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Connecting Veterans with Information

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A veteran is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."

-- author unknown
There are over 21 million veterans in the United States.

Over 339,000 of those veterans live in the state of Kentucky.

In surrounding states that border Kentucky, there are another 4.1 million veterans.

In FY2012, only 40% of eligible veterans took advantage of at least one VA benefit.

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Hot Topics in Veterans Healthcare
According to the National Center for PTSD,

11-20% of Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars (Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom), or in the range of 11-20 Veterans out of 100 who served in OEF/OIF suffer from PTSD.

As many as 10% of Gulf War (Desert Storm) Veterans, or in 10 Gulf War Veterans out of 100 suffer from PTSD.

About 30% of Vietnam Veterans, or about 30 out of 100 Vietnam Veterans suffer from PTSD.

About PTSD symptoms: "You hear a boom... and even now, I count."
Veteran Jeff McDowell

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh_iKg1vVco
According to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, over 300,000 military members have been diagnosed with TBI since 2000.
Military sexual trauma (MST) is the term that the Department of Veterans Affairs uses to refer to sexual assault or repeated, threatening sexual harassment that occurred while the Veteran was in the military.

According to the VA’s National Screening Program, about 1 in 4 women and 1 in 100 men report having experienced military sexual trauma.

http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/
The 2013 Point-in-Time (PIT) count revealed that there were approximately 57,849 homeless Veterans on a single night in January 2013 in the United States.


Resources for homeless veterans:

- Make the Call: 877-4AID-VET
- Each VA medical center has a homeless coordinator on staff and specific programs that provide Veterans the support they need to establish or maintain safe, stable housing

http://www.louisville.va.gov/services/homeless/index.asp
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Quick Links to Veterans Healthcare Resources

- MyHealtheVet
  - https://www.myhealth.va.gov/index.html

- Veterans Health Library
  - http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/
My HealtheVet is VA’s award–winning, e–health website offering Veterans, active duty & their dependents or caregivers electronic access to VA health care information and services.

- Online Personal Health Record that empowers Veterans to become informed partners in their health care.
- Veterans can access trusted, secure, and current health and benefits information.
- Record and store important health and military history information at their convenience.
My HealtheVet Registrant Distribution by Age - September 2011
1,455,600 Total Registrants - Median Age = 61

- 65-84: 444,632 (30%)
- 85+: 55,544 (4%)
- <45: 299,516 (21%)
- 45-64: 655,908 (45%)

Age Distribution:
- Under 20: 1,275
- 20-24: 10,201
- 25-29: 60,628
- 30-34: 72,041
- 35-39: 63,104
- 40-44: 92,267
- 45-49: 106,572
- 50-54: 123,623
- 55-59: 144,116
- 60-64: 281,597
- 65-69: 198,363
- 70-74: 96,284
- 75-79: 80,598
- 80-84: 69,387
- Over 85: 55,544
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Field tested by VHA clinical staff, Veterans, and family members
Veterans Health Education Center – coming soon!!

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What Will You Do?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amrXxe9Pdni