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**FOIA 2014 Annual Report Data**

**IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES**

A. Exemption 3 Statutes Relied Upon to Withhold Information

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Number of Times Relied Upon Per Component	Total Number of Times Relied Upon by Agency
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**V. FOIA REQUESTS**

A. Received, Processed and Pending FOIA Requests

	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
VETS N. O.	23	30	51	2
VETS Region I	2	13	12	3
VETS Region II	0	18	15	3
VETS Region III	1	20	20	1
VETS Region IV	0	15	14	1
VETS Region V	1	19	20	0
VETS Region VI	1	23	22	2
<b>Agency Overall</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>12</b>

B.(1) Disposition of FOIA Requests - All Processed Requests

	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants/ Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									Total
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	*Explain in chart below	
VETS N. O.	11	6	0	14	1	6	0	1	2	2	0	8	51
VETS Region I	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
VETS Region II	1	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	15
VETS Region III	4	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
VETS Region IV	1	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
VETS Region V	6	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	20
VETS Region VI	0	18	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22
<b>Agency Overall</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>154</b>

B.(2) Disposition of FOIA Requests - "Other" Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from Section V, B(1) Chart

Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1) Total & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied Upon	
VETS N. O.	Department Responded - No Follow-up request c/o VETS records - 8 1 Department Responded - No Follow-Up request c/o VETS' records - 1 Manual available on VETS' Webpage - 1 No Longer Relevant - 1 Reassigned to Torrans 11/19/2013 - 1 Referred/transferred to OASAM for Action - 1 Transferred /VETS' Dallas Regional - 1 VETS' 100 Request - 1	
VETS Region I		0
VETS Region II	Reassigned to Ms. Faulkner 11/13/13 - 1	1
VETS Region III	Administrative. Failed to respond to refine request - 1	1
VETS Region IV		0
VETS Region V		0
VETS Region VI		0
Agency Overall		10

B(3) Disposition of FOIA Requests - Number of Times Exemptions Applied

	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7 (A)	Ex. 7 (B)	Ex. 7 (C)	Ex. 7 (D)	Ex. 7 (E)	Ex. 7 (F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
VETS N. O.	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	1	0	4	6	1	1	0	9	6	0	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0	0	4	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
VETS Region III	0	0	1	3	3	2	3	2	6	4	0	0	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	0	12	9	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	7	4	0	0	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	1	17	0	1	0	14	4	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	1	1	8	45	18	23	2	37	19	12	0	0	0

VII. FOIA REQUESTS: RESPONSE TIME FOR PROCESSED AND PENDING REQUESTS

A. Processed Requests - Response Time for All Processed Perfected Requests

	# of Requests Processed	Simple				# of Requests Processed	Complex				# of Requests Processed	Expedited Processing						
		Median	Average	Lowest	Highest		Median	Average	Lowest	Highest		Median	Average	Lowest	Highest			
		Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
		of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days
VETS N. O.	23	51.0	109.7	2	307	28	39.0	104.5	0	367	0							
VETS Region I	0					12	15.5	18.2	10	34	0							
VETS Region II	0					15	19.0	21.9	1	58	0							
VETS Region III	3	6.0	12.3	0	31	17	12.0	16.4	0	70	0							
VETS Region IV	0					14	7.5	8.6	2	21	0							
VETS Region V	19	10.0	9.7	1	19	1	13.0	13.0	13	13	0							
VETS Region VI	1	11.0	11.0	11	11	21	17.0	20.3	5	72	0							
Agency Overall	46	11.5	59.9	0	307	108	16.0	39.9	0	367	0							

B. Processed Requests - Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted

# of	Simple				# of	Complex				# of	Expedited Processing							
	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest		Median	Average	Lowest	Highest		Median	Average	Lowest	Highest				
Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days	of Days

	Requests Processed	Number of Days	Number of Days	Number of Days	Number of Days	Requests Processed	Number of Days	Number of Days	Number of Days	Number of Days	Requests Processed	Number of Days	Number of Days	Number of Days	Number of Days
VETS N. O.	2	30.5	30.5	9	52	15	32.0	92.7	0	367	0				
VETS Region I	0					12	15.5	18.2	10	34	0				
VETS Region II	0					6	40.5	40.2	19	58	0				
VETS Region III	3	6.0	12.3	0	31	12	12.0	11.8	0	28	0				
VETS Region IV	0					12	7.5	8.2	2	16	0				
VETS Region V	15	9.0	10.2	3	19	1	13.0	13.0	13	13	0				
VETS Region VI	0					18	18.5	22.2	5	72	0				
Agency Overall	20	9.0	12.6	0	52	76	16.0	32.9	0	367	0				

C. Processed Requests - Response Time in Day Increments

Simple Requests

	1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
VETS N. O.	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	2	0	23
VETS Region I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region III	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region V	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
VETS Region VI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Agency Overall	30	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	2	0	46

