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TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND SERVICE TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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Joseph Juraszak	CIOV 1279	Del	223-5179
Al Strozdzki	W.C. #126	Del	223-9521
Ed Brady	Post 549	al. Del	246-9480
James E. Kirby	Post 549	Del	246-9740
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Nick Pucillo	LASALLE 4668	DEL.	223-6665
Samuel S. Maggio	La Salle 4668	Del.	223-9080
Ed Brady	549	al. Del	246-9480
Jim Kirby	549	Del	246 9740
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Joseph Swaszal	St Hyacinth 1229	Del	223 4179
Robert J. Reng	St Hyacinth CWV #1229	Alt	223-7056

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND SERVICE TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

The first part of the document discusses the general principles of the law of contract. It is divided into two main sections: the formation of a contract and the performance of a contract. The formation of a contract is defined as an agreement between two or more parties which is intended to be legally binding. The essential elements of a contract are offer, acceptance, and consideration. Offer is a promise to do or not to do something in exchange for something of value. Acceptance is the assent to the offer by the offeree. Consideration is the price paid for the promise. A contract is not enforceable unless it is supported by consideration.

The second part of the document discusses the performance of a contract. It is divided into two main sections: the discharge of a contract and the remedies for breach of contract. A contract is discharged when the parties have performed their obligations under the contract. The discharge of a contract can be effected by agreement, performance, or operation of law. The remedies for breach of contract are damages, specific performance, and rescission. Damages are the most common remedy for breach of contract. Specific performance is an equitable remedy which is granted when the subject matter of the contract is unique. Rescission is a remedy which is granted when the contract is voidable.

The third part of the document discusses the law of tort. It is divided into two main sections: the elements of a tort and the defenses to a tort. A tort is a wrongful act which causes injury to another person. The essential elements of a tort are duty, breach of duty, and damage. Duty is a legal obligation to act in a certain way. Breach of duty is a failure to act in accordance with the duty. Damage is the loss or injury which is caused by the breach of duty. The defenses to a tort are consent, necessity, and self-defense.

The fourth part of the document discusses the law of property. It is divided into two main sections: the acquisition of property and the transfer of property. Property is defined as a right which is enforceable against the world. Property can be acquired by gift, purchase, or operation of law. Property can be transferred by gift, sale, or operation of law. The law of property is concerned with the rights of individuals in property and the ways in which property can be transferred.

The fifth part of the document discusses the law of evidence. It is divided into two main sections: the admissibility of evidence and the weight of evidence. Evidence is defined as anything which tends to prove or disprove a fact in issue. Evidence is admissible if it is relevant, material, and reliable. The weight of evidence is the degree to which the evidence is believed. The law of evidence is concerned with the rules which govern the admission and use of evidence in court.

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Bob Westman	33 Legion	Del	473-4119
Nick Peetti	4668	DEL.	223-6665
Joseph Jwoozel	1279 CWV	Del.	223 4179
Robert J. Reay, Sr.	CWV Post #1229	ALT	223-7056

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Jim Kirby	EARLVILLE 549	Del	246-9740
Ed Brand	" " "	al Del	246-9480
A. Staszewski	A. Le #426	Del	223-9621
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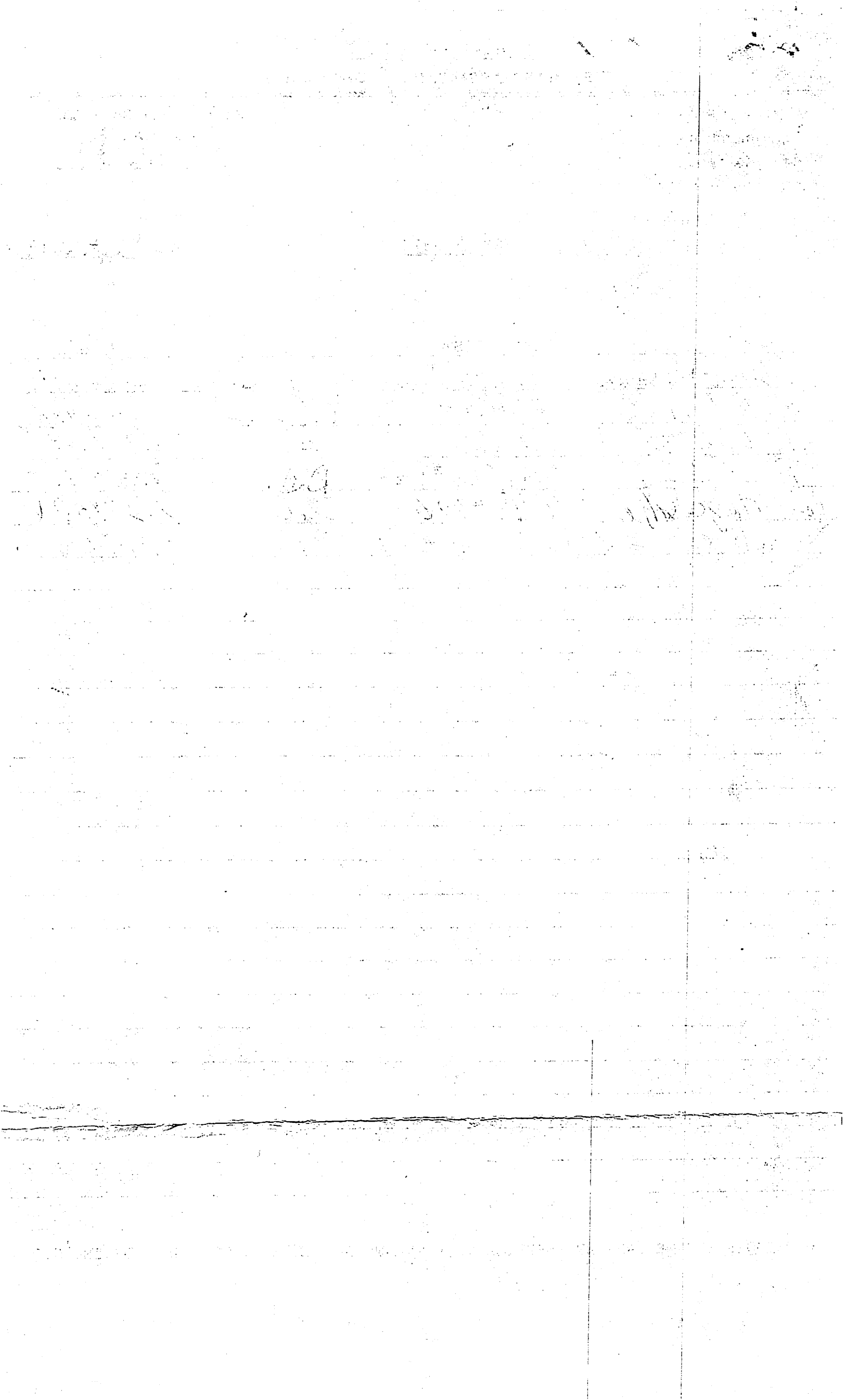
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Nick Aleksinski	Legion 426	Alt	224 2204
Ed Braddy	" 549	Alt Del	246-9480
Al Strozowski	Alt #126	Del	223-8521
Nick Pacetti	1FV 4668	DPL	223-6665
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Ralph Allen	Legion 235	Chairman	795-5436

