



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

#### Fast Fact Sheet: Veterans

##### Population

- US Population = **328,074,533** (est. as of 22 Jan 2019)
- US Population age 18 and Under = **78,737,888** (est. 24% [2010 Census %] of 328,074,533)
- US Population identified as “Veteran” = **20,000,000** (est. USDVA)
  - Declining % of US Population
- US Troops since 9/11 = **2,770,000** on **5,400,000** deployments (RAND 2018)

##### War Era Cohorts

- Gulf War = **7,271,000**
- Vietnam Era = **6,551,000**
- Koran Conflict = **1,475,000**
- World War II = **624,000**

As of 2016 Gulf War Era (including OEF/OIF) cohort is the largest in number among the veteran cohort

##### Since 9/11

- **\$5,600,000,000,000** (\$5.6 Trillion) spent on overseas US Military operations (RAND 2018)
  - **\$26,386** average taxpayer has contributed since 2001
- **6,980 US Troop Casualties** (US DOD as of 22 Jan 2019)
  - **4,423** OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
  - **73** OPERATION NEW DAWN
  - **2,351** OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM
  - **70** OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
  - **63** OPERATION FREEDOM’S SENTINEL

##### Oregon Veterans

- **303,000** (est. USDVA)
- **\$1,359,151,000** (Compensation/Benefit return to Oregon Veterans, USDVA) of total US figure **\$84,138,460,000**
- All services combined = **minimum** \$257.00 return for every \$1.00 invested in veterans’ care and outreach

##### Summary

Some may question the role of the State of Oregon in the development, implementation, and study of veterans’ policy. Yet 303,000 veterans – and their families – are navigating a new era of US Foreign Policy involvement. We remain at war longer than 24% - 78,737,888 Americans – have been alive. This has never happened in US History; we are beyond the certainties of historical reference. Our challenges are likely to increase, rather than decrease, as we seek to serve our family, friends, and neighbors during this critical time.