

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS IN WISCONSIN

**Military Service** — More Wisconsinites served in World War II than in any other conflict, with Vietnam ranking second, but fatalities were heaviest in the Civil War. From the Civil War through Operation Desert Storm, more than 26,600 Wisconsinites have given their lives in the service of their country.

As of June 1999, almost 10,000 Wisconsinites were serving in 99 Wisconsin Army and 36 Air National Guard units at 67 locations throughout the state. National Guard facilities include 68 armories and 3 air bases.

**Veteran's Programs** — Since the end of World War II, more than 500,000 grants and loans totaling over \$2.4 billion have been provided to Wisconsin veterans. Historically, most of the grants have been for educational purposes, while the overwhelming number of loans are for housing. The grants have covered subsistence aid and emergency health care assistance for needy veterans, as well as educational grants. Veterans may qualify for low-interest home mortgage and home improvement loans. In addition, eligible veterans and, in some instances, spouses and dependent children of deceased veterans may qualify for personal loans to finance expenses such as education, business start-ups or purchases, medical bills, debt consolidation, and mobile home purchases.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King had 745 members at the end of 1998. In general, to be eligible for residence, a veteran must have completed certain military service requirements and be a Wisconsin resident on the date of admission to the home. In addition, a veteran must either have been a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into service or have been a resident of the state for any 5-year period after service and prior to application for the veterans home. Depending on availability of space, spouses and surviving spouses or parents of qualifying veterans may also be admitted.

The following tables present selected data. Consult the footnoted sources for more detailed information about military and veterans affairs.

### DIRECT STATE BENEFITS TO WISCONSIN WAR VETERANS 1943 – 1961

Fiscal Year	Number of Grants and Loans	Total Benefits	Rehabilitation Trust Funds	Housing Fund
8/1/43-1946 .....	6,359	\$975,173	\$975,173	—
1947 .....	10,701	2,207,914	2,207,914	—
1948 .....	9,578	3,511,527	3,511,527	—
1949 .....	6,086	2,512,517	2,512,517	—
1950 .....	5,867	3,463,058	2,040,658	\$1,422,400
1951 .....	6,137	5,178,106	2,104,550	3,073,556
1952 .....	10,442	22,362,081	1,995,116	20,366,965
1953 .....	5,099	8,842,780	1,331,140	7,511,640
1954 .....	4,507	4,420,030	1,502,748	2,917,282
1955 .....	3,482	4,236,298	1,112,173	3,124,125
1956 .....	3,639	5,389,187	787,861	4,601,326
1957 .....	2,890	4,246,004	730,452	3,515,552
1958 .....	2,779	4,912,233	660,994	4,251,239
1959 .....	2,954	5,419,609	670,262	4,749,347
1960 .....	3,345	7,341,922	591,272	6,750,650
1961 .....	3,081	6,654,189	584,426	6,069,763

Note: The 1961 Legislature merged all veterans' funds into the Veterans Trust Fund.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, March 1995.

