

# Waukesha County

## Veterans Service Office



Annual Report  
2010

WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPT. OF VETERANS SERVICES

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June 7, 2011

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of December 31, 2010, per VA figures was 29,246. This does not include the number of dependents of veterans which when added with the veteran population can easily be 60,000 to 70,000 Waukesha County residents.

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Veterans have special needs that resulted from their service to their country. Some of these needs are compensation and medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and help in making adjustments in their lives. They also might need assistance in obtaining an education to enable them to find and maintain gainful employment.

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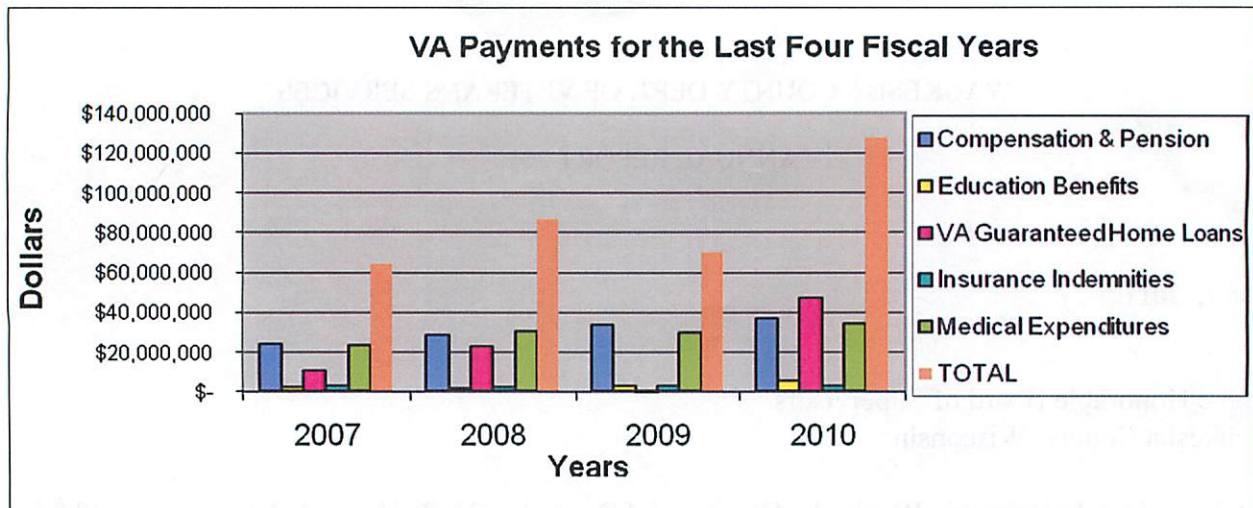
In 2010, there were 8,428 incoming phone calls, 3,370 e-mails and 4,104 client visits to the office. A total of 97 referrals to other federal, state, and county providers for additional services were made during the year. A total of 63 appearances on behalf of veterans were made during the year.

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. The economic impact does not include any multiplier factor when these dollars are used to purchase goods and services in the county time and time again.

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

Compensation and Pension	\$ 37,277,000
Education Benefits	5,889,000
VA Guaranteed Home Loans	47,346,353
Insurance and Indemnities	3,130,000
Medical Expenditures*	<u>34,223,000</u>
Total Federal Benefits:	<u>\$ 127,865,353</u>

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



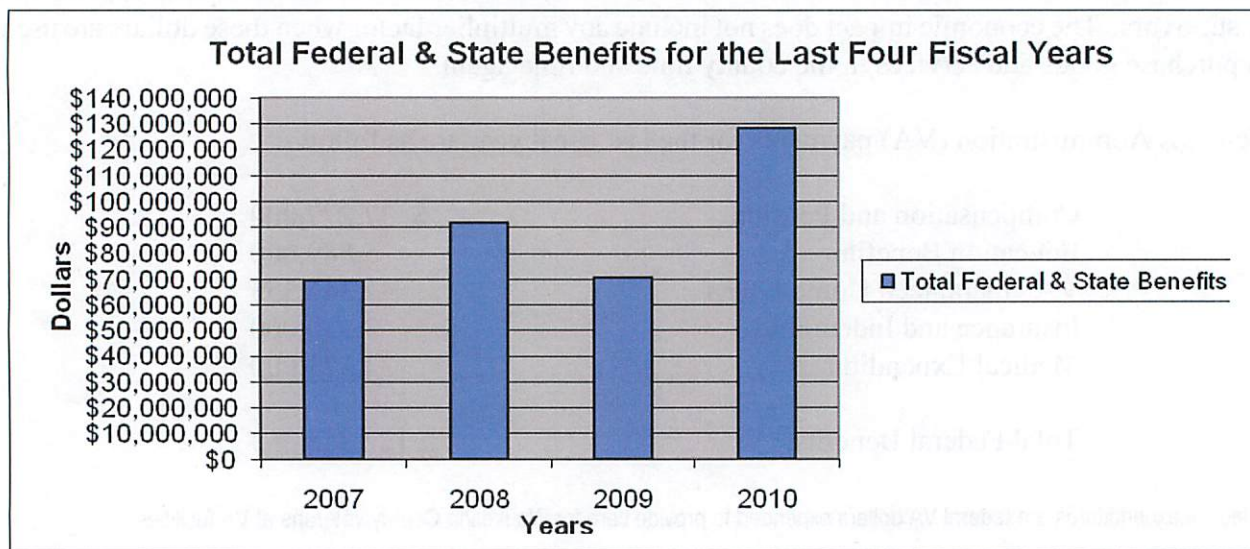
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Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) payments are as follows:

Personal Loans (2)	\$ 10,000
Primary Home Loans (0) [no funding available]	0
Property Tax Credit (132) **	528,060
Home Improvement Loans (2)	66,268
Education Grants (25)	46,149
Retraining Grants (1)	3,000
Health Care Grant (2)	11,307
Subsistence Aid Grants/ANV (2)	<u>3,917</u>
 Total State Benefits:	 \$ <u>668,701</u>

\*\* Property Tax Credit became available for veterans or their widows in 2009. Statistics for this benefit was not distributed in 2009.

TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS: \$ 128,534,054



(Note: The above graph does not depict the amount for Federal Home Loans for 2009 due to the fact that the Federal Government did not distribute loan expenditures data at the state, county and congressional district levels).



## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The amount of expenditures by the Veterans Service Commission in 2010 was \$4,591 for Veterans Relief, and administrative expenditures for the Veterans Service Commissioners were \$1,381. The Commission met five times in 2010. Funding from other Veterans Service Organizations provided an additional \$9,663 in financial assistance.

## WISCONSIN VETERAN'S HOMES

The numbers of veterans, spouses and/or widow/widowers from Waukesha County residing at the Wisconsin Veteran's Homes are:

King - 17  
Union Grove - 8

## VETERANS INDIGENT BURIALS

There were no inquiries for Indigent Veteran Burials in 2010.

The Veteran Service Office is a very cost effective operation of county government. The 2010 Budget of \$293,717, which \$280,717 was from the Tax Levy, resulted in a return of \$128,534,000 federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to \$457.88 return for every Levy dollar invested.


Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Ludka  
Veterans Service Officer

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011

 Notary Public  
Debra C. Fosberg Waukesha County, WI

My Commission expires July 21, 2013

**Veterans in the UW System from Fall 2007 to Spring 2010**

**by UW Institution**

	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		Percent Change
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	
<b>Madison</b>	653	609	582	520	565	570	-12.1%
<b>Milwaukee</b>	641	656	722	744	902	908	41.6%
<b>Eau Claire</b>	136	142	147	151	168	189	40.0%
<b>Green Bay</b>	228	239	308	252	331	346	51.7%
<b>La Crosse</b>	192	223	201	171	161	181	9.4%
<b>Oshkosh</b>	307	291	310	308	348	358	16.6%
<b>Parkside</b>	155	143	167	159	184	164	5.8%
<b>Platteville</b>	296	283	299	325	316	311	5.0%
<b>River Falls</b>	154	168	156	153	169	180	16.9%
<b>Stevens Point</b>	230	214	209	220	222	232	0.1%
<b>Stout</b>	139	128	161	173	203	224	61.1%
<b>Superior</b>	172	167	173	167	154	142	-17.4%
<b>Whitewater</b>	204	250	231	234	247	286	40.1%
<b>UW Colleges</b>	470	444	493	501	553	575	22.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,977	3,957	4,159	4,078	4,523	4,666	17.3%

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**Veterans Who Used State or Federal Veterans Education Benefits in the Wisconsin Technical College System from Fall 2007 - Spring 2010**

College Area	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		Percent Change
		total		total		total	
<b>Blackhawk</b>		72		98		113	56.9%
<b>Chippewa Valley</b>		163		173		147	-9.8%
<b>Fox Valley</b>		290		321		361	24.5%
<b>Gateway</b>		148		180		288	94.6%
<b>Lakeshore</b>		57		85		95	66.7%
<b>Madison Area</b>		364		413		565	55.2%
<b>Mid-State</b>		105		112		127	21.0%
<b>Milwaukee Area</b>		414		470		530	28.0%
<b>Moraine Park</b>		76		92		112	47.4%
<b>Nicolet Area</b>		29		34		54	86.2%
<b>Northcentral</b>		96		128		141	46.9%
<b>Northeast Wis</b>		220		268		313	42.3%
<b>Southwest Wis</b>		38		41		46	21.1%
<b>Waukesha County</b>		129		186		210	62.8%
<b>Western</b>		182		183		222	22.0%
<b>Wisconsin Indianh</b>		76		81		107	40.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>		2,459		2,865		3,431	39.5%

We do not track veterans so numbers are veterans who used state or federal veteran educational benefits.

We do not track by semester. Numbers reported for spring are annual headcount totals of veterans only

and do not include spouses or dependents who received benefits under the WI GI Bill.