



Budget Proposal 2017

Expansion of Veterans Healthcare Services

The governor's address focused on providing a better quality of life through access to quality healthcare services for Georgia's veteran and active duty military personnel. Our state is home to 61,288 active military members, 27,233 reservists and 752,000 veterans respectively. Statistically, nearly one in four active military personnel show signs of a mental health condition. Because of our state's large military population, Governor Deal has encouraged the allocation of funds by the General Assembly for the following initiatives:

- Training of existing state and federal employees to more efficiently and effectively assist our veterans and improve access to mental health services.
- Creation and funding for a Women Veterans Coordinator position to work with female veterans who have suffered military sexual trauma, to offer counseling and to assist with veteran's claims and appeals.
- Construction of a rehabilitation facility to provide behavioral health services to these individuals.