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DECEMBER 2- 1982

Honorable Elizabeth Hanford Dole
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mrs. Dole:

Estimates of the number of veterans in civilian life on September 30, 1982 are enclosed for your information. These estimates show nearly 1.5 million fewer veterans than the estimates published six months ago.

The new estimate of 28,522,000 veterans will appear in the semi-annual report titled Veteran Population September 30, 1982 which should be printed in about one month and will be sent to you at that time.

The veteran population estimates presented in the enclosure may be distinguished from those displayed in prior reports in two major respects. First, these data reflect final 1980 Decennial Census counts of veterans in each state, plus the preliminary count of veterans in Puerto Rico. While the state veteran population estimates are based on distributions from the 1980 Census, the figures by age and period of service do not reflect 1980 Census data. Final breakdowns by these and all other variables (including 1975-1980 veteran interstate migration data) will not be available from the Bureau of the Census for approximately four to six months.

Second, the veteran population estimates in this report are presented for only those ex-service personnel living in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Due to a lack of sufficiently reliable data on veterans residing in other areas outside the U.S., estimates of the veteran population in these areas will no longer be computed. Beginning with the 1980 Decennial Census, the Bureau of the Census stopped collecting information on U.S. citizens living abroad. Therefore, no benchmark statistics are available on the count of veterans in these locations. However, the number of veterans in these geographic areas who are receiving compensation or pension payments are available. This group totalled about 23,800 on September 30, 1982.

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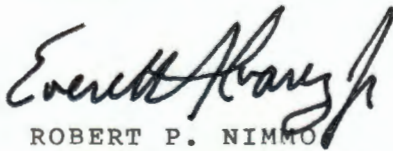
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Projections of the veteran population which were prepared earlier this year are inconsistent with these most recent data, because the projections were finalized prior to the release of any 1980 Census data on veterans. No new veteran population projections that are consistent with 1980 Census data can be prepared until the remaining information on veterans is received from the Bureau of the Census.

My Associate Deputy Administrator for Information Resources Management (Mr. D. Onorato) is available to discuss any aspects of these estimates with you.

Sincerely,



ROBERT P. NIMMO
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Enclosure

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVING IN THE U.S. AND PUERTO RICO, BY AGE AND PERIOD OF SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

(In thousands)

Age	WAR VETERANS									
	Vietnam Era				Korean Conflict		World War II		Post-Vietnam Era	
	Total Veterans	Total 1/	Total 2/	No Service in Korean Conflict	Total 2/ 3/	No Service in World War II	World War II 3/	World War I	Post-Vietnam Era 4/	Service Between Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Only
All Ages	28,522#	24,262#	8,708	8,188	5,421	4,338	11,368	368	1,372	2,888
Under 20 years	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
20-24 years	735	12	12	12	-	-	-	-	723	-
25-29 years	1,718	1,162	1,162	1,162	-	-	-	-	556	-
30-34 years	2,890	2,818	2,818	2,818	-	-	-	-	72	-
35-39 years	3,364	3,084	3,084	3,084	-	-	-	-	11	269
40-44 years	2,465	951	944	941	10	10	-	-	1	1,513
45-49 years	2,538	1,527	260	137	1,390	1,390	-	-	*	1,011
50-54 years	3,326	3,241	215	23	2,781	2,624	594	-	-	85
55-59 years	4,133	4,125	115	7	703	274	2,844	-	-	8
60-64 years	3,838	3,836	65	3	336	28	3,805	-	-	2
65-69 years	1,917	1,917	27	1	136	11	1,905	-	-	-
70-74 years	836	836	6	*	46	1	835	-	-	-
75-79 years	301	301	*	-	14	*	301	-	-	-
80-84 years	149	149	-	-	4	-	74	75	-	-
85 years and over	303	303	-	-	1	-	10	293	-	-
Median age 5/	50.8	54.0	35.6	35.2	52.4	51.5	61.6	87.3	24.7	43.9

NOTE: Excludes an estimated 127 (thousand) who served only between World War I and World War II, all of whom are 70 years of age or older, and 235 (thousand) who served only between World War II and the Korean conflict, all of whom are 45-59 years of age. Also excluded are a small indeterminate number of National Guard personnel or reservists who incurred service-connected disabilities while on an initial tour of active duty for training only.

1/ Veterans who served in both World War II and the Korean conflict, or in both the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era, are counted only once.

2/ Includes 520 (thousand) who served in both the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era.

3/ Includes 1,083 (thousand) who served in both World War II and the Korean conflict.

4/ Service only after May 7, 1975.

5/ Computed from data by five-year age groups.

There are also 58 living Spanish-American War veterans whose median age is 102 years.

* Less than 0.5 (thousand).

