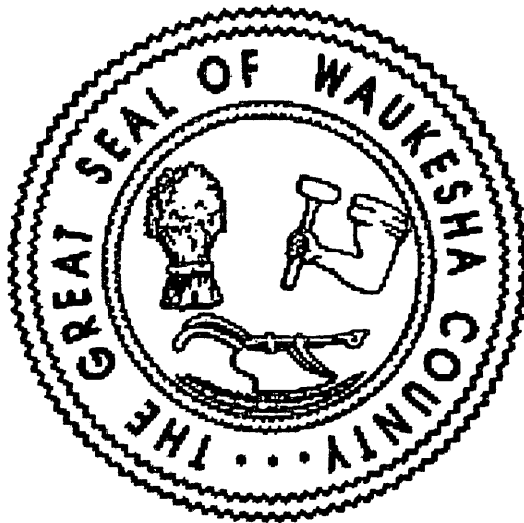


# Waukesha County

## Veterans Service Office



Annual Report  
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WAUKESHA COUNTY DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES

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June 23, 2017

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Waukesha County, Wisconsin

The total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of September 30, 2016, per VA figures was 25,663. 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 41% are in the working ages of 18 to 64 years old.

In 2016, there were 8,174 incoming phone calls, 10,672 e-mails, and 4,025 client visits to the office. A total of 45 appearances on behalf of veterans were made during the year. The Milwaukee Vet Center had 1,150 client contacts in our office in 2016.

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	\$ 147,978,955
Medical Expenditures *	56,451,000
Compensation and Pension	62,346,000
Education Benefits	9,866,000
Insurance and Indemnities	2,751,000
<b>Total Federal Benefits:</b>	<b><u>\$ 279,392,955</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 (454)	\$ 1,670,541
Education Grants (0)	-
Retraining Grants (1)	3,000
Subsistence Aid Grants/ANV (4)	4,250
Health Care Aid Grant (0)	-
<b>Total State Benefits:</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,677,791</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; however, we processed 140 successful applications for the WI GI Bill.

**TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS: \$ 281,070,746**  
(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 - 6  
Union Grove - 8

### **VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

The amount of expenditures by the Veterans Service Commission in 2016 was \$1,869 for Veterans Relief. Administrative expenditures for the Veterans Service Commissioners were \$289. The Commission met twice in 2016. Funding from other Veterans Service Organizations provided an additional \$2,361 in financial assistance. Total direct assistance to veterans was \$4,230 of which 56% was funded by outside organizations, such as the Wisconsin Veterans Foundation, and private individuals.

The Veteran Service Office is a very cost effective operation of county government. The 2016 Budget of \$317,626, of which \$304,626 was from the tax levy, resulted in a return of \$281,070,746 federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to \$922.67 returned for every levy dollar invested.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johannes  
Veterans Service Officer