

1. Establishes a new policy for travel reimbursement to inpatient and outpatient Veterans' Administration facilities for veterans. Non-service-connected veterans will now be required to sign an oath of inability to pay to receive the benefit. Beneficiaries will also be eligible for reimbursement for the use of a car only if it is deemed medically inadvisable to use public transportation or if veterans' facilities are inaccessible by public transportation.

2. Clarifies the authority of the Administrator to furnish to veterans for their disability such home health services that are found to be necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of such disability, including such home improvements and structural alterations as are necessary to assure the continuation of treatment for such disability or to provide access to the home or to essential sanitary facilities. The cost for such services which may be provided at VA expense shall not exceed \$2,500 for service-connected veterans and \$600 for non-service-connected veterans.

3. Authorizes consultation, professional counseling and mental health services as are necessary in connection with the treatment and training of a family member of a veteran with a service-connected disability, and, at the discretion of the Administrator, of the non-service-connected disability of a veteran, where such services were initiated during the veteran's hospitalization and where the provision of such services on an outpatient basis is essential to permit the discharge of the veteran from the hospital.

4. Authorizes outpatient dental care and treatment for a non-service-connected condition or disability of a veteran for which treatment was begun during a period of hospitalization, and where such dental care and treatment is reasonably necessary to complete such treatment.

5. Limits medical services provided on a fee-basis to those which can be provided "within the limits of VA facilities." Currently, such benefits are not so limited.

6. Limits the availability of medical services on an outpatient or ambulatory basis where such will obviate the need of hospital admission. Such services could be provided only "to the extent that VA facilities are available." This, in effect, provides some additional priority in the type of care or class of beneficiaries which can be treated, making the "obviate" type care dependent upon facilities being available, and requiring that the prehospital care and posthospital care needs of patients be taken care of first.

7. Provides that posthospital care reasonably necessary to complete treatment incident to such hospitalization will be limited to 12 months, unless the Administrator determines that a longer period is required for the disability.

8. Authorizes the Administrator to provide medical services for any condition to any veteran who has a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more. Currently, this benefit is available to a veteran whose service-connected disability is rated at 80 percent or more.

9. Establishes a system of priorities (stressing service-connected disabilities) among veterans seeking outpatient services. Unless compelling medical reasons require such care be provided more expeditiously, the following priority shall be given to a veteran—

- (a) for his service-connected condition;
- (b) who has a service-connected disability rated at least 50 percent;

- (c) who has a service-connected disability, and
- (d) who is eligible for such benefits by reason of need for aid and attendance or being permanently housebound.

10. Broadens the eligibility of survivors of a deceased veteran for contract medical benefits under CHAMPVA by extending medical benefits to the survivors of any veteran, who at the time of death, was suffering from a permanent total disability resulting from a service-connected disability.

11. Authorizes the Administrator, in providing rehabilitative services, to enter into contractual arrangements with private industry and nonprofit entities to provide therapeutic work for pay for patients and members of VA medical facilities. The Administrator is required to pay all participants at rates not less than those specified in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

12. Authorizes the transfer of hospital patients to intermediate care facilities. Under current law, hospital patients may only be transferred to nursing care facilities.

13. Authorizes the Administrator to prescribe standards for care provided in State veteran home facilities and to suspend reimbursement to any such facilities which fails to meet those standards.

14. Authorizes the Administrator to conduct immunization programs for veterans as part of national immunization programs conducted by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Veterans receiving care in a VA facility may be immunized on a voluntary basis as part of such a national program.

15. Authorizes the Administrator to obtain, sell, assign, transfer, and convey automobiles needed for special driver training courses for seriously disabled veterans.

16. Makes podiatrists and optometrists part of the Department of Medicine and Surgery pay and personnel system under title 38, United States Code, thus removing such positions from civil service requirements.

17. Promotes the protection of patient rights in VA health care facilities by directing the Administrator to prescribe regulations establishing procedures to insure that all medical and prosthetic research and, to the maximum extent practicable, all patient care furnished under title 38 be carried out only with the full and informed consent of the patient or an appropriate representative.

18. Extends until September 30, 1977, the special pay program for VA physicians and dentists authorized by Public Law 94-123, the Veterans' Administration Physician and Dentist Pay Comparability Act of 1975.

19. Requires the VA to operate a minimum of 10,000 nursing home care beds by fiscal year 1980. Under current law the minimum requirement is 8,000 beds.

20. Permits direct reimbursement of the VA by the Social Security Administration for care provided to medicare-eligible persons in a VA facility pursuant to a sharing agreement. This provision would not apply to veterans eligible for such medical care in a VA facility.

21. Authorizes the Administrator to enter into long-term leasing agreements with existing medical and other health professions schools with which VA medical facilities are affiliated. Under current law such leasing agreements are limited to 3 years.

22. Requires the Chief Medical Director to prepare a study to determine how to accommodate the growing number of elderly veterans in the VA health care system, and

requires the Administrator to notify individuals of any new or expanded eligibility for health care benefits to which such individuals are entitled as a result of this act.

*Effective date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST-YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** \$43,230,000.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 74-703, with amendment, December 10, 1975.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-1206, with amendment, September 3, 1976.

SENATE REPORT No. 94-1206, Part 2, September 9, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Dec. 15, 1975: Considered and passed House.

Dec. 16, 1975: Referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Sept. 16, 1976: Passed Senate, as amended.

Sept. 29, 1976: House considered and passed with an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Senate amendment.

Oct. 1, 1976: Senate agreed to House amendments, thus clearing for the President.

Oct. 21, 1976: Signed by the President.

## BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE AND PENDING IN SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS AT TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

### H.R. 1547—Medical Benefits For Survivors of Certain Veterans:

Provides medical care for the widow or child of a veteran who, at the time of death, had a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability, even though death does not result from that disability. Such care is presently provided if the veteran has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability, or for survivors of veterans who die as a result of a service-connected disability.

*Effective date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** Approximately \$56,984.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** December 10, 1975: HOUSE REPORT NO. 94-702, without amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Dec. 15: Considered and passed House.

### H.R. 3350—Technical Amendments to Title 38, United States Code:

As indicated in its title, the subject bill would make technical and conforming amendments to title 38, United States Code. Eighteen years ago, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs after extensive committee staff work, reported legislation which incorporated into a single act the subject matter of the extensive body of existing legislation authorizing and governing payment of compensation for service-connected disability or death to persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war, armed conflict, or peacetime service, and to their widows, children, and dependent parents. It also provided for consolidation of laws relating to pension, hospitalization, medical and domiciliary care, and burial benefits, as well as all the administrative provisions relating to these benefits. Subsequently, the law was placed into codified form through cooperation with the Committee on the Judiciary and its Subcommittee on Revision of Law, so that for the first time all laws relating to veterans were enacted and became known as title 38, United States Code.

The present bill is not intended to make substantive changes in existing law, but is intended to accomplish the general objective of correcting certain errors of a nonsubstantive character which have accumulated over the years.

*Effective Date:* Date of enactment.

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COST:** None.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** July 9, 1975: House Report No. 94-338, with amendments.

### **H.R. 8891—Establishment of National Cemeteries in California and Massachusetts:**

As reported, this legislation directs the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to establish within the National Cemetery System national cemeteries at March Air Force Base near Riverside, Calif., and Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

The Secretary of the Air Force, in the case of the March Air Force Base site, is directed to transfer jurisdiction over real property consisting of 680 acres, more or less, to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and the Administrator and the Secretary of the Air Force are directed to enter into mutually agreeable arrangements for possible future use of an additional 562 acres, adjacent to the property to be transferred for future expansion of the cemetery when required. The sum of \$2,150,000 is authorized to be appropriate for these purposes.

In the case of the Otis Air Force Base site in Massachusetts, the Administrator is directed to accept jurisdiction over real property consisting of 750 acres, more or less, to be transferred to him by the State of Massachusetts for the purpose of establishing a national cemetery, and the sum of \$2,150,000 is authorized to be appropriated for this purpose.

*Effective Date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** \$4,300,000 authorized for expenditure.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-602, with amendment, October 30, 1975.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 121 (1975):

Nov. 4: Considered and passed House under a suspension of the rules.