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June 25, 1998

Dear Commander:

I want to thank you for granting me permission to serve our people. One of ~~the~~ happiest events this year was a special announcement which was made on Friday, June 12, 1998 at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post. Congressman Jerry Weller and Dr. Joan Cummings, Director of the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs Vision 12, stated that, "The U.S.D.V.A. will be opening the LaSalle County Veterans Outpatient Clinic to better serve our area veterans. The community based outpatient clinic will provide general medical care and services." As State of Illinois Amvets Commander Jerry Foster and Illinois Division IV Senior Vice Commander Cheryl Weglewski can attest, hundreds of happy Illinois Valley residents showed up for this event. I would like to personally thank them and all the others who had taken the time to show our area that they cared. You see, our people reside in a geographically remote rural area that is over 60 miles away from any U.S.D.V.A. Outpatient Clinic and over 100 miles away from any U.S.D.V.A. Hospital. We have no direct bus service nor do we have any mode of mass transit service to get us to the U.S.D.V.A. Health service providers. As a result, we had no access to U.S.D.V.A. health services even though we were entitled to the earned benefit. It is our hope that our U.S.D.V.A. hospitals will order all the primary services that our LaSalle County Health Services can provide, which will alleviate the need for our Illinois valley area veterans having to travel over 100 miles 3 to 5 times a month to our U.S.D.V.A. hospitals. I personally find this activity to be physically hard on our veteran populous and very cost prohibited to our LaSalle County taxpayers. I would think that if an individual has a need to see a doctor 3 to 4 times a month every year, then their health situation would probably be better served by them being admitted to the hospital.

On the darker side, I must sadly announce that our LaSalle Veterans Home was not granted the 80 additional beds that was requested by many of our nationally chartered veteran organizations. As you know, legislation was introduced in our General Assembly this past year to provide for the 80 beds that were requested and to provide for the startup money needed. You further know that many veteran chartered organization members attended a hearing on this issue before the Veterans Affairs Committee of our Illinois House of Representatives and signed in as proponents. Representative Frank Mautino, who sponsored the legislation for our

80 beds, Amvets Vickie Campbell, and myself testified in support of this legislation. We also submitted petitions in support with practically 6000 signatures. We further provided for the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House an Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs' survey that was completed in 1995 and the U.S.D.V.A. formula for determining the number of skill care beds needed by a state based on its veteran populous. They showed a dire shortage in Illinois of over 930 beds through the year 2030. Much to our dismay the only opposition came from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs who had no documentation to support their opposition. After questioning of the Department of Veterans Affairs by the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, I am pleased to announce that the Veterans Affairs Committee for the House of Representatives voted unanimously to support the legislation to add the 80 beds to the LaSalle Veterans Home and place the remaining skill care beds throughout our state where needed. This bill then passed the House of Representatives by an unanimous vote. It was then picked up in the Senate by Carl E. Hawkinson and sent to the Rules Committee which was chaired by Senator Stanley B. Weaver of Champlain County. I can literally tell you that many of our Illinois veterans, friends, and family members contacted Senator Weaver and Senate President Pate Phillips begging them to release this bill from Committee. They chose not to listen to our plea, holding it hostage and leaving it in Committee. As a result, our state Senators did not get to vote their conscience and our LaSalle Veterans home has over 140 veterans on its waiting list for admission. The powers that be in Illinois are attempting to brush aside our Illinois veterans' needs for long term care beds. In fact, there are those who will try and convince you that we should utilize the vacated beds in our U.S.D.V.A. hospitals. I remind you that these hospitals are not in residential areas but what would be looked at as industrialized site. I recall very vividly those ten months in which I was hospitalized at Great Lakes Naval Hospitals healing from multiple gunshot wounds which I received in Vietnam. I remember the difficulty I had trying to catch elevators and getting to where I had to go in that multistory facility. I ask you, how can we institutionalize our veterans hundreds of miles from their home with no way for their loved ones to get to them? Why are we ostracizing them from our society? Is it out of site out of mind? Are we gong to let happen to our aging veterans what we did with our veteran's orphaned children in our Bloomington Soldier and Sailor Home? I say, hell no!!! Tell them to put our state veterans in our state owned veteran homes where they can get quality care in very clean confines and in a residential area so they know they are part of a community. Our LaSalle Veterans Home wants them. We owe it to them. Lets not sell out our veterans. Our legacy should never read, "We sold out our people." Lets tell the powers that be that we will not sell out our veterans and their family. Contact your Illinois Senator and Governor candidates

and make them pledge to add the 80 needed beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home and our other veterans homes. If the State of Illinois can spend multi-multi millions for bricks and mortar for our prisoners, then the least they can do is provide a bed and a pillow for our aging veterans in their hour of need.

Martin J. Rue, Committeeman

Minutes of the May 27, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Adler, Chaplin Jim Kirby, and Sgt. At Arms Nick Nekrosius excused, Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek was present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Iwaszek stated the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New business: The Service Officer's report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Robert Renz, the Service Officer's report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to those present. Questions pertaining to the handouts were answered.

Superintendent Rue explained to those present that our budget for fiscal year 1999 at our June meeting.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Ed Braatz, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1279; Alternates Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Tom Przybyln V.F.W. Post 5506

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MAY 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 38 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 11 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 3 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 18 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 14 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 9 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 24 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 8 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 3 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 6 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 8 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 24 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 16 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 3 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 49 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 49 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
37. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 1 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
44. Sent 2 claims to Court of Veterans Appeals(COVA) for their consideration and review.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded 10% service connected compensation, effective 7/97-11/97, difference from 50%-60%, \$148 monthly, \$592;12/97-11/98, \$1924 (Total \$2516)
2. Veteran awarded dependency allowance for 30%, effective 8/94-11/98 at \$53 monthly, \$2703
3. Veteran awarded service connected compensation 10% effective 8/95-11/95, \$89, \$356;12/95-11/96, \$91, \$1092;12/96-11/97, \$95, \$1140;12/97-1/98, \$95, \$180; 2/98-11/98, increase 30%, \$279 , \$3069 (Total\$5837)
4. Spouse awarded \$450 Burial and Plot Allowance
5. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension with Aid & Attendance, \$260 monthly, effective 4/98-11/98 \$2080; 12/98-11/99, \$3120 (Total\$5200)

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6. Veteran awarded increase in Service Connected Compensation, effective 5/97-11/97, from 30%-50%, \$290 monthly, \$290, \$2030;12/97-11/98, \$3480 (Total \$5510)
7. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 7/97-5/98, \$996 monthly, \$10,851;6/98-11/98, \$5976; 12/98-11/99, \$11,952 (Total \$28,779)
8. Veteran awarded temporary 100% service connection due to two month hospitalization, \$3472
9. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, effective 1/98-11/98, \$490 monthly, (Total \$5880)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 28,779.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 107,813.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 31,568.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 436,408.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 544,221.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT
26. VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Minutes from November 26, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. at Arms George Watts, who were excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrects to those minutes Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New business: Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read.

