

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS (385)  
2013 FISCAL YEAR**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The purpose of this agency is to assist veterans and their dependents in securing their rights and benefits under federal and state laws. This agency also maintains two Veterans Homes - a 116 bed facility in Little Rock and a 108 bed facility that opened in June of 06 in Fayetteville. The agency also operates the State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock and is preparing to construct a new cemetery in Birdeye. The agency also provides assistance to the County Veterans Service Officers.

**TOTAL AUTHORIZED**

The agency's total appropriation for FY13 is \$21,356,770.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The budget is funded by general revenue and by fees for services and federal reimbursement.

**II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS**

None

**III) POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY12: 225

Total positions for FY13: 225

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- Training Conferences. Veterans Service Officers: Funds appropriated for Aid to County Veterans Service Offices may be used to pay expenses of the officers for attending training conferences approved by the Department.
- Liability Insurance. Veterans' Affairs shall in no event expend or transfer any appropriation or funds for the purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-governmental entity.