

# **GULF WAR VETERANS INFORMATION SYSTEM**

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VBA is working in cooperation with the following organizations to enhance GWVIS: DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) and the Deployment Health Support Directorate (DHSD), VA's Office of Policy and Planning, VA's Office of the General Counsel, and VHA.

### **Limitations**

GWVIS reports do not contain information about individual veterans.

GWVIS does not provide information on how claims are adjudicated. Questions raised on this matter should be referred to VBA's Compensation and Pension Service.

GWVIS does not cite statutes or regulations for definitions. Questions raised on these terms should be referred to VA's Office of General Counsel or VBA's Compensation and Pension Service, as appropriate. The definitions in this document are intended for this report only, and should not be relied upon for any other purpose, such as the presentation of claims for VA benefits.

This report contains "Gulf War Mortality Data." Please contact VHA's Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards for more information regarding Gulf War mortality data. The GWVIS statistical reports, containing death counts, do not constitute a Gulf War veteran mortality study.

### **Changes for November 2002**

- **Khamisiyah Data**

The data related to Khamisiyah is included in this GWVIS report. However, the format and population changed from previous GWVIS reports. The report, "Khamisiyah Compensation and Pension Statistics," can be viewed on page 8.

- **VHA Data**

A report, "VHA Gulf War Mortality Data," can be viewed on page 9. This VHA study reviewed the death rates from 1990 to 1997 of U.S. Gulf War veterans deployed to the Gulf War region before March 1, 1991 compared to veterans who did not deploy over the same period.

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## Gulf War Veterans Information System

### Gulf War Service Member Statistics November 2002

Category	Conflict	Theater	Deployed	Era	Total
Service Members	696,840	430,680	1,127,520	4,539,810	5,667,330
Service Member Separations	580,894	280,958	861,852	3,678,419	4,540,271
Active Duty Separations	466,475	276,859	743,334	2,314,828	3,057,962
Activated Reservist Separations	114,419	4,099	118,518	247,284	365,802
Non-activated Reservist Separations <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	1,116,507	1,116,507
Veteran Deaths <sup>2</sup>	8,551	2,523	11,074	32,605	43,679
Estimated Living Veterans	572,343	278,435	850,778	2,816,870	3,467,648

<sup>1</sup> VBA identified 87,563 Non-Activated Reservists who are service-connected or pensioners as "veterans." VBA identified 6,120 deaths among the 87,563 veterans. The 6,120 deaths are included in the count for Veteran Deaths reported under "Era." The 81,443 remaining living veterans are included in the count of "Estimated Veterans" reported under "Era."

<sup>2</sup> These counts reflect raw data that has not been subjected to any statistical analysis nor has it been adjusted in any way to make it a mortality study. There has been no adjustment to account for age, gender, race, and other items required for a valid mortality study. In addition, the data will not reflect deaths that occurred after October 2002. The use of these data to draw conclusions regarding mortality rates will result in inaccurate conclusions. For analysis of Gulf War veteran mortality, see "Mortality among US Veterans of the Persian Gulf War: 7-Year Follow-up," Han K. Kang and Tim A. Bullman, American Journal of Epidemiology, 2001, 154(5): 399-405. A summary of the data in the VA Gulf War Mortality study is shown on page 9 of this report.

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### Compensation and Pension Statistics November 2002

Category	Conflict	Theater	Deployed	Era	Total
Service Members	696,840	430,680	1,127,520	4,539,810	6,667,330
Estimated Living Veterans	572,343	278,435	850,778	2,616,870	3,467,648
Claims Filed	211,194	82,367	293,561	753,875	1,047,436
Claims Processed	188,657	72,668	261,325	696,404	957,729
Claims Granted	163,989	66,595	230,584	615,829	846,413
Claims Denied	24,668	6,073	30,741	80,575	111,316
Claims Pending	22,537	9,699	32,236	57,471	89,707
Service-Connected 10% or greater, Receiving Compensation or Pension.	116,569	49,077	165,636	435,300	600,936
Service-Connected 0%, Receiving Compensation or Pension	3,440	1,515	4,955	12,642	17,597
Service-Connected 10% or greater, No Compensation or Pension	3,739	1,119	4,858	19,141	23,999
Service-Connected 0%, No Compensation or Pension	40,251	14,884	55,135	148,746	203,881
Non-Service Connected - Receiving Pension	619	94	713	1,965	2,878
Non-Service Connected - No Pension	24,049	5,979	30,028	78,610	108,638