### **H.R. 11140—Establishing a National Cemetery at Quantico, Va.:**

Proposes to require that the Secretary of the Navy transfer to the Veterans' Administration real property located at the Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., consisting of approximately 620 acres, that the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs establish a national cemetery at that location, to be administered and maintained within the National Cemetery System; and authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$2,150,000 to carry out the purposes of the legislation.

*Effective Date:* Date of enactment.

**FIRST-YEAR ADDITIONAL COST:** \$1.4 million.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-950, with technical amendment, March 25, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Apr. 5: Considered and passed House under suspension of rules, 358 yeas and 8 nays.

Apr. 6: Referred, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### **H.R. 12735—Cemetery Plot Allowance Paid to States in Some Cases:**

Requires the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to pay a \$150 allowance to any State or any agency or political subdivision of a State in reimbursement for expenses incurred in the burial of each veteran in any cemetery owned by such State, agency or political subdivision of a State, if the cemetery or section thereof is used solely for the interment of veterans.

*Effective Date:* October 1, 1976.

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL FIRST YEAR COST:** Veterans' Administration estimates additional cost of \$5 million per year for the next 5 years. The Committee disagrees, and estimates no significant additional expenditure.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** May 13, 1976: HOUSE REPORT NO. 94-1128, without amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

May 18: Considered and passed House under a suspension of the rules.

May 19: Referred Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 12896—Naming of Veterans' Administration Facility, Tampa, Fla.:**

Designates the Veterans' Administration hospital located at 13000 North Thirtieth Street, Tampa, Fla., the "James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital".

*Effective Date:* January 4, 1977.

**ESTIMATED COST:** No additional expense to the Federal Government.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-1698, with amendments, Sept. 27, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Sept. 29, 1976: Considered and passed House unanimously.

Oct. 1, 1976: Referred Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 14469—Veterans' Administration Physicians and Dentists Comparability Pay Act Extension:**

Public Law 94-123 (H.R. 8240) was enacted on October 22, 1975, to provide special and incentive pay to certain physicians and dentists in the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans' Administration.

The legislation was enacted in order to assist the Veterans' Administration in their efforts to recruit and retain physicians and dentists who serve in the Department of Medicine and Surgery. Public Law 94-123 is due to expire on October 11, 1976.

H.R. 14469 would simply extend the authority through September 30, 1977.

Note: Provisions of H.R. 14469 are contained in Public Law 94-581.

**FISCAL YEAR 1977 COST:** \$3,400,000.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-1372.

July 28, 1976: Without amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

August 2: H.R. 14469 considered and passed House by a ye and nay vote of 379 yeas to 1 nay.

**H.R. 15671—Naming of Veterans' Administration Facility, Bedford, Mass.:**

Designates the Veterans' Administration hospital located at 200 Springs Road, Bedford, Mass., the "Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans' Hospital."

*Effective Date:* November 11, 1976.

**ESTIMATED COST:** No additional expense to the Federal Government.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** HOUSE REPORT No. 94-1700, without amendment, Sept. 27, 1976.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 122 (1976):

Sept. 29, 1976: Considered and passed House unanimously.

Oct. 1, 1976: Referred Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**FIRST YEAR ADDITIONAL COST TO BE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF ENACTMENT OF BILLS  
REPORTED FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS IN THE 94TH CONGRESS,  
WITH EFFECTIVE DATE OF LAWS ENACTED AND PAGE REFERENCE**

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| P.L. 94-169       | Jan. 1, 1976          | 150,100,000            | 5, 6               |
| P.L. 94-246       | Mar. 26, 1976         | None                   | 6, 7               |
| P.L. 94-256       | Apr. 1, 1976          | 1,900                  | 7                  |
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| P.L. 94-324       | See Page 9            | 4,700,000              | 8, 9               |
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| P.L. 94-432       | See Page 12           | 432,100,000            | 10-12              |
| P.L. 94-433       | Oct. 1, 1976          | 388,700,000            | 13-15              |
| P.L. 94-491       | Oct. 14, 1976         | 5,000,000              | 16                 |
| P.L. 94-502       | See Page 17           | 495,400,000            | 16, 17             |
| P.L. 94-581       | Oct. 21, 1976         | 43,230,000             | 18-20              |

Total Additional First Year Cost to be Incurred as a Result of Enactment of Public Laws, Ninety-fourth Congress ..... \$2,088,419,900

† Nine-month period Jan. 1, 1976 through Sept. 30, 1976.

**DIGEST TO FINAL ACTION ON BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
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| H. R. 8891            | X                   |            | 21          |
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| H. R. 11140           | X                   | 94-417     | 0           |
| H. R. 12735           | X                   |            | 21          |
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| H. R. 14469           | X                   |            | 13-15       |
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VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES EXPENDITURES FROM APPROPRIATED FUNDS,  
BY WAR AND PURPOSE THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976\*

(Thousands of Dollars)

|  | All Wars      | Vietnam Era  | Korean Conflict | World War II  | World War I  | Spanish-American War <sup>d</sup> | Other Wars and Regular Establishment |
|--|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| TOTAL.....   | \$258,224,503 | \$26,907,289 | \$21,597,320    | \$120,259,123 | \$60,368,486 | \$5,708,150                       | \$23,384,135                         |
| Cash Benefits.....                                     | 201,449,651   | 23,553,664   | 14,981,396      | 90,348,173    | 47,542,439   | 5,199,044                         | 19,824,935                           |
| Adjusted service and dependent pay.....                | 56,069        |              |                 |               | 56,069       |                                   |                                      |
| Bonus <sup>a</sup> .....                               | 3,820,079     |              |                 |               | 3,820,079    |                                   |                                      |
| Compensation and pension—Total.....                    | 134,722,788   | 5,038,635    | 8,699,243       | 61,298,365    | 40,173,048   | 5,168,076                         | 14,345,421                           |
| Compensation.....                                      |               | 4,898,567    | 7,224,702       | 47,800,284    | 12,812,102   |                                   |                                      |
| Veterans.....  |               | 3,965,542    | 5,853,892       | 38,971,936    | 9,860,043    |                                   |                                      |
| Dependents.....  |               | 933,025      | 1,370,810       | 8,828,348     | 2,951,159    |                                   |                                      |
| Pension.....   |               | 140,068      | 1,474,541       | 13,498,083    | 27,360,945   |                                   |                                      |
| Veterans.....  |               | 60,729       | 637,892         | 7,810,728     | 18,674,624   |                                   |                                      |
| Dependents.....  |               | 79,339       | 836,649         | 5,678,355     | 8,686,022    |                                   |                                      |
| Insurance and indemnity.....                           | 7,157,952     | 48,495       | 401,849         | 4,809,287     | 1,890,318    |                                   | 8,003                                |
| Vocational rehabilitation.....                         | 3,022,798     | 404,147      | 202,903         | 1,638,927     | 644,865      |                                   | 131,956                              |
| Education and training.....                            | 40,392,876    | 16,204,177   | 4,685,007       | 15,080,316    | 22,728       | 1,671                             | 4,398,977                            |
| Readjustment allowance.....                            | 3,804,875     |              |                 | 3,804,875     |              |                                   |                                      |
| Loan guaranty.....                                     | 6,323,417     | 1,704,636    | 894,332         | 2,841,166     |              |                                   | 883,283                              |
| Autos, invalid lifts, etc.....                         | 193,997       | 67,433       | 7,588           | 94,119        | 13,718       | 109                               | 11,030                               |
| Homes for paraplegics, incl. Mtge. Life Insurance..... | 184,322       | 59,254       | 16,025          | 78,170        | 10,753       |                                   | 20,120                               |
| Statutory burial.....                                  | 1,455,863     | 22,910       | 71,395          | 683,237       | 624,977      | 29,181                            | 24,163                               |
| Military and naval family allowance.....               | 282,083       |              |                 |               | 282,083      |                                   |                                      |
| Clothing allowance.....                                | 32,532        | 3,977        | 3,054           | 19,711        | 3,801        | 7                                 | 1,982                                |
| Services rendered <sup>c</sup> .....                   | 45,745,015    | 2,466,765    | 5,532,475       | 23,235,910    | 11,069,732   | 446,895                           | 2,993,188                            |
| Capital additions and improvements.....                | 2,508,872     | 73,230       | 260,342         | 1,849,301     | 254,472      | 10,538                            | 60,990                               |
| Administration costs.....                              | 8,520,965     | 813,632      | 823,107         | 4,825,739     | 1,501,795    | 51,673                            | 505,019                              |

\* Estimated and subject to revision.