A discussion ensued pertaining to our regular Commission meetings that are held in the months of November and December. The Delegates present felt that with Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve falling on or close to our regular monthly meetings those two meetings should be held on the third Wednesday of those months. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that our bylaws be amended reflecting the above mentioned meeting date change for November and December. Motion passed.

The Commission dually held its annual election for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chaplain and Sgt.at Arms. Those elected at our annual meeting are as follows:

Chairman	-	Ralph Adler
Vice Chairman	-	Joe Iwaszek
Chaplain	-	Jim Kirby
Sgt.at Arms	-	Nick Nekrosius

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Jerry Stevenson, American Legion Post 235.

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Jim Kirby	549	Del	246-9420
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Ralph Adler	235	Chairman	795-5436
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COMBINED NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1997

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9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 11 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 10 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 7 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 4 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 4 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 7 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 5 veterans.
22. Sent 16 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 10 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 30 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 46 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 21 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
36. Sent request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 2 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 0 veteran.
40. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 2/97-11/97, retroactive payments, \$5016.00; \$627 monthly 12/97-11/98, \$7524.00 (Total \$12,540.00)
2. Veteran awarded Service Connected Compensation 30% for PTSD, effective 2/97-11/97. Total rating now 60% \$429 difference monthly, \$3861.00; 12/97-11/98, \$5148 (Total \$9009.00)
3. Veteran's spouse awarded Supplemental Security Income effective 7/97-11/97, \$1552.00; 12/97, \$484.00; 1/98-11/98, \$494 monthly \$5928.00 (Total \$7964.00)
4. Veteran widow awarded Widow Pension 9/97, \$94 monthly; 10/97-9/98, \$132.00 yearly; awarded Burial/Plot allowance, \$450 (Total \$676.00)
5. Veteran received retroactive payment from VA, \$7620.00
6. Veteran awarded dependency allowance for children due to award of 30% service connection award, effective 7/95 to present. (\$13,631.00)

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7. Veteran awarded Aid&Attendance benefits retroactive payment from 1/94 to present, \$7043.00
8. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, effective 12/97-11/98, \$722 monthly (Total \$8664.00)
9. Veteran awarded increase in s/c compensation from 30-40% 8/96-11/96, \$318;one month convalescent leave, \$1870.00; 12/96-11/97, \$1404; (Total 3592.00) 12/97-11/98, \$500 (Total \$5092.00)
10. Veteran awarded \$31,018.00 retroactive pay for increase to 80% service connected compensation from 1/92-11/97; 12/97-11/98, \$582 monthly difference from 40% to 80%, \$6984.00 (Total \$38,002.00)
11. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 8/97-11/97, \$707.00 monthly \$2121.00;12/97-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$8664.00 (total \$10,785.00)
12. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 8/97-11/97, \$45 monthly, \$180;12/97-11/98 \$46 monthly; \$552.00 (Total \$732.00)
13. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 7/97-11/97, \$707 monthly, \$3535;12/97-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$8664.00 (Total \$12,199.00)
14. Veteran awarded increase in s/c compensation from 50%-70%, effective 6/97-11/97, \$2305.00;12/97-11/98, \$5784.00 (Total \$8089.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 20,504.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 20,504.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 121,552.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 121,552.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 152,056.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT

Minutes from January 28, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance
Commission Meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Sgt. At Arms Nick Nekrosius, who was excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New business: The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion was made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue announced that Econo Foods would be displaying the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall May 10, 1998 thru May 16, 1998 at the Peru Econo Food location. Edna Daugherty is in charge of coordinating this display. She can be reached at 223-3322. We need many veteran organizations and their friends to help guard this wall to alleviate any vandalism. It must be guarded 24 hours a day while it is here. Please get groups of five or six and volunteer for a shift or two. Call Edna and help her fill those time slots.

Motion by Westman, seconded by Strozewski, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235. Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JANUARY 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 22 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 4 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 8 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 20 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 6 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 20 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 1 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 3 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 8 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 7 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veterans.
22. Sent 3 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 0 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 3 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 0 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 3 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 7 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
36. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 1 veteran.
40. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 10/95-11/95, \$897, \$1794;12/95-11/96, \$923, \$11,076;12/97-11/97, \$939, \$11,268;12/97-11/98, \$711, \$8532 (Total \$32,670)
2. Veteran awarded NSC Pension 10/97-11/97, \$278, \$556; 12/97-11/98 \$284, \$3408 (Total \$3964)
3. Veteran awarded reinstatement of 10% S/C Compensation 9/94-11/96, \$261;12/94-11/95, \$1068; 12/96-11/97, \$1092;12/97-11/98, \$1128 (Total \$4508)
4. Veteran awarded retroactive Dependency Allowance at 100% service connected, \$3000
5. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment ref NSC Pension, \$140
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with Aid&Attendance, effective 12/97-11/98, \$674 monthly, (Total \$8088)

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7. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation due to convalescent period after surgery on S/C knee, effective 7/97-9/97, \$1924, (Total \$3848.00)
8. Veteran awarded 40% S/C Compensation, effective 7/97-11/97, \$391 monthly, \$1955; 12/97-11/98, \$399 monthly \$4788 (Total \$6743)
9. Veteran awarded Dependency Allowance for permanent and total 100%, difference of \$530 monthly, 7/97-11/97, \$2650;12/97-11/98, \$6360 (Total \$9010)
10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension 10/97-11/97, \$1350 monthly, \$2700;12/97-11/98, \$1378 per month, \$16536 (Total \$19, 236)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	000000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		20,504.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	90,757.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	121,552.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	212,309.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT

Minutes of the February 25, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. At Arms George Watts, who were excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New Business: Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Bob Westman, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Discussion issued about the Vietnam "Moving Wall" that will be here May 10, 1998 through May 16, 1998. It will be located east of Econo Foods in Peru, Illinois. Let us remember that our Illinois Valley had hundreds of our soldiers injured and less than one hundred killed in that War. We have an opportunity to thank those that made the supreme sacrifice for our nation and those that served in that War. The "Walls" success depends upon your enrollment. We must provide helpers there twenty four hours a day. We need volunteers to work. Many days have no one working. Lets get those days filled. Call Edna Daugherty at 815-223-3322 and let her know which day your people will take. We need your help now. Ask family, members, neighbors, or friends to volunteer with you. Please fill these slots.

