



Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Virginia Brain Injury Report Out Day

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Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

Established in 2008 by legislation aimed to...

Ensure adequate and timely assessment, treatment, and support are available to veterans, members of the Guard and Reserves, and affected family members....for stress-related injuries and traumatic brain injuries resulting from military service.

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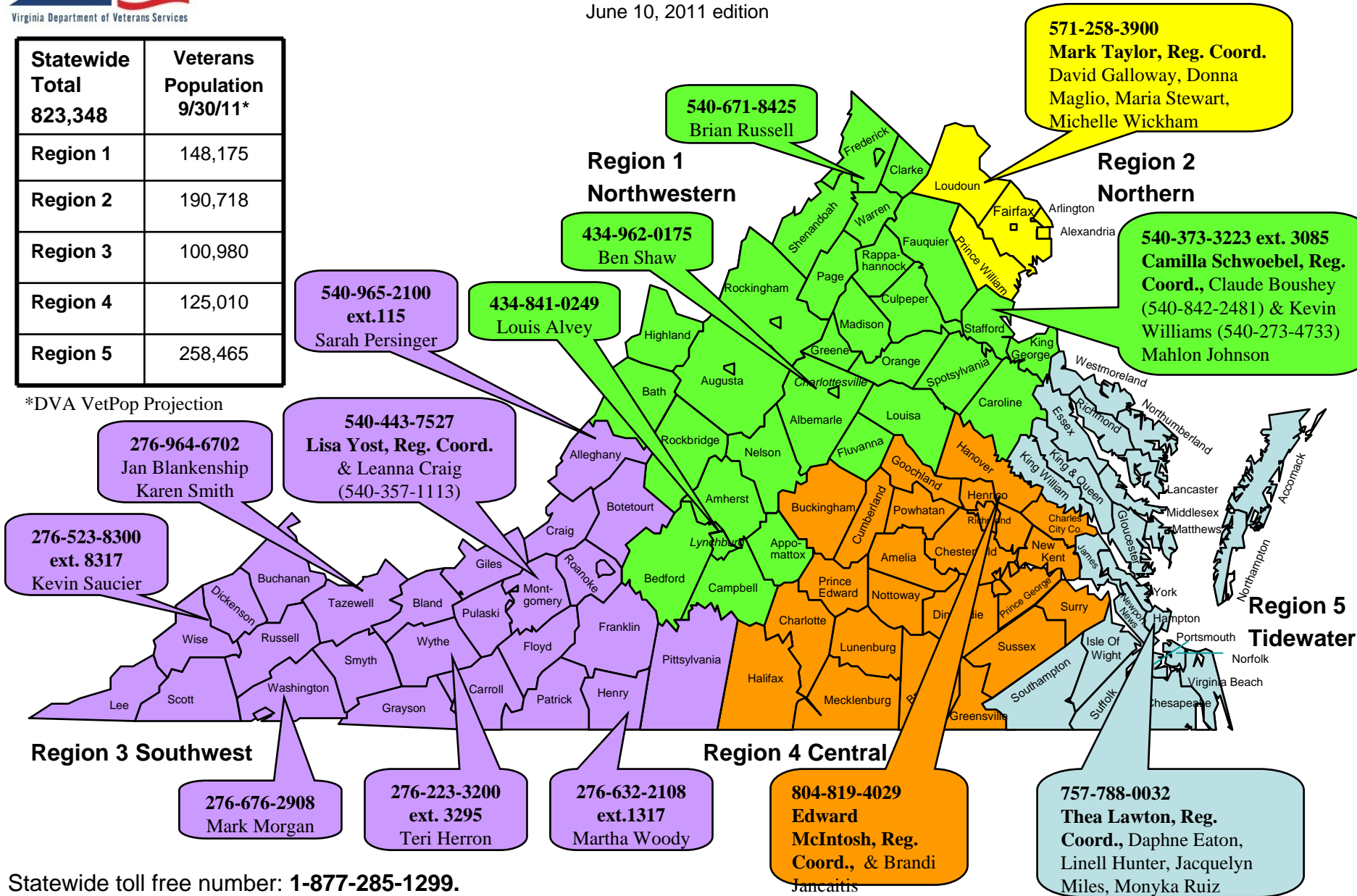
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Regional Consortia

June 10, 2011 edition

Statewide Total	Veterans Population 9/30/11*
823,348	9/30/11*
Region 1	148,175
Region 2	190,718
Region 3	100,980
Region 4	125,010
Region 5	258,465

*DVA VetPop Projection



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Five Collaborative Program Models

- **Peer Support**
- **Military Community & Clinical**
- **Rural Health**
- **Family and Peer**
- **Military Community and Rural Outreach**



Program Expansion Through Partnership Grants

- ❖ **HRSA Flex Rural Veterans Health Access Program**
- ❖ **DCJS/BJA Criminal Justice Partners Training**
- ❖ **DSS/Corporation for National and Community Service-- AmeriCorps**



Federal and State Partnership Grants

- o VWWP Training --CNI Grant
- o TBI Grant—DRS/BIAV
- o Grant for Veterans and Families At Risk of Homelessness—VA SSVF
- o Preparing Veterans with SCI and TBI for Secondary Education—We Are Virginia Veterans on Campus VWWP Website--VCU
- o Suicide Prevention Summits-VDH/VDBHDS
- o Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project-DOL



VWWP 2010 Needs Assessment

- ✓ 38% reported having a head injury with 57% of these injuries occurring while in the military
- ✓ Northern Region highest
- ✓ Army or Navy Service was associated with higher frequency
- ✓ Younger service members reported TBI at higher rates than older
- ✓ Significant correlation between head injury and depression, as well as substance abuse.



VWWP TBI Cases 3rd Qtr 2011

- ✓ 41 cases
 - ✓ Region 1- 8
 - ✓ Region 2- 14
 - ✓ Region 3- 4
 - ✓ Region 4- 3
 - ✓ Region 5- 12
- ✓ **Trends:**
 - ✓ Treatment and diagnosis thru DOD or VA—seeking other assistance
 - ✓ Undiagnosed TBI
 - ✓ Difficulty getting documentation and VA disability rating
- ✓ **Resources: Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center/Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury**



VWWP Training Thru Partnership with VCU and CNI



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August 9, 2011
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