Waukesha County

Veterans Service Office



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WAUKESHA COUNTY DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors Waukesha County, Wisconsin

The total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of September 30, 2017, per VA figures was 24,999. 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 39% are in the working ages of 18 to 64 years old.

In 2017, there were 10,661 incoming phone calls (a 30% increase), 10,897 e-mails, and 4,788 client visits to the office (a 19% increase). Sixty-two appearances on behalf of veterans were made (a 38% increase). The Milwaukee Vet Center had 958 client contacts in our office.

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	\$ 151,216,674
Medical Expenditures *	63,260,000
Compensation and Pension	61,725,000
Education Benefits	8,935,000
Insurance and Indemnities	2,918,000

Total Federal Benefits: \$288,054.674

^{*} 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 (478)	\$ 1,746,352
Education Grants (0)	-
Retraining Grants (0)	-
Subsistence Aid Grants/ANV (5)	0
Health Care Aid Grant (0)	-

Total State Benefits: \$ _1,746,352_

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 138 successful applications for the WI GI Bill.

TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS: \$\frac{289,801,026}{}

(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 – 4

Union Grove - 12

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The amount of expenditures by the Veterans Service Commission in 2017 was \$1,750 for Veterans Relief. Administrative expenditures for the Veterans Service Commissioners were \$459. The Commission met three times in 2017. Funding from other Veterans Service Organizations provided an additional \$1,283 in financial assistance. Total direct assistance to veterans was \$3,033, of which 42% was funded by outside organizations, such as the Wisconsin Veterans Foundation and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Division paid \$1,180 for one Indigent Veteran Burial.

The Veterans Service Office is a very cost effective operation of county government. The 2017 Budget of \$315,801, of which \$302,801 was from the tax levy, resulted in a return of \$289,801,026 federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to \$957 returned for every levy dollar invested.

Respectfully submitted,

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