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegate Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Alternate David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 37 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 14 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 10 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 16 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 39 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 8 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 49 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 1 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 1 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 5 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 2 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 7 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 10 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 2 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 0 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 20 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 2 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 9 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
36. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 3 veteran.
40. Sent 3 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
42. Sent VA Form 10-10t for 3 veterans.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation effective effective 6/97-11/97, \$895;12/97-11/98, \$182 monthly \$2184 (TOTAL \$3079.00)
2. Veteran granted S?C Compensation 20% effective, 3/97-11/97, \$1432;12/97-11/98 \$2148 (TOTAL \$3580.00)
3. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation from 9/96-11/96, \$2159 monthly, \$6477;12/96-11/97, \$25,908; 12/97-11/98, \$25908 (TOTAL \$53,975.00)
4. Veteran awarded 10% service connected Compensation effective 6/97-11/97, \$470;12/97-11/98, \$1140 (TOTAL \$1610.00)
5. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation, effective 8/97-11/97, \$2036 monthly, \$8144;12/97-11/98, \$2078, \$24,936.00 (TOTAL \$33080.00)
6. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 10%, effective 9/97-11/97, \$94 monthly, \$282;12/97-11/98, \$95 monthly, \$1140 (TOTAL \$1422.00)

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7. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation retroactive pay, \$2319.00
8. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 8/97-9/97, \$558; 9-97-11-97, \$1924.00, \$5772; 12/97-11/98, \$6828 (TOTAL \$13,158.00)
9. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation effective 11/96, \$1979; 12/96-11/97, \$2036.00 monthly, \$24432; 12/97-11/98, \$2078 monthly, \$24,936 (TOTAL \$51,347)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 000000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	20,504.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 163,570.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 285,122.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 305,626.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)

15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT

Minutes from March 25, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers were present except Chairman Ralph Adler, who was excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Iwaszek stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. Additional information was shared pertaining to the Vietnam Veterans Wall being displayed in Peru, Illinois on May 10 through May 16, 1998. All other questions pertaining to Old Business was answered.

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Bob Westman, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

A lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the "Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-262)". **Letters were shared with the delegates and alternates from Iowa City Veterans Affairs Hospital, Peoria Out-Patient Clinic, and Hines Veterans Hospital which clearly stated that if a veteran is not enrolled by October of 1998, then the VA would have the right to deny medical services if they did not have the resources to provide that service. They further state that "Veterans with a service connected disabilities may be treated for those disabilities.... unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover."** In the April 1998 issue of "What Every Veterans Should Know" they say ATTENTION VETERANS, "Do not lose your VA hospital benefits, enroll." As I have stated before, should you not enroll and suffer from a catastrophic illness down the road, you have no one to blame but yourself should the VA refuse to provide medical services.

To date, AMVETS, Marine Corp League, and the American Legion are in support of House Bill 2710 sponsored by Representative Frank Mautino and Senate Bill 1414 sponsored by Senator Patrick Welch. House Bill 2710 requests that the 80 beds be immediately added to the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Representative Frank Mautino, Vicki Campbell of AMVETS and myself testified at the hearing of House Bill 2710 before the House Veterans Affairs Committee in support of that bill. Many veterans signed in as proponents. I am pleased to announce that it unanimously passed out of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. It is further my understanding that Senator Carl E. Hawkins will be sponsoring H.B. 2710 in the Senate. All of us should write him and let him know that we want H.B.2710 to pass through the Senate unanimously. Let us also encourage him to support S.B.1414 and ask his colleagues to support it also. We must also encourage our relatives, friends and neighbors to write letters in support of H.B. 2710 and S.B. 1414. These letters should be written to your local Illinois Senator and your local Illinois State Representative. You should also send letters of support for H.B. 2710 and S.B. 1414 to the following:

Governor Jim Edgar
State Capitol Building, Room 207
Springfield, IL 62706

State Senate President
James "Pate" Philip
S.H. Room 327
Springfield, IL 62706

Speaker of the House of Representatives
Michael J. Madigan
S.H. Room 300
Springfield, IL 62706

Minority Senate Leader
Emil Jones, Jr.
S.H. Room 309A
Springfield, IL 62706

Minority Leader, House of Representatives
Lee Daniels
S.H. Room 316
Springfield, IL 62706

State Senator
Carl E. Hawkinson
S.H. Room 623
Springfield, IL 62706

Motion by Al Strozeski, seconded by Ed Braatz, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; James Kirby, American Legion Post 549; and Nick Pacetti, V. F. W. Post 4668; Alternates Jerry Stevenson, American Legion Post 235; Larry Shehorn, V.F.W. Post 5506; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549.

7AC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MARCH 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 24 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 4 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 10 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 34 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 8 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 20 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 2 veterans to sign and return.
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13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
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19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
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21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 6 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 3 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 3 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 25 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 9 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 8 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 9 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 41 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
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YEAR-TO-DATE:		50,516.00
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Minutes from March 25, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers were present except Chairman Ralph Adler, who was excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Iwaszek stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. Additional information was shared pertaining to the Vietnam Veterans Wall being displayed in Peru, Illinois on May 10 through May 16, 1998. All other questions pertaining to Old Business was answered.

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Bob Westman, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

A lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the "Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-262)". **Letters were shared with the delegates and alternates from Iowa City Veterans Affairs Hospital, Peoria Out-Patient Clinic, and Hines Veterans Hospital which clearly stated that if a veteran is not enrolled by October of 1998, then the VA would have the right to deny medical services if they did not have the resources to provide that service. They further state that "Veterans with a service connected disabilities may be treated for those disabilities.... unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover."** In the April 1998 issue of "What Every Veterans Should Know" they say ATTENTION VETERANS, "Do not lose your VA hospital benefits, enroll." As I have stated before, should you not enroll and suffer from a catastrophic illness down the road, you have no one to blame but yourself should the VA refuse to provide medical services.

