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Dear Members,
Enclosed is the Annual Report required under Sections 972.1(c) and 974. (a) of the California Military and Veterans Code (Enclosure 1). This report details the amount of new or increased monetary benefits paid to eligible veterans by the federal government attributable to the assistance of County Veteran Service Officers.

In fiscal year 2011-2012, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO's) brought in approximately $\$ 183$ million new, recurring veteran benefits into the State's economy; an additional $\$ 163$ million was brought into the economy as one-time payments.

In addition we have included (Enclosure 2) additional statistical information that allows a more direct comparison of the total amount of benefits being received in each county. As described in the enclosure, these monetary benefits are the cumulative amounts received in each county and are not solely attributable to the assistance of County Veteran Service Officers. These dollar amounts reflect the effectiveness of all organizations and individuals who assist veterans in obtaining monetary benefits in that county.

If you have any questions please contact Lee Gutierrez, Deputy Secretary for Veteran Services (Acting), at (916) 653-2573.

Sincerely

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# Annual Report <br> "Monetary Benefits Attributable To The Assistance Of County Veterans Service Offices" 

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Military \& Veterans Code §972.1(c) And
Military \& Veterans Code §974.(a)

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## Monetary Benefits Attributable To The Assistance Of County Veteran Service Offices


#### Abstract

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has determined the number, monetary value and average value of new benefits paid by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to eligible veterans and their dependents during fiscal year 2011-2012. These benefits are directly attributable to the activities and efforts of the County Veterans Service Offices.


In fiscal year 2011-2012, CVSO's brought in approximately \$183 million new, recurring veteran benefits into the State's economy; an additional $\$ 163$ million was brought into the economy for new one-time payments.

The attached spreadsheet reports:

- County-by-county detail on "new or increased monetary benefits paid to eligible veterans by the federal government attributable to the assistance of county veteran(s) service officers" as required by Military and Veterans Code $\S 972.1$ (c) on both a monthly (Column B), and annualized (Column D) basis;
- The activities of county veterans service officers, as required by Military and Veterans Code §974.(a)(1) thru (6), including:
- Number of monthly federal benefits obtained on behalf of veterans (Column A)
- Total value of those monthly benefits (Column B)
- Average value of those monthly benefits (Column C)
- Number of one-time benefit payments obtained (Column E)
- Total value of one-time benefits obtained (Column F) and
- Average value of one-time benefits obtained (Column G).

All reported amounts are taken from award letters issued by the USDVA to the claimant as submitted by the individual County Veterans Service Office.

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

FEDERAL MONETARY BENEFITS OBTAINED FOR VETERANS BY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012


## Additional Comparative Statistics

The following two tables are included for informational purposes as a more standardized way to compare the utilization of veteran benefits between counties and between states. It must be understood that data presented in these tables is not solely attributable to the County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) but represents the combined efforts of all veteran service organizations and individuals in obtaining veterans and their families the benefits they have earned.

It is also significant to note that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) reports data only for veterans with addresses in that county/state and reports the total monetary benefits (cumulative) delivered to those veterans and farmily members. Contrast that with the data reported in enclosure 1 which reports only new benefits, only benefits in which the CVSO assisted in obtaining, and does not necessarily represent veterans only living within that county ${ }^{1}$.

## Table 1 - Select USDVA Expenditures by County

For comparative purposes Table 1 reports USDVA expenditures by county for selected expenditures related to benefits (does not included expenditures such as federal salaries, wages, operating costs, construction, etc.). The data is sorted by county size (Large, Medium, Small) based upon veteran population within the county. Dollars reported are total dollars expended for compensation and pension for beneficiaries with addresses within that county. Rankings are based upon the average dollar amount received per veteran. Also included is the percent of veterans within each county who are receiving compensation and pension benefits. This metric has been used historically by the State to compare California's utilization of benefits with other states; it is now presented to compare utilization county by county.

