

**THE DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Annual Statistics

2014-2015

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MISSION

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

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

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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

- Article 3, Chapter 80, Sections 314-322
- Article 4, Chapter 80, Sections 401-412
- Article 9, Chapter 80, Sections 901-903
- Article 13, Chapter 12, Section 1301

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

APPROPRIATION FOR 2015-2016

LB 657 (2015)			
General Funds	\$	1,007,119	Program 036 Departmental Administration
General Funds	\$	250,675	Program 037 Veterans Cemetery Admin
Cash Funds	\$	45,557	Program 037 Veterans Cemetery Admin

NEBRASKA VETERANS' AID (NVA) FUND

Nebraska Investment Council's Principal Investment of Nebraska Veterans' Aid fund (NVA)
as of June 30, 2014:

Value of Investments

Real Estate Amount	\$ 2,447,424.15	5%
Private Equity Amount	2,447,424.15	5%
Fixed Income Amount	12,237,120.75	25%
U.S. Equity Amount	19,579,393.20	40%
Non-U.S. Equity Amount	7,342,272.45	15%
Global Equity Amount	<u>4,894,848.30</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total	\$ 48,948,483.00	100.00%

TABLE I

Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2014

Short-Term Investment Pool \$1,330,837.63

TABLE II

Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2015

Short-Term Investment Pool \$1,305,479.62

TABLE III

This table shows the monthly income earned by the NVA distribution fund during Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Amount Available for Aid July 1, 2014	\$ 1,330,837.63
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2014	July Receipts	\$	2,100.50
	August “		2,264.75
	September “		1,944.71
	October “		1,673.56
	November “		306,851.12
	December “		304,760.98

2015	January Receipts	\$	1,848.29
	February “		2,000.50
	March “		363,059.81
	April “		2,073.31
	May “		352,013.75
	June “		2,047.52

Total	\$	1,342,638.80
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TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 2,673,476.43
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Less Amount Expended for Aid During 2014-2015 (Table IV)	(1,367,996.81)
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR AID JULY 1, 2015	\$ 1,305,479.62
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TABLE IV

This table shows the monthly NVA distribution amounts to veterans during Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

2014	July Withdrawals	\$	91,265.23
	August “		91,457.65
	September “		133,628.54
	October “		87,924.51
	November “		91,430.40
	December “		112,179.41
2015	January Withdrawals	\$	98,888.67
	February “		78,835.36
	March “		163,065.29
	April “		165,053.08
	May “		120,375.90
	June “		133,892.77
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	Total	\$	1,367,996.81

TABLE V

Report of Actions taken on applications for Nebraska Veterans Aid

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

NVA Applications Pending June 30, 2014	60
NVA Applications Received in FY 2014-2015	1050
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TOTAL	1110
NVA Applications Approved for Assistance	805
NVA Applications Denied	182
NVA Applications Cancelled	21
NVA Applications Pending June 30, 2015	102
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TOTAL	1110