To date, AMVETS, Marine Corp League, and the American Legion are in support of House Bill 2710 sponsored by Representative Frank Mautino and Senate Bill 1414 sponsored by Senator Patrick Welch. House Bill 2710 requests that the 80 beds be immediately added to the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Representative Frank Mautino, Vicki Campbell of AMVETS and myself testified at the hearing of House Bill 2710 before the House Veterans Affairs Committee in support of that bill. Many veterans signed in as proponents. I am pleased to announce that it unanimously passed out of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. It is further my understanding that Senator Carl E. Hawkins will be sponsoring H.B. 2710 in the Senate. All of us should write him and let him know that we want H.B.2710 to pass through the Senate unanimously. Let us also encourage him to support S.B.1414 and ask his colleagues to support it also. We must also encourage our relatives, friends and neighbors to write letters in support of H.B. 2710 and S.B. 1414. These letters should be written to your local Illinois Senator and your local Illinois State Representative. You should also send letters of support for H.B. 2710 and S.B. 1414 to the following:

Governor Jim Edgar
State Capitol Building, Room 207
Springfield, IL 62706

State Senate President
James "Pate" Philip
S.H. Room 327
Springfield, IL 62706

Speaker of the House of Representatives
Michael J. Madigan
S.H. Room 300
Springfield, IL 62706

Minority Senate Leader
Emil Jones, Jr.
S.H. Room 309A
Springfield, IL 62706

Minority Leader, House of Representatives
Lee Daniels
S.H. Room 316
Springfield, IL 62706

State Senator
Carl E. Hawkinson
S.H. Room 623
Springfield, IL 62706

Motion by Al Strozeski, seconded by Ed Braatz, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; James Kirby, American Legion Post 549; and Nick Pacetti, V. F. W. Post 4668; Alternates Jerry Stevenson, American Legion Post 235; Larry Shehorn, V.F.W. Post 5506; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549.

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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MARCH 1998

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SENATE BILL NO. 1414
90th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois

1997 and 1998

Introduced February 17, 1998, by Senator Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED

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LRB9011322Mwpc

SB1414

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1 AN ACT making appropriations. 59

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 63
3 represented in the General Assembly: 64

4 Section 5. The amount of \$8,000,000, or so much of that 67
5 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General 68
6 Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a 69
7 grant to the LaSalle Veterans Home for the construction of 70
8 additional beds.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on 73
10 July 1, 1998.

A BILL FOR

HOUSE BILL 2710

90th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

1997 and 1998

Introduced February 3, 1998, by Representative Mautino

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED

20 ILCS 2805/2d new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department shall increase by at least 80 beds the capacity of the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle and shall request and expend federal grants for this Veterans Home addition.

LRB9009378PTmb

HB2710

Fiscal Note Act LRB9009378PTmb
may be applicable

1 AN ACT to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act by 69
2 adding Section 2d.

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 73
4 represented in the General Assembly: 74

5 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is 77
6 amended by adding Section 2d as follows: 78

7 (20 ILCS 2805/2d new) 81
8 Sec. 2d. LaSalle Veterans Home capacity. 83
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10 at LaSalle requires an increase in capacity to better serve 86
11 the north central region of Illinois and to accommodate the 87
12 increasing number of Illinois veterans eligible for care.

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A BILL FOR

ASALLE COUNTY RECORDER

96 JUN 17 PM 2:41

R96-09976

WARRANTY DEED

REC'D JUL 17 1995

Eugene J. Koratay

THE GRANTOR, City of LaSalle, County of LaSalle and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00), in hand paid, GRANTS, CONVEYS AND WARRANTS to the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

The East 335 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10 Township 33 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the City of LaSalle, County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, excepting therefrom the North 30 feet thereof, the East 30 feet thereof, and the South 368 feet thereof. Tax ID # 18-10-212-018

situated in the County of LaSalle and State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all right under and by virtue of the Homestead Exception Laws of the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Grantor(s) have hereto affixed, and have caused their name(s) to be signed to these presents by its Owners this 9th day of June, 1995.

CITY OF LASALLE

By: *[Signature]*
Paul Murphy
Its: Mayor

Photocopy of 8/27/95

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss
COUNTY OF SANGAMON)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Paul Murphy ^{Mayor} personally known to me to be the Owner(s) and to be the same person(s) whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that as such Owner(s), they signed and delivered the said instrument and caused as their free and voluntary act and deed, their signature(s), for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 9th day of June, 1995.