Federal FY 2011 Summary of Select USDVA Expenditures by County

| County | Veteran Population (Note 1) | County Size (Note 2) | Compensation \& Pension (Whole \$) (Note 3) | Average C\&P $\$ 1$ per Veteran | \$ Rank within County Size | \%C\&P <br> Participation (Note 4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOS ANGELES | 334.461 | Large | \$572,823,202 | \$1,713 | 5 | 12.2\% |
| ORANGE | 136,066 | Large | \$219,179,433 | \$1,611 | 6 | 11.2\% |
| RIVERSIDE | 127,127 | Large | \$374,797,930 | \$2,948 | 2 | 17.4\% |
| SACRANENTO | 95,981 | Lange | \$244,084,168 | \$2.543 | 3 | 16.0\% |
| SAN BERNARDINO | 114,482 | Large | \$266,574,989 | \$2.329 | 4 | 14.7\% |
| SAN DIEGO | 228,526 | Large | \$778.957.804 | \$3,409 | 1 | 22.9\% |
| AL AMEDA | 64.672 | Medium | \$126,768,711 | \$1,960 | 14 | 12.4\% |
| BUTTE | 18,242 | Medium | \$53,060,874 | \$2,909 | 5 | 15.8\% |
| CONTRA COSTA | 61,188 | Nedium | \$112,856,904 | \$1,844 | 17 | 12.4\% |
| EL DORADO | 15,317 | Medium | \$37,755,556 | \$2,465 | 7 | 13.6\% |
| FRESNO | 46,344 | Nedium | \$111,784,574 | \$2,412 | 9 | 15.2\% |
| KERN | 45,240 | Nedium | \$106.086,622 | \$2,345 | 10 | 15.4\% |
| MARIN | 15,250 | Medium | \$18,967.044 | \$1,244 | 21 | 9.6\% |
| MONTEREY | 22,112 | Nedium | \$80.006.568 | \$3,618 | 3 | 18.5\% |
| PLACER | 32,003 | Medium | \$61,432,763 | \$1,920 | 15 | 12.4\% |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 26,493 | Medium | \$53,447,517 | \$2,017 | 12 | 14.6\% |
| SAN JOAQUIN | 36,244 | Medium | \$88,470,867 | \$2.441 | 8 | 13.3\% |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO | 22,098 | Medium | \$42 206.027 | \$1,910 | 16 | 11.5\% |
| SAN MATEO | 30,900 | Medium | \$51,526,838 | \$1,668 | 20 | 11.1\% |