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### Undiagnosed (UDX) Compensation and Pension Statistics November 2002

Category	Conflict	Theater	Deployed	Era	Total
Service Members	696,840	430,680	1,127,520	4,539,810	5,667,330
Estimated Living Veterans	572,343	278,435	850,778	2,616,870	3,467,648
UDX Claims Processed	11,933	998	12,931	NA	12,931
UDX Claims Granted	3,166	153	3,319	NA	3,319
UDX Claims Denied	8,767	845	9,612	NA	9,612
SC 10% UDX illness, Receiving Compensation or Pension	2,710	127	2,837	NA	2,837
SC 0% UDX illness, Receiving Compensation or Pension	226	16	242	NA	242
SC 10% UDX illness, No Compensation or Pension	72	3	75	NA	75
SC 0% UDX illness, No Compensation or Pension	158	7	165	NA	165
NSC UDX illness, Receiving Compensation or Pension	3,271	346	3,617	NA	3,617
NSC UDX illness, No Pension	5,496	499	5,995	NA	5,995

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### Al Jubayl Compensation and Pension Statistics November 2002

Category	Conflict
Service Members	1,334
Estimated Living Veterans	1,179
Veteran Deaths	24
Claims Filed	380
Claims Processed	358
Claims Granted	283
Claims Denied	75
Claims Pending	32
SC 10% Receiving Compensation or Pension	202
SC 0% Receiving Compensation or Pension	5
SC 10% No Compensation or Pension	5
SC 0% No Compensation or Pension	71
NSC Receiving Pension	1
NSC No Pension	74
UDX Claims Processed	66
UDX Claims Granted	20
UDX Claims Denied	46
SC 10% UDX Illness - Receiving Compensation or Pension	18
SC 0% UDX Illness - Receiving Compensation or Pension	1
SC 10% UDX Illness - No Compensation or Pension	0
SC 0% UDX Illness - No Compensation or Pension	0
NSC UDX Illness - Receiving Compensation or Pension	7
NSC UDX Illness - No Pension	39

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### Khamisiyah Compensation and Pension Statistics<sup>1</sup> November 2002

Category	Conflict
Service Members	145,400
Estimated Living Veterans	122,055
Veteran Deaths	1,925
Claims Filed	53,233
Claims Processed	47,504
Claims Granted	40,657
Claims Denied	6,847
Claims Pending	5,729
SC 10% Receiving Compensation or Pension	28,643
SC 0% Receiving Compensation or Pension	753
SC 10% No Compensation or Pension	974
SC 0% No Compensation or Pension	10,287
NSC Receiving Pension	172
NSC No Pension	6,675
UDX Claims Processed	4,039
UDX Claims Granted	1,102
UDX Claims Denied	2,937
SC 10% UDX Illness - Receiving Compensation or Pension	949
SC 0% UDX Illness - Receiving Compensation or Pension	67
SC 10% UDX Illness - No Compensation or Pension	31
SC 0% UDX Illness - No Compensation or Pension	55
NSC UDX Illness - Receiving Compensation or Pension	1,077
NSC UDX Illness - No Pension	1,860

<sup>1</sup> The total number of service members ever identified with possible low-level chemical warfare agent exposure or serving at or near Khamisiyah, Iraq, at the time of the demolition of chemical warfare munitions is 145,496. In this report, VBA displayed compensation and pension statistics on 145,400 service members. VA is working with DoD to review the remaining service member records. VA will make the results available when VA and DoD complete the review process.