Laura Kozemczak
NOTARY PUBLIC

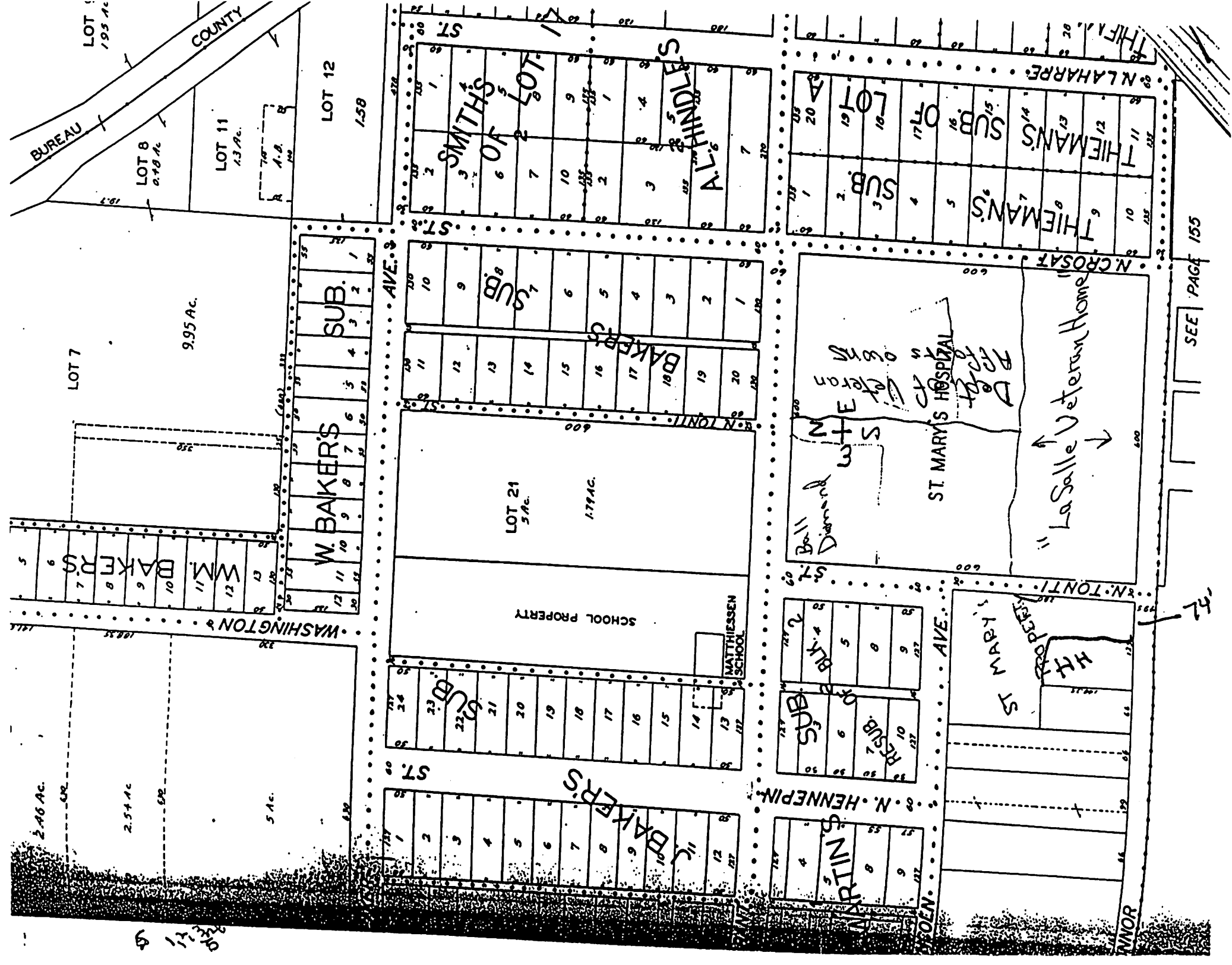


6-20-92

This instrument was prepared by: Fredrick W. Hahn, Chief Counsel
Capital Development Board
401 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62708

EXEMPT UNDER PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH B SECTION 4, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX ACT

* (State of Illinois purchase of 2.5 acres of additional land north + east of LaSalle Veterans Home.)



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LaSalle Veteran Home

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BUREAU COUNTY

TUNOR

LASALLE VETERANS HOME NEEDS ADDITIONAL 80 BED NOW!!

1. There are always over 100 veterans on admission list. Eighteen month wait for admission. Terminally ill cannot wait eighteen months for admission.
2. Our home is in north central Illinois, central to and within 100 miles of 90% of the veterans it will serve.
3. Easy highway access to our Homes utilizing Interstate 80 and 39
 - A. Time from large populous:
 1. Chicago--1 ½ hour
 2. Rockford--1 hour
 3. Rock Island--1 hour
 4. Peoria--1 hour
 5. Champaign--1 hour and 20 minutes
4. Year round airport open with concrete runways within minutes of our Home. Can land all business planes.
5. Illinois Valley Community College is four miles from our Home, has a great nurses training Program and is ready to provide other training programs that our community needs.
6. Our area has high quality inexpensive food and lodging within miles of our Home.
7. Our area has a highly trained work force and many businesses that are available to provide needed services.
8. Our home is located in a geographically remote rural area resulting in lower costs for service than we would have to pay in metro/urban areas.
9. Our LaSalle State Veterans Home is located in a residential area so our veterans feel as though they are part of our community and not an outcast from society. It is not a multi-story building because the Illinois Health Planning Board said that type of a structure is considered as archaic and represents institutionalization. Do note, our United States Department of Veterans' Affairs hospitals are either archaic structures or multi-story buildings.
10. Three thousand people signed petitions in support of expanding our LaSalle Veterans Home. We also have support from the following:
 - a. Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley
 - b. Area State and Federal Legislators
 - c. LaSalle County Board
 - d. City of LaSalle and surrounding cities
 - e. Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Local modes of news media
 - g. Area service organization
 - h. Grassroots people

Illinois House Bill 2710 and Senate Bill 1414 requests adding 80 additional beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home and partial funding. Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs paid study and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs formula prove our Homes are short over 1000 beds. Please support our Illinois veterans and our LaSalle Veterans Home.

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The Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley will be meeting on April 30, 1998 at the Marine Corp League in Jonesville, Illinois. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Adler, Chairman, American Legion Post 235; Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Alternates Jerry Stevenson, V.F.W. Post 235; Sam Maggio, V.F.W Post 4668; Ed Braatz, American Legion 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion 426; and Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

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3. Veteran spouse awarded Social Security Disability \$535 monthly, 5/98-11/98, \$3745;12/98-11/99, \$6420 (Total \$10,165)
4. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, \$1145 monthly, 2/98-11/98, \$11450 (Total \$11,450)
5. Veteran awarded increase in service connected compensation for PTSD from 30%-50%, \$290 monthly difference, effective 2/96-11/96, \$3440;12/96-11/97, \$3480;12/97-11/98, \$3520, (Total \$10,440)

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6. Veteran awarded Aid&Attendance benefit retroactive pay \$3200;12/97-11/98, \$3253 (Total \$6452)
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8. Veteran awarded 20% service connected Compensation effective 9/97-11/97 \$537;12/97-11/98, \$2814 (Total \$2721)
9. Veteran awarded 30% service connected compensation by Board of Veterans Appeals effective 4/93-5/94, \$3627; 20-30% difference \$97 monthly, 6/94-6/98, \$4656;7/98-11/98, \$97 difference, \$490 (Total \$8773)
10. Veteran awarded thirteen months convalescence leave 100%, effective 1/97-11/97, \$2036 monthly, \$24,432; 12/97-2/98, \$4156; 3/98-11/98, \$318 monthly difference between \$40%-60%, \$2544 (Total \$31,132)
11. Veteran awarded 100% rating due to convalescence leave due to s/c surgery, \$1964, effective 1/98-4/98 (Total \$5892)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	28,518.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		79,034.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	74,502.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	404,840.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	479,342.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
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19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT

Minutes of the June 24, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance
Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. A roll call of officers were taken showing Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek excused and all other officers present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New business: The Service Officer's Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Bob Westman, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to those present. All questions pertaining to handouts were answered.

All Delegates and Alternates present reviewed the 1999 budget line item by line item. A motion was made by Jim Kirby, seconded by Bob Westman, that the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission pass this budget proposed for the 1999 fiscal year for our VAC operations. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W Post 4668; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; and Alternates Nick Nekrosious, American Legion Post 426; and Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JUNE 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 23 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 35 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 27 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 2 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 27 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 9 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 2 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 11 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 5 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 11 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 5 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 13 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 58 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 58 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
37. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 0 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
44. Sent 2 claims to Court of Veterans Appeals(COVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 3 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded reinstatement of NSC Pension, 2/97-11/97, \$105 monthly, \$1155;12/97-11/98, \$107 monthly, \$1284 (Total \$2439)
2. Veteran awarded increase in service connected Compensation from 30%-60%, difference \$438 monthly, 2/98-11/98, \$3942;12/98-3/99, \$1314 (Total \$5256)
3. Veteran awarded increase in service connected Compensation from 20%-60%, \$535 difference monthly, 6/98-11/98, \$2675;12/98-11/99, \$6420 (Total \$9095)
4. Veteran awarded SSD effective 2/98-11/98, \$1196 monthly, \$11,960;12/98-2/99, \$3588 (Total \$15,548)
5. Veteran's daughter awarded Spina Bifida benefits at Level III, \$1200 monthly, effective 3/98-7/98, \$10800;8/98-7/99,\$14400 (Total \$25,200)

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6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$97 monthly, 3/98-7/98, \$388;8/98-2/99, \$679 (Total \$1607)
7. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation, 40% effective 3/98-3/99, \$399 monthly, (Total \$4788)
8. Widow awarded Widow Pension, \$468 monthly, effective 4/98-11/98, \$3276;12/98-3/99, \$2340 (Total \$5616)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 15,548.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	123,361.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH	\$ 53,461.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 489,869.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 613,230.00

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27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.