Complex Requests

	1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
VETS N. O.	11	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	0	28
VETS Region I	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
VETS Region II	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
VETS Region III	14	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
VETS Region IV	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
VETS Region V	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VETS Region VI	17	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Agency Overall	74	16	5	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	0	108

Requests Granted Expedited Processing

	1-20 Days	21- 40 Days	41- 60 Days	61- 80 Days	81- 100 Days	101- 120 Days	121- 140 Days	141- 160 Days	161- 180 Days	181- 200 Days	201- 300 Days	301- 400 Days	401+ Days	Total
VETS N. O.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D. Pending Requests - All Pending Perfected Requests

	Number Pending	Simple		Number Pending	Complex		Expedited Processing		
		Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days		Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
VETS N. O.	0			2	38.0	29.0	0		
VETS Region I	1	15.0	15.0	2	8.0	8.0	0		
VETS Region II	0			3	53.0	53.0	0		
VETS Region III	0			1	1.0	1.0	0		
VETS Region IV	0			1	15.0	15.0	0		
VETS Region V	0			0			0		
VETS Region VI	0			2	12.0	12.0	0		
Agency Overall	1	15.0	15.0	11	15.0	24.8	0		

E. Pending Requests - Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests

	10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
VETS N. O.									8/20/2014 18	7/21/2014 40
VETS Region I								9/22/2014 7	9/18/2014 9	9/8/2014 15
VETS Region II								8/12/2014 33	7/16/2014 41	6/2/2014 85
VETS Region III										9/29/2014 1
VETS Region IV										9/8/2014 15
VETS Region V										
VETS									9/15/2014	9/11/2014

Region VI	12	12
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10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
Agency 9/18/2014	9/15/2014	9/11/2014	9/8/2014	9/8/2014	8/20/2014	8/12/2014	7/21/2014	7/16/2014	6/2/2014
9	12	12	15	15	18	33	40	41	85
Overall	758310	758040	757997	757667	757635	756205	755578	753883	753308
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**VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER**

**A. Requests for Expedited Processing**

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
VETS N. O.	0	1	511.0	511.0	0
VETS Region I	0	0			0
VETS Region II	0	0			0
VETS Region III	0	0			0
VETS Region IV	0	0			0
VETS Region V	0	0			0
VETS Region VI	0	0			0
Agency Overall	0	1	511.0	511.0	0

**B. Requests for Fee Waiver**

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS N. O.	0	6	104.5	131.2
VETS Region I	0	2	7.5	7.5
VETS Region II	0	0		
VETS Region III	0	0		
VETS Region IV	0	0		
VETS Region V	0	0		
VETS Region VI	0	0		
Agency Overall	0	8	41.5	100.3

**X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS**

	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs**
VETS N. O.	0	
VETS Region I	0	
VETS Region II	460.05	
VETS Region III	0	
VETS Region IV	0	
VETS Region V	0	
VETS Region VI	196	
Agency Overall	656.05	

**XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS**

**A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals**

Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year**

VETS N. O.	0
VETS Region I	0
VETS Region II	0
VETS Region III	0
VETS Region IV	0
VETS Region V	0
VETS Region VI	0
Agency Overall	0

B. Consultations on FOIA Requests - Received, Processed, and Pending Consultations

	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending at Your Agency as of Start of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Processed by Your Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending at Your Agency as of End of the Fiscal Year
VETS N. O.	1	0	1	0
VETS Region I	1	0	1	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0	0
VETS Region III	0	0	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	2	0	2	0

C. Consultations on FOIA Requests - Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending at Your Agency

	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending
VETS N. O.										
VETS Region I										
VETS Region II										
VETS Region III										
VETS Region IV										
VETS Region V										
VETS Region VI										

	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending
Agency Overall										

D. Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report - Requests Received, Processed, and Backlogged

	Number of Requests Received		Number of Requests Processed	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
VETS N. O.	45	30	76	51
VETS Region I	18	13	16	12
VETS Region II	19	18	19	15
VETS Region III	104	20	184	20
VETS Region IV	22	15	22	14
VETS Region V	21	19	21	20
VETS Region VI	23	23	23	22
<b>Agency Overall</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>154</b>

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
	VETS N. O.	0
VETS Region I	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0
VETS Region III	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0
VETS Region VI	0	0
<b>Agency Overall</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Fee Information During the Year	
	Fee Billed	Fee Collected
VETS N. O.	0	0
VETS Region I	172.12	0
VETS Region II	563.75	460.05
VETS Region III	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0
VETS Region VI	1240.1	196
<b>Agency Overall</b>	<b>1975.97</b>	<b>656.05</b>

\*\*Data is not captured in SIMS FOIA.

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