<sup>a</sup> Excludes \$479,777,696 in premiums and other collections credited to insurance appropriations.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes \$22,192,224 in premiums and other collections credited to insurance appropriations.

<sup>c</sup> Excludes \$457,585,472 in premiums and other collections credited to insurance appropriations.

<sup>d</sup> Includes Boxer Rebellion and Philippine Insurrection.

<sup>e</sup> Adjusted Service Certificate Fund (World War I bonus) which is a trust fund established by appropriation.

<sup>f</sup> Includes expenditures for the medical, hospital and domiciliary care programs and from the Direct Loan Revolving Fund.

Note: Expenditures reflect the net amount of vouchers approved for payment rather than the amount of checks issued and differ from amounts reported to the Office of Management and Budget and Treasury Department in accordance with Budget-Treasury Regulation No. 1A, revised, by the amount of payment and collection vouchers in transit between the Veterans Administration and regional disbursing offices at the close of the fiscal year.

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMPENSATION CASES AND COSTS

(Dollars are in thousands)

| Veterans                                | 1969 Actual      | 1970 Actual      | 1971 Actual      | 1972 Actual      | 1973 Actual      | 1974 Actual      | 1975 Actual      | 1976 Actual      | 197Q Actual      | 1977 Estimate    |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Spanish-American War.....               | 49               | 38               | 30               | 23               | 16               | 11               | 11               | 8                | 7                | 5                |
| Mexican border period.....              |                  |                  |                  | 10               | 12               | 13               | 11               | 12               | 11               | 11               |
| World War I.....                        | 94,813           | 87,569           | 81,259           | 74,528           | 67,815           | 61,937           | 56,657           | 52,220           | 49,071           | 46,200           |
| World War II.....                       | 1,441,693        | 1,424,798        | 1,405,262        | 1,383,297        | 1,360,212        | 1,339,747        | 1,318,136        | 1,297,697        | 1,284,408        | 1,272,200        |
| Korean conflict.....                    | 235,086          | 237,912          | 239,204          | 239,971          | 240,488          | 240,573          | 240,034          | 239,839          | 239,033          | 239,500          |
| Vietnam era.....                        | 70,434           | 131,657          | 209,828          | 279,521          | 333,192          | 372,324          | 405,812          | 440,686          | 464,014          | 488,700          |
| Peacetime service.....                  | 181,314          | 184,020          | 186,830          | 188,779          | 199,668          | 191,898          | 183,226          | 184,793          | 186,842          | 188,500          |
| <b>Total.....</b>                       | <b>2,024,000</b> | <b>2,064,994</b> | <b>2,122,213</b> | <b>2,106,129</b> | <b>2,192,423</b> | <b>2,207,001</b> | <b>2,213,887</b> | <b>2,225,135</b> | <b>2,234,040</b> | <b>2,245,116</b> |
| Average payment per case, per year..... | \$1,060          | \$1,159          | \$1,280          | \$1,293          | \$1,420          | \$1,489          | \$1,715          | \$1,694          | \$483            | \$2,085          |
| Total cost (in thousands).....          | \$2,146,083      | \$2,392,737      | \$2,729,554      | \$2,801,572      | \$3,113,133      | \$3,285,411      | \$3,797,330      | \$4,236,598      | \$1,079,704      | \$4,681,601      |
| <b>Survivors</b>                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Prior to Spanish-American War.....      | 38               | 33               | 25               | 20               | 15               | 13               | 10               | 9                | 9                | 7                |
| Spanish-American War.....               | 486              | 438              | 384              | 345              | 312              | 291              | 264              | 238              | 214              | 195              |
| Mexican border period.....              |                  |                  |                  | 1                | 2                | 2                | 3                | 3                | 3                | 2                |
| World War I.....                        | 38,512           | 37,732           | 37,076           | 37,109           | 36,825           | 36,164           | 35,358           | 34,899           | 34,211           | 34,100           |
| World War II.....                       | 210,029          | 213,947          | 208,426          | 204,123          | 202,817          | 198,350          | 194,091          | 190,099          | 187,439          | 187,100          |
| Korean conflict.....                    | 40,085           | 39,749           | 39,328           | 39,473           | 39,484           | 39,298           | 39,274           | 39,360           | 39,289           | 39,400           |
| Vietnam era.....                        | 24,402           | 32,075           | 37,733           | 42,181           | 45,950           | 49,187           | 52,348           | 55,818           | 57,886           | 60,495           |
| Peacetime service.....                  | 47,653           | 48,015           | 48,265           | 48,384           | 49,161           | 48,941           | 48,514           | 48,147           | 47,855           | 47,700           |
| <b>Total.....</b>                       | <b>370,894</b>   | <b>371,989</b>   | <b>371,229</b>   | <b>374,068</b>   | <b>374,575</b>   | <b>372,236</b>   | <b>369,862</b>   | <b>368,373</b>   | <b>366,906</b>   | <b>367,899</b>   |
| Average payment per case, per year..... | \$1,444          | \$1,588          | \$1,738          | \$1,870          | \$1,988          | \$2,042          | \$2,320          | \$2,585          | \$680            | \$2,820          |
| Total cost (in thousands).....          | \$535,754        | \$594,618        | \$645,319        | \$699,678        | \$737,343        | \$760,090        | \$860,167        | \$956,957        | \$242,304        | \$1,037,627      |

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF PENSION CASES AND COSTS

(Dollars are in thousands)

| Veterans                                | 1969 Actual      | 1970 Actual      | 1971 Actual      | 1972 Actual      | 1973 Actual      | 1974 Actual      | 1975 Actual      | 1976 Actual      | 197Q Actual      | 1977 Estimate    |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Prior to Spanish-American War.....      | 2                | 2                | 1                | 1                | 1                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Spanish-American War.....               | 6,262            | 4,830            | 3,802            | 2,877            | 2,159            | 1,583            | 1,164            | 827              | 642              | 455              |
| Mexican border period.....              |                  |                  | 11               | 360              | 476              | 427              | 387              | 352              | 330              | 290              |
| World War I.....                        | 782,458          | 717,772          | 652,194          | 594,193          | 531,408          | 467,062          | 406,290          | 349,238          | 318,755          | 319,556          |
| World War II.....                       | 325,946          | 358,339          | 393,438          | 445,417          | 495,136          | 525,409          | 554,619          | 592,040          | 620,944          | 646,088          |
| Korean conflict.....                    | 22,434           | 24,952           | 28,371           | 33,394           | 38,860           | 43,534           | 46,721           | 55,569           | 61,119           | 61,987           |
| Vietnam era.....                        | 676              | 1,108            | 1,877            | 2,943            | 4,224            | 5,378            | 6,636            | 8,221            | 9,443            | 10,288           |
| Peacetime service.....                  | 111              | 100              | 90               | 77               | 68               | 55               | 45               | 38               | 36               | 34               |
| <b>Total.....</b>                       | <b>1,137,179</b> | <b>1,105,103</b> | <b>1,079,724</b> | <b>1,079,288</b> | <b>1,072,338</b> | <b>1,043,448</b> | <b>1,017,911</b> | <b>1,006,291</b> | <b>1,011,288</b> | <b>1,038,608</b> |
| Average payment per case, per year..... | \$1,169          | \$1,228          | \$1,284          | \$1,368          | \$1,377          | \$1,414          | \$1,545          | \$1,644          | \$410            | \$1,782          |
| Total cost (in thousands).....          | \$1,317,919      | \$1,357,113      | \$1,386,343      | \$1,476,628      | \$1,476,651      | \$1,475,547      | \$1,572,884      | \$1,654,315      | \$217,385        | \$1,851,151      |
| <b>Survivors</b>                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Prior to Spanish-American War.....      | 1,281            | 1,088            | 951              | 617              | 696              | 588              | 504              | 434              | 398              | 360              |
| Spanish-American War.....               | 47,274           | 43,681           | 39,366           | 35,885           | 32,126           | 29,028           | 25,825           | 23,056           | 21,338           | 20,100           |
| Mexican border period.....              |                  |                  | 4                | 228              | 423              | 499              | 529              | 566              | 570              | 600              |
| World War I.....                        | 577,904          | 590,823          | 597,898          | 612,088          | 619,828          | 605,670          | 588,463          | 573,032          | 562,858          | 567,927          |
| World War II.....                       | 420,971          | 448,821          | 474,917          | 503,931          | 526,678          | 529,777          | 520,319          | 544,620          | 547,574          | 550,232          |
| Korean conflict.....                    | 50,529           | 57,917           | 65,881           | 74,430           | 82,546           | 88,484           | 93,260           | 99,322           | 102,253          | 118,611          |
| Vietnam era.....                        | 1,124            | 2,462            | 4,468            | 7,011            | 9,929            | 12,372           | 15,018           | 18,546           | 21,286           | 23,400           |
| Peacetime service.....                  | 18               | 16               | 16               | 17               | 15               | 13               | 13               | 9                | 8                | 5                |
| <b>Total.....</b>                       | <b>1,099,101</b> | <b>1,144,798</b> | <b>1,183,501</b> | <b>1,234,187</b> | <b>1,272,241</b> | <b>1,266,431</b> | <b>1,250,937</b> | <b>1,259,598</b> | <b>1,256,388</b> | <b>1,279,235</b> |
| Average payment per case, per year..... | \$773            | \$793            | \$814            | \$883            | \$863            | \$863            | \$922            | \$973            | \$242            | \$1,015          |
| Total cost (in thousands).....          | \$849,218        | \$907,434        | \$983,656        | \$1,065,583      | \$1,097,847      | \$1,092,899      | \$1,153,086      | \$1,226,101      | \$303,917        | \$1,305,065      |

