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Dear Mr. Wishnie:

The Office of General Counsel has uncovered an additional 15 pages of documents from the Veterans Benefits Administration that were located during the Veterans' Benefits Administration's search in December 2010 for records responsive to your October 15, 2010 Freedom of Information Act request. Due to an administrative oversight, however, these records were not included in previous document productions pursuant to that request. We realized the error only on August 3, 2011, at which point we acted immediately to rectify the oversight.

The additional documents are enclosed herein. Consistent with our previous disclosures, and under FOIA Exemption 6 (5 USC § 552(b)(6)), we are redacting personal identifiers from the enclosed documents.

Sincerely yours,


Deborah K. McCallum
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures



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1. Date of Request	August 3, 2009
2. Name:	[REDACTED]
3. Organization:	Compensation and Pension Service, Budget ([REDACTED])
4. Telephone:	[REDACTED]
5. E-mail Address:	[REDACTED]
6. Primary Point of Contact: (if different from requestor)	Alternate - [REDACTED]
7. Other key staff working on this request: (additional points of contact)	[REDACTED]
8. Requested delivery date:	August 3, 2009 ASAP For Congress HVAC
9. Please check box to indicate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New, One-Time
	<input type="checkbox"/> New, On-Going
	<input type="checkbox"/> Repeat, On-Going (tracking #)
10. High level explanation of how data will be used (E.g: in support of proposed legislation HR #####): There are three deliverables which the HVAC Subcommittee for Disability Assistance/Memorial Affairs (DAMA) and Health sent over from the HVAC, DAMA/Health hearing on Women Veterans which occurred on July 16, 2009.	

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Compensation and Pension Service ([REDACTED])
[REDACTED]
July 30, 2009

The Hearing topic was on Bridging the Gap for Women Veterans.

The committee would like to know the following:

1. Number of women service connected for PTSD
2. Number of women service connected for MST*
3. Number of women denied service connection for PTSD

*(MST was not defined in the committee document thou understood to mean Military Sexual Trauma). VA does not have MST as a condition and it is not disability on the rating schedule. For the purpose of this data request, Committee questions 2 and 3 will need data data mined based on two basic principles:

1. The condition of PTSD has a Special Issue of Personal Trauma PTSD and none or one of the three corresponding Special Issue Basis. (as defined below)
2. The condition, injury, or disease (any condition) has a Special Issue of Personal Trauma PTSD and none or one of the three corresponding Special Issue Basis. (as defined below)

11. Detailed explanation of business requirements:

1. We need a count (current snapshot) of the total number of female veterans who are service connected for PTSD.

- BDN and Corporate records.
- Live Compensation and Live Veteran Pension
- Unique Female Veterans counts, only.
- Type A Master Records in BDN and Corporate.
- Only Service Connected for PTSD (diagnostic code = 9411).
- Current Snapshot.
- Do not count Male Veterans. Unique Female Count only.

- 2a. We need a count (current snapshot) of the total number of female veterans who are service connected for PTSD with a Special Issue of Personal Trauma PTSD.

- a. Corporate only since BDN does not store Special Issue decisions.
- b. Live Compensation and Live Veteran Pension, service connected only.
- c. Unique Female Veterans counts, only.
- d. Type A Master Records in Corporate only.
- e. Current Snapshot.
- f. Corporate stores Special Issue Type Codes and ties it to the condition. RBA2000 allows users to select multiple special issue type codes and tie them to one condition. Therefore it's a 1 to many relationship between the condition itself and the potential multiple special issues, in corporate.
- g. Select ALL instances in which the female veteran is compensation or pension and s/c for diagnostic code 9411 and where the special issue is Personal Trauma PTSD and the Special Issue Basis Type is any one of the following four values shown below.

- h. Even select instances where Personal Trauma PTSD is the special issue combined with other special issues and count it only one time.

