

# Veterans Benefits Administration

## Compensation and Pension Benefit Activity Among 464,144 Veterans Deployed to the Global War on Terror

The chart below provides information on the disability compensation and pension claim activity among veterans deployed overseas in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT), also referred to as Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq may have served during a prior period. Therefore, disability claims noted below may be attributable to any of the veteran's periods of service and may not be the direct result of GWOT deployment.

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| Category                              | Reserves | Active Duty | Total     |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Deployed Service Members <sup>1</sup> | 343,140  | 873,375     | 1,216,515 |
| Deployed Veterans <sup>2</sup>        | 255,917  | 208,227     | 464,144   |
| Claims Filed <sup>3</sup>             | 44,380   | 71,101      | 115,481   |
| Claims Processed <sup>3</sup>         | 31,550   | 53,352      | 84,902    |
| Claims Granted <sup>3</sup>           | 25,983   | 49,179      | 75,162    |
| Claims Denied <sup>3</sup>            | 5,567    | 4,173       | 9,740     |
| Claims Pending <sup>4</sup>           | 12,830   | 17,749      | 30,579    |

#### Notes:

1. Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), cumulative count of deployed GWOT service members from September 11, 2001, through October 31, 2005.
2. DoD, DMDC, cumulative count of service members separated between September 11, 2001, and October 31, 2005.
3. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, counts of Claims Filed, Claims Processed, Claims Granted, Claims Denied, and Claims Pending as of November 30, 2005 (except the Claims Pending as of December 1, 2005). Claims Filed is the sum of Claims Processed and Claims Pending. Claims Processed is the sum of Claims Granted and Claims Denied.
4. Some duplicate counting of Pending Claims may exist if a veteran who was previously granted or denied disability benefits subsequently reopened their claim.

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