**COMPENSATION AND PENSION DISTRIBUTION, FISCAL YEARS 1965 THROUGH 1977**

|  | Fiscal year<br>1965 actual † | Fiscal year<br>1966 actual † | Fiscal year<br>1967 actual † | Fiscal year<br>1968 actual † | Fiscal year<br>1969 actual † | Fiscal year<br>1970 actual † | Fiscal year<br>1971 actual † |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Total cost</b> .....                            | <b>\$4, 108, 826, 260</b>    | <b>\$4, 388, 501, 827</b>    | <b>\$4, 480, 459, 585</b>    | <b>\$4, 613, 410, 651</b>    | <b>\$4, 941, 069, 623</b>    | <b>\$5, 358, 855, 149</b>    | <b>\$5, 830, 390, 281</b>    |
| <b>Compensation, total</b> .....                   | <b>2, 176, 166, 910</b>      | <b>2, 313, 496, 703</b>      | <b>2, 415, 058, 247</b>      | <b>2, 470, 572, 294</b>      | <b>2, 681, 836, 866</b>      | <b>2, 967, 355, 745</b>      | <b>3, 374, 573, 122</b>      |
| <b>Living veterans, total</b> .....                | <b>1, 704, 796, 940</b>      | <b>1, 830, 456, 238</b>      | <b>1, 917, 839, 953</b>      | <b>1, 953, 878, 885</b>      | <b>2, 146, 082, 928</b>      | <b>2, 392, 737, 423</b>      | <b>3, 729, 253, 907</b>      |
| Spanish-American War... Mexican Border period..... | 281, 809                     | 266, 840                     | 258, 420                     | 215, 879                     | 198, 905                     | 178, 888                     | 150, 823                     |
| World War I.....                                   | 165, 220, 469                | 166, 570, 484                | 163, 463, 544                | 152, 840, 789                | 154, 560, 970                | 154, 054, 702                | 157, 054, 874                |
| World War II.....                                  | 1, 201, 241, 384             | 1, 282, 081, 003             | 1, 331, 919, 985             | 1, 334, 885, 528             | 1, 419, 158, 944             | 1, 511, 209, 880             | 1, 657, 282, 031             |
| Korean Conflict.....                               | 214, 080, 123                | 235, 392, 184                | 251, 005, 749                | 257, 515, 027                | 281, 248, 370                | 308, 306, 146                | 344, 842, 705                |
| Vietnam Era.....                                   |                              |                              |                              | 38, 073, 887                 | 118, 021, 111                | 227, 232, 708                | 355, 347, 182                |
| Peacetime service.....                             | 123, 972, 975                | 145, 236, 718                | 171, 192, 255                | 169, 438, 752                | 172, 894, 627                | 190, 855, 100                | 214, 576, 292                |
| <b>Survivors, total</b> .....                      | <b>471, 359, 970</b>         | <b>483, 040, 465</b>         | <b>497, 218, 294</b>         | <b>510, 693, 430</b>         | <b>535, 753, 939</b>         | <b>594, 618, 322</b>         | <b>645, 310, 215</b>         |
| Indian Wars.....                                   | 3, 440                       | 3, 269                       |                              | 2, 153                       | 5, 973                       | 4, 600                       | 2, 171                       |
| Civil War.....                                     | 67, 776                      | 52, 498                      | 51, 015                      | 44, 990                      | 46, 014                      | 45, 536                      | 39, 017                      |
| Spanish-American War... Mexican Border period..... | 1, 092, 770                  | 1, 035, 285                  | 943, 287                     | 858, 969                     | 784, 285                     | 820, 781                     | 806, 663                     |
| World War I.....                                   | 64, 089, 425                 | 64, 913, 068                 | 64, 423, 027                 | 64, 048, 664                 | 63, 885, 064                 | 72, 568, 344                 | 78, 295, 612                 |
| World War II.....                                  | 271, 057, 928                | 271, 519, 203                | 273, 700, 564                | 276, 410, 332                | 275, 264, 683                | 289, 972, 290                | 305, 299, 709                |
| Korean Conflict.....                               | 55, 128, 727                 | 56, 467, 931                 | 57, 277, 955                 | 58, 116, 717                 | 59, 083, 340                 | 63, 303, 260                 | 66, 856, 156                 |
| Vietnam Era.....                                   |                              |                              |                              | 19, 457, 758                 | 49, 744, 613                 | 71, 499, 407                 | 89, 943, 277                 |
| Peacetime service.....                             | 79, 919, 904                 | 89, 049, 211                 | 100, 822, 446                | 97, 753, 846                 | 89, 039, 957                 | 96, 404, 014                 | 104, 145, 610                |
| <b>Pensions, total</b> .....                       | <b>1, 863, 460, 738</b>      | <b>1, 989, 430, 272</b>      | <b>1, 975, 523, 371</b>      | <b>2, 051, 864, 975</b>      | <b>2, 167, 135, 431</b>      | <b>2, 264, 546, 382</b>      | <b>2, 349, 999, 585</b>      |
| <b>Living veterans, total</b> .....                | <b>1, 223, 930, 503</b>      | <b>1, 390, 573, 569</b>      | <b>1, 263, 193, 028</b>      | <b>1, 272, 445, 853</b>      | <b>1, 317, 919, 347</b>      | <b>1, 357, 112, 855</b>      | <b>1, 388, 343, 273</b>      |
| Indian Wars.....                                   | 20, 076                      | 10, 829                      | 5, 105                       | 3, 258                       | 3, 240                       | 4, 005                       | 1, 819                       |
| Spanish-American War... Mexican Border period..... | 20, 485, 634                 | 17, 811, 023                 | 14, 257, 198                 | 11, 809, 235                 | 9, 618, 787                  | 7, 553, 596                  | 6, 007, 325                  |
| World War I.....                                   | 968, 029, 650                | 980, 821, 414                | 914, 304, 341                | 876, 131, 436                | 858, 140, 622                | 827, 315, 698                | 778, 850, 197                |
| World War II.....                                  | 219, 347, 271                | 282, 228, 898                | 312, 462, 034                | 358, 458, 068                | 418, 714, 830                | 483, 978, 047                | 555, 299, 025                |
| Korean Conflict.....                               | 16, 018, 930                 | 19, 873, 092                 | 22, 138, 796                 | 25, 734, 739                 | 30, 358, 757                 | 36, 143, 219                 | 42, 670, 761                 |
| Vietnam Era.....                                   |                              |                              |                              | 286, 985                     | 1, 062, 494                  | 2, 100, 370                  | 3, 415, 655                  |
| Peacetime service.....                             | 28, 942                      | 28, 313                      | 25, 554                      | 22, 193                      | 20, 618                      | 17, 921                      | 16, 171                      |
| <b>Survivors, total</b> .....                      | <b>639, 530, 235</b>         | <b>688, 865, 703</b>         | <b>712, 330, 343</b>         | <b>779, 419, 122</b>         | <b>849, 216, 084</b>         | <b>907, 433, 527</b>         | <b>963, 656, 312</b>         |
| Indian Wars.....                                   | 259, 504                     | 227, 920                     | 199, 567                     | 194, 699                     | 173, 727                     | 153, 869                     | 146, 183                     |
| Civil War.....                                     | 1, 444, 340                  | 1, 245, 682                  | 1, 070, 427                  | 1, 004, 223                  | 865, 147                     | 832, 253                     | 817, 588                     |
| Spanish-American War... Mexican Border period..... | 48, 413, 359                 | 45, 799, 790                 | 42, 251, 689                 | 42, 904, 283                 | 41, 660, 607                 | 38, 821, 040                 | 46, 081, 560                 |
| World War I.....                                   | 325, 366, 515                | 342, 044, 296                | 343, 977, 530                | 368, 454, 923                | 400, 314, 393                | 423, 188, 250                | 447, 477, 078                |
| World War II.....                                  | 240, 194, 497                | 270, 641, 813                | 290, 846, 905                | 325, 984, 324                | 356, 353, 612                | 385, 277, 004                | 409, 656, 093                |
| Korean Conflict.....                               | 23, 844, 840                 | 28, 990, 414                 | 33, 979, 027                 | 41, 483, 765                 | 48, 620, 694                 | 56, 876, 500                 | 64, 947, 037                 |
| Vietnam Era.....                                   |                              |                              |                              | 308, 729                     | 944, 413                     | 2, 181, 833                  | 4, 480, 112                  |
| Peacetime service.....                             | 7, 000                       | 5, 878                       | 5, 198                       | 4, 176                       | 3, 491                       | 2, 777                       | 2, 712                       |
| <b>Other, total</b> .....                          | <b>69, 208, 612</b>          | <b>85, 565, 852</b>          | <b>98, 877, 967</b>          | <b>99, 964, 381</b>          | <b>92, 097, 326</b>          | <b>106, 953, 022</b>         | <b>114, 817, 574</b>         |

