

**THE DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Annual Statistics

July 2013-June 2014

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

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

APPROPRIATION FOR 2014-2015

LB 195 (2013) AND LB 93A (2013)

General Funds	\$ 963,434	Program 036	Departmental Administration
General Funds	\$ 264,648	Program 037	Veterans Cemetery Admin
Cash Funds	\$ 10,000	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	\$ 2,327,907.31	5%
Private Equity Amount	2,327,907.31	5%
Fixed Income Amount	23,279,073.20	50%
U.S. Equity Amount	11,639,536.60	25%
Non-U.S. Equity Amount	4,655,814.64	10%
Global Equity Amount	<u>2,327,907.31</u>	<u>5%</u>
Total	\$ 46,558,146.37	100.00%

TABLE I

Accumulated earnings available for distribution to needy applicants on July 1, 2013

Short-Term Investment Pool	\$1,357,713.47
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TABLE II

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

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

This table shows the monthly income earned by the NVA distribution fund during Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Amount Available for Aid July 1, 2013	\$ 1,357,713.47
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2013	July Receipts	\$	2,062.46
	August "		335,135.20
	September "		2,246.07
	October "		2,257.02
	November "		248,943.82
	December "		2,089.79

2014	January Receipts	\$	2,650.94
	February "		2,064.36
	March "		263,980.13
	April "		2,130.37
	May "		2,056.85
	June "		266,048.81

Total	\$ 1,131,665.82
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TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 2,489,379.29
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Less Amount Expended for Aid During 2013-2014 (Table IV)	(1,158,541.66)
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR AID JULY 1, 2014	\$ 1,330,837.63
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TABLE IV

This table shows the monthly NVA distribution amounts to veterans during Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

2013	July Withdrawals	\$	82,397.56
	August “		115,143.58
	September “		65,697.70
	October “		127,693.17
	November “		52,779.43
	December “		88,596.56
2014	January Withdrawals	\$	115,587.43
	February “		92,175.12
	March “		143,594.82
	April “		63,668.01
	May “		110,863.19
	June “		100,345.09
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	Total	\$	1,158,541.66

TABLE V

Report of Actions taken on applications for Nebraska Veterans Aid

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

NVA Applications Pending June 30, 2013	54
NVA Applications Received in FY 2013-2014	986
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TOTAL	1040
NVA Applications Approved for Assistance	751
NVA Applications Denied	200
NVA Applications Cancelled	29
NVA Applications Pending June 30, 2014	60
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TOTAL	1040

TABLE VI

Earnings and Expenditures to Needy Veterans from 1921 to June 30, 2014

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
TOTALS	50,689,785.01	46,608,947.38