## VETERANS BENEFITS, 1962 – 1998

Fiscal Year	Number of Grants and Loans	Total Benefits	Grants		Full-Time Educational Grants	Economic Assistance	Personal Loan Program	Loans		
			Economic	Educational				Revenue Bond Housing Loans	Second Mortgage Housing	Gen. Obligation Bond Housing Loans
1962	3,073	\$6,681,585	\$53,891	\$2,100	—	\$515,008	—	\$6,110,586	—	—
1963	2,835	6,118,117	64,152	3,654	—	416,836	—	5,633,475	—	—
1964	7,514	4,609,470	79,702	8,540	—	422,850	—	4,098,378	—	—
1965	2,384	3,737,259	100,751	13,654	—	359,705	—	3,263,149	—	—
1966	3,272	5,160,560	113,710	36,294	—	677,311	—	4,333,245	—	—
1967	6,366	7,903,147	112,526	164,921	—	1,450,836	—	6,174,864	—	—
1968	7,117	9,520,005	128,691	191,355	—	2,393,521	—	6,806,438	—	—
1969	7,258	9,797,372	150,793	262,126	—	2,603,989	—	4,962,464	—	—
1970	8,296	9,265,183	193,044	289,743	—	3,605,092	—	5,177,305	—	—
1971	9,087	10,634,778	248,906	283,652	—	3,851,973	—	6,250,247	—	—
1972	9,846	13,207,891	299,603	332,319	—	4,005,623	—	8,570,346	—	—
1973	16,275	24,534,161	434,170	608,959	\$407,069	6,733,164	—	16,350,799	—	—
1974	29,106	25,448,547	549,417	1,021,859	1,834,337	7,704,081	—	14,338,853	—	—
1975	32,898	69,554,865	607,279	1,240,917	1,836,207	9,098,837	—	10,076,963	\$46,694,662	—
1976	40,229	216,478,556	536,855	1,245,312	1,861,901	9,537,622	—	4,371,839	6,333,640	\$192,591,387
1977	37,807	257,778,554	658,110	1,360,835	1,682,805	9,198,256	—	1,073,815	—	243,804,763
1978	34,106	208,941,251	496,715	1,232,768	1,196,114	9,819,842	—	760,546	—	195,435,266
1979	29,670	229,493,527	455,621	1,217,333	901,368	8,907,225	—	809,132	—	217,202,848
1980	25,670	197,668,743	362,556	1,099,266	731,672	6,735,632	—	843,433	—	187,896,184
1981	16,926	90,183,867	424,041	1,092,510	479,232	4,323,114	—	1,345,430	67,130,619	15,388,921
1982	13,333	16,221,058	378,614	1,139,025	469,347	3,656,939	—	1,062,015	8,400,780	1,094,338
1983	11,516	56,700,920	591,351	986,106	391,542	3,073,217	—	762,930	—	50,895,774
1984	11,522	58,137,350	469,314	1,227,239	328,036	3,116,789	—	782,463	—	52,213,509
1985	10,326	47,689,638	453,502	1,483,693	225,043	2,737,544	—	552,106	—	42,237,750
1986	9,648	19,297,133	378,999	1,255,252	157,379	3,678,759	—	243,147	—	13,583,597
1987	7,690	18,883,716	529,634	807,253	127,789	2,802,819	—	141,370	—	14,474,851
1988	6,643	28,134,558	426,595	696,352	91,392	2,405,642	—	289,606	—	24,224,971
1989	6,614	35,412,289	533,929	698,946	77,787	2,459,813	—	832,436	—	30,809,378
1990	6,150	44,837,433	636,434	683,355	62,025	2,776,835	—	327,819	—	40,350,965
1991	6,279	48,562,575	398,706	743,351	50,993	3,945,614	—	62,960	—	43,360,951
1992	4,871	35,155,551	381,312	526,215	137,799	4,192,505	—	18,799	—	29,898,921
1993	4,314	22,446,997	472,302	512,770	167,838	2,673,585	—	—	—	18,620,502
1994	5,314	58,337,813 <sup>1</sup>	451,666	716,858	667	2,567,053	—	—	—	33,157,403
1995	6,080	126,009,594 <sup>1</sup>	552,893	754,052	—	2,544,584	—	—	—	111,133,109
1996	7,483	80,581,789	601,030	1,609,350	—	3,189,625	—	—	—	75,181,784
1997	7,231	99,984,937	937,294	1,797,649	—	2,401,548	—	—	—	94,848,446
1998	7,767	160,760,389	783,664	1,680,881	—	666,575 <sup>2</sup>	\$10,215,928 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	147,413,341

Note: The 1961 Legislature merged all veterans' funds into the Veterans Trust Fund.

<sup>1</sup>Includes \$21,444,166 (FY94) and \$11,024,956 (FY95) in consumer loans under the Veterans Trust Fund stabilization provision of 1993 Wisconsin Act 16.

<sup>2</sup>Personal loan program replaced economic assistance loans.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, May 1999.