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COMPENSATION AND PENSION DISTRIBUTION, FISCAL YEARS 1965 THROUGH 1977—Continued

|                                     | Fiscal year<br>1972 actual <sup>1</sup> | Fiscal year<br>1973 actual <sup>1</sup> | Fiscal year<br>1974 actual <sup>1</sup> | Fiscal year<br>1975 actual <sup>1</sup> | Fiscal year<br>1976 actual <sup>1</sup> | Transition<br>quarter<br>actual <sup>1</sup> | Fiscal year<br>1977 estimate <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Total cost</b> .....             | \$6,170,861,747                         | \$6,586,446,605                         | \$6,734,437,280                         | \$7,544,379,045                         | \$8,224,821,580                         | \$2,087,912,846                              | \$9,031,901,000                           |
| <b>Compensation, total</b> .....    | 3,501,250,104                           | 3,850,475,399                           | 4,045,471,177                           | 4,657,497,333                           | 5,102,554,569                           | 1,321,007,673                                | 5,719,223,000                             |
| <b>Living veterans, total</b> ..... | 2,801,571,830                           | 3,113,133,089                           | 3,285,499,992                           | 3,707,320,966                           | 4,282,398,199                           | 1,078,703,704                                | 4,681,601,000                             |
| Spanish-American War.....           | 114,048                                 | 114,435                                 | 98,966                                  | 78,528                                  | 68,296                                  | 9,572  | 35,000                                    |
| American Border period.....         | 70,444                                  | 73,629                                  | 286                                     | 88,444                                  | 30,361                                  | 20,563                                       | 82,000                                    |
| World War I.....                    | 142,607,347                             | 140,000,000                             | 133,261,044                             | 133,261,044                             | 131,373,991                             | 30,887,248                                   | 124,311,000                               |
| World War II.....                   | 1,854,272,533                           | 1,806,000,000                           | 1,800,000,000                           | 2,094,046,857                           | 2,206,670,970                           | 577,983,530                                  | 2,425,882,000                             |
| Korean Conflict.....                | 51,577,389                              | 388,000,000                             | 463,762,424                             | 463,762,424                             | 514,000,000                             | 120,241,735                                  | 568,532,000                               |
| Vietnam Era.....                    | 34,438,259                              | 535,323,722                             | 738,926,361                             | 738,926,361                             | 881,600,000                             | 222,982,848                                  | 1,005,486,000                             |
| Peacetime service.....              | 18,401,810                              | 242,381,912                             | 242,381,912                             | 366,165,708                             | 411,788,000                             | 106,572,209                                  | 487,293,000                               |
| <b>Survivors, total</b> .....       | 99,678,274                              | 737,342,310                             | 760,000,186                             | 860,167,367                             | 955,956,483                             | 242,303,969                                  | 1,037,627,000                             |
| Indian Wars.....                    | 1,940                                   | 1,858                                   | 1,814                                   | 2,094                                   | 2,094                                   | 579  | 2,000                                     |
| Civil War.....                      | 33,036                                  | 29,474                                  | 27,206                                  | 22,013                                  | 22,013                                  | 5,090  | 18,000                                    |
| Spanish-American War.....           | 765,982                                 | 736,777                                 | 696,953                                 | 726,890                                 | 726,890                                 | 160,293                                      | 629,000                                   |
| Mexican Border period.....          | 2,933                                   | 5,882                                   | 6,195                                   | 6,031                                   | 6,031                                   | 3,297  | 5,000                                     |
| World War I.....                    | 83,741,214                              | 86,444,927                              | 87,335,903                              | 97,482,343                              | 106,300,000                             | 26,404,881                                   | 112,680,000                               |
| World War II.....                   | 326,592,799                             | 340,010,000                             | 346,176,868                             | 383,777,004                             | 420,000,000                             | 106,399,166                                  | 447,702,000                               |
| Korean Conflict.....                | 72,010,784                              | 75,408,064                              | 78,004,945                              | 88,391,737                              | 98,000,000                              | 25,114,897                                   | 107,013,000                               |
| Vietnam Era.....                    | 104,187,650                             | 116,785,715                             | 127,252,348                             | 153,129,249                             | 179,300,000                             | 46,373,722                                   | 207,873,000                               |
| Peacetime service.....              | 112,342,170                             | 117,873,013                             | 120,558,953                             | 136,050,036                             | 150,300,000                             | 37,842,000                                   | 166,715,000                               |
| <b>Pensions, total</b> .....        | 2,542,208,445                           | 2,574,408,383                           | 2,568,536,269                           | 2,725,980,133                           | 2,880,416,911                           | 718,823,372                                  | 3,134,683,000                             |
| <b>Living veterans, total</b> ..... | 1,476,625,801                           | 1,476,651,181                           | 1,475,547,381                           | 1,572,883,991                           | 1,654,000,000                           | 414,908,048                                  | 1,842,780,000                             |
| Indian Wars.....                    | 1,851                                   | 2,330                                   | (158)                                   | 158                                     | 158                                     |  |   |
| Spanish-American War.....           | 4,714,120                               | 3,559,644                               | 2,579,389                               | 2,144,153                               | 1,611,158                               | 324,634                                      | 1,235,000                                 |
| Mexican Border period.....          | 627,772                                 | 615,073                                 | 556,434                                 | 541,956                                 | 510,840                                 | 120,811                                      | 493,000                                   |
| World War I.....                    | 746,828,487                             | 669,523,696                             | 599,339,979                             | 555,818,570                             | 501,639,326                             | 115,010,771                                  | 552,436,000                               |
| World War II.....                   | 665,387,857                             | 732,359,332                             | 791,951,902                             | 912,193,599                             | 1,025,083,094                           | 264,198,714                                  | 1,142,281,000                             |
| Korean Conflict.....                | 53,543,215                              | 62,935,717                              | 71,411,820                              | 88,730,786                              | 108,243,882                             | 29,592,707                                   | 124,748,000                               |
| Vietnam Era.....                    | 5,507,079                               | 7,644,448                               | 9,700,787                               | 13,447,115                              | 17,239,176                              | 5,056,844                                    | 21,501,000                                |
| Peacetime service.....              | 15,480                                  | 11,030                                  | 9,249                                   | 7,654                                   | 6,461                                   | 1,566  | 6,000                                     |
| <b>Survivors, total</b> .....       | 1,065,582,584                           | 1,097,847,182                           | 1,092,988,888                           | 1,153,096,142                           | 1,226,100,804                           | 303,917,324                                  | 1,291,923,000                             |
| Indian Wars.....                    | 127,942                                 | 114,069                                 | 98,079                                  | 81,908                                  | 68,924                                  | 16,688                                       | 61,000                                    |
| Civil War.....                      | 708,285                                 | 593,498                                 | 512,218                                 | 447,764                                 | 387,287                                 | 91,191                                       | 381,000                                   |
| Spanish-American War.....           | 33,372,852                              | 31,329,834                              | 28,622,910                              | 26,455,979                              | 24,644,719                              | 5,820,107                                    | 23,681,000                                |
| Mexican Border period.....          | 293,340                                 | 384,086                                 | 384,439                                 | 413,393                                 | 443,695                                 | 100,090                                      | 516,000                                   |
| World War I.....                    | 491,450,274                             | 491,533,023                             | 469,097,105                             | 472,563,840                             | 475,536,114                             | 115,271,631                                  | 479,180,000                               |
| World War II.....                   | 455,841,006                             | 478,347,714                             | 488,775,596                             | 530,499,715                             | 581,379,824                             | 144,758,503                                  | 618,183,000                               |
| Korean Conflict.....                | 76,523,713                              | 85,461,539                              | 92,517,694                              | 105,328,550                             | 120,192,043                             | 31,113,389                                   | 138,763,000                               |
| Vietnam Era.....                    | 7,261,668                               | 10,095,935                              | 12,979,437                              | 17,302,041                              | 23,446,116                              | 6,745,204                                    | 31,177,000                                |
| Peacetime service.....              | 3,504                                   | 6,524                                   | 2,511                                   | 2,052                                   | 2,172                                   | 522  | 1,000                                     |
| <b>Other, total</b> .....           | 127,403,198                             | 143,472,844                             | 120,429,833                             | 160,902,479                             | 165,851,294                             | \$8,081,800                                  | 177,990,000                               |

