FEDERAL VA COMPENSATION STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2009

TO DATE 1 JANUARY 2009

REGION	FY2001	FY2002	FY2005	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY 2008
				COMPENSATION AMOUNTS					
BELGRADE	$4,492,644	$6,177,938	$6,327,847	$2,848,102	$12,098,713	$10,797,305	**$12,289,592**	**$11,040,382**	**$5,443,020**
BILLINGS	$4,492,644	$5,992,180	$7,294,670	$9,251,316	$14,562,957	$17,263,213	**$18,202,528**	**$18,800,675**	**$11,315,509**
BUTTE	$6,088,031	$6,408,967	$5,111,295	$3,372,450	$7,191,501	$7,915,142	**$6,820,531**	**$6,181,679**	**$2,857,986**
GREAT FALLS	$8,361,418	$10,745,144	$13,010,602	$10,569,078	$10,136,851	$20,720,919	**$23,565,488**	**$21,888,585**	**$11,880,117**
HAVRE	NA	NA	NA	NA	$3,588,045	$3,528,647	**$4,339,793**	**$4,279,998**	**$1,923,699**
HELENA	$1,430,753	$1,655,929	$2,180,975	$2,095,564	$2,133,442	$5,951,018	**$7,661,492**	**$7,820,175**	**$3,960,823**
KALISPELL	$8,208,313	$8,939,292	$12,051,406	$12,190,413	$14,779,264	$14,467,239	**$16,640,928**	**$14,303,420**	**$7,775,300**
LEWISTOWN							**$2,952,075**	**$2,590,836**	**$1,603,136**
MILES CITY	$1,532,718	$790,710	$1,240,744	$5,206,439	$3,751,259	$3,782,226	**$3,209,063**	**$5,755,171**	**$1,958,049**
MISSOULA	$9,226,728	$10,318,177	$12,250,750	$13,175,688	$14,138,617	$14,911,149	**$17,638,728**	**$18,253,760**	**$10,978,154**
WOLF POINT								**$2,655,988**	**$1,306,804**
OUT OF STATE				$1,707,236	$2,277,743	$5,378,769	**$1,591,387**		
	GRAND TOTAL	**$51,028,337**	**$59,468,289**	**$58,709,050**	**$84,658,392**	**$104,715,627**	**$114,911,605**	**$113,570,669**	**$61,002,597**

BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
Belgrade	**$755,420**	**$720,048**	**$1,300,807**	$588,905	$1,096,081	$981,759			
Billings	**$1,675,748**	**$1,768,939**	**$1,779,682**	$1,453,875	$1,558,498	$3,078,767			
Butte	**$566,276**	**$371,630**	**$437,604**	$442,224	$369,706	$670,546			
Great Falls	**$2,204,903**	**$1,962,714**	**$1,853,721**	$1,424,365	$1,679,844	$2,754,570			
Havre	**$199,332**	**$560,932**	**$488,846**	$304,097	$212,118	$158,374			
Helena	**$411,051**	**$630,148**	**$560,582**	$694,572	$374,717	$1,289,753			
Kalispell	**$1,381,617**	**$1,256,823**	**$1,418,073**	$1,337,541	$1,167,267	$1,213,979			
Lewistown	**$193,672**	**$472,631**	**$227,953**	$268,457	$178,008	$262,415			
Miles City	**$262,187**	**$265,944**	**$313,492**	$143,262	$180,728	$792,436			
Missoula	**$849,244**	**$845,073**	**$1,013,976**	$1,083,863	$949,272	$6,236,726			
Wolf Point	**$93,026**	**$113,004**	**$328,762**	$210,960	$236,475	$324,577			
TOTAL	$8,592,476	$8,967,886	$9,723,498	$7,952,121	$8,002,714	$17,763,902	$0	$0	$0

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FYTD NEW MONTHLY STATISTICS

TOTAL AS OF: JAN 1, 2009

FY 2009

NEW CLAIMS SUBMITTED	BELGRADE	BILLINGS	BUTTE	GT FALLS	HAVRE	HELENA	KALISPELL	LEWIS	MILES CITY	MISSOULA	WOLF POINT	TOTALS
1. COMPENSATION NEW	57	85	10	140	7	9	41	16	10	45	1	421
American Indian	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	5
Out Reach	5	0	6	13	13	0	5	2	9	8	4	65
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
2. COMPENSATION INC	53	114	16	143	25	35	67	21	11	53	1	539
American Indian	0	5	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	14
Out Reach	2	0	0	3	14	0	11	2	2	6	6	46
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	1	0	1	21
3. VOC REHB	5	4	0	26	3	6	9	7	0	9	1	70
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out Reach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. PENSION	1	25	0	17	2	0	25	8	2	8	0	88
American Indian	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Out Reach	2	0	1	2	4	0	7	1	7	1	3	28
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
5. MISCELLANEOUS	94	50	10	89	14	12	74	14	10	96	3	466
American Indian	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	9
Out Reach	3	1	0	3	13	0	16	3	17	6	4	66
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
6. DIC	2	14	0	4	1	1	6	0	2	4	0	34
American Indian	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Out Reach	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
7. DEATH PENSION	3	7	2	8	0	0	4	6	0	4	0	34
American Indian	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Out Reach	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8. VA LIFE INSURANCE	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	8
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out Reach	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. VA BURIAL ALLOWANCE	10	39	0	1	1	11	0	1	4	4	1	72
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Out Reach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10. APPEALS	0	3	0	8	0	4	1	5	0	5	0	26
American Indian	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Out Reach	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Both AI and Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	238	349	46	460	155	79	274	86	83	252	39	2,061

