

Veteran Services Josephine County

Serving Veterans since 1944

MISSION:

We are committed to ensuring ,professionalism, sound advocacy, consistency and protection for all Veterans and their dependents seeking benefits and aid within our community

Authority ORS/OARs

- Authority for Veteran's Service program is defined under ORS 408.410
- Authority to fund program is defined under ORS 408.720-408.750
- Appropriation State funding defined in OARs, Division 30,274-030-0500-274-030-0640

Veterans Administration

- Health Division (VHA)
- Benefits Division (VBA)
- Cemetery Division (NCA)

Service Officers/Benefits Division

- CVSO's are accredited representatives as defined in 38 C.F.R 14.629-14.632 for the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims before the DVA.
- Benefits Division is responsible for making decisions on SERVICE CONNECTED disability claims, NON SERVICE CONNECTED PENSION claims , EDUCATION, DIC & WP claims and LIFE INSURANCE determinations.
- The Josephine County Veteran Service Office specializes in representing Veterans through the complex claiming process at the VARO and BVA Level

WE DEFEND THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

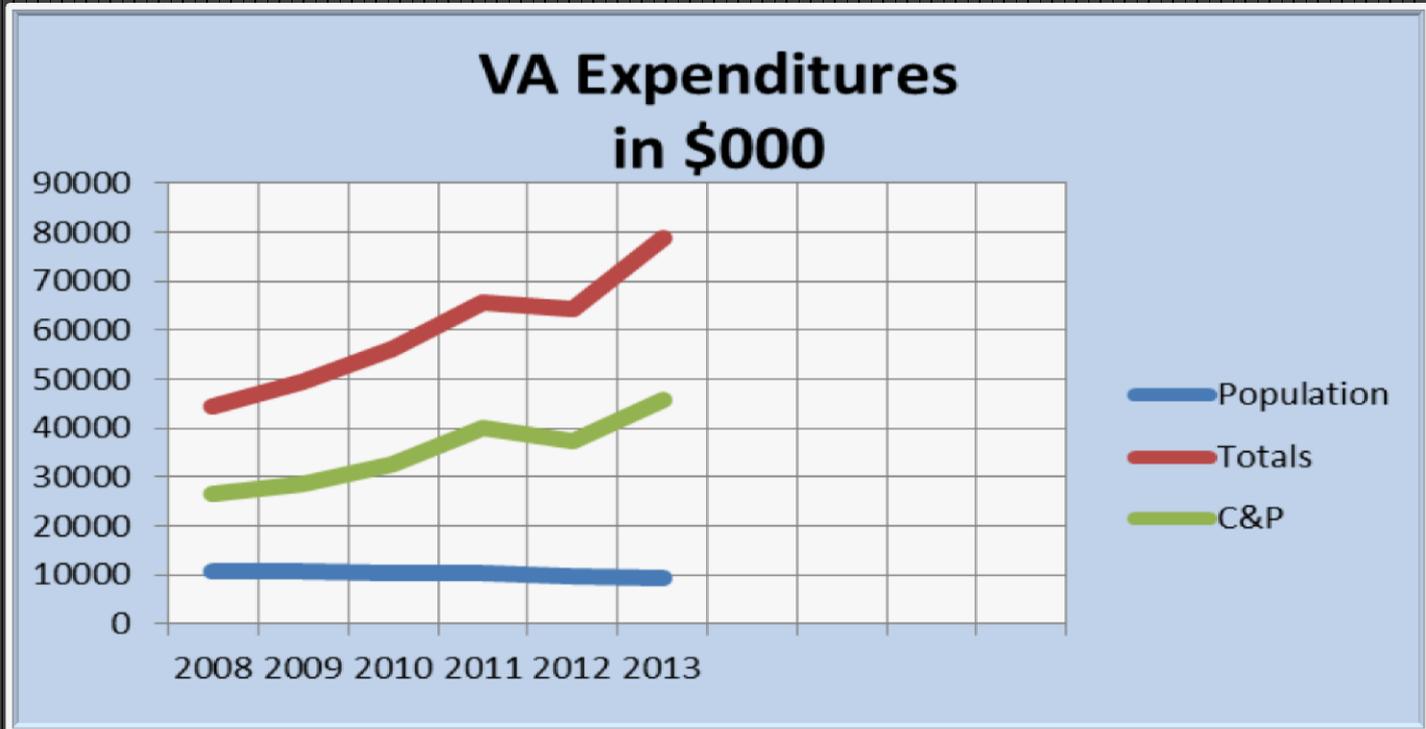
Budget Note

- 13% of Oregon's Veteran population resides in Southern Oregon. Veterans make up roughly 10 % of our population.
- 2013/2014 budget cycle the Veteran Service Office received a State Grant to extend our outreach programs in Southern Oregon. This grant lifted the program up to a minimum operating level.
- Our workload increase is in part a reflection of this financial support which has allowed us to infuse our services deeper with the community, satisfying budget objectives of improving community outreach and providing fluid services to citizens.
- 2015-2016 Budget resources; Aids to County funds and SB 1100 funds. Although there is high hope through this legislative session increased grant funding will be available to support minimum service levels, we have no guarantees, therefore we chose not to reflect the potential in this budget.

CVSO WORKLOAD

- The VSO operates at 3 fte level total. We have 2 accredited service officers and two .5fte support staff.
- 300-325 Clients per month; 2350 active claims
- 375-450 Phone calls per month; increase of 22%
- 1428 Website hits; increase of 9%
- Average 25-30 outreach clients per month; increase of 43% over last year.
- Comprehensive Work-Study program continues to thrive.

VA's Total Expenditures



Measured Outcomes

Total VA expenditures 2013/14 = 78.7 M

Comp and Pension 2012/13 = 37.3 M

Comp and Pension 2013/14 = 45.7 M

Increase of 22.5% or 8M

Happy Healthy Veterans and Dependents



Online Veterans Video

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