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**ARMY UNITS****State Area Command (STARC)**

Headquarters STARC (–) – Madison  
 Det. 3, STARC (Sel Svc) – Madison  
 Det. 4, STARC (RRM) – Madison  
 Det. 1, 139th Public Affairs Det. – Madison  
 Det. 52, OSA – Madison  
 13th Medical Dental Detachment – Madison  
 13th Medical Dental Detachment – Marshfield  
 132nd Army Band – Madison  
 232nd Personnel Services Co. – Madison  
 54th Military Support Det. (RAID) (Light) – Madison

**32nd Infantry Brigade**

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Madison  
 Det. 2, HHC 34th Infantry Div. – Madison  
 Det. 2, HHC Material Mgmt. Cmd. – Madison  
 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Appleton  
 Company A – Fort Atkinson  
 Company B – Green Bay  
 Company C – Fond du Lac  
 Company D (–) – Hartford  
 Det. 1, Co. D – Waupun  
 Company E – Watertown  
 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. (–) – Eau Claire  
 Detachment 1, Hq. Co. – Reedsburg  
 Company A – Menomonie  
 Company B – New Richmond  
 Company C – Rice Lake  
 Company D – Arcadia  
 Company E – River Falls  
 1st Battalion, 632nd Armor  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Wausau  
 Company A – Merrill  
 Company B – Antigo  
 Company C – Marinette  
 Company D – Mosinee  
 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Btry. (–) –  
 Wisconsin Rapids  
 Det. 1, Hq. Btry. – Waupaca  
 Battery A (–) – Marshfield  
 Det. 1, Btry. A – Abbotsford  
 Battery B – Clintonville  
 Battery C – Stevens Point  
 Service Battery – Neillsville  
 132nd Forward Support Battalion  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Det. – Madison  
 Company A – Janesville  
 Det. 1, Co. A, 434th Main Spt. Bn. – Janesville  
 Det. 1, Co. B, 434th Main Spt. Bn. – Janesville  
 Company B (–) – Portage  
 Det. 1, Co. B – Mauston  
 Det. 2, Co. B – Madison  
 Company C (Med) – Milwaukee  
 173rd Engineer Battalion  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Onalaska  
 Support Platoon – Onalaska  
 Company A – Onalaska  
 Company B – Eau Claire

Company C (–) – Baraboo  
 Det. 1, Co. C – Ripon

**64th Troop Command**

Headquarters, 64th Troop Command – Madison  
 332nd Rear Area Operations Center – Berlin  
 64th Rear Operations Center – Monroe  
 832nd Medical Co. (Air Ambulance) – West Bend  
 32nd Military Police Company (–) – Milwaukee  
 Det. 1, 32nd MP Company – Madison  
 Co. B, 118th Medical Battalion – Waukesha  
 732nd Maintenance Battalion  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Det. – Tomah  
 107th Maintenance Co. (–) – Sparta  
 Detachment 1 – Viroqua  
 1157th Transportation Co. – Oshkosh  
 1158th Transportation Co. (–) – Tomah  
 Detachment 1 – Beloit  
 Detachment 2 – Black River Falls  
 1st Battalion, 147th Command Aviation  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Madison  
 Company A – Madison  
 Company C – Madison  
 Company D – Madison

**57th Field Artillery Brigade**

Headquarters and Headquarters Btry. (–) – Milwaukee  
 Det. 1, Hq. Btry. – Two Rivers  
 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Btry. – Milwaukee  
 Battery A – Milwaukee  
 Battery B (–) – Plymouth  
 Det. 1, Btry. B – Two Rivers  
 Battery C – Sussex  
 Service Battery – Oconomowoc  
 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Btry. – Kenosha  
 Battery A (–) – Whitewater  
 Det. 1, Btry. A – Elkhorn  
 Battery B – Oak Creek  
 Battery C – Racine  
 Service Battery – Burlington