Total American Indian	35
Total Out Reach	218
Both AI and Outreach	50

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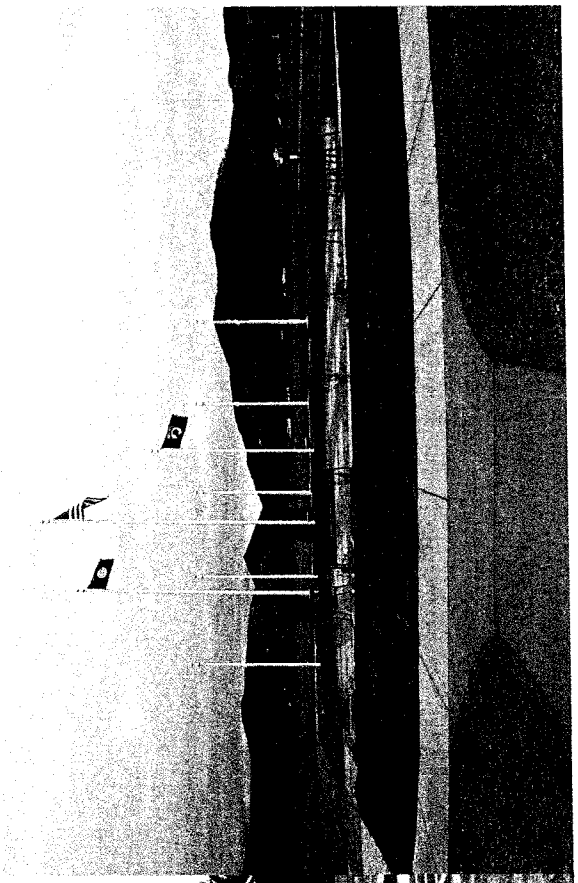

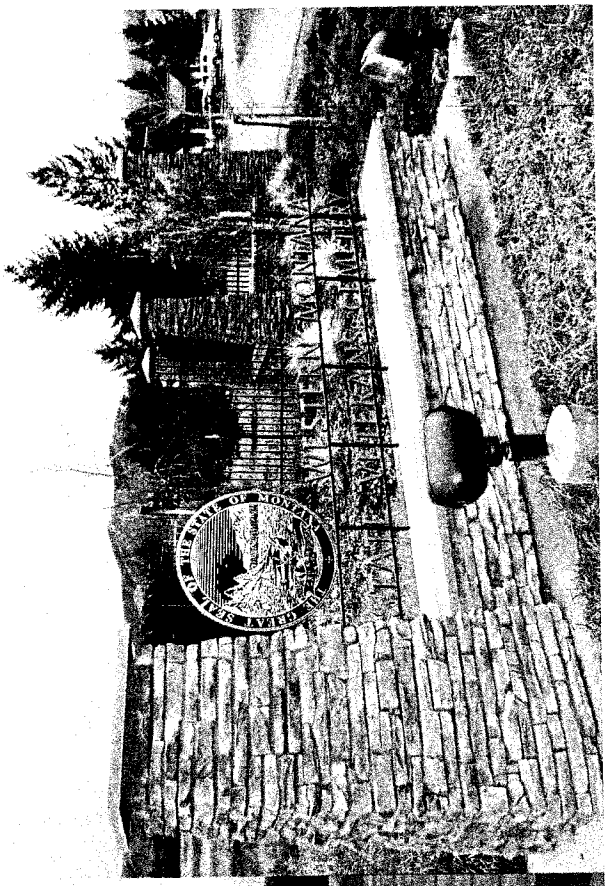

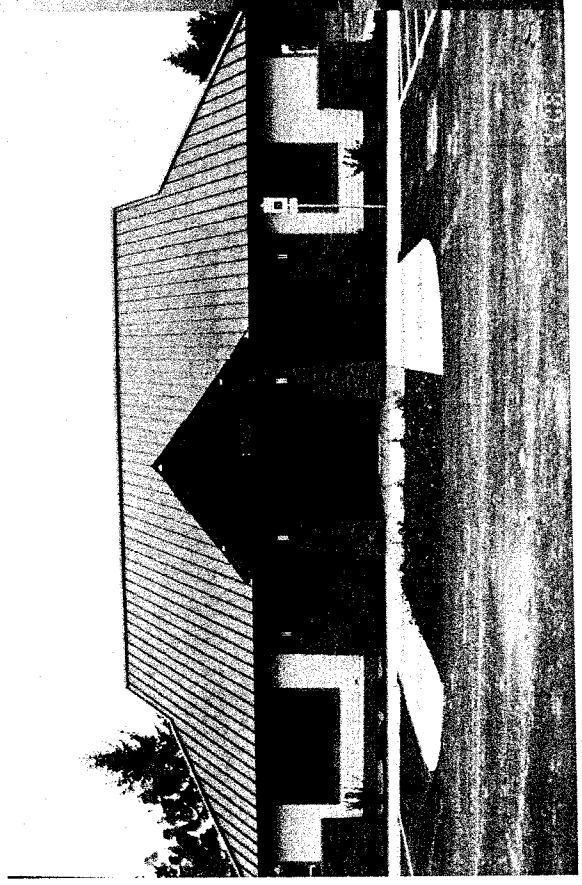

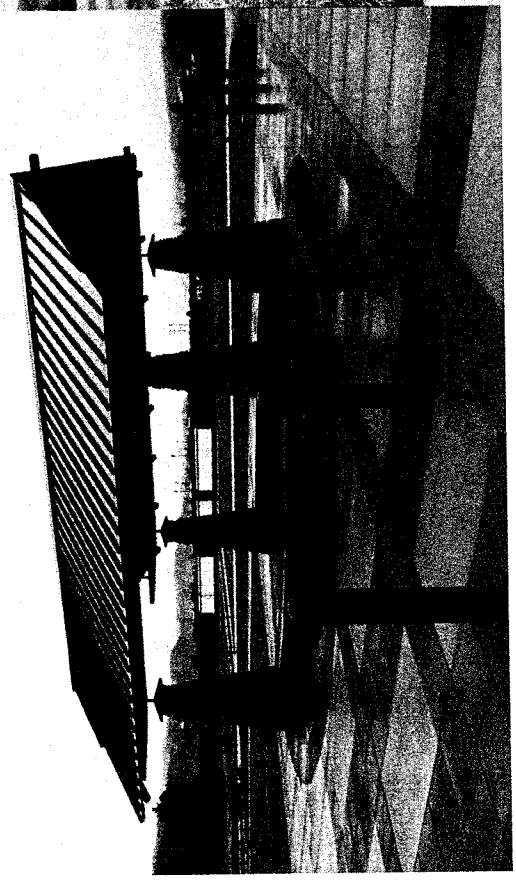

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MONTANA VETERANS AFFAIRS DIVISION WEBSITE

www.mt.gov/dma/mvad

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1900 WILLIAMS STREET
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Did you know that...

There are about 108,000 Montana veterans, with many eligible for benefits due to their military service. The State of Montana and the federal VA has an extremely wide spectrum of benefits. However, many veterans are not aware of the benefits and assistance available to them; and will not attain any unless they personally apply for the benefits.

The Montana Board of Veterans Affair's goal is to inform as many people as possible that there is assistance available; and that assistance is provided – at no charge – by the State of Montana's Veterans Affairs Division, which has service offices located throughout the state.