The minutes of the July 29, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

The meeting opened in due form with Chairman Adler. A roll call of officers was taken showing Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. at Arms Nick Nekrosius excused. All other officers were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New Business. The Service Officer's Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report is accepted as read. Motion passed.

Handouts were presented to those present. All questions pertaining to the handout were answered.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Al Strozewski, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549

September 22, 1998

ANNOUNCEMENT:

On October 1, 1998, we will be meeting at the LaSalle Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4668 in LaSalle. It is located at the following address:

LaSalle V.F.W. Post 4668
2325 Donahue Street
LaSalle, IL 61301

It is pertinent that we have a large turnout because this is the announcement of the grand opening of our LaSalle Veterans Out-Patient Clinic. I would ask all to be there by 8:30 a.m. so we can start the ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Be advised that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical personnel will be there to enroll veterans and also give flu and pneumonia shots to those who want them.

We have fought this battle since 1996 and are finally receiving the benefits of our endeavor. Let us show Congressman Weller and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs how appreciative we are, how much needed this clinic is, and that we, in the Illinois Valley and our collar area, truly care for our veteran entitlements.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on October 1, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post. Let all of your friends know about this day and encourage them to show.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin J. Rue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

September 19, 1998

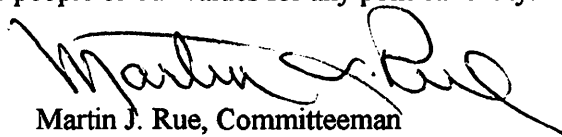
Dear Commander:

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs Greatlakes Health Care System (V.I.S.N.S. 12) Enrollment Task Force met at the Madison Wisconsin Veterans Affairs Hospital August 27 and 28, 1998. The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission requested that I attend because this task forces purpose was to develop a comprehensive network action plan to implement the new eligibility and enrollment process. The Task Force will develop a unified consistent approach in order to insure that veterans across the Network have identical access." Personnel attending this meeting came from the Chicago and Milwaukee Regional Offices, each United States Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in the V.I.S.N.12 area, and a County Veteran Service Officer from Wisconsin and Illinois. During the two days of meetings the "Task Force developed an Action Plan for Education and Communication to Employees, veterans and the public." They also developed a common network of definitions. "In order to provide standardization to veteran users, the Task Force identified several processes which need common definitions and applications in the Network. Under the new enrollment a veteran is to receive the same care at any facility." The common network definitions covered preferred facility, hardships, adjunct conditions, Means Testing, health fairs, continuation of care for compelling medical need, special care groups, catastrophically disabled and beneficiary travel. The Task Force also made recommendations for full implementations of the Uniform Benefits Package. They even discussed the appeal process of any administrative decision dealing with enrollment or eligibility. I found this meeting to be very educational and was wondering where our Nationally Chartered Veterans Organizations Representatives were? I would advise in the future, that we bridge the gap in communication between our governmental agencies responsible for veterans needs and our Nationally Chartered Veterans Organizations so that each side may exchange dialog when they are

involved in setting up policies or procedures that may have a direct or indirect effect on our veterans community.

Our LaSalle Veterans Home Care Facility has over a 160 veterans on its application list for admission. We are looking at two years before a veteran applicant may have a bed available at the LaSalle Veterans Home. Since 1993 we have been asking for an additional 80 beds to be added to that site. AMVETS, the American Legion, Catholic War Veterans and the Marine Corp League have passed resolutions in support of adding those beds to the LaSalle Veterans home. I beg you to go back to your communities and contact your State of Illinois Senators and Representatives and tell them to end this plight of our veterans in need and add those 80 beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home. Tell them to provide the monies that is needed to build those beds, purchase the equipment, and hire the staff to provide the quality of care our people deserve. Let us not forget that our state is short well over 600 nursing care beds. Be very leery of anyone offering a quick fix at a substantial savings to the taxpayers. We must make sure that our veterans are not herded to any federal facility to be used for experimental purposes. Let us not institutionalize these deserving souls and ostracize them from our society and their loved ones. Make those running for state office positions, such as Governor, commit themselves to supporting the additional 80 beds direly needed at our LaSalle Veterans Home. If they cannot back the needs of our people, then we must vote against them.

In conclusion, this year will be a frightful one for our veterans and their dependents. We must keep our eyes open and attend every meeting that is being held by those in government who have the power to develop policies and procedures that are detrimental to our people. I hope each and everyone of you are committed to the forth coming battles and have the intestinal fortitude to say let the battle begin. We must not compromise our people or our values for any political entity.



Martin J. Rue, Committeeman

Veterans Assistance Commission

ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME - LASALLE

William Franquist

Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council Meeting Summary
September 12, 1998

1. The thirteenth meeting of the Veteran Advisory Council of the Illinois Veterans' Home - LaSalle was convened at 10:00AM in Conference Room C on Saturday, September 12, 1998.

2. Representatives in Attendance:

Combined War Veterans - Mr. Eddie Butler
American Legion-Mr. Lloyd Henderson
Veterans of Foreign Wars- Mr. Joseph Gerace
American Legion- Mr. William London
Navy Club- Mr. Richard Corwin
Polish Legion of American Veterans - Mr. Richard Foltyniewicz
Disabled American Veterans- Mr. Elmo Ray Younger
Military Order of the Purple Heart- Mr. Paul Mons
Daughters of the American Revolution- Mrs. John E. Flahaven
Ex-Prisoners of War-Mr. Martin Parisot
Military Order of the Purple Heart-Mr. Robert Farrell
Congressman-Honorable Lane Evans-Ms. Ginny Shelton
American Legion-William Franquist
Disabled American Veterans- Mr. George M. Isdale Jr.

