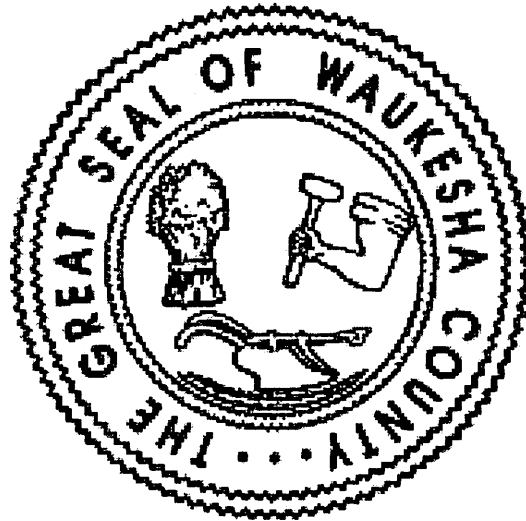


Waukesha County

Veterans Service Office



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WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPT. OF VETERANS SERVICES

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May 28, 2014

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors
Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of September 30, 2013, per VA figures was 27,116. 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 92% male and 8% female. Only 41% are in the working ages of 17 to 64 years old.

NOTE: We no longer receive the Recently Discharged Veteran's listing from WDVA nor have we in the last 18 months.

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.

In 2013, there were 8,188 incoming phone calls, 6,148 e-mails, 1,398 pieces of mail received via e-mail transmission and 3,403 client visits to the office. A total of 49 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.

BENEFITS REPORTED BY FEDERAL & STATE AGENCIES

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

VA Guaranteed Home Loans	\$ 124,606,525
Medical Expenditures *	51,707,000
Compensation and Pension	48,192,000
Education Benefits	8,696,000
Insurance and Indemnities	3,305,000
Total Federal Benefits:	<u>\$ 236,506,525</u>

* 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 (299)	\$ 1,122,393
Education Grants (7)	23,968
Retraining Grants (2)	6,000
Subsistence Aid Grants/ANV (1)	100

Total State Benefits: \$ 1,152,461

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: \$ 237,658,986

WISCONSIN VETERAN'S HOMES

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

King - 14
Union Grove - 6

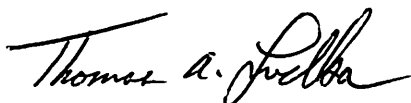
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The amount of expenditures by the Veterans Service Commission in 2013 was \$7,319 for Veterans Relief. Administrative expenditures for the Veterans Service Commissioners were \$479. The Commission met three times in 2013. Funding from other Veterans Service Organizations provided an additional \$3,416 in financial assistance. Total direct assistance to veterans was \$10,735 of which 32% was funded by Veteran Service Organizations i.e. American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vietnam Veteran of American, Waukesha Kiwanis Club and private individuals.

The Veteran Service Office is a very cost effective operation of county government. The 2013 Budget of \$295,595, of which \$282,595 was from the tax levy, resulted in a return of \$237,658,986 federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to \$840.99 return for every levy dollar invested.

There were no inquiries for Indigent Veteran Burials in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Ludka
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