Each service officer is fully trained, accredited and certified, to provide the best service possible for the veteran or veteran family member client. All it takes is a phone call or an e-mail message.

Federal and State Programs and Benefits Offered to Veterans:

- **Health Care**
- **Service-Connected Disability Compensation**
- **Pension**
- **Education and Training**
- **Burial and Survivor Benefits**
- **Employment Services**
- **Vehicle Registration Waiver**
- **Property Tax Waiver**
- **Home and Business Loans**

Every program or benefit has specific qualifying eligibility criteria. It is very important that veterans contact the nearest State of Mont

MONTANA VETERANS AFFAIRS DIVISION
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES

HELENA
VARO Ft. Harrison, Room 110 E
3633 Veterans Drive
Ft. Harrison, MT 59636
(406) 495-2080 or (406) 495-2082
lori.perkio@va.gov

BELGRADE
350 Airport Road
Belgrade, MT 59714
(406) 388-4601
bzmnmvad@qwestoffice.net

BILLINGS
1234 Avenue C
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 248-8579
blngsmvad@qwestoffice.net

BUTTE
600 Gilman Avenue
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 533-0910
btemvad11@qwestoffice.net

GREAT FALLS
600 Central Plaza #304
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 452-2265
val1gfmvad@qwestoffice.net

HAVRE
232 1st St. W., PO Box 20
Havre, MT 59501
1-877-265-8387 (toll free)
(406) 265-4225
mvadhavre@qwestoffice.net

LEWISTOWN
505 W. Main
Lewistown, MT 59459
(406) 538-3174
lstwmvad@qwestoffice.net

KALISPELL
2989 Highway 93 North
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 755-3795
kalmvad@centurytel.net

MILES CITY
210 S. Winchester
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 232-1203
omvaffairs@qwestoffice.net

MISSOULA
1911 Tower Road
Missoula, MT 59804
(406) 542-2501
mslamvad@qwestoffice.net

WOLF POINT
500 Blaine, PO Box 756
Wolf Point, MT 59201
(406) 653-5105
wlfpntmvad@nemont.net

STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY
PO Box 5715
Helena, MT 59604
(406) 324-3742
wcarlson@mt.gov

EASTERN MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY
Highway 59 & Cemetery Road
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 951-1325
emsvc@midrivers.com

WESTERN MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY
1911 Tower Road
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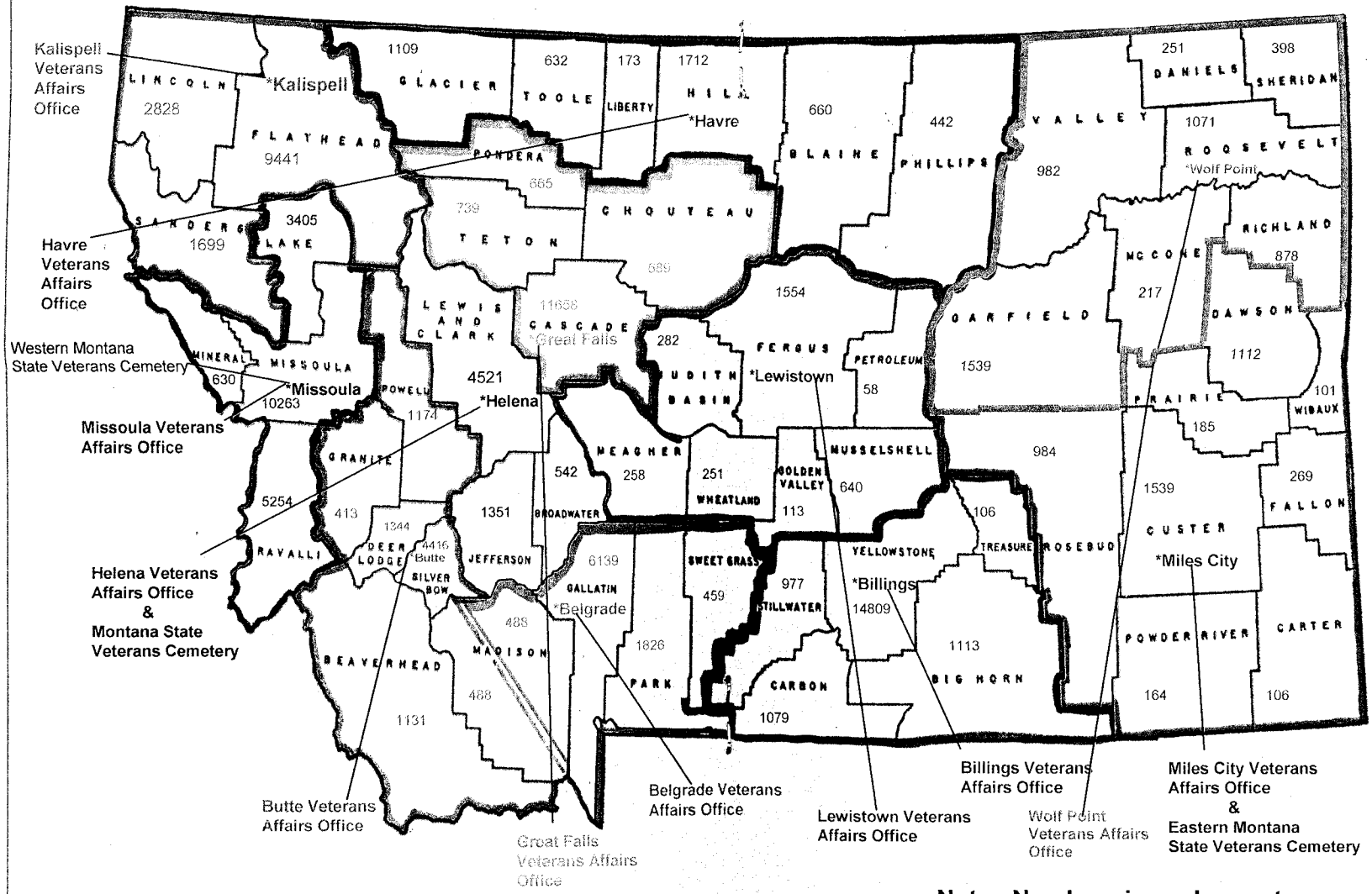
Montana Veterans Affairs Division Service Offices and Montana State Veterans Cemeteries



Note: Numbers in each county are "veteran quantities"

Montana's "Veteran" and "Patriot" License Plate Program

As a veteran, you are eligible to purchase a **"Veteran"** vehicle license plate. The **Veteran** license plate costs $10 annually, and its statewide sales are earmarked to maintain and operate our state veterans cemetery program. We currently have three veterans cemeteries: Fort Harrison (near Helena), Miles City, and Missoula. You can display your veteran pride with the plate, while keeping our cemeteries operated and maintained to National Shrine Standards.