**264th Engineer Group**

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Chippewa Falls  
 229th Engineer Co. (CSE) (–) – Prairie du Chien  
 Detachment 1, 229th Engineer Co. (CSE) –  
 Platteville  
 829th Engineer Detachment (Utilities) –  
 Richland Center  
 106th Engineer Detachment (Quarry) – Ashland  
 724th Engineer Battalion  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Superior  
 Company A – Medford  
 Company B (–) – Hayward  
 Det. 1, Co. B – Spooner  
 Company C (–) – Tomahawk  
 Det. 1, Co. C – Rhinelander  
**426th Leadership Regiment (Wisconsin Military Academy)** – Fort McCoy  
 1st Battalion (FA) – Fort McCoy  
 2nd Battalion (GS) – Fort McCoy

## AIR UNITS

<b>Headquarters, Wisconsin Air National Guard –</b> Madison	128th Operations Group
<b>115th Fighter Wing –</b> Truax Field ANG Base, Madison	126th Air Refueling Squadron
115th Operations Group	128th Operations Support Flight
176th Fighter Squadron	126th Weather Flight
115th Operations Support Flight	128th Logistics Group
115th Logistics Group	128th Logistics Squadron
115th Aircraft Generation Squadron	128th Logistics Support Flight
115th Maintenance Squadron	128th Maintenance Squadron
115th Logistics Squadron	128th Aircraft Generation Squadron
115th Logistics Support Flight	128th Support Group
115th Support Group	128th Services Flight
115th Security Forces Squadron	128th Mission Support Flight
115th Mission Support Flight	128th Communications Flight
115th Services Flight	128th Civil Engineering Squadron
115th Civil Engineering Squadron	128th Security Forces Squadron
115th Communications Flight	128th Medical Squadron
115th Medical Squadron	<b>Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center –</b> Camp Douglas
<b>128th Air Refueling Wing –</b> Mitchell Field ANG Base, Milwaukee	<b>128th Air Control Squadron –</b> Volk Field CRTC, Camp Douglas

Bold Face – Major Command

(–) – Headquarters of a split unit

Abbreviations:

ANG – Air National Guard

Btry. – Battery

Co. – Company

CSE – Combat Support Equipment

CRTC – Combat Readiness Training Center

Det. – Detachment

Source: Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, departmental data, May 1999.

FA – Field Artillery

GS – General Studies

Hq. – Headquarters

Med – Medical

MP – Military Police

OSA – Operational Support Airlift

RAID – Rapid Assessment Initial Detection

RRM – Recruiting and Retention Manager

Sel Svc – Selective Service

## WISCONSIN'S MILITARY SERVICE

Military Action	Number Served	Number Killed
Civil War . . . . .	91,379 <sup>1</sup>	12,216
Spanish-American War . . . . .	5,469	134 <sup>2</sup>
Mexican Border Service . . . . .	4,168	NA
World War I . . . . .	122,215	3,932
World War II . . . . .	332,200 <sup>3</sup>	8,390
Korean Conflict . . . . .	132,000 <sup>3</sup>	729
Vietnam . . . . .	165,400 <sup>4</sup>	1,239 <sup>5</sup>
Lebanon/Grenada . . . . .	400 <sup>6</sup>	1
Panama . . . . .	520 <sup>7</sup>	1
Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm . . . . .	10,400 <sup>8</sup>	11 <sup>9</sup>
Somalia . . . . .	426 <sup>10</sup>	2

NA – Not available.

Note: These figures have been revised as additional information became available from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

<sup>1</sup>Total includes some who enlisted more than once. The net number of soldiers recruited in Wisconsin was about 80,000.

<sup>2</sup>Casualties only from Wisconsin 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Regiments. No details available for Wisconsin residents serving in federal units.

<sup>3</sup>U.S. Veterans Administration letter, October 17, 1961.

<sup>4</sup>U.S. Veterans Administration report, March 31, 1990.

<sup>5</sup>Total includes 1,131 from U.S. Department of Defense and 108 additional names from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

<sup>6</sup>Based on statistics developed for legislation to extend state benefits to veterans who served on active duty in Lebanon or its territorial waters between August 1, 1982 and August 1, 1984, or in Grenada between October 23, 1983 and November 21, 1983.

<sup>7</sup>U.S. Department of Defense statistics on troop involvement.