TABLE VI

Earnings and Expenditures to Needy Veterans from 1921 to June 30, 2015

FISCAL YEAR	NET INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS & OTHER	EXPENDED FOR AID TO VETERANS
1921-1974	\$ 9,174,043.57	\$ 8,509,273.07
1974-1975	490,910.24	809,642.51
1975-1976	526,142.96	670,112.08
1976-1977	631,444.30	561,847.51
1977-1978	716,470.64	611,754.62
1978-1979	813,409.69	669,776.65
1979-1980	880,716.94	760,643.56
1980-1981	921,354.89	875,404.36
1981-1982	1,042,882.32	956,136.74
1982-1983	1,008,931.32	1,096,673.37
1983-1984	980,267.09	975,710.54
1984-1985	964,394.34	1,029,916.87
1985-1986	1,077,417.14	1,137,889.73
1986-1987	1,049,000.57	978,974.23
1987-1988	982,040.03	875,157.94
1988-1989	946,037.86	846,603.70
1989-1990	1,078,694.23	898,159.51
1990-1991	1,084,870.97	963,845.57
1991-1992	1,093,368.24	873,458.69
1992-1993	1,069,455.69	893,111.20
1993-1994	1,039,318.86	903,947.92
1994-1995	1,065,978.54	910,679.62
1995-1996	1,138,396.60	945,238.21
1996-1997	1,060,387.93	1,083,710.62
1997-1998	1,089,848.19	1,303,995.46
1998-1999	1,075,403.31	1,326,705.33
1999-2000	1,143,104.11	1,387,251.99
2000-2001	1,248,916.46	1,503,356.31
2001-2002	1,004,949.56	1,353,929.44
2002-2003	968,257.14	1,214,381.21
2003-2004	910,995.04	957,143.61
2004-2005	1,510,462.54	835,804.16
2005-2006	1,136,581.18	881,758.45
2006-2007	1,233,578.11	833,739.97
2007-2008	1,275,327.55	764,156.29
2008-2009	1,731,451.53	820,384.84
2009-2010	1,156,998.33	721,201.93
2010-2011	860,958.74	838,329.55
2011-2012	1,339,357.15	750,507.68
2012-2013	1,035,995.29	1,120,090.68
2013-2014	1,131,665.82	1,158,541.66
2014-2015	1,342,638.80	1,367,996.81
TOTALS	52,032,423.81	47,976,944.19

TABLE VII

NVA FUND DISBURSEMENT TOTALS BY COUNTY July 2014 – June 2015

#	COUNTY	COUNTY TOTAL	#	COUNTY	COUNTY TOTAL
14	ADAMS	\$ 25,621.50	52	KEARNEY	\$ 13,883.55
26	ANTELOPE	\$ 7270.50	68	KEITH	\$ 10,035.24*
91	ARTHUR	\$ *	82	KEYA PAHA	\$ -
85	BANNER	\$ *	71	KIMBALL	\$ 3,000.00
86	BLAINE	\$ *	12	KNOX	\$ 12,343.44
23	BOONE	\$ 9179.65*	2	LANCASTER	\$ 133,173.00
65	BOX BUTTE	\$ 4543.00	15	LINCOLN	\$ 35,572.25*
63	BOYD	\$ *	87	LOGAN	\$ -
75	BROWN	\$ -	88	LOUP	\$ *
9	BUFFALO	\$ 27,442.50	7	MADISON	\$ 21,800.00
31	BURT	\$ 19,560.49	90	MCPHERSON	\$ *
25	BUTLER	\$ 3,070.00	46	MERRICK	\$ 19,243.71
20	CASS	\$ 6,726.55	64	MORRILL	\$ 6,033.99
13	CEDAR	\$ 5,410.96	58	NANCE	\$ 7,050.22*
72	CHASE	\$ 4,000.00	44	NEMAHA	\$ -
66	CHERRY	\$ 3,075.00	42	NUCKOLLS	\$ 5,600.00
39	CHEYENNE	\$ 2,152.00	11	OTOE	\$ 4,882.69
30	CLAY	\$ 1425.00*	54	PAWNEE	\$ -
43	COLFAX	\$ *	74	PERKINS	\$ -
24	CUMING	\$ 2,600.00	37	PHELPS	\$ 19,533.37*
4	CUSTER	\$ 20,595.34*	40	PIERCE	\$ -
70	DAKOTA	\$ 2,064.85*	10	PLATTE	\$ 33,464.47*
69	DAWES	\$ 3,000.00	41	POLK	\$ -
18	DAWSON	\$ 11,700.00*	48	RED WILLOW	\$ 747.21*
78	DEUEL	\$ -	19	RICHARDSON	\$ 4,998.00
35	DIXON	\$ *	81	ROCK	\$ -
5	DODGE	\$ 36,323.41	22	SALINE	\$ 8,945.47
1	DOUGLAS	\$ 233,762.85	59	SARPY	\$ 22,168.57
76	DUNDY	\$ *	6	SAUNDERS	\$ 3,685.55
34	FILLMORE	\$ 7,712.30	21	SCOTTS BLUFF	\$ 267,332.31*
50	FRANKLIN	\$ *	16	SEWARD	\$ 51,050.48
60	FRONTIER	\$ *	61	SHERIDAN	\$ 707.96
38	FURNAS	\$ *	56	SHERMAN	\$ 5,532.62*
3	GAGE	\$ 14,413.18	80	SIOUX	\$ -
77	GARDEN	\$ 3,261.30	53	STANTON	\$ 1,944.67
83	GARFIELD	\$ 2,267.00	32	THAYER	\$ 2,150.00
73	GOSPER	\$ 677.98	89	THOMAS	\$ *
92	GRANT	\$ -	55	THURSTON	\$ -
62	GREELEY	\$ *	47	VALLEY	\$ 2,017.99
8	HALL	\$ 170,908.56*	29	WASHINGTON	\$ 2,000.00
28	HAMILTON	\$ 5,840.00*	27	WAYNE	\$ -
51	HARLAN	\$ 392.63	45	WEBSTER	\$ 590.00
79	HAYES	\$ -	84	WHEELER	\$ *
67	HITCHCOCK	\$ 6,393.45*	17	YORK	\$ 2,656.00
36	HOLT	\$ 17,209.27*		VSO'S #	\$ -
93	HOOKER	\$ -		TOTAL	\$ 1,367,996.81
49	HOWARD	\$ 4,954.78*			
33	JEFFERSON	\$ 2,300.00			
57	JOHNSON	\$ -			