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## Gulf War Mortality Data

Death rates from 1990 to 1997 of US Gulf War veterans deployed to the Gulf War region before March 1, 1991 compared to non-Gulf War veterans over the same period.<sup>1</sup>

Gulf War Veterans			Non-Gulf War Veterans		Ratio of Death Rates <sup>3</sup>	Significance of the ratio of death rates <sup>4,5,6</sup>
Veteran Gender	Number of Deaths	Death Rate <sup>2</sup>	Number of Deaths	Death Rate <sup>2</sup>		
Male	4,312	11.1	5,542	12.9	0.95	Not significant
Female	194	6.6	378	5.7	1.16	Not significant

<sup>1</sup> This study compared the mortality among the 621,902 Gulf War veterans who served at least one day during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (those arriving in the Southwest Asia theater of operations after August 2, 1990, but before March 1, 1991) to the mortality among 748,248 non-Gulf War veterans who served during this conflict but were not deployed to this area, and includes Active Duty, and activated Reserve and National Guard.

The Southwest Asia theater of operations is as defined by DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center.

Non-Gulf War veterans used for comparison in this study were service members who served during this period but did not deploy to the Southwest Asia theater of operations, and includes Active Duty, and activated Reserve and National Guard (from "Mortality among US Veterans of the Persian Gulf War: 7-Year Follow-up," Kang, Han K., and Tim A. Bullman, American Journal of Epidemiology, 2001, 154(5): 399-405).

This study by the Department of Veterans Affairs is still ongoing.

<sup>2</sup> Crude death rate for all causes of death, per 10,000 person years.

<sup>3</sup> Death rate ratio comparing death rate of Gulf War veterans to the death rate of Non-Gulf War veterans, controlling for race, branch of service, unit component and marital status. A ratio of 1 indicates that the death rates are the same for the two groups.

<sup>4</sup> Determination if the death rate ratio was statistically significantly different from 1. Differences are considered significant when there is 95% confidence that the difference did not occur by chance.

<sup>5</sup> Although this study found no real difference between death rates among Gulf War and Non-Gulf War veterans, it found that death rates for both groups were less than half of that found in their civilian counterparts.

<sup>6</sup> An increased death rate among Gulf War veterans from motor vehicle accidents found in an earlier VA study has disappeared in this seven year follow up study.

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## **Section Three**

### **Data Sources**

VBA uses data from the Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) to prepare GWVIS reports. The list below identifies the DoD and VA sources used:

**DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC):**

- Active Duty Master File
- Active Duty Loss File
- Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System
- Operation Desert Shield/Storm Files
- Operation Mission/Contingency Files

**DoD's Deployment Health Support Directorate (DHSD):**

- Khamislyah Master File

**VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA):**

- Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS)
- Compensation and Pension Master Record (CPMR)
- Pending Issue File (PIF)

**VA's Veterans Health Administration (VHA):**

- VHA Gulf War Veteran Mortality Study

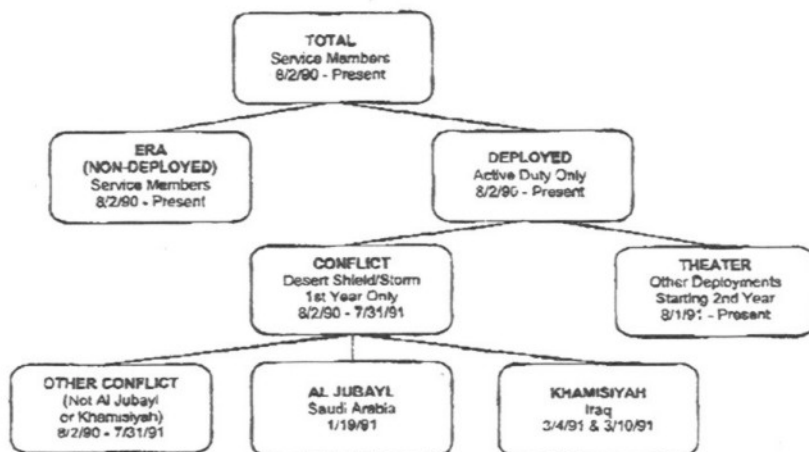
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## Section Four

### Report Categories

GWVIS reports are prepared for all categories shown below except "Other Conflict." The category "Other Conflict" identifies a subset of Conflict service members not located at or near Al Jubayl or Khamisiyah.