<sup>1</sup> Includes supplementals.

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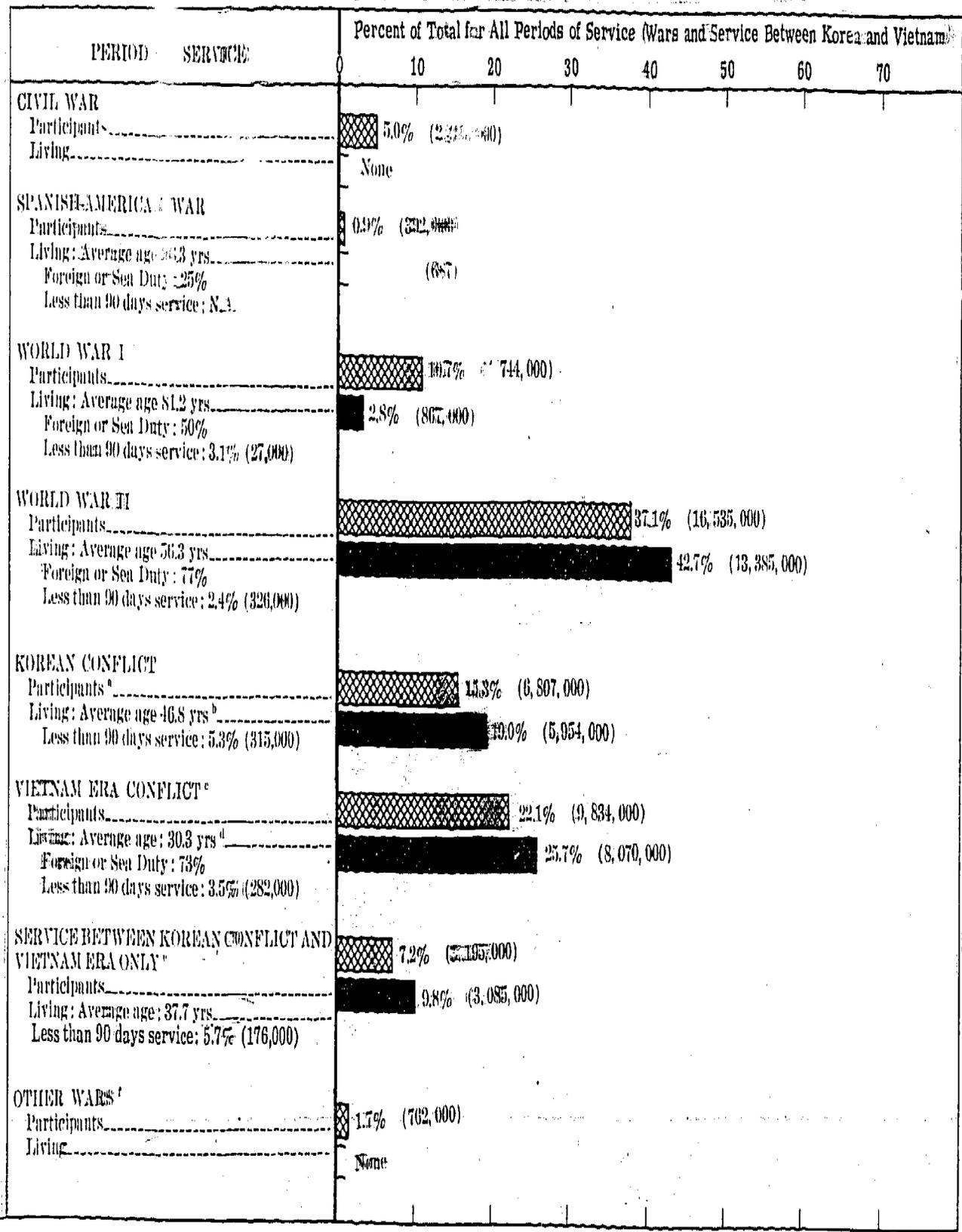
COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEARS 1967 THROUGH 1977