The **"Patriot"** vehicle license plate is available to all licensed drivers, and cost $15 annually. The proceeds help fund our veterans services program, which includes all our statewide service offices.

FEDERAL VA – MONTANA INFORMATION

FORT HARRISON VA CENTER
(406) 442-6410

FEDERAL VA WEBSITE
www.montana.va.gov

HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

1-877-4MT-VETS (1-877-468-8387)
Press 1: Medication Refills
Press 2: Appointment Scheduling
Press 3: Patient Advocate

Healthcare Eligibility & Enrollment:
442-6410 ext. 7460; 7468 or 7457

Billing Inquiries or Patient Account Information: 447-7600

Medication Dial-A-Refill: 447-7921
Outpatient Pharmacist: 447-7974

Prosthetic Services: (wheel chairs, canes, oxygen supplies; hearing aids and glasses): 447-7952

Patient Travel Office: 447-7626

Homeless Veteran Program Coordinators: 447-7309

Disabled American Veteran Transport Program to VA Medial Facilities
Ft. Harrison: 443-8755 Billings: 651-2143

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Federal VA Veterans Service Facilities

Anaconda VA Primary Care Clinic
118 East 7th St., 2nd Floor
Anaconda, MT 59711
1-877-468-8387

Billings VA Community Based Clinic
2345 King Avenue W.
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 651-5670
1-888-461-5000

Billings Vet Center
1234 Avenue C
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 657-6071

Bozeman VA Primary Care Clinic
300 N. Willson, Ste. 703G
Bozeman, MT 59715
1-877-468-8387

Cut Bank VA Primary Care Clinic
519 East Main Street
Cut Bank, MT 59427
(406) 873-9047

Glasgow VA Primary Care Clinic
621 3rd Street S.
Glasgow, MT 59230
(406) 228-3554

Glendive VA Primary Care Clinic
2000 Montana Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-4755

Great Falls VA Primary Care Clinic
1417 9th St. S. Ste. 300
Great Falls, MT 59405
1-877-468-8387

Havre VA Primary Care Clinic
130 13th Street
Havre, MT 59501
1-877-468-8387

Kalispell VA Primary Care Clinic
31 Three Mile Drive
Kalispell, MT 59901
1-877-468-8387

Lewistown VA Primary Care Clinic
629 NE Main Street
Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 535-4790

Miles City VA Primary Care Clinic & Nursing Home
210 S. Winchester
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 874-5600
1-888-461-1000

Missoula VA Primary Care Clinic
2687 Palmer Street, Ste C
Missoula, MT 59802
1-877-468-8387

Missoula Vet Center
500 N. Higgins
Missoula, MT 59808
(406) 721-4918
1-800-626-8686

VA Medical Center
3687 Veterans Drive
P.O. Box 1500
Ft. Harrison, MT 59636-1500
(406) 442-6410 or
1-877-468-8387

VA Regional Office
3633 Veterans Drive
Ft. Harrison, MT 59636
1-800-827-1000

State of Montana Veterans Nursing Homes

Montana Veterans Home
PO Box 250
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
(406) 892-3256

Eastern Montana Veterans Home
2000 Montana Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 345-8855

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HISTORY OF MONTANA'S STATE VETERAN CEMETERIES

In 1985, the Montana State Legislature authorized the first state veterans cemetery to be located on Fort Harrison, near Helena. Rule making authority was authorized, and funds were appropriated to support the cemetery.

In 1986, the United States Congress authorized the transfer of 62.5 acres of Federal land to the State of Montana for this new cemetery. Applications were submitted to the federal Department of Veterans Affairs for federal matching funds, which would fund an irrigation system, a well, roads and design a Master Plan. In 1987, the legislature passed a one time revenue check off in the state income tax return to raise funds. This enabled a part-time Cemetery Sexton to be hired. The first burial was a World War I veteran on September 8, 1987.

In 1991, legislation created the "Veteran" license plate. A motor vehicle owner and resident of Montana, who is a veteran or his/her surviving spouse (if not remarried), may be issued a "Veteran" license plate. National Guard and Reserve retirees or those with a "20 year letter", or surviving spouses (if not remarried), may also have the "Veteran" plate. The plate costs $10 for original issue and all renewals. The entire $10 supports the State Veterans Cemetery Program.

Legislation was passed for a second state veterans cemetery, which opened in 2002 at Miles City. A third state cemetery—to be located in Missoula County—was legislatively authorized in 2005. The Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery was constructed and became operational October 6, 2008.

Each year numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals donate material, labor, equipment, and funding to continue cemetery improvements, all are operated in accordance with National Shrine Standards—the same standard as Arlington National Cemetery.

MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY GUIDELINES

Any veteran with an "Honorable or "Under Honorable Conditions" discharge is eligible for interment in one of Montana's state veterans cemeteries. To confirm your eligibility for burial benefits, contact a veterans service officer (see back of pamphlet). A copy of the discharge form, (DD Form–214) is necessary to determine this eligibility.

Spouses and minor children under the age of 21 are also entitled to burial in the state veterans cemetery, as long as the veteran has been or will also be buried in the same cemetery. If the spouse is a veteran, he/she is entitled to his/her own plot and headstone. This is the only time plot reservations are made, and enable the veteran husband and wife to be side by side.

Veterans are entitled to a government provided headstone for the gravesite, whether it is in the state veterans cemetery or in a private cemetery. Certain basic information will be inscribed on the headstone or marker at government expense, such as the name of the deceased, years of birth and death, and branch of service. Optional items that may also be included at government expense are military service component, rank, period of war service, religious emblem, valor awards received, and the Purple Heart. The government also provides a headstone for the spouse if they are laid to rest in a state veterans cemetery where their spouse, the veteran, is already buried or will be buried upon demise. The government does not provide a headstone for the spouse in a private cemetery.

There is no charge for the plot in a state veterans cemetery; nor is there a charge for the opening and closing of the grave for the veteran. Should the spouse pass away before the veteran or after the veteran has been buried in the state cemetery, they may also be interned with the veteran, however, the family would be responsible for a $300 opening and closing charge. The headstone will be updated when both veteran and spouse are deceased, it will include both names.

