

### 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 1997, about 10,000 Wisconsinites were serving in over 100 Wisconsin Army or Air National Guard units at 67 locations throughout the state. National Guard facilities include 69 armories and 3 air bases.

**Veteran's Programs** — Since the end of World War II, more than 500,000 grants and loans totaling over \$2.1 billion have been provided to Wisconsin veterans. The grants have covered subsistence aid and emergency health care assistance for needy veterans, as well as educational grants. In addition, eligible veterans, and in some instances spouses and dependent children of deceased veterans, may qualify for economic assistance loans for purposes such as debt consolidation, education, home repairs, and business or farm purchases. Veterans may also qualify for low-interest home mortgage and home improvement loans. Historically, most of the grants have been for educational purposes, while the overwhelming number of loans are for housing.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King had 739 members at the end of 1996. In general, to be eligible for residence, a veteran must have completed at least 90 days of honorable active military service, at least one day of which was served during a qualifying period of hostilities. In addition, a veteran must have either 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.



## VETERANS BENEFITS, 1962 – 1996

| Fiscal Year | Number of Grants and Loans | Total Benefits | Grants   |             |                              | Loans               |                         |                            |                                    |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
|             |                            |                | Economic | Educational | Full-Time Educational Grants | Economic Assistance | Second Mortgage Housing | Revenue Bond Housing Loans | 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        | 2,514                      | 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                      | 7,979,372      | 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  | 1,159,025   | 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*    | 451,666  | 716,858     | 667                          | 2,567,053           | —                       | —                          | 33,157,403                         |
| 1995        | 6,080                      | 126,009,594*   | 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                         |

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

\*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.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, April 1997.

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**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD**


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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  
 13th Medical Dental Detachment – Waukesha  
 132nd Army Band – Madison  
 232nd Personnel Services Det. – Madison

**32nd Infantry Brigade**

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – 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  
 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) Co. –  
 Platteville  
 829th Engineer Detachment (Utilities) –  
 Richland Center  
 724th Engineer Battalion  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Co. – Superior  
 Company A (–) – Medford  
 Det. 1, Co. A – Ashland  
 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**

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

FA – Field Artillery  
 GS – General Studies  
 Hq. – Headquarters  
 Med – Medical  
 MP – Military Police  
 OSA – Operational Support Airlift  
 RRM – Recruiting and Retention Manager  
 Sel Svc – Selective Service

Source: Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, departmental data, March 1997.

**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 employee 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, April 1997.

**MEMBERSHIP, WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME  
1888 – 1996**

|            | Civil and<br>Indian Wars | Spanish-<br>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-<br>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   |

Depts. – Dependents.

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

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, departmental data, February 1997.