SPECL ISSUE TYPE CD	
English Value Description	Corporate Code
Personal Trauma PTSD	TRM

And JOIN with:

SPECL ISSUE BASIS TYPE	
English Value Description	Corporate Code
User made no selection.	Blank/Null
Other/Unknown - PTSD	PTSD/4
Sexual Assault/Harass	TRM/1
Personal Assault	TRM/2

2b. We need a count (current snapshot) of the total number of female veterans who are service connected for ANY condition (diagnostic code).

- a. Corporate only since BDN does not store Special Issue decisions.
- b. Live Compensation and Live Veteran Pension, service connected only.
- c. Unique Female Veterans counts only.
- d. Type A Master Records in Corporate only.
- e. Current Snapshot.
- f. Corporate stores Special Issue Type Codes and ties it to the condition. RBA2000 allows users to select multiple special issue type codes and tie them to one condition. Therefore it's a 1 to many relationship between the condition itself and the potential multiple special issues, in corporate.
- g. Select ALL instances in which the female veteran is compensation or pension and there is ANY s/c condition and where the special issue is Personal Trauma PTSD and the Special Issue Basis Type is any one of the following four values shown below.
- h. Even select instances where Personal Trauma PTSD is the special issue combined with other special issues and count it only one time.

SPECL ISSUE TYPE CD	
English Value Description	Corporate Code
Personal Trauma PTSD	TRM

And JOIN with:

SPECL ISSUE BASIS TYPE	
English Value Description	Corporate Code
User made no selection.	Blank/Null
Other/Unknown - PTSD	PTSD/4
Sexual Assault/Harass	TRM/1
Personal Assault	TRM/2

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3. We need a count of the total number of women denied service connection for PTSD.
 - BDN and Corporate records.
 - Unique Female Veterans counts, only.
 - Display the earliest retrievable date that the data is stored for counting and provide said date on the file layout.

12. List specific data elements requested (E.g.: name, SSN, etc):

File One File Layout	
Total number of female veterans who are service connected for PTSD. Live Active Records	
Compensation with s/c	
Pension with s/c condition	
Grand Totals	

File Two(a) File Layout		
Total number of female veterans who are service connected for PTSD with a Special Issue of Personal Trauma PTSD		
Where Special Issue Basis =	Comp s/c	Pension with s/c
User made no selection		
Other/Unknown - PTSD		
Sexual Assault/Harass		
Personal Assault		
Grand Totals		

File Two(b) File Layout		
Total number of female veterans who are service connected for ANY condition (diagnostic code).		
Where Special Issue Basis =	Comp s/c	Pension with s/c
User made no selection		
Other/Unknown - PTSD		
Sexual Assault/Harass		
Personal Assault		
Grand Totals		

File Three File Layout	
Total number of female veterans denied s/c for PTSD	
Grand Totals	From Date the Earliest Retrievable Data Storage Date

13. List ALL VA entities other Federal agencies, and external stakeholders this data may be made available to: Members of Congress, HVAC Subcommittee for Disability Assistance/Memorial Affairs (DAMA), VBA, and C&P.

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File One

Total number of female veterans who are service connected for PTSD. Live Active Records

Compensation with s/c	17,019
Pension with s/c condition	56
Grand Totals	17,075

File Two(a)		
Total number of female veterans who are service connected for PTSD with a Special Issue of Personal Trauma PTSD		
Where Special Issue Basis =	Comp s/c	Pension with s/c
None	42	0
Sexual Assault/Harass	4,400	0
Personal Assault	960	0
Other Unknown-Trauma	372	0
Pension	0	0
Grand Totals	5,774	0

File Two(b)		
Total number of female veterans who are service connected for ANY condition (diagnostic code).		
Where Special Issue Basis =	Comp s/c	Pension with s/c
None	42	0
Sexual Assault/Harass	4,725	0
Personal Assault	1,044	0
Other Unknown-Trauma	412	0
Grand Totals	6,223	0

File Three	
Total number of female veterans denied s/c for PTSD	
Grand Totals	22,283

PTSD Trend Since Change in Regulation

According to VOR, we have seen an increase in PTSD claims in recent months.