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVING IN THE U.S. AND PUERTO RICO, BY STATE AND PERIOD OF SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

(In thousands)

WAR VETERANS												
State	Total Veterans	Veterans per 1,000 Civilian Population 1/	Vietnam Era				Korean Conflict		World War II 4/	World War I	Post- Vietnam Era 5/	Service Between Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Only
			Total 2/	Total 3/	No Service in Korean Conflict	Total 3/ 4/	No Service in World War II					
Total	28,522#	X	24,262#	8,708	8,188	5,421	4,338	11,368	368	1,372	2,888	
State Total	28,393	124.7	24,152	8,669	8,151	5,396	4,318	11,317	366	1,366	2,875	
Alabama.....	431	110.7	367	130	122	96	79	161	5	20	44	
Alaska.....	50	128.5	41	19	19	9	7	15	*	3	6	
Arizona.....	399	144.1	342	125	119	81	61	157	5	19	38	
Arkansas.....	273	119.4	238	84	80	48	37	116	5	10	25	
California.....	3,088	129.1	2,646	926	860	656	472	1,280	34	149	293	
Colorado.....	407	139.4	341	146	140	72	54	143	4	23	43	
Connecticut.....	422	135.3	361	122	114	93	79	163	5	19	42	
Delaware.....	78	131.5	60	22	21	11	8	30	1	5	13	
District of Columbia..	67	107.5	56	14	12	18	14	29	1	3	8	
Florida.....	1,459	144.6	1,278	394	364	296	205	681	28	56	125	
Georgia.....	625	113.5	524	217	206	127	102	210	6	33	68	
Hawaii.....	100	108.2	80	32	30	21	17	32	1	5	15	
Idaho.....	119	124.9	99	38	36	18	14	47	2	6	14	
Illinois.....	1,348	118.0	1,144	388	363	268	235	529	17	65	139	
Indiana.....	675	123.6	567	223	210	119	102	247	8	38	70	

Iowa.....	356	122.8	299	111	105	59	51	137	6	18	39
Kansas.....	307	130.4	263	95	90	53	43	125	5	14	30
Kentucky.....	403	111.0	344	125	118	73	57	163	6	17	42
Louisiana.....	447	104.6	381	133	125	89	74	176	6	21	45
Maine.....	158	140.7	134	49	47	25	20	65	2	6	18
Maryland.....	556	131.7	471	177	167	117	89	210	5	29	56
Massachusetts.....	746	129.5	640	226	213	148	124	293	10	35	71
Michigan.....	1,118	121.6	934	356	336	202	177	408	13	63	121
Minnesota.....	530	129.5	442	187	179	78	65	190	8	32	56
Mississippi.....	242	96.4	209	69	66	43	35	104	4	8	25
Missouri.....	647	131.6	553	200	187	118	98	258	10	30	64
Montana.....	105	133.2	85	30	29	14	11	43	2	5	15
Nebraska.....	194	124.0	164	66	63	29	25	73	3	9	21
Nevada.....	130	155.9	112	38	36	28	22	53	1	7	11
New Hampshire.....	131	140.6	106	37	35	19	15	54	2	7	18
New Jersey.....	942	127.7	805	264	246	192	160	388	11	41	96
New Mexico.....	158	120.4	133	48	45	30	22	64	2	7	18
New York.....	1,980	112.7	1,713	503	466	407	355	865	27	84	183
North Carolina.....	658	112.4	556	229	216	113	94	239	7	29	73
North Dakota.....	68	104.9	55	18	17	8	7	30	1	3	10
Ohio.....	1,372	127.4	1,155	425	401	241	207	530	17	74	143
Oklahoma.....	401	130.7	342	127	121	74	56	159	6	19	40
Oregon.....	400	151.0	341	126	121	65	48	166	6	21	38
Pennsylvania.....	1,584	133.6	1,353	458	427	291	243	663	20	75	156
Rhode Island.....	126	133.1	104	34	32	23	17	54	1	6	16
South Carolina.....	354	114.3	302	128	123	67	55	121	3	17	35
South Dakota.....	78	114.9	63	18	17	11	9	35	2	3	12
Tennessee.....	532	115.9	450	168	160	101	87	196	7	26	56
Texas.....	1,726	118.0	1,468	553	518	318	244	686	20	84	174
Utah.....	161	106.5	134	65	62	24	19	51	2	9	18

Vermont.....	63	122.3	52	20	20	8	7	24	1	4	7
Virginia.....	681	129.2	578	224	211	142	99	261	7	31	72
Washington.....	621	149.2	523	206	195	113	78	243	7	33	65
West Virginia.....	239	122.5	206	67	64	40	34	104	4	10	23
Wisconsin.....	576	121.5	485	191	179	91	78	219	9	31	60
Wyoming.....	62	127.0	53	18	18	9	7	27	1	4	5

Puerto Rico	129	X	110	39	37	25	20	51	2	6	13
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NOTE: Excludes an estimated 127 (thousand) who served only between World War I and World War II, and 235 (thousand) who served only between World War II and the Korean conflict.

1/ Based on civilian population estimates for July 1, 1981, provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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There are also 58 living Spanish-American War veterans.