|   | 1967   | 1968                   | 1969                   | 1970                    | 1971   | 1972                   | 1973  | 1974  | 1975   | 1976                    | 1977                  |            |
|---|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Appropriations  | P.L. 89-555<br>9-6-68                            | P.L. 90-121<br>11-3-67 | P.L. 90-550<br>10-4-68 | P.L. 91-126<br>11-26-69 | P.L. 91-358<br>12-17-70                        | P.L. 92-78<br>8-10-71  | P.L. 92-383<br>8-14-72                        | P.L. 93-137<br>10-26-73   | P.L. 93-414<br>9-6-74  | P.L. 94-116<br>10-17-75 | P.L. 94-378<br>8-9-76 |            |
| Supplementals   | P.L. 89-697<br>10-27-68<br>P.L. 90-21<br>5-29-67 | P.L. 90-392<br>7-9-68  | P.L. 91-47<br>7-22-69  | P.L. 91-305<br>7-9-70   | P.L. 92-11<br>4-30-71<br>P.L. 92-18<br>5-15-71 | P.L. 92-306<br>3-27-72 | P.L. 93-75<br>4-26-73<br>P.L. 93-50<br>7-1-73 | P.L. 93-281<br>4-11-74<br>P.L. 93-305<br>6-8-74<br>P.L. 93-322<br>6-30-74 | P.L. 93-554<br>12-27-74<br>P.L. 93-824<br>1-3-75<br>P.L. 94-17<br>4-24-75<br>P.L. 94-32<br>6-12-75 | P.L. 94-303<br>6-1-76   |                       |            |
| General Administration                                    | \$182,437,000                                    | \$189,221,000          | \$207,000,000          | \$241,731,719           | \$258,130,000                                  | \$291,138,000          | \$319,651,000                                 | \$334,833,000   | \$432,028,000  | \$483,300,000           | \$121,230,000         | \$608,383  |
| Medical Administration                                    | 14,312,000                                       | 13,975,000             | 14,789,000             | 17,905,000              | 20,181,000                                     | 22,531,000             | 23,737,000                                    | 24,083,000  | 37,308,000   | 38,528,000              | 10,230,000            | 39,941     |
| Medical Research  | 44,258,000                                       | 45,850,000             | 48,018,000             | 53,783,131              | 62,684,000                                     | 69,007,000             | 77,688,000                                    | 76,142,000  | 91,377,000   | 97,309,000              | 28,827,000            | 101,633    |
| Medical Services  | 1,292,876,000                                    | 1,361,593,000          | 1,474,094,000          | 1,683,311,067           | 1,941,623,000                                  | 2,299,329,000          | 2,606,153,000                                 | 2,856,173,000   | 3,317,529,000  | 3,854,456,000           | 1,015,070,000         | 4,215,082  |
| Compensation  | 4,474,000,000                                    | 4,605,500,000          | 4,930,636,000          | 5,314,400,000           | 5,890,379,000                                  | 6,248,000,000          | 6,448,000,000                                 | 6,743,500,000   | 7,539,400,000  | 8,249,200,000           | 2,139,700,000         | 8,153,400  |
| Roadways  | 369,400,000                                      | 427,200,000            | 701,200,000            | 1,069,700,000           | 1,858,700,000                                  | 1,898,700,000          | 2,692,400,000                                 | 2,358,000,000   | 4,550,738,000  | 6,014,475,000           | 1,169,472,000         | 4,813,000  |
| Veterans  | 3,500,000  | 5,180,000              | 9,350,000              | 7,253,000               | 8,106,000                                      | 6,500,000              | 4,400,000                                     |   | 8,750,000  | 6,600,000               | 2,450,000             | 7,000      |
| Industries  |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Asst. Sec. for Health                                     |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| power   |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| functions   |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Construction of essential and auxiliary facilities        | 52,125,000                                       | 52,600,000             | 7,926,000              | 69,182,000              | 59,000,000                                     | 93,622,000             |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Construction of major projects                            |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Construction of minor projects                            |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Construction, Correctional-Bataan Memorial                |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Grants for construction of State expanded care facilities | 4,000,000  | 4,000,000              | 4,000,000              | 4,000,000               | 7,500,000                                      | 8,000,000              | 6,000,000                                     |   | 9,700,000  | 10,000,000              |                       | 10,000     |
| Grants to the Republic of the Philippines                 | 1,136,000  | 1,325,000              | 1,776,000              | 1,382,000               | 2,000,000                                      | 2,100,000              | 2,000,000                                     | 2,000,000   | 2,050,000  | 2,100,000               | 525,000               | 2,100      |
| Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief                       |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  |                         |                       |            |
| Payments of sales deficiencies                            |  | 665,000                | 9,506,000              | 5,716,000               | 6,128,000                                      | 5,929,000              | 5,000,000                                     | 4,400,000   | 1,823,000  |                         |                       |            |
| Vocational Rehabilitation Revolving Fund                  |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   | 97,000   |                         |                       |            |
| Supply Fund   |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  | 100,000                 |                       |            |
|   |  |                        |                        |                         |  |                        |   |   |  | 110,000,000             |                       |            |
| Total   | 6,438,043,000                                    | 6,707,079,000          | 7,408,584,000          | 8,479,313,917           | 9,909,405,000                                  | 10,935,756,000         | 12,391,322,000                                | 13,340,792,000  | 16,304,017,000   | 19,299,538,000          | 4,814,858,000         | 18,388,171 |

1 Excludes certain indefinite.

**ARMED SERVICES PARTICIPANTS AND LIVING VETERANS, SHOWING CURRENT AVERAGE AGE AND PERCENTAGES WHO SERVED ON FOREIGN OR SEA DUTY, FOR LESS THAN 90 DAYS, AND PARTICIPANTS AND LIVING VETERANS OF EACH PERIOD OF SERVICE AS PERCENTAGES OF TOTALS**

(As of June 30, 1976)



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<sup>a</sup> 1,476,000 had also served during World War II.

<sup>b</sup> 517,000 had also served during the Korean conflict.

<sup>c</sup> 1,238,000 had also served during World War II.

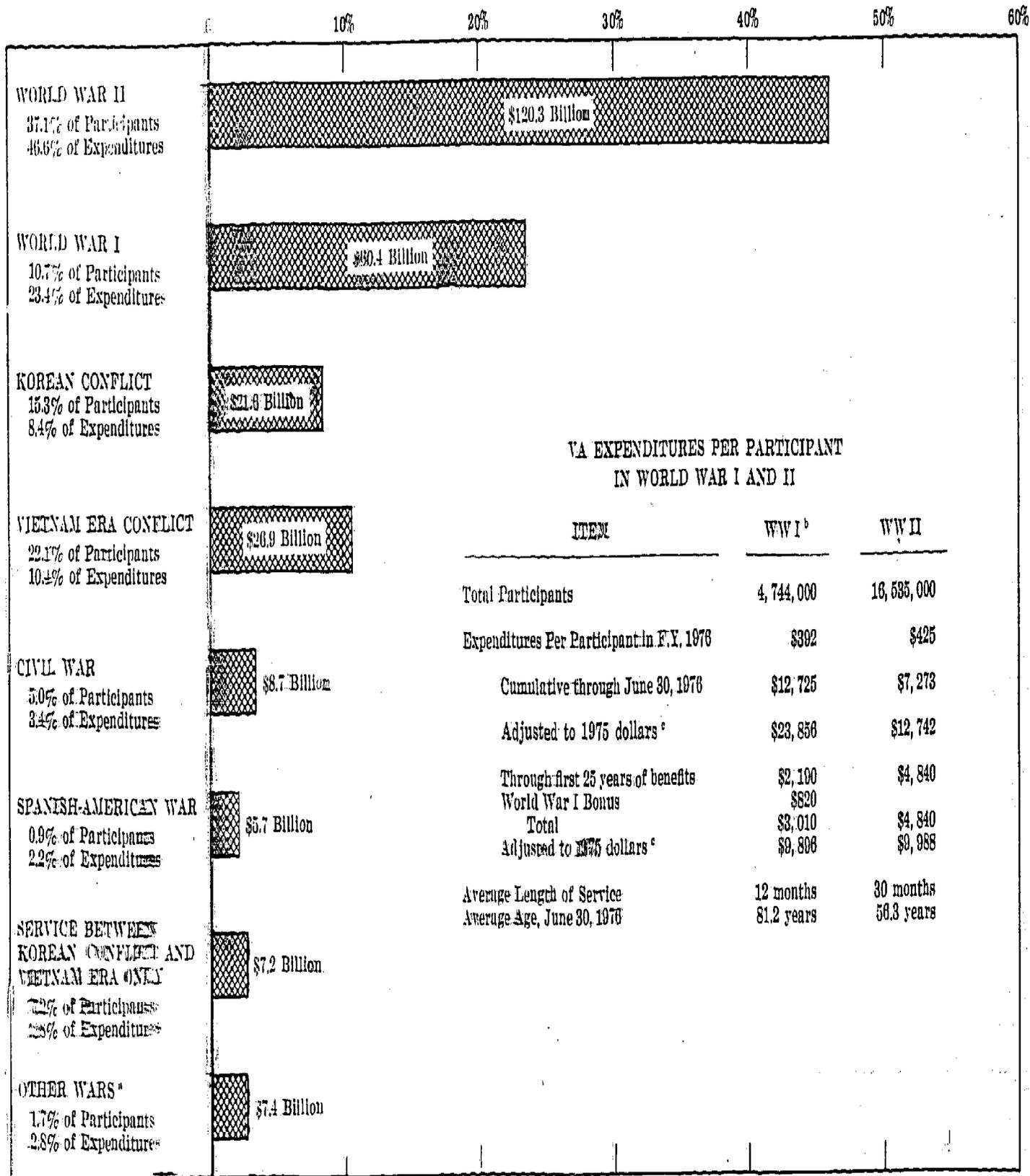
<sup>d</sup> Active duty service between January 31, 1955 and August 5, 1964. Excludes active duty for training only.