[^0]Federal FY 2011 Summary of Select USDVA Expenditures by County

| County | Veteran <br> Population <br> (Note 1) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { County } \\ & \text { Size } \\ & \text { (Note 2) } \end{aligned}$ | Compensation \& Pension (Whole \$) (Note 3) | Average C\&P per Veteran | \$ Rank within County Size | \%C8P Partictipation (Note 4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SANTABARBARA | 25,750 | Medium | \$52,379,514 | \$2,034 | 11 | 13.7\% |
| SANTA CLARA | 67,490 | Madium | \$121,813,892 | \$1,805 | 18 | 10.8\% |
| SHASTA | 17,749 | Medium | \$70,521,087 | \$3,973 | 1 | 198\% |
| SOLANO | 38,263 | Medium | \$148,127,565 | \$3,802 | \% | 230\% |
| SONOMA | 32,382 | Medium | \$64,635,551 | \$1,996 | * | 11\%\% |
| STANISLAUS | 26,344 | Medium | \$71,234,707 | \$2,704 | 6 | 14.4\% |
| tulare | 17,83\% | Medium | \$54,804,032 | \$3,078 | 4 | 20.5\% |
| VENTURA | 50.748 | Medium | \$87,081,291 | \$1,716 | 19 | 11.6\% |
| ALPINE | 117 | Simall | \$114,121 | \$975 | 31 | 3.4\% |
| AMADOR | 4365 | Small | \$8,298,843 | \$1,901 | 29 | 10.6\% |
| CALAVERAS | 5,630 | Simall | \$11,944,164 | \$2,121 | 25 | 11.3\% |
| COLUSA | 1,363 | Small | \$2,749,533 | \$2,017 | 27 | 11.8\% |
| DEL NORTE | 3,045 | Small | \$12,570,085 | \$4,129 | 3 | 20.7\% |
| GLENN | 1.630 | Small | \$4,325,930 | 12053 | 16 | 14.5\% |
| HUMBOLDT | 14389 | Small | \$35,946,301 | \$3,227 | 7 | 17.5 \% |
| MPERIAL | 6.740 | Stmall | \$17,114,628 | \$2,539 | 20 | 10n9\% |
| INYO | 1,483 | Small | \$2,911,372 | \$1,963 | 28 | 14.4 |
| KINGS |  | Small | \$30,739,952 | \$2,970 | 揵 | 2210\% |
| LAKE | 7,293 | Small | \$22,022,047 | \$3020 | 11 | 45.9\% |
| LASSEN | 3,680 | Small | \$7,838,149 | \$2,130 | 24 | 13.4\% |
| MADERA | 9,031 | Small | \$22,419,068 | \$2.482 | 21 | 43.7\% |
| MARIPOSA | 2,304 | Small | \$6,300,921 | \$2,735 | +5 | 12.2\% |
| MENDOCINO | 7,266 | Simall | \$26,238,102 | \$3,600 | 5. | 17.4\% |
| MERCED | 12,574 | Small | \$32,342,371 | \$2,572 | 19 | 16.1\% |
| MODOC | 807 | Small | \$3,415;220 | \$4,232 | 2 | 18.5\% |
| MONO | 822 | Small | \$1,495;642 | \$1,454 | 30 | 9.4\% |
| NAPA | 8,773 | Small | \$18,550,982 | \$2.15 | 26 | 174\% |
| NEVADA | 11,074 | Small | \$23,646,174 | \$2,135 | 23 | 12.1\% |
| PLUMAS | 2,335 | Small | \$6,142,294 | \$2,631 | 18 | 12.5\% |
| SAN BENTTO | 3,002 | Sinalt | \$9,557,837 | \$3,183 | 9 | 13.5\% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 13,631 | Small | \$33,423,678 | \$2,452 | 22 | 11.8\% |
| SIERRA | 346 | Small | \$1,080,839 | \$3,124 | 10 | 12.10\% |
| SISKIYOU | 4.450 | Stall | \$12,982,841 | \$2,918 | 14 | 15.7\% |
| SUTTER | 6,724 | Small | \$24,785,878 | \$3,686 | 4 | 21.5\% |
| TEHAMA | 6.243 | Small | \$18,378,096 | \$2,044 | 13 | 12.7\% |
| TRINITY | 1,490 | Small | \$5,298,394 | \$3,556 | 6 | 18.2\% |
| TUOLUMNE | 6,968 | Small | \$18,355,635 | \$2,634 | 17 | 11.8\% |
| YOLO | 8,303 | Small | \$26,523,580 | \$3,195 | \% | 21.8\% |
| YUBA | 5;090 | Small | \$23,611,145 | \$4,639 | 1 | 28.3\% |
| CALIFORNIA (Totals) | 1,918,073 |  | \$4,542,309,852 | \$2,368 |  |  |

## Table 1 Notes:

1. Veteran Population is derived from USDVA demographic estimates (VetPop2007) as of September 31, 2011.
2. County size is an arbitrary designation based upon veteran population. Small $=<15,000$, $15,000<$ Medium $<75,000$, Large $=>75,000$.
3. As reported by the federal fiscal year 2011 USDVA Geographic Distribution of Expenditures Report.
4. As reported by the USDVA for the last available year -2010.

## Table 2 - Select USDVA Expenditures by State

For comparative purposes Table 2 reports USDVA expenditures by state for selected expenditures related to benefits. Comparably sized states (in terms of veteran population) are highlighted for comparison.