X Not applicable.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VETERANS LIVING IN THE U.S. AND PUERTO RICO, BY REGIONAL OFFICE AND PERIOD OF SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 30, 1982

(In thousands)

Regional Office	WAR VETERANS									Service Between Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era Only
	Vietnam Era				Korean Conflict					
	Total Veterans	Total 1/	Total 2/	No Service in	No Service in	World War II 3/	World War I	Post- Vietnam Era 4/		
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Alaska.....Anchorage	50	41	19	19	9	7	15	*	3	6
Arizona.....Phoenix	399	342	125	119	81	61	157	5	19	38
Arkansas.....Little Rock	279	243	86	82	49	38	118	5	10	26
California.....Los Angeles	1,591	1,365	464	433	334	251	665	16	75	151
San Diego	288	245	99	89	68	36	116	4	16	27
San Francisco	1,204	1,032	362	337	253	184	497	14	58	114
Colorado.....Denver	407	341	146	140	72	54	143	4	23	43
Connecticut....Hartford	422	361	122	114	93	79	163	5	19	42
Delaware.....Wilmington	78	60	22	21	11	8	30	1	5	13
Dist. of Col...Washington	396	334	132	122	91	60	149	3	20	42
Florida.....St. Petersburg	1,459	1,278	394	364	296	205	681	28	56	125
Georgia.....Atlanta	625	524	217	206	127	102	210	6	33	68
Hawaii.....Honolulu	100	80	32	30	21	17	32	1	5	15
Idaho.....Boise	119	99	38	36	18	14	47	2	6	14
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Kentucky.....Louisville	403	344	125	118	73	57	163	6	17	42
Louisiana.....New Orleans	447	381	133	125	89	74	176	6	21	45
Maine.....Togus	158	134	49	47	25	20	65	2	6	18
Maryland.....Baltimore	372	316	113	107	77	61	144	4	19	37
Massachusetts..Boston	675	579	205	194	134	112	264	9	32	64
Michigan.....Detroit	1,118	934	356	336	202	177	408	13	63	121
Minnesota.....St. Paul	500	417	177	170	74	61	179	7	30	53
Mississippi....Jackson	242	209	69	66	43	35	104	4	8	25
Missouri.....St. Louis	647	553	200	187	118	98	258	10	30	64
Montana.....Ft. Harrison	105	85	30	29	14	11	43	2	5	15
Nebraska.....Lincoln	194	164	66	63	29	25	73	3	9	21
Nevada.....Reno	135	116	39	37	29	23	55	1	7	12
New Hampshire..Manchester	131	106	37	35	19	15	54	2	7	18
New Jersey.....Newark	942	805	264	246	192	160	388	11	41	96
New Mexico.....Albuquerque	158	133	48	45	30	22	64	2	7	18
New York.....Buffalo	520	447	141	131	106	92	217	7	24	49
New York	1,450	1,266	362	335	301	263	646	20	60	134
North Carolina..Winston-Salem	658	556	229	216	113	94	239	7	29	73
North Dakota...Fargo	98	80	28	26	12	11	41	2	5	13
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Pennsylvania...Philadelphia	1,009	859	299	278	188	155	413	13	49	101
Pittsburgh	602	517	166	156	108	92	262	7	27	58
Puerto Rico....San Juan <u>5/</u>	129	110	39	37	25	20	51	2	6	13
Rhode Island...Providence	197	165	55	51	37	29	83	2	9	23
South Carolina..Columbia	354	302	128	123	67	55	121	3	17	35
South Dakota...Sioux Falls	78	63	18	17	11	9	35	2	3	12
Tennessee.....Nashville	532	450	168	160	101	87	196	7	26	56
Texas.....Houston	767	652	246	230	144	110	304	8	37	78
Waco	953	811	305	286	173	133	380	12	47	95

Utah.....Salt Lake City	161	134	65	62	24	19	51	2	9	18
Vermont.....White River Jct.	63	52	20	20	8	7	24	1	4	7
Virginia.....Roanoke	536	455	170	161	109	81	207	6	24	57
Washington.....Seattle	621	523	206	195	113	78	243	7	33	65
West Virginia..Huntington	212	183	60	57	35	30	92	4	9	20
Wisconsin.....Milwaukee	576	485	191	179	91	78	219	9	31	60
Wyoming.....Cheyenne	62	53	18	18	9	7	27	1	4	5

NOTE: For all regional offices whose jurisdiction includes only part of a state or extends into another state, the estimates of veterans are computed by applying the most recent veteran population ratio factors for the counties or urban places involved. These factors were developed from county veteran population estimates as of June 30, 1970 based on the 1970 Census of Population.

1/ through 4/ Refer to footnotes 1/ through 4/ at the end of the table entitled "Estimated Number of Veterans Living in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, by Age and Period of Service."

5/ Includes veterans living in Puerto Rico only.

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