The average number of claims received from September 2009 through May 2010, was 8,640.

We received 33,331 PTSD claims in the month of June alone. We suspect that this was due to anticipation of the new regulation going into effect. Since June, receipts decreased to 16,404 in July, increased to 22,228 in August, and then decreased again to 17,668 in September.

In FY09, we received a total of 121,221 PTSD claims. In FY10, we received 158,288, which is an increase of 37,067.

Month	# Received Mth	# Received FYTD
September-10	17,668	158,288
August-10	22,228	140,620
July-10	16,404	118,392
June-10	33,331	101,988
May-10	8,443	68,657
April-10	9,147	60,214
March-10	9,832	51,067
February-10	7,817	41,235
January-10	7,588	33,418
December-09	8,521	25,830
November-09	7,883	17,309
October-09	9,426	9,426
September-09	9,101	121,221

GWOT Data Requested by Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

PTSD by Evaluation

Disability Degree	Grants
0	553
10	3,967
20	9
30	12,861
40	6
50	7,364
60	2
70	2,824
80	-
90	-
100	1,447
Total	29,033

Mental Health by Evaluation

Disability Degree	Grants
0	8,998
10	9,887
20	261
30	16,969
40	76
50	8,869
60	24
70	3,460
80	3
90	-
100	1,914
Total	50,461

PTSD by Combined Degree

Combined Degree	Grants
0	171
10	877
20	957
30	3,133
40	4,859
50	3,767
60	5,449
70	3,554
80	2,859
90	1,306
100	2,101
Total	29,033

Mental Health by Combined Degree

Combined Degree	Grants
0	1,769
10	3,465
20	2,937
30	5,769
40	7,547
50	5,709
60	7,810
70	5,249
80	4,445
90	2,318
100	3,443
Total	50,461

Sources: RBA 2000, Compensation and Pension Master Record, BIRLS, VETSNET Award, as of December 31, 2007

Notes: All data is at the veteran level. Decisions for individual unemployability are not included in these results.

GWOT Veterans with PTSD

As of December 31, 2007

PTSD by Evaluation

Disability Degree	Grants
0	553
10	3,967
20	9
30	12,861
40	6
50	7,364
60	2
70	2,824
80	-
90	-
100	1,447
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100	2,101
Total	29,033

Sources: RBA 2000, Compensation and Pension Master Record (A & E records), BIRLS, VETSNET Award, as of December 31, 2007

Notes: All data is at the veteran level. Decisions for individual unemployability are not included in these results. This data does include terminated records, but does accurately | GWOT veterans how have been awarded service connection for PTSD.

Percentage	Reserve	Active	Total				
0	78	324	402	1.9%		0-20	16.5%
10	1,124	2,023	3,147	14.6%		30-50	68.9%
20	8	2	10	0.0%		60-90	9.2%
30	3,868	5,695	9,563	44.3%		100	5.4%
40	3	1	4	0.0%			
50	2,255	3,061	5,316	24.6%		0	1.9%
60	3	-	3	0.0%		10-30	58.9%
70	860	1,121	1,981	9.2%		40-60	24.6%
80	-	1	1	0.0%		70-90	9.2%
90	-	-	-	0.0%		100	5.4%
100	501	673	1,174	5.4%			
	8,700	12,901	21,601	100.0%		0-50	85.4%
						60-100	14.6%

	0-30 Percent	40-60 Percen	70-90 Percen	100 Percent	Total
2006	51,025	53,986	63,135	54,953	223099
2007	84,860	64,605	68,355	57,243	275063
2008					344758
PTSD	2006	2007	2008		
Service-Connected	223,099	275,063	344,758		

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	Total
2006	74	6,400	16	44,535	26	53,954	6	63,134	1		54,953	223,099
2007	1,274	17,125	23	66,409	29	64,393	12	68,352	2	1	57,243	274,863