Documents Required for Burial

VETERAN:

<> Copy of the death certificate.
<> Discharge papers. (DD Form-214 or equivalent)
<> Burial transit permit for full burial and cremation burial and a cremation certificate for cremation burial. These will be provided by the mortuary.

The headstone is furnished by the government as a benefit to the veteran, at no cost. A headstone application will be filled out by the Cemetery Sexton. There is a $115.00 charge to set the headstone at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery (Helena) and Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery (Missoula). The veteran's county of residence will pay $70.00 of this amount. The family is responsible for the remaining $45.00.

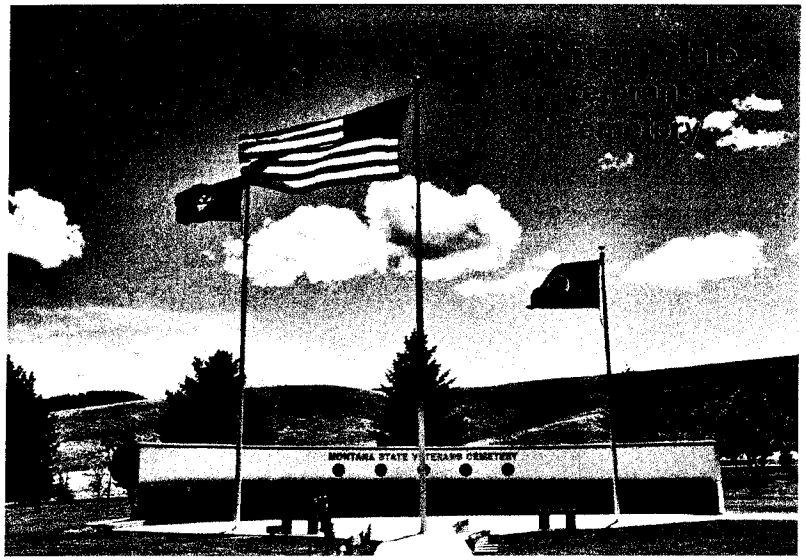
The headstone setting fee for the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery (Miles City) is $70.00 and the county of residence will pay the full $70.00.

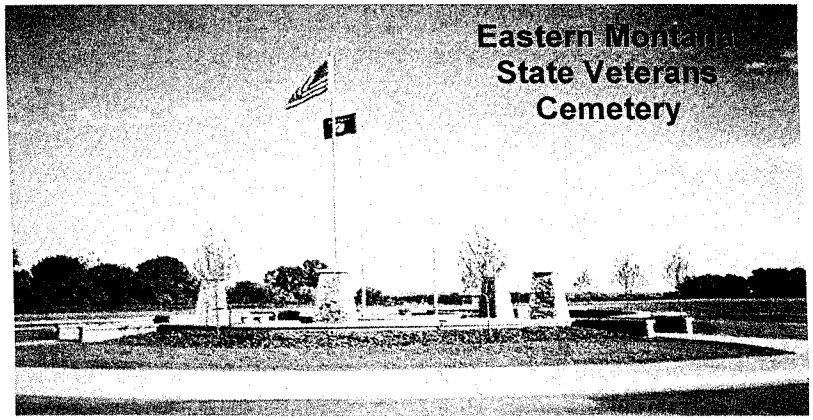
Out Of State residents and spouses must pay the full $115.00/ $70.00 setting fee because they are not county residents.

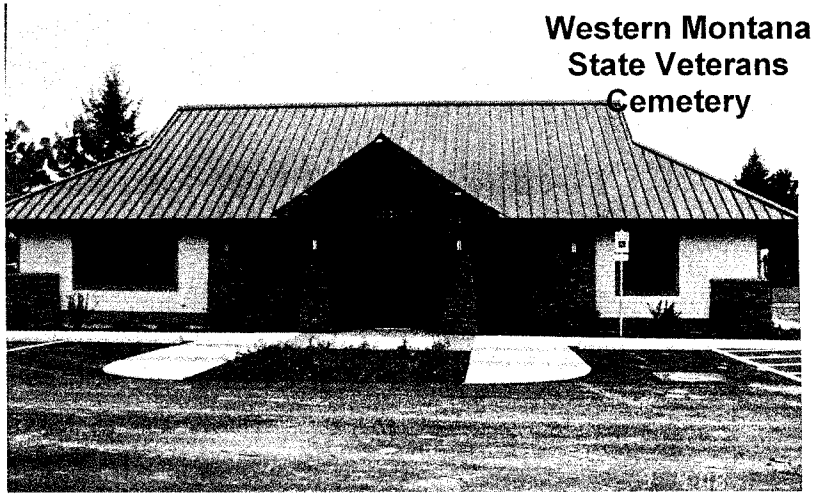
SPOUSE:

<> Copy of death certificate.
<> Veterans discharge papers. (DD-Form 214 or equivalent)
<> $300.00 fee for opening and closing the grave.
<> Burial transit permit for full burial and cremation burial and a cremation certificate for cremation burial. These will be provided by the mortuary.

The headstone is furnished by the government as a benefit to the veteran/spouse, at no cost. However, the family will be responsible for the $115.00/$70.00 setting fee cost. The Cemetery Sexton will complete the headstone application.

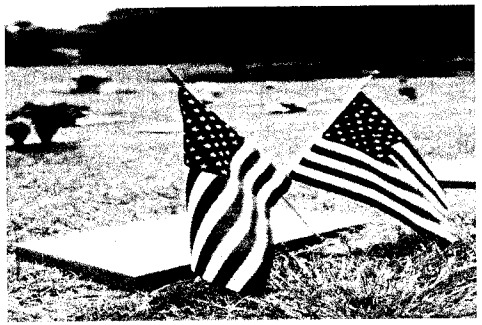






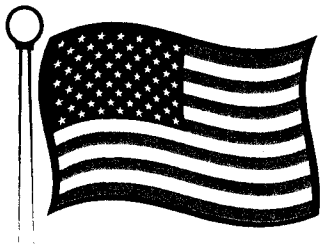
Arranging Burial

The next of kin or the family's funeral director of choice can make arrangements directly with the cemetery. Before burial can take place, cemetery staff must verify the veteran's eligibility. To enable the staff to do this, the next of kin or funeral director must provide the cemetery staff with a copy of the veteran's discharge papers; or the veteran's service, social security or VA claim numbers to use for verification of service and character of discharge.



