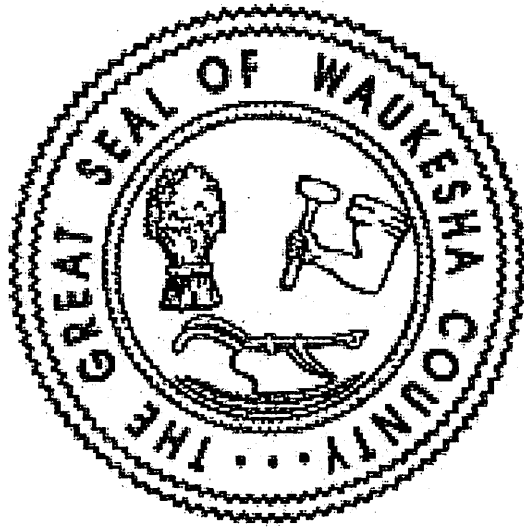


# Waukesha County

Veterans Service Office



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WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPT. OF VETERANS SERVICES

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of September 30, 2015, per VA figures was 26,346. This does not include the number of dependents of veterans which, when added with the veteran population, can easily triple this figure. Per Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) data the veteran population in Waukesha County is 94% male and 6% female. Only 42% are in the working ages of 17 to 64 years old.

In 2015, there were 8,093 incoming phone calls, 8,791 e-mails, 1,568 pieces of mail received via e-mail transmission and 4,052 client visits to the office. A total of 51 appearances on behalf of veterans were made during the year. The Milwaukee Vet Center, had 1,115 client contacts in our office in 2015.

The degree of economic impact that veterans' programs have on our county may be revealed by the following totals of state and federal benefits paid to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents or survivors.

**BENEFITS REPORTED BY FEDERAL & STATE AGENCIES**

Veterans Administration (VA) payments for the last fiscal year are as follows:

VA Guaranteed Home Loans	\$ 130,007,253
Medical Expenditures *	59,406,000
Compensation and Pension	56,769,000
Education Benefits	9,633,000
Insurance and Indemnities	2,935,000
<b>Total Federal Benefits:</b>	<b><u>\$ 258,750,253</u></b>

\* Medical expenditures are federal VA dollars expended to provide care for Waukesha County veterans at VA facilities.

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) payments are as follows:

Property Tax Credit (410)	\$ 1,485,955
Education Grants (0)	-
Retraining Grants (0)	-
Subsistence Aid Grants/ANV (2)	4,100
Health Care Aid Grant (0)	-
<b>Total State Benefits:</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,490,055</u></b>

Additional educational benefits for the Wisconsin GI Bill are not reported by either the University of Wisconsin system or the Wisconsin Technical schools.

**TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS: \$ 260,240,308**  
(Received by Waukesha County veterans and/or their Dependents)

### WISCONSIN VETERAN'S HOMES

The numbers of veterans, spouses and/or widows/widowers from Waukesha County residing at the Wisconsin Veteran's Homes are: King - 3  
Union Grove - 8

### VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The amount of expenditures by the Veterans Service Commission in 2015 was \$1,686 for Veterans Relief. Administrative expenditures for the Veterans Service Commissioners were \$487. The Commission met three times in 2015. Funding from other Veterans Service Organizations provided an additional \$3,093 in financial assistance. Total direct assistance to veterans was \$4,779 of which 65% was funded by Veteran Service Organizations i.e. American Legion, Waukesha Kiwanis Club, DAVA State Dept. of Wisconsin Child Welfare Program and private individuals.

The Veteran Service Office is a very cost effective operation of county government. The 2015 Budget of \$297,085, of which \$284,085 was from the tax levy, resulted in a return of \$260,240,308 federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to \$916.06 return for every levy dollar invested.

The cost of \$1,700 was paid out in 2015 for one Indigent Veteran Burial.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Johannes  
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