Federal FY 2011 Summary of Select USDVA Expenditures by State
Expenditures in \$000s

| State | Expenditures in \$000s |  |  |  |  |  | Unique <br> Patients <br> (Note 6) | \% of Vet Pop using VA Heallicare |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Veteran <br> Population <br> (Note 1) | Total USDVA <br> Expenditure <br> (Note 2) <br> \$1,000 | Compensation <br> 8 Pension (C\&P) <br> (Note 3) <br> $\$ 1,000$ | \% of Vet Pop Using C\&P (Note 4) | Education : Vocational Rehabilitationd Employment (Note 3) $\$ 1,000$ | Medical Care (Note 5) $\$ 1,000$ |  |  |
| Nationa! Totals | 22,149,469 | \$122,869,177 | \$ 57,596,496 |  | \$ 10,630,401 | \$ 43,084,762 | 5,446,170 | 24.6\% |
| Alabama | 400,784 | \$ 2,436,376 | \$ 1,397,550 | 21.3\% | \$ 161,536 | \$ 783,057 | 105,636 | 26.4\% |
| Alaska | 77,351 | \$ 426,431 | \$ 214,218 | 19.4\% | \$ 49,100 | \$ 152,995 | 15,951 | 20.6\% |
| Arizona | 551,262 | \$ 2,767,974 | \$ 1,301,541 | 14.9\% | \$ 308.912 | \$ 1,008,638 | 129,863 | 23.6\% |
| Arkansas | 251,402 | \$ 1,741,720 | \$ 903,241 | 18.3\% | \$ 68,080 | \$ 693,439 | 86,353 | 34.3\% |
| Califomia | 1,918,073 | \$ $10,341,411$ | \$ 4.542,310 | 15.7\% | \$ 1,409,512 | \$ 3,081,632 | 418,775 | 21.8\% |
| Colorado | 417,834 | \$ 2,180,977 | \$ 1,146,830 | 17.8\% | \$ 288.193 | \$ 598,709 | 82,111 | 19.7\% |
| Connecticut | 221,899 | \$ 895,363 | \$ 332,190 | 10.7\% | \$ 105.777 | \$ 416,677 | 51,480 | 23.2\% |
| Delaware | 77,220 | \$ 320,543 | \$ 157,963 | 13.6\% | \$ 30.924 | \$ 115,271 | 14,288 | 18.5\% |
| District of Columbia | 36,579 | \$ 2,242,043 | \$ 72,700 | 14.0\% | \$ 23.437 | \$ 131,809 | 8,575 | 23.4\% |
| Flonida | 1.617.248 | \$ $9,182,578$ | \$ 4,379,158 | 175\% | \$ 769,972 | \$ 3.379,436 | 461,794 | 28.6\% |
| Georgia | 773,337 | \$ 4,000,168 | \$ 2,135,191 | 17.6\% | \$ 455,222 | \$ 1,212,137 | 166,815 | 21.6\% |
| Hawaii | 114,892 | \$ 628,744 | \$ 306,329 | 17.0\% | \$ 128.522 | \$ 164,815 | 21,320 | 18.6\% |
| daho | 135,912 | \$ 661,819 | \$ 335,245 | 16.4\% | \$ 44,780 | \$ 259,105 | 37,114 | 27.3\% |
| Illinois | 762,509 | \$ 3,272,091 | \$ 1,275,453 | 11.1\% | \$ 301.341 | \$ 1,539,649 | 175,924 | 23.1\% |
| Indiana | 482,059 | \$ 1,982,522 | \$ 940,185 | 14.3\% | \$ 124,543 | \$ 846,152 | 123,963 | 25.7\% |
| Jowa | 228,731 | \$ 1,013,967 | \$ 464,929 | 14.5\% | \$ 54.502 | \$ 464.928 | 70.173 | 30.7\% |
| Kansas | 220,910 | \$ 1,058,685 | \$ 480,436 | 14.8\% | \$ 80,676 | \$ 445,734 | 57,563 | 26.1\% |
| Kentucky | 331,022 | \$ 1,995,998 | \$ 1,077,682 | 18.1\% | \$ 115,325 | S 745,521 | 99,118 | 29.9\% |
| Louisiana | 297,658 | \$ 1,785,970 | \$ 914,857 | 17.8\% | \$ 109,377 | \$ 666,460 | 84,724 | 28.5\% |
| Naine | 136,400 | \$ 834,778 | \$ 477,990 | 18.6\% | \$ 45,292 | \$ 279,256 | 38,517 | 28.2\% |
| Maryland | 465,727 | \$ 2,023.967 | \$ 907,286 | 13.8\% | \$ 286,130 | \$ 748,113 | 76,435 | 16.4\% |