- "Total" equals the sum of "Era" (Non Deployed) and "Deployed"
- "Deployed" equals the sum of "Conflict" and "Theater"
- "Conflict" equals the sum of "Other Conflict", "Al Jubayl", and "Khamisiyah"



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## **Section Five**

### **Terms and Definitions**

#### **Activated Reservist Separations**

Activated Reservist Separations is a subset of Service Member Separations. Activated Reservist Separations identifies only current and former Reserve and National Guard personnel with a discharge who were called to active duty on or after August 2, 1990.

All Activated Reservists are counted, regardless of:

- Length of enlistment
- Re-enlistment
- Character of service
- Death

#### *Limitations:*

In some cases, DMDC cannot determine if a service member enlisted directly into active duty or if a service member was activated from the Reserves or National Guard. In those cases, the service members are counted under Active Duty Separations.

#### **Active Duty Separations**

Active Duty Separations is a subset of Service Member Separations. Active Duty Separations identifies current and former active duty personnel with a discharge and with service on or after August 2, 1990.

All Active Duty Separations are counted, regardless of:

- Length of enlistment
- Re-enlistment
- Character of service
- Death

#### *Limitations:*

In some cases, DMDC cannot determine if a service member enlisted directly into active duty or if a service member was activated from the Reserves or National Guard. In those cases, the service members are counted under Active Duty Separations.

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### **Al Jubayl**

On or about January 19, 1991, service members serving in and around Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia reported an incident involving a "loud noise," "bright flash," and possible "Iraqi chemical warfare agent attack." There are 1,334 service members identified by the DoD as having served in and around the port city of Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia on January 19, 1991. DoD concludes that the chemical attack was "unlikely."

Additional information regarding events at or near Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia can be viewed at DoD's web site: <http://www.deploymentslink.osd.mil>

### **Claims Denied**

A claim is denied when VA determines none of the veteran's conditions meet eligibility requirements for service connection under VA statutes and regulations. This denial is called "nonservice-connected" or "NSC." Claims Denied is the sum of Nonservice-Connected - No Pension and Nonservice-Connected - Receiving Pension.

### **Claims Filed**

Claims Filed equals the total of Claims Granted, Claims Denied, and Claims Pending.

### **Claims Granted**

A veteran's claim is granted when VA determines at least one of the veteran's conditions meets eligibility requirements for service connection under VA statutes and regulations. This grant is called "service-connected" or "SC."

Veterans frequently file a claim for more than one condition. For veterans who filed a claim for more than one condition, this category contains veterans with a full grant of all conditions as well as veterans with a combination of grants and denials.

Disabilities are evaluated according to VA regulations, and the extent of the disability is expressed as a percentage from zero percent to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percent. Granted includes all service-connected disabilities, from zero percent to 100 percent, regardless of whether the veteran receives monetary compensation.

### **Claims Pending**

Claims Pending identifies where VA is reviewing a veteran's claim for compensation or pension benefits. This includes appealed and reopened claims.

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### *Limitations:*

Duplicate counting of reopened pending claims may exist because the veteran may also have a pre-existing grant or denial.

### **Claims Processed**

Claims Processed equals the total of Claims Granted and Claims Denied. Claims Processed does not include pending claims.

### **Conflict**

Conflict is a subset of Deployed. Conflict identifies active duty service members deployed to Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, from August 2, 1990, through July 31, 1991. This includes Active Duty as well as Activated Reservists and National Guard.

### *Limitations:*

The initial Gulf War air campaign began on January 17, 1991, and it lasted through February 28, 1991. The Gulf War ground invasion into Iraq and Kuwait began February 24, 1991, and it stopped on February 28, 1991.

VA defines the Southwest Asia theater as Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, and the airspace above these locations.

### **Veteran Deaths**

Identifies deceased veterans reported in VBA's Compensation and Pension Master Record (CPMR) and the Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS).

### *Limitations:*

These counts reflect raw data that have not been subjected to any statistical analysis nor adjusted in any way to make it a mortality study. There has been no adjustment to account for age, gender, race, and other items required for a valid mortality study. In addition, the data will not reflect deaths that occurred after October 2002. The use of these data to draw conclusions regarding mortality rates will result in inaccurate conclusions. For analysis of Gulf War veteran mortality, see "Mortality among US Veterans of the Persian Gulf War: 7-Year Follow-up," Han K. Kang and Tim A. Bullman, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 2001, 154(5): 399-405.

