

## FACT SHEET FOR VETERANS DAY 2007

### Massachusetts Veterans Statistics

- Approximately 476,000 veterans currently live in Massachusetts
- Massachusetts has approximately 2,100 women currently on active duty service.
- The women veterans' population in Massachusetts is 28,096.
- 1 in every 3 single homeless individuals in the Commonwealth is a veteran.
- Massachusetts has suffered 100 casualties as a result of the Global War on Terrorism (as of October 29, 2007).
- ~~490 military service members from Massachusetts have been~~ wounded in action while fighting in the Global War on Terrorism (as of October 20, 2007).
- Approximately 27,000 Massachusetts residents have returned from active duty in the "Global War on Terrorism" (GWOT) since September 11th. [This number is based on the discharge papers (DD214) and does not take into account those who may have been activated more than once.]

### Massachusetts Air and Army National Guard (data as of October 30, 2007)

- More than 8,000 men and women serve in the Massachusetts National Guard.
- Approximately 45 percent of Massachusetts Army National Guard members are married and/or have children.
- 1,359 members of the Massachusetts National Guard (about 17 percent of the force) are on federal active duty and 1,304 are currently serving overseas.
- Since September 11, 2001, 8,219 members have been federally activated and 5,869 have served overseas.
- Approximately 30% of guard members have deployed more than once. The average deployment is 12-15 months.
- The Massachusetts National Guard has lost nine service members in the Global War on Terrorism (as of October 30, 2007).
- Eleven Massachusetts National Guard members have been wounded in action (as of October 30, 2007).
- F-15 fighters from Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod were the first military forces to respond to the terrorist attacks in New York on the morning of September 11, 2001.

## **Nationwide Statistics**

- As of October 20, 2007, there have been 4,270 military deaths in the Global War on Terrorism
- 809 members of the National Guard and Reserves have been killed in the Global War on Terrorism.
- Reserve Components make up almost 50% of the U.S. military's current fighting force.
- There are approximately 23.5 million United States veterans nationwide.
- More than 1.7 million United States veterans are women.
- Approximately 15% of the current active duty population are women.
- **The United States Air National Guard has approximately 110,000 men and women in service, and the United States Army National Guard has approximately 325,000 personnel.**
- More than 34,300 military servicemembers have been killed or wounded in the Global War on Terrorism.

*\*This data was compiled by the Joint Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs based on various state and federal agency numbers, including DOD and Department of Veterans Affairs. Please contact this Committee with questions on any of the data sources for the above figures at (617) 722-2877. November 1, 2007.*