| Massachusetts | 378,622 | \$ 1,980,497 | \$ 884,802 | 15.2\% | \$ 153,102 | \$ 845,264 | 80,747 | 21.3\% |
| Mchigan | 684,492 | \$ 2,705,517 | \$ 1,412,135 | 12.8\% | \$ 165,648 | \$ 1,022,845 | 137,585 | 20.1\% |
| Mnnesota | 371,933 | \$ 2,137,370 | \$ 1,029,515 | 21.3\% | \$ 144,335 | \$ 842,779 | 109,513 | 29.4\% |
| Mississippi | 201,926 | \$ 1,298,811 | \$ 587,394 | 18.5\% | \$ 79,980 | \$ 515,343 | 68,819 | 34.1\% |
| Missouri | 496,745 | \$ 2,595,337 | \$ 1,215,792 | 15.7\% | \$ 149,238 | \$ 994,720 | 133,049 | 26.8\% |
| Montana | 100,904 | \$ 580,856 | \$ 317,673 | 20.5\% | \$ 28,629 | \$ 213,480 | 33,348 | 33.0\% |
| Nebraska | 142,443 | \$ 944,835 | \$ 510,696 | 26.5\% | \$ 57,685 | \$ 315,763 | 45,488 | 31.9\% |
| Nevada | 242.205 | \$ 1,326,240 | \$ 569,349 | 15.0\% | \$ 81,288 | \$ 533,060 | 59,643 | 24.6\% |
| New Hampshire | 126,111 | \$ 534,091 | \$ 249,964 | 13.3\% | \$ 52,051 | \$ 216,296 | 27,312 | 21.7\% |
| New Jersey | 423,334 | \$ 1,713,913 | \$ 846,171 | 12.5\% | \$ 195,338 | \$ 599,818 | 77.590 | 18.3\% |
| New Mexico | 172,595 | \$ 1,188,156 | \$ 688,460 | 19.9\% | \$ 62,984 | \$ 386,521 | 48,020 | 27.8\% |
| New York | 913,489 | \$ 4,981,959 | \$ 1,846,903 | 13.4\% | \$ 474,458 | \$ 2,343,187 | 230,507 | 25.2\% |
| North Carolina | 760,544 | \$ 4,246,209 | \$ 2,422,948 | 19.0\% | \$ 360,492 | \$ 1,309,614 | 190,560 | 25.1\% |
| Norn Dakota | 55,471 | \$ 295,831 | \$ 151,012 | 20.4\% | \$ 20,258 | \$ 109,057 | 18,036 | 32.5\% |
| Ohio | 867.240 | \$ 5,732,614 | \$ 1,693,703 | 13.5\% | \$ 257,161 | \$ 1,688,407 | 213,872 | 24.7\% |

Federal FY 2011 Summary of Select USDVA Expenditures by State

## Expenditures in $\$ 000$ s



## Table 2 Notes:

1. Veteran Population is derived from USDVA demographic estimates (VetPop2007) as of September 31, 2011. 2. As reported by the federal fiscal year 2011 USDVA Geographic Distribution of Expenditures Report including expenditures for salaries, wages, operating costs, etc.
2. The Compensation \& Pension expenditures is a subset of the total expenditures and include dollars for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disabilities; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for non-service-connected disabilities; and burial and other benefits to veterans and their survivors..
3. As reported by the USDVA for the last available year - 2011.
4. Medical Care expenditures are based on where patients live instead of where care is delivered and are as reported by USDVA in the federal FY 2011 Geographic Distribution of Expenditures Report.
5. Unique patients are patients who received treatment at a VA health care facility as reported by USDVA in the federal FY 2011 Geographic Distribution of Expenditures Report.

[^0]:    1 CVSOs are required by law (M\&VC §971) to assist any veteran or family member who seeks assistance through thain -xtim-