TABLE VII

NVA FUND DISBURSEMENT TOTALS BY COUNTY July 2013 – June 2014

#	COUNTY	COUNTY TOTAL	#	COUNTY	COUNTY TOTAL
14	ADAMS	\$ 31,740.60	52	KEARNEY	\$ -
26	ANTELOPE	\$ 3,000.00	68	KEITH	\$ *
91	ARTHUR	\$ *	82	KEYA PAHA	\$ -
85	BANNER	\$ *	71	KIMBALL	\$ -
86	BLAINE	\$ *	12	KNOX	\$ 9,442.77
23	BOONE	\$ 8,745.00	2	LANCASTER	\$ 101,865.90
65	BOX BUTTE	\$ 2,891.39	15	LINCOLN	\$ 19,834.63*
63	BOYD	\$ *	87	LOGAN	\$ -
75	BROWN	\$ 830.53	88	LOUP	\$ *
9	BUFFALO	\$ 38,893.99	7	MADISON	\$ 19,373.99
31	BURT	\$ 10,537.16	90	MCPHERSON	\$ *
25	BUTLER	\$ 3,996.63	46	MERRICK	\$ 1,313.00
20	CASS	\$ 15,130.48	64	MORRILL	\$ 3,223.30
13	CEDAR	\$ 6,790.49	58	NANCE	\$ *
72	CHASE	\$ 4,155.00	44	NEMAHA	\$ -
66	CHERRY	\$ 2,629.22	42	NUCKOLLS	\$ 1,255.31
39	CHEYENNE	\$ 2,962.00	11	OTOE	\$ 16,295.73
30	CLAY	\$ -	54	PAWNEE	\$ -
43	COLFAX	\$ -	74	PERKINS	\$ 6,208.07
24	CUMING	\$ 10,805.27	37	HELPS	\$ 5,718.92*
4	CUSTER	\$ 11,514.52*	40	PIERCE	\$ 954.43
70	DAKOTA	\$ 3,199.02	10	PLATTE	\$ 12,418.89
69	DAWES	\$ 2,344.00	41	POLK	\$ -
18	DAWSON	\$ 4,037.30	48	RED WILLOW	\$ 5,700.00
78	DEUEL	\$ -	19	RICHARDSON	\$ 2,330.00
35	DIXON	\$ -	81	ROCK	\$ -
5	DODGE	\$ 37,224.83	22	SALINE	\$ 13,050.38
1	DOUGLAS	\$ 255,575.38	59	SARPY	\$ 47,022.45
76	DUNDY	\$ 2,745.00*	6	SAUNDERS	\$ 3,911.39
34	FILLMORE	\$ 13,554.36	21	SCOTTS BLUFF	\$ 153,232.25
50	FRANKLIN	\$ *	16	SEWARD	\$ 18,325.53
60	FRONTIER	\$ -	61	SHERIDAN	\$ 2,206.00
38	FURNAS	\$ *	56	SHERMAN	\$ *
3	GAGE	\$ 13,261.05	80	SIOUX	\$ -
77	GARDEN	\$ 2,445.82	53	STANTON	\$ 1,919.04
83	GARFIELD	\$ -	32	THAYER	\$ 2,673.00
73	GOSPER	\$ -	89	THOMAS	\$ *
92	GRANT	\$ -	55	THURSTON	\$ 530.16
62	GREELEY	\$ -	47	VALLEY	\$ 4,944.00
8	HALL	\$ 185,251.82*	29	WASHINGTON	\$ 3,415.67
28	HAMILTON	\$ -	27	WAYNE	\$ 1,500.00
51	HARLAN	\$ *	45	WEBSTER	\$ 1,478.16
79	HAYES	\$ -	84	WHEELER	\$ *
67	HITCHCOCK	\$ *	17	YORK	\$ 3,472.16
36	HOLT	\$ 12,314.38*		VSO'S #	\$ 6,326.70
93	HOOKER	\$ -			
49	HOWARD	\$ *		TOTAL	\$ 1,158,541.66
33	JEFFERSON	\$ 3,538.59			
57	JOHNSON	\$ (1514.00)			

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

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

TABLE VIII

JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME

Applications Received	467
Carried forward from previous year	74
Total Acted Upon	514
Approved	467
Disapproved	10
Cancelled	37
Pending as of June 30, 2013	27

WAIVER OF TUITION

Applications Received	208
Pending from June 30, 2013	7
Total Acted Upon	209
Approved	199
Disapproved	6
Cancelled	3
Reconsidered	1
Pending as of June 30, 2014	6

TUITION CREDIT FOR RESERVISTS

Applications Received	17
Applications - New	14
Applications – Previous	3
Applications – Disapproved	2
Pending as of June 30, 2014	1

DISCHARGES

Discharges on File June 30, 2013	730,476
Discharges Received and Filed during FY13-14	1810
Discharges on File June 30, 2014	732,286
DD-215's Received	379
Requests for Discharges	1457

GRAVE REGISTRATION CARDS

Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2013	90,048
Grave Registrations Received during FY13-14	908
Grave Registrations on File June 30, 2014	90,956
Grave Registration Requests	0

MISC.

Governor's Welcome Home Letters	462
Operation Recognition	0

TABLE IX

STATE SERVICE DIVISION

Report on claims adjudicated by the Veterans' Administration during Fiscal Year 2013-2014 on which the State Service Division held Power of Attorney.

POWER OF ATTORNEY	3578
HEARINGS	477
RATINGS RECEIVED	5057
TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AND PENSION BENEFITS (STATEWIDE, ALL POA's)	\$487,975,000.00

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: 143

Activities for FY 2013-2014

Interments total for FY 25

Veteran Interments: 21

Memorial Graves (Veteran and Dependent) 1

Dependent Interments: 4

Cremation Interments: 15

Casket Interments: 9

Spreading of Ashes 0

Public Events, Ceremonies, Community Services 3