

VA Scavenger Hunt

Please fill in the blanks and bring to your first clinical post conference at VA Hines Hospital.

VA and Veteran Fact information is available at: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/index.asp>

A brief History of the VA is available at: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/feature/history/index.asp>

<http://www1.va.gov/Nursing/>

Feel free to refer to other sources when completing this assignment.

1. Approximately how many WWII vets are estimated to be living as of September 30, 2009? _____
2. What is the total number currently enrolled in VA Health Care? _____
3. What is the number of VA employees? _____
4. How many VA Medical Centers are there in this country? _____
5. What are the dates of the US involvement in the Vietnam War? _____
6. How many veterans served in Vietnam? _____ Percentage female? _____
7. When was Desert Shield – Desert Storm? _____
8. How many veterans have served in Afghanistan and Iraq? _____ Percentage female? _____
9. What percentage of veterans deployed to Afghanistan/Iraq have been injured? _____
10. Which state has the highest number of female veterans? _____
11. How many female veterans are there in Illinois? _____ In your home state? _____
12. Where did the VA motto “to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan” originate, and what were the circumstances?
13. When did Congress create the Veterans Bureau to consolidate veterans programs? _____
14. Some have called it one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever produced by the federal government. What is the GI Bill of Rights and why was it created?
15. What were the three key provisions of the GI Bill or the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act?
16. When did President Hoover, by executive order, establish the DVA? _____
17. When the VA was first established, what condition predominated among those treated at VA hospitals? _____
18. Because of the many amputees who returned home from WWII, the VA became a world leader in what? _____
19. In 1946, VA Hines Hospital became the first VA to affiliate with medical schools. Which schools?
20. What was one of the major differences between the 6 million Vietnam era veterans who were separated from those of earlier wars?
21. List/state three ways the VA has responded to claims of injury due to contact with Agent Orange.

22. What was the purpose of the network of Vet Centers set up across the country in 1979?

23. What are the GRECCs that Congress authorized in 1980? _____

24. When was the VA elevated to a Cabinet status? _____

25. What are some of the postulated causes of Gulf War syndrome? _____

26. In 1995 VA hospitals were organized into VISNs; Why? What is a VISN and how many are there?

Briefly, describe a veteran, or veterans, in your life

Do you have any military veterans in your life? Who?

What does the abbreviation "VANA" stand for? List the goals of a VANA partnership.

How has learning more about the history of the VA and its veterans changed or influenced your understanding of the role the VA plays in the United States?