Burial Flag Program

The VA provides a U.S. Flag to drape the casket. After the funeral service, the flag may be given to the next of kin. The flag is typically furnished by the mortuary.



Presidential Memorial Certificate Program

A Presidential Memorial Certificate is inscribed with the veteran's name and bears the President's signature to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased veterans. Authorized recipients include next of kin and loved ones. Please send your written request to:

Presidential Memorial Certificates
Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22143-3909

Montana Board of Veterans Affairs

"The people declare that Montana servicemen, servicewomen, and veterans may be given special considerations determined by the legislature"

Article II, Section 35, Montana Constitution

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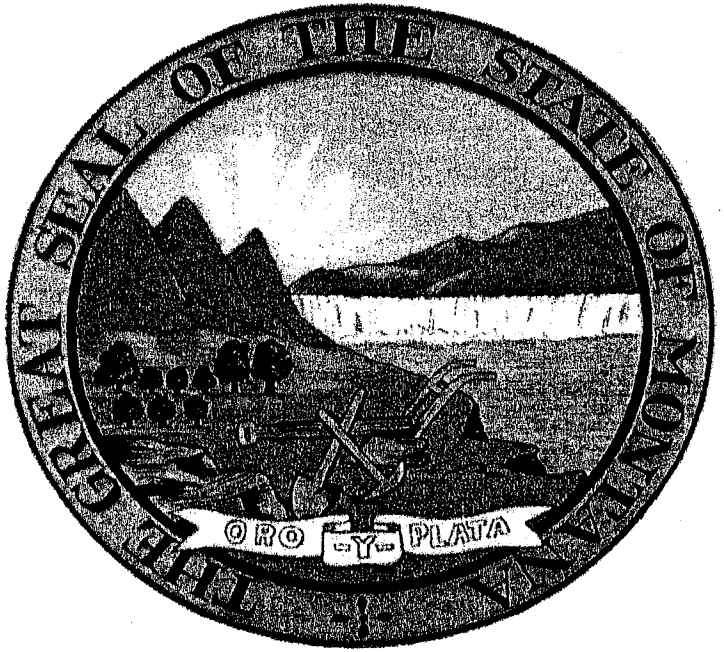

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Montana Board of Veterans Affairs

- Mission and Composition -

Mission: Oversee the State of Montana's provision of veterans services, as provided by the Montana Veterans Affairs Division.

<> 20 members; 11 voting, 9 non-voting.

+ 11 voting members; 10 appointed by Governor, 1 appointed by Montana's eight Tribal Councils (consensus).

- 5 represent geographic regions of the state. *
- 1 is an "at-large" veterans' representative. *
- 1 is the Native American veterans' representative. *
- 1 is Montana's Tribal Councils' consensus appointee. *
- 3 have training, experience or education related to veteran issues.

* **Must be an honorably discharged veteran.**

+ 9 non-voting members representing: Governor's Office of Indian Affairs / State Dept. of Military Affairs / State Dept. of Public Health and Human Services / U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs / U.S. Dept. of Labor / Montana's Congressional delegation (3) / State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee.

Montana Veterans Affairs Division
- Mission -

Promote the general welfare of Montana veterans and their families.

THRU:

- Establishment of a statewide network of service for discharged veterans and their families.
- Provision of services and assistance for all Montana veterans and surviving spouses and dependents; in coordination with associated federal and state agencies, veterans' services organizations, private organizations and individuals.
- Management, operation and maintenance of Montana's state veterans cemetery program.
- Assist and advise the general public, governmental agencies, and elected officials regarding veterans' services, programs, initiatives and policy.

Montana Veterans Affairs Division

- FY 07/08 Major Program Initiatives -

Veterans Services Outreach:

- Board of Veterans Affairs – "Town Hall" meeting included with Board meetings; and have been held in Miles City, Helena, Laurel, Butte, Missoula, and Lewistown during fiscal years 2007-2008.
- Wolf Point Veterans Service Office – Established agency's 11th veterans service office. Located in Wolf Point, this one-person office opened to better serve northeastern Montana's veteran population.
- Public Service Announcements (PSA) – 30-second radio PSAs developed and aired featuring information about post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury conditions and treatment resources. 60-second and 30-second television PSAs developed and aired featuring information about the post-traumatic stress disorder condition and treatment resources.

State Veterans Cemetery Program:

- Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery (Missoula) – Construction completion expected by September 1, 2008. The $4.1 million project is funded by a federal VA grant. With completion, Montana will have three state veterans cemeteries. State veterans cemetery perpetual operations and maintenance is State of Montana funding requirement.

Veterans Services Operations:

- Website – Veterans' service office contact information and outreach schedules, Board and Advisory Council meeting minutes, and "feature" items.
- Information Management – DSL communication lines for veterans service offices allow service officer rapid access to protected client information maintained by the federal VA; resulting in more efficient and timely veteran claim services.
- DAV Transport Program – Partnership with the Disabled American Veterans organization to purchase vans for its statewide veteran transport system.

Montana Veterans Affairs Division

- Organization -

- **Organizational Personnel and Facility Locations**

25 FTE:

1 - administrator
1 - office manager
1 - administrative assistant
19 - veterans services officers
3 - veteran cemetery staff