<sup>8</sup>Based on Department of Veterans Affairs formula for determining number of state residents on active duty who served in the Middle East/Persian Gulf area (beginning August 1990) and Guard and Reserve troops activated for duty in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

<sup>9</sup>In addition, another Wisconsin resident, a civilian employe of the U.S. Army, was killed.

<sup>10</sup>Based on Department of Veterans Affairs formula for determining the number of state residents who served during Operation Restore Hope, beginning December 9, 1992.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, May 1999.

**MEMBERSHIP, WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME  
1888 – 1998**

	Civil and Indian Wars	Spanish- American	World War I		World War II		Korean Conflict		Total
			Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
1888 .....	72	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72
1890 .....	139	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	139
1900 .....	680	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	680
1910 .....	699	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	699
1920 .....	532	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	532
1930 .....	254	108	10	14	—	—	—	—	386
1940 .....	89	196	101	130	—	—	—	—	516
1950 .....	27	156	189	93	5	1	—	—	471
1960 .....	4	74	203	94	40	5	—	—	450
1961 .....	3	66	221	88	39	8	—	—	427
1962 .....	3	66	223	82	52	9	—	—	431
1963 .....	3	67	235	87	57	10	—	—	459
1964 .....	3	63	237	105	61	16	—	—	485
1965 .....	2	62	247	112	77	16	—	—	516
1966 .....	1	56	258	112	86	21	—	—	534
1967 .....	1	46	272	120	93	20	—	—	555
1968 .....	1	48	253	123	93	16	—	—	534
1969 .....	1	43	253	145	101	14	—	—	560
1970 .....	1	35	279	146	153	20	1	0	635
1971 .....	1	39	316	160	184	31	2	0	723
1972 .....	0	28	279	155	199	39	2	0	702
1973 .....	0	25	285	108	199	37	0	1	715
1974 .....	0	21	279	175	185	37	0	2	699

	Spanish- American		World War I		World War II		Korean Conflict		Vietnam		Other Eras*		Total
	Vets.	Depts.	Vets.	Depts.	Vets.	Depts.	Vets.	Depts.	Vets.	Depts.	Vets.	Depts.	
1975 ..	1	18	272	171	198	40	3	2	0	0	0	0	705
1976 ..	1	14	254	167	209	40	2	2	0	0	0	0	689
1977 ..	1	13	270	164	205	41	4	2	0	0	0	0	700
1978 ..	1	11	261	158	218	38	3	2	0	0	0	0	692
1979 ..	1	11	244	146	227	37	4	1	0	0	0	0	672
1980 ..	1	8	242	144	241	36	5	1	0	0	0	0	678
1981 ..	0	8	224	139	264	40	8	2	0	0	0	0	685
1982 ..	0	7	189	124	282	43	11	2	0	0	0	0	658
1983 ..	0	5	171	111	297	42	14	2	1	0	0	0	643
1984 ..	0	4	144	97	316	47	21	2	3	0	0	0	634
1985 ..	0	4	129	102	329	54	28	0	5	0	0	0	651
1986 ..	0	4	117	92	348	56	35	5	7	0	0	0	664
1987 ..	0	2	108	84	384	60	36	4	8	0	0	0	686
1988 ..	0	1	84	76	395	55	45	7	8	0	0	0	671
1989 ..	0	2	62	75	399	67	50	7	9	1	0	0	672
1990 ..	0	2	49	65	431	76	62	8	10	1	3	0	707
1991 ..	0	2	43	57	440	74	69	10	10	2	3	0	710
1992 ..	0	1	33	44	442	77	82	10	12	1	2	0	704
1993 ..	0	1	23	41	463	73	94	9	11	1	2	0	718
1994 ..	0	1	14	33	488	83	99	11	12	2	1	0	744
1995 ..	0	1	8	31	484	84	99	12	16	2	1	0	738
1996 ..	0	1	4	24	489	79	103	12	25	1	1	0	739
1997 ..	0	1	3	20	479	82	107	11	38	1	3	0	744
1998 ..	0	0	1	17	460	83	123	12	39	1	9	0	745

Depts. – Dependents.

\*Other periods of hostilities for which expeditionary medals were awarded.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, May 1999.