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Representatives Excused:

Catholic War Veterans- Mr. Joseph Iwaszek
Elks-Mr. Al Veverka
American Legion - Mr. Ronald Abel
Elks - Mr. Mike Scott
Korean War Veterans - Mr. Dan Koncelski
Paralyzed Veterans of America - Mr. Benjamin Lerma
Waves - Mrs. Jean Goretski
Jewish War Veterans- Ms. Goldie Lewis
AMVETS- Mr. Martin Rue
The Elks- Mr. Ronald Barnhart
Navy Club- Mr. Jeffrey Rose
Disabled American Veterans- Mr. George Brown
Catholic War Veterans- Mrs. Angie Panier
Marine Corps League-Mr. Norm Volk
US Submarine Veterans of WWII-Mr. Joseph Kovar

4. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Attendees:

IVH-L, Mr. Richard A. Cranford, Administrator
IVH-L, Mr. James L. Carlson, Adjutant
IVH-L, Mr. Ralph Koehler, President, Resident Council
IVH-L, Mrs. Karen Lukosus, Social Service Aide II

5. Mr. Elmo Younger, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ralph Koehler, President of the Home's Resident Council, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the opening prayer by Mr. Elmo Younger. The attendees introduced themselves and named their organization.
6. The written summary of the meeting held on March 14, 1998 was approved as written.
7. Mr. Dick Cranford welcomed the Veteran Advisory Council Representatives to the LaSalle Veterans' Home.
8. Mr. Jim Carlson introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Karen Lukosus, Social Service Aide II. She has been working in the Social Services Department for seven years. Karen spoke on the importance of Social Services in the facility. She said that both residents and staff have needed to talk to her and Tammy McManus, Social Service Aide II, for personal and family related problems. Mrs. Lukosus discussed resident's admission. Social Services meet with the family to help them adjust to the admission of the Veteran and to let them know that the Social Service team is always available to the family to discuss any problems that may arise. They invite the family to attend Care Plan meetings every 3 months to discuss the resident and help set goals and discuss any topics that the family may feel is important for the welfare of the resident. The Social Service office delivers mail, reads letters to many of the residents and writes letters for them. They have a shopper for the residents who comes to the facility every week to get the shopping orders and get needed items for the residents. The Veterans' Home has a Residents Council which meets once a month to discuss any problems the Veterans may feel are needed to be addressed for the betterment of the facility. Mrs. Lukosus said that the Veterans' Choice Meal is very popular because the veterans get to vote on exactly what is served for the meal. Social Services also helps the Veterans with absentee voting that can be done from the facility. If there is any room changes the Social Service department will contact the family to discuss the move and answer any questions the family may have. When Mrs. Lukosus and Mrs. McManus meet with the Veterans, they find it helpful to talk about problems the veterans may have with the adjustment of living in a Nursing Home. A new feature at the Home is the annual picnic which brings families together to share their ideas and their excellent baked goods. An upcoming event is a Family Drive in October to see the Fall colors.
9. Mr. Richard Cranford gave an update on the Illinois Veterans' Home. He stated that the Home is at full census with 120 Veterans. He stated that there would be not be an expansion of the existing building. The State has purchased the building behind the Home and this will be torn down and a new structure will be built. This new building will be for storage and office space, freeing-up space in the present building for better use of residents and their families. Mr. Cranford said that the VA Homes would, in the near future, come under the Illinois Department of Public Health. Mr. Paul Mons, Military Order of the Purple Heart, asked about staff shortages at the Home. Mr. Cranford said that there is a shortage of LPN'S. Mr. Joseph Gerace inquired about the new Veterans' clinic scheduled to open in LaSalle. Ms Ginny Shelton, office of Congressman Lane Evans, said she would look into this and let us know when it will be functional. (Note: The new target date for the clinic is 1 October 1998.)
10. Mr. Jim Carlson spoke on the Waiting List. He informed the council that the wait was approximately eighteen months for admission. He stated that all of the four Veterans' Home now have Waiting Lists.

I hope this is not built to prevent adding the 80 beds we need.

Ottawa Daily Times
Sept. 22, 1998

Candidates renew proposition to expand vets home

By PEGGY SCHNEIDER
City Editor

LA SALLE — U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Morris, and state senate hopeful Robert Studzinski are proposing to expand the La Salle Veterans Home by 80 beds.

Sound familiar?

State Rep. Frank Mautino, D-Spring Valley, and state Sen. Patrick Welch, D-Peru, have been proposing the same thing these last two years. The proposal passed the House but never got out of the state Senate and has never been backed by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, which operates the homes.

A \$15 million expansion of the home on 1015 O'Connor Ave. could be financed largely by federal dollars, Weller said. The federal government could take on \$10 million of the cost if the Legislature and the governor pledge to pitch in the rest, he said.

Weller and Studzinski say the long-term care facility has a waiting list of 150 people, which Weller calls the longest of any veterans home in the state.

As veterans of World War II and the Korean War age, more will be in need of long-term nursing care, Weller said.

Otto Fafoglia, deputy director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, agrees on the waiting list, but says some of those people on the waiting list might not come if a vacancy existed.

There are 1 million veterans from those two conflicts in Illinois, he said. The veterans home waiting list grows as those veterans age and become infirm, or as veterans become aware of the nursing home services, he said.

The department believes funds could better be spent, and veterans served quicker, by assigning them to empty beds in veterans hospitals, Fafoglia said.

"The Veterans Administration changed the way it delivers health care, to more outpatient services. We would like to explore the possibility of using existing beds," he said. Hospitals are operated by the federal veterans' agency.

The closest hospital is Hines in the Chicago area. Others are in Marion and Danville.

"We're not against having more beds for veterans," Fafoglia said,

"but it would be quicker to use existing facilities.

"An expansion in La Salle would not be completed before 2003. By that time, our need might have increased. By 2010, we expect the number of veterans to decline (as World War II and Korean veterans die). We think it would be more economic and quicker to be able to use the existing facility, then we wouldn't have to have buildings remaining when the need is not as great," Fafoglia said.

Leases of hospital facilities and staffing of those facilities could be tailored to need, he said.

The department instead is concentrating on developing veterans home units to deal with Alzheimer's patients, he said.

"That seems to be a great need at this juncture," he said.

Mautino maintains the expansion is necessary, and pledges to continue battling for it. He and Welch are seeking re-election.

"We're paying state dollars to take over what is a federal responsibility (at the hospitals), rather than expand facilities" that serve veterans in the area, Mautino said.

"It makes sense. We don't need more money to meet federal (building) guidelines, and our construction would be simpler (than at other, existing, older homes). Ours is the newest home (and meets code requirements) and other older structures would require more money (for renovation)," he said.

Mautino said he has sounded out Legislative leadership and both gubernatorial candidates on the issue.

Studzinski believes a "fresh face" in the Legislature will have more success at passing the bill. "Maybe there was something wrong with the previous senator's approach," Studzinski said.

Studzinski, Weller urge expansion at veterans home

By Tom Collins
NewsTribune Reporter

Sept. 22, 1998

Within