*Amount may be reflected in another county's total due to multiple counties serviced by one County Veteran Service Officer

#NVA applications submitted and disbursed through a state recognized Veteran Service Organization (VSO)

TABLE VIII

JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015

NEBRASKA VETERANS HOMES

Applications Received	453
Carried forward from previous year	27
Total Acted Upon	462
Approved	435
Disapproved	0
Cancelled	27
Pending as of June 30, 2015	18

WAIVER OF TUITION

Applications Received	258
Pending from June 30, 2014	6
Total Acted Upon	252
Approved	243
Disapproved	8
Cancelled	6
Reconsidered	1
Pending as of June 30, 2015	6

TUITION CREDIT FOR RESERVISTS

Applications Received	62
Applications - New	49
Applications – Previous	1
Applications – Disapproved	10
Pending as of June 30, 2015	3

DISCHARGES

Discharges on File June 30, 2014	732,286
Discharges Received and Filed during FY14-15	2747
Discharges on File June 30, 2015	735,033
DD-215's Received	136
Requests for Discharges	1875

GRAVE REGISTRATION CARDS

Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2014	90,956
Grave Registrations Received during FY13-14	1192
Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2014	92,148
Grave Registration Requests	5

VETERANS' REGISTRY

Veterans entered on registry June 30, 2014	4096
Applications Received and Filed during FY14-15	22,301
Registry total as of June 30, 2015	26,397

MISC.

Governor's Welcome Home Letters	675
Operation Recognition	11

TABLE IX

STATE SERVICE DIVISION

Report on claims adjudicated by the Veterans' Administration during Fiscal Year 2014-2015 on which the State Service Division held Power of Attorney.

Powers of Attorney	3,852
Hearings	582
Ratings Received	7,717
Total Amount of Compensation and Pension Benefits Paid (Statewide - All POA's)	\$557,741,000

TABLE X

NEBRASKA VETERAN CEMETERY SYSTEM

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance

Dedication of cemetery:	August 13, 2010
First Interment:	January 21, 2011
Total Interments as of June 30, 2014:	178

Total Interments for FY	35
Veteran Interments:	23
Memorial Graves (Veteran and Dependent)	0
Dependent Interments:	12
Cremation Interments:	25
Casket Interments:	10
Spreading of Ashes	0
Public Events, Ceremonies, Community Services	11