11 Veterans Services Offices:

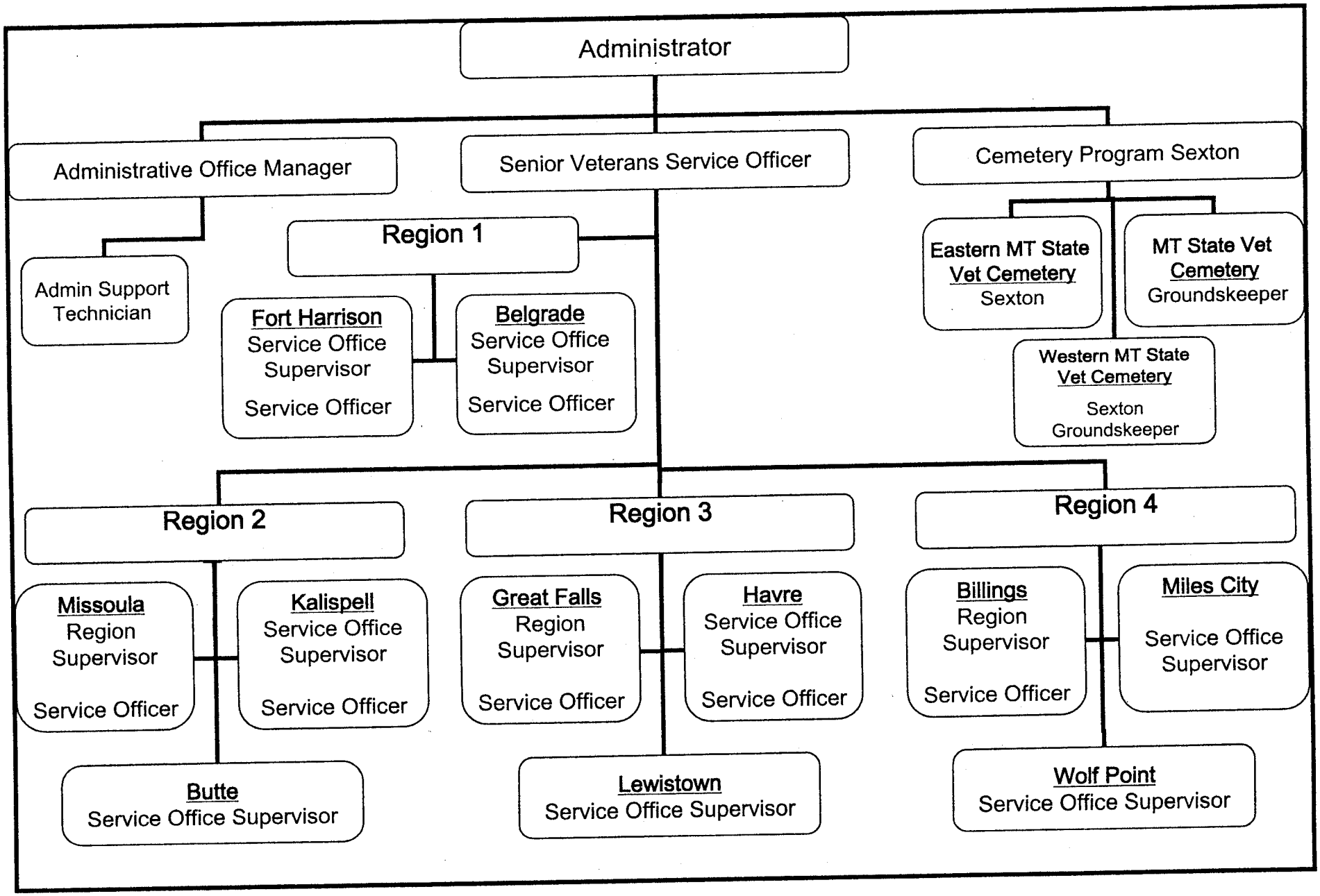
Belgrade – Billings – Butte – Great Falls – Havre – Helena
Kalispell – Lewistown – Miles City – Missoula – Wolf Point

3 State Veterans Cemeteries:

Montana State Veterans Cemetery – Fort Harrison (Helena)
Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery – Miles City
Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery – Missoula (operational in Sept. 2008)

Administration Office: Fort Harrison (Helena)

Montana Veterans Affairs Division Organizational Chart



Montana Veterans Affairs Division
- Offices and Cemeteries -

Veterans Service Offices

Belgrade
350 Airport Road
388-4601

Billings
1234 Avenue C
248-8579

Butte
600 Gilman Ave.
533-0910

Great Falls
600 Central Plaza, #304
452-2265

Havre
232 1st Street West
265-4225

Helena
Ft Harrison VA Center
495-2080

Kalispell
2989 Hwy 93 North
755-3795

Lewistown
505 W. Main, #217
538-3174

Miles City
VA Primary Care Clinic
874-5869

Missoula
2501 S. Reserve St.
542-2501

Wolf Point
Tip Top Plaza, #2
653-5105

State Veterans Cemeteries

Montana State Veterans Cemetery
Ft. Harrison (near Helena)
324-3742

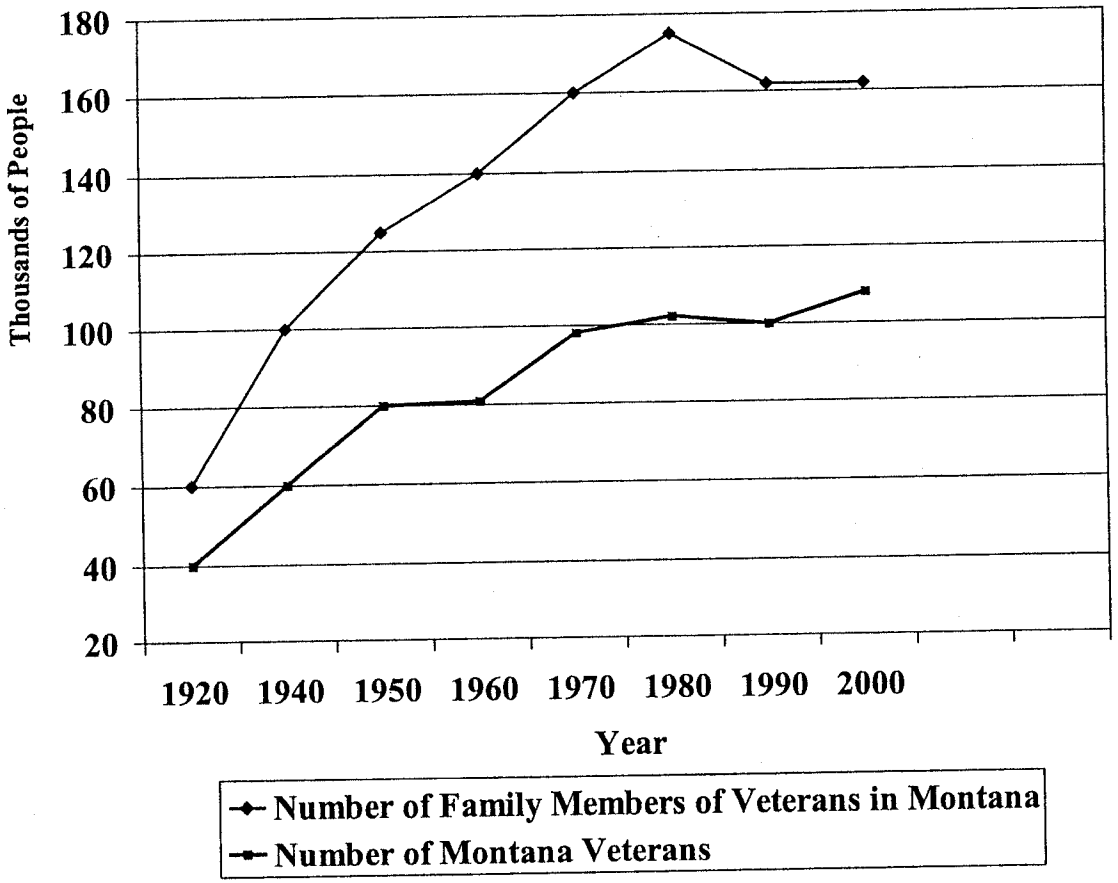
Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery
Miles City
951-1325

Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery
Missoula
324-3742

Administrative Office: Fort Harrison (Helena) – 324-3740

Montana Veterans Affairs Division

- Montana Veterans and Family Members -



Statistics as of 2000 census – U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs:

#2 Per Capita – Montana's veteran population national ranking.