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### **Deployed**

Deployed identifies active duty service members who served at least one day in the Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990, through the present. VA uses the period from August 2, 1990, to the present to identify service members deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations who are potentially eligible for additional VA benefits (such as undiagnosed illness compensation). Deployed includes activated Reserve and National Guard. Deployed equals the sum of the Conflict and Theater categories.

#### *Limitations:*

VA defines the Southwest Asia theater as Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, and the airspace above these locations.

### **Era**

Era identifies service members who did not deploy to the Gulf War. This includes Active Duty, Activated Reserve and National Guard, and Non-activated Reserve and National Guard.

### **Estimated Living Veterans**

Estimated Living Veterans is a subset of the Service Member population. It identifies individuals with active duty service and a discharge on or after August 2, 1990. Estimated Living Veterans includes service members called to active duty from the Reserves or National Guard. Subtractions are made for deaths.

#### *Limitations:*

As of January 2001, Estimated Living Veterans includes living Non-activated Reservists and National Guard with a VA service-connected condition or who are in receipt of pension. Subtractions are made for deaths from among those Non-activated Reservists and National Guard who had a VA service-connected condition or who were in receipt of pension.

VBA continues to work with VA's Office of Policy and Planning to resolve differences in the number of estimated living veterans counted in GWVIS and those shown as Gulf War veterans in VetPop2001Adj (Adjusted to Census 2000), which is 3,573,000 as of September 30, 2002. VetPop2001Adj only estimates the number of civilian veterans (veterans not on active duty), while VBA includes veterans who are on active duty.

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### **Khamisiyah**

The DoD identifies 145,498 service members as having served in and around the Khamisiyah Ammunition Supply Point in Iraq at the time of the demolition of chemical warfare munitions. On March 4, 1991, and on March 10, 1991, the U.S. military destroyed Iraqi "chemical warfare agent rockets," possibly exposing U.S. service members to low levels of chemical warfare agents.

Based on the most recent analysis of Khamisiyah, the military believes 101,752 service members were possibly exposed to low-level chemical warfare agents. Additional information about the current Khamisiyah analysis can be viewed at DoD's web site: [http://www.gulfink.osd.mil/khamisiyah\\_iii/](http://www.gulfink.osd.mil/khamisiyah_iii/)

### **Limitations:**

In November 2002, VA received an updated list of service members from DoD. In this list, VBA displayed compensation and pension statistics on 145,400 service members. VA is working with DoD to review the remaining service member records. VA will make that data available in future GWVIS reports when VA and DoD complete the review process.

### **Non-Activated Reservist Separations**

Non-activated Reservist Separations is a subset of Service Member Separations. Non-activated Reservist Separations identifies individuals with current and former reserve components service (including National Guard) and a discharge on or after August 2, 1990. Non-activated Reserve Separations are included as veterans when the individual becomes either service-connected or a pensioner.

All Non-activated Reservist Separations are counted, regardless of:

- Length of enlistment
- Re-enlistment
- Character of service
- Death

### **Nonservice-Connected – No Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans who do not qualify for VA pension. VA determined none of the veterans' conditions are related to military service. In addition, VA determined the veteran did not qualify for a pension based on VA's disability and income requirements. This denial is called nonservice-connected, or "NSC."

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### **Nonservice-Connected – Receiving Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans where VA determined the veteran's condition(s) were not related to military service. This denial is called nonservice-connected, or "NSC." However, the veteran qualifies for a pension due to a nonservice-connected disability and income qualifications.

### **Service-Connected Ten Percent – No Compensation or Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans where VA rated at least one service-connected condition at ten percent (10%) or higher. However, the veteran is not in receipt of compensation or pension payments. For example, this category includes service-connected military retiree veterans who are entitled to VA compensation but who elected not to receive it. It also includes veterans with disability severance pay who are on the Temporary Disability Retirement List (TDRL) and the Permanent Disability Retirement List (PDRL).

### **Service-Connected Ten Percent – With Compensation or Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans where VA rated at least one service-connected condition at ten percent (10%) or higher, and the veteran receives compensation or pension payments.

