

State of Arkansas  
89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 83

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014  
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the following  
maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	No. of	2013-2014
		Employees	
(1)	U008U ADVA DIRECTOR	1	\$98,616
(2)	G038C ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C126
(3)	L008C NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C125
(4)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C124
(5)	L019C REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C123
(6)	L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122
(7)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE C121



1	(8)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
2	(9)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	8	GRADE C121
3	(10)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
4	(11)	G185C	ADVA PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C117
5	(12)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
6	(13)	G237C	VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE C117
7	(14)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
8	(15)	X113C	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	9	GRADE C116
9	(16)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
10	(17)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
11	(18)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C115
12	(19)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
13	(20)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C113
14	(21)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	18	GRADE C113
15	(22)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE C113
16	(23)	T072C	SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
17	(24)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE C112
18	(25)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE C111
19	(26)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	4	GRADE C110
20	(27)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C110
21	(28)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE C109
22	(29)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	61	GRADE C109
23	(30)	S060C	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE C109
24	(31)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	GRADE C109
25	(32)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
26	(33)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C104
27	(34)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>11</u>	GRADE C103
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		159	

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30 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 31 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
 32 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 33 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the  
 34 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2013-2014
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,110,683
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	404,873
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	67,444
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,950
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
11	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,869,450</u>

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14 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby

15 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home -

16 Fayetteville for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

17 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from

18 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-

19 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in

20 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this

21 act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is

24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable

25 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

26 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of

27 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville for the

28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	NO.	2013-2014
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,297,434
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,364,100
35	(04) OVERTIME	40,000
36	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,774,538
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250
3	(C) PROF. FEES	200,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	53,215
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>475,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,249,537</u></u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is  
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 11 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
 12 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'  
 13 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$430,021
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	176,188
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	106,150
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	0
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$715,359</u></u>

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27 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is  
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 29 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 30 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of  
 31 Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
 32 June 30, 2014, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
36	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	130,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$145,000</u></u>

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8 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is

9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable

10 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the

11 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the

12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
16	(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - NLR CEMETERY - FEDERAL. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the

20 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

21 construction, maintenance and operating expenses of the Department of

22 Veterans' Affairs - NLR Cemetery - Federal for the fiscal year ending June

23 30, 2014, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
27	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$408,494
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30	(C) PROF. FEES	41,039
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(02) CONSTRUCTION	<u>689,529</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,139,062</u></u>

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36 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING  
2 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans'  
3 Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
4 pay expenses of County Veterans' Service Officers for attending regional or  
5 statewide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans'  
6 Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans'  
7 Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the  
8 Department of Veterans' Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on  
9 the same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for  
10 expenses incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County  
11 Veterans' Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for  
12 expenses incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per  
13 year.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2012~~  
15 2013 through June 30, ~~2013~~ 2014.

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17 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
19 LIABILITY INSURANCE APPROPRIATION RESTRICTION. In no event shall the  
20 Department of Veterans' Affairs expend or transfer any appropriation or funds  
21 for the purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-  
22 governmental entity.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2012~~  
24 2013 through June 30, ~~2013~~ 2014.

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26 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
27 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
28 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
29 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
30 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
31 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
32 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
33 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
34 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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36 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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9 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
10 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
11 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.  
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