

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES -
VETERANS' SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION**

A.R.S. § 41-601

General Fund and State Veterans' Conservatorship Fund	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimate	FY 2001 Approved
FTE Positions	45.0	45.2	45.2
Personal Services	1,066,000	1,328,200	1,357,600
Employee Related Expenditures	244,500	304,200	317,400
Professional and Outside Services	55,500	38,400	39,000
Travel - In State	47,900	37,500	44,300
Travel - Out of State	900	3,200	3,200
Other Operating Expenditures	299,000	202,500	202,500
Equipment	215,000	151,500	91,700
Operating Subtotal	1,928,800	2,065,500	2,055,700
Veterans' Organizations Contracts	38,400	40,000	40,000
Total	1,967,200	2,105,500	2,095,700
Additional Appropriations -			
Appropriation; World War II Memorial, Ch. 195	0	0	69,000
Total Appropriations	1,967,200	2,105,500	2,164,700 ^{1/}
<u>Fund Summary</u>			
General Fund	1,589,000	1,700,500	1,722,800
State Veterans' Conservatorship Fund	378,200	405,000	441,900
Total Appropriations	1,967,200	2,105,500	2,164,700

Program Description — *The division assists veterans, their dependents and/or survivors in developing and filing claims for federal entitlements from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in areas of disability, pension, insurance, and burial. The division also acts as guardian for incapacitated veterans or family members which involves assuming responsibility for financial obligations and the physical well-being of the veteran or family member.*

Additional Appropriation: Appropriation; World War II Memorial, (Chapter 195) — Appropriates \$69,000 in FY 2001 from the General Fund to the Veterans Donation Fund for the purpose of supporting a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The appropriation represents \$1 for each Arizona serviceman and servicewoman who served in uniform during World War II.

Additional Legislation: Department of Veterans' Service; Appropriation (Chapter 180) — During the 1999 session the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 in General Fund monies to the agency for preconstruction costs associated with the Southern Arizona Veterans Cemetery. The appropriation was based on an estimate of the preconstruction costs of the cemetery. The agency now estimates the total preconstruction costs to be \$752,300.

This bill allows the additional cost to be paid from the Veterans' Home Contingency Special Line Item in the Veterans' Home program. The federal government is expected to reimburse the state fully for its contribution to

the project. A General Appropriation Act footnote requires that the additional \$252,300 be reimbursed to the Contingency Special Line Item upon federal reimbursement for the project.

Although the federal government will pay 100% of the cemetery's development and construction costs, the state will be responsible for operating costs once the cemetery is open. The Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting estimates the operating costs as follows:

Estimated Operating Costs Southern Arizona Veterans Cemetery		
Operating Phases	FTEs	Estimated Annual Cost
Opening Until Year 10	6	\$235,200
Year 11 through Year 20	8	\$322,100
Year 21 and on	10	\$407,000

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^{1/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum for the Program.