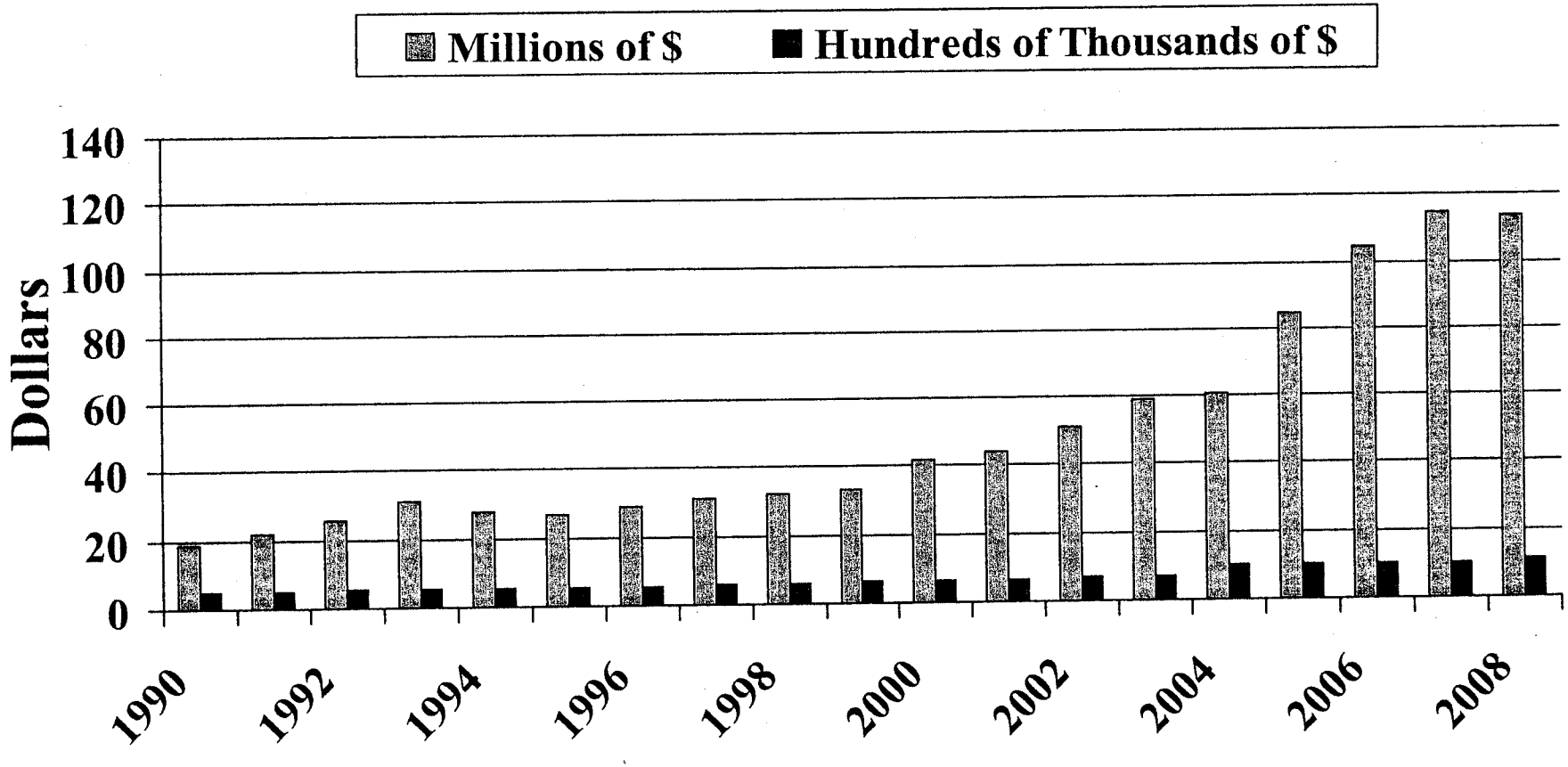
	Montana
Veterans	108,000
Family Members	162,000
Total	270,000

Montana Veterans Affairs Division

- Economic Impact of Agency Work Effort -

For every **$1** of state General/Special Fund budget investment, MVAD veterans services operations attain **$102** in federal VA financial compensation to Montana veterans.

FY08 Gen/Spec Budget = $1,114,631 **FY08 Federal VA Compensation = $113,570,669**



Montana Veterans Affairs Division

- State Veteran Cemeteries -

- **Montana State Veterans Cemetery** – Fort Harrison
  Established in 1988.

Fiscal Year	Burials
2007	157
2008	211
Total since 1988:	**2294**

- **Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery** – Miles City
  Established in 2002.

Fiscal Year	Burials
2007	24
2008	34
Total since 2002:	**223**

Montana Veterans Affairs Division

- FY 09/10 Major Program Initiatives -

Veterans Services Program:

- **Enhance Statewide Veterans Services:**

  + Establish Veterans Service Office in Polson/Ronan area to better serve region's rapidly growing veteran population.

  + Augment Billings veterans service office with additional service officer to better serve state's largest veteran demographic area.

  + Augment Fort Harrison veterans service office to strengthen claim products quality control, centralize claims production accountability/reporting program, and establish "backfill" service officer availability supporting field service offices.

- **Disabled American Veteran Transport Program:** Continue partnership with the Disabled American Veterans organization to purchase vans for its statewide veteran transport system. To date, funding for 19 vans have been provided.

State Veterans Cemetery Program:

+ **Montana State Veterans Cemetery** (Fort Harrison) – Construct new Section D to ensure continuance of full-casket burials.

+ **Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery** (Missoula) – Begin operations, ensuring adherence to National Shrine Standards.