### **Service-Connected Zero Percent – With Compensation or Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans where VA rated at least one service-connected condition at zero percent (0%). The veteran qualifies for pension payments based on nonservice-connected disability and income, or the veteran qualifies for compensation based on VA regulations for multiple zero percent service-connected conditions.

### **Service-Connected Zero Percent – No Compensation or Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans where VA rated at least one service-connected condition at zero percent (0%). However, the veteran does not qualify for compensation or pension payments.

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### **Service Members**

Service Members identifies individuals with military service on or after August 2, 1990, the start of the Gulf War.

This includes:

- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard
- Active Duty, Activated Reservists and National Guard, and Non-activated Reservists and National Guard

All Service Members are counted, regardless of:

- Length of enlistment
- Re-enlistment
- Character of service
- Death

VA identifies Service Members because they may be eligible for VA benefits (education, life insurance, home loan guaranty, and compensation and pension) under certain conditions.

*Limitations:*

Individuals in the Public Health Service (PHS) or in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are not identified or counted as Service Members.

### **Service Member Separations**

Service Member Separations is a subset of Service Members. Service Member Separations identifies individuals with a discharge from military service on or after August 2, 1990.

Service Member Separations equals the sum of three categories:

- Active Duty Separations
- Activated Reservist Separations (includes Activated National Guard)
- Non-activated Reservist Separations (includes Non-activated National Guard)

All Service Members Separations are counted, regardless of:

- Length of enlistment
- Re-enlistment
- Character of service
- Death

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### **Theater**

Theater is a subset of Deployed. Theater identifies active duty service members who deployed to Southwest Asia during the Gulf War from August 1, 1991, until the present. This includes Active Duty as well as Activated Reservists and National Guard. Service members who served in both the Conflict and the Theater time periods are reported only under Conflict.

#### *Limitations:*

VA defines the Southwest Asia theater as Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, and the airspace above these locations.

### **Total**

Total equals the sum of the categories Deployed and Era.

### **Undiagnosed Claims Denied**

An undiagnosed claim is denied when VA determines none of the veteran's undiagnosed conditions met eligibility requirements under VA regulations. This denial is called "nonservice-connected" or "NSC."

#### *Limitations:*

There may be overlap between Undiagnosed Claims Denied and Claims Granted. This happens when a veteran had all undiagnosed conditions denied and a veteran has at least one diagnosed condition granted.

The Theater category contains counts of veterans granted and denied undiagnosed illness claims even though DMDC reports some of the veterans as Era (non deployed). VA is reviewing these veterans' records with DoD to determine the veterans' correct deployment status.

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### **Undiagnosed Claims Granted**

A veteran's undiagnosed claim is granted when VA determines at least one of the veteran's undiagnosed conditions meets eligibility requirements under VA regulations for service connection. This grant is called "service-connected" or "SC."

This category is a subset of Claims Granted because the veteran has at least one granted condition.

For veterans who filed a claim for more than one undiagnosed condition, this category contains veterans with a full grant of all undiagnosed conditions as well as veterans with a combination of grants and denials for undiagnosed conditions.

Disabilities are evaluated according to VA regulations, and the extent of the disability is expressed as a percentage from zero percent to 100 percent, in increments of 10 percent. Undiagnosed Claims Granted includes all service-connected undiagnosed disabilities, from zero percent to 100 percent, regardless if the veteran receives compensation.

#### *Limitations:*

The Theater category contains counts of veterans granted and denied undiagnosed illness claims even though DMDC reports some of the veterans as Era (non deployed). VA is reviewing these veterans' records with DoD to determine the veterans' correct deployment status.

### **Undiagnosed Nonservice-Connected – Receiving Compensation or Pension**

This category identifies the number of veterans where VA determined the veteran's undiagnosed condition(s) did not meet VA regulations for service connection. This denial is called nonservice-connected, or "NSC."

However, the veteran qualified for a pension due to disability and low income, or the veteran was granted service-connection for a diagnosed condition.

#### *Limitations:*

There may be overlap between the category Undiagnosed Nonservice-connected Receiving Compensation or Pension and the category Claims Granted. This happens when a veteran had all undiagnosed conditions denied and has at least one diagnosed condition granted.