<sup>e</sup> Active duty service between August 4, 1964 and May 8, 1975. Excludes active duty for training only.

<sup>f</sup> War of the Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War, Indian Wars.

# VA EXPENDITURES FROM APPROPRIATED FUNDS BY WAR

THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976



## VA EXPENDITURES PER PARTICIPANT IN WORLD WAR I AND II

| ITEM                                      | WW I <sup>b</sup> | WW II      |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Total Participants                        | 4,744,000         | 16,535,000 |
| Expenditures Per Participant in F.Y. 1976 | \$392             | \$425      |
| Cumulative through June 30, 1976          | \$12,725          | \$7,273    |
| Adjusted to 1975 dollars <sup>c</sup>     | \$23,856          | \$12,742   |
| Through first 25 years of benefits        | \$2,190           | \$4,840    |
| World War I Bonus                         | \$820             |            |
| Total                                     | \$3,010           | \$4,840    |
| Adjusted to 1975 dollars <sup>c</sup>     | \$9,806           | \$9,988    |
| Average Length of Service                 | 12 months         | 30 months  |
| Average Age, June 30, 1976                | 81.2 years        | 56.3 years |

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\*Includes War of the Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War, Mexican Border Period, Indian Wars and Regular Establishment.

<sup>b</sup>Estimate; includes \$3.8 billion from adjusted service certificate fund (WW I Bonus).

<sup>c</sup>Basis of adjustment: Bureau of Labor Statistic Consumer Price Index, 1967 = 100.

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**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND DEATHS IN SERVICE DURING ALL WARS, AND THE POST-KOREAN CONFLICT PERIOD; NUMBER OF LIVING VETERANS, AND VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS ON COMPENSATION AND PENSION ROLLS, JULY 1, 1976**

**American Revolution (1775-1784)**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Participants .....                       | 290,000 |
| Deaths in service .....                  | 4,000   |
| Last veteran died April 5, 1869 .....    | Age 109 |
| Last dependent died April 25, 1911 ..... | Age 90  |

**War of 1812 (1812-1815)**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Participants .....                       | 287,000 |
| Deaths in service .....                  | 2,000   |
| Last veteran died May 13, 1905 .....     | Age 105 |
| Last dependent died March 12, 1946 ..... | Age 89  |

**Mexican War (1846-1848)**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Participants .....                         | 79,000 |
| Deaths in service .....                    | 13,000 |
| Last veteran died September 3, 1929 .....  | Age 98 |
| Last dependent died November 1, 1962 ..... | Age 94 |

**Civil War (1861-1865)**

|  |                    |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>Confederate</b> | <b>Union</b> |
| Participants .....                                     | 1,000,000*         | 2,213,000    |
| Deaths in service .....                                | 133,821*           | 364,511      |
| Last Union veterans died August 2, 1956 .....          |                    | Age 109      |
| Last Confederate veterans died December 19, 1959 ..... |                    | Age 117      |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls  
(75% Union, 25% Confederate)**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Widows .....   | 158 |
| Children ..... | 187 |

**Indian Wars (Approx. 1817-1898)**

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Participants .....                    | 106,000 |
| Deaths in service .....               | 1,000   |
| Last veteran died June 18, 1973 ..... | Age 101 |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Widows .....   | 58 |
| Children ..... | 13 |

**Spanish-American War (1898-1902)**

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Participants .....      | 392,000 |
| Deaths in service ..... | 11,000  |
| Living veterans .....   | 687     |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls**

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Widows .....   | 20,978 |
| Children ..... | 1,280  |
| Veterans ..... | 687    |

**World War I (1917-1918)**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Participants .....      | 4,744,000 |
| Deaths in service ..... | 116,000   |
| Living veterans .....   | 867,000   |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls**

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Parents .....  | 323     |
| Widows .....   | 586,620 |
| Children ..... | 25,821  |
| Veterans ..... | 374,879 |

\*Authoritative statistics for Confederate Forces not available. Estimated: 28,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.

\*\*Persons who served in more than one war period are counted as participants in each.

<sup>a</sup> Includes 1,476,000 who served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 1,238,000 with service in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

<sup>c</sup> Includes 887,000 who served in the Korean Conflict.

<sup>d</sup> Excludes 544,000 active-duty service members with no active-duty service prior to May 8, 1975.

<sup>e</sup> Includes 517,000 who served in the Korean Conflict.

**World War II  
(September 16, 1940-July 25, 1947)**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Participants .....      | <sup>a</sup> 16,535,000 |
| Deaths in service ..... | 406,000                 |
| Living veterans .....   | <sup>b</sup> 13,385,000 |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls**

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Parents .....  | 104,485   |
| Widows .....   | 452,116   |
| Children ..... | 502,850   |
| Veterans ..... | 1,897,819 |

**Korean Conflict**

**(June 27, 1950-January 31, 1955)**

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Participants .....      | <sup>a</sup> 6,807,000 |
| Deaths in service ..... | 55,000                 |
| Living veterans .....   | <sup>b</sup> 5,954,000 |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls**

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Parents .....  | 23,241  |
| Widows .....   | 51,690  |
| Children ..... | 220,824 |
| Veterans ..... | 299,038 |

**Post-Korean Conflict**

**(February 1955-August 4, 1964)**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Participants .....      | 3,195,000 |
| Deaths in service ..... | 20,000    |
| Living veterans .....   | 3,085,000 |

**Vietnam Era**

**(August 5, 1964-May 7, 1975)**

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Participants .....                   | <sup>c</sup> 9,834,000 |
| On active duty in armed forces ..... | <sup>d</sup> 1,556,000 |
| Deaths in service:                   |                        |
| Due to hostile forces .....          | 47,000                 |
| Due to other causes .....            | 60,000                 |
| Deaths in civil life .....           | 101,000                |
| Living veterans .....                | <sup>e</sup> 8,070,000 |

**Compensation and Pension Rolls**

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Parents .....  | 22,155  |
| Widows .....   | 41,371  |
| Children ..... | 99,477  |
| Veterans ..... | 467,065 |

**America's Wars**

**Total Through July 1, 1976**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Participants** .....    | <sup>d</sup> 44,482,000 |
| Deaths in service ..... | 1,099,000               |
| Living veterans .....   | 29,607,000              |

**Veterans and Dependents on Pension  
and Compensation Rolls**

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Parents .....  | <sup>f</sup> 164,056   |
| Widows .....   | <sup>g</sup> 1,186,366 |
| Children ..... | <sup>h</sup> 870,262   |
| Veterans ..... | <sup>i</sup> 3,235,778 |

<sup>f</sup> Includes 13,852 parents of deceased peacetime veterans and of deceased veterans with service between January 31, 1955 and August 5, 1964.

<sup>g</sup> Includes 33,375 widows of deceased peacetime veterans and of deceased veterans with service between January 31, 1955 and August 5, 1964 and of deceased veterans of the Mexican Border with service between May 9, 1916 and April 5, 1917.

<sup>h</sup> Includes 19,810 children of deceased peacetime veterans and of deceased veterans with service between January 31, 1955 and August 5, 1964 and of deceased veterans of the Mexican Border with service between May 9, 1916 and April 5, 1917.

<sup>i</sup> Includes 196,290 peacetime veterans and veterans with service between January 31, 1955 and August 5, 1964 and veterans of the Mexican Border with service between May 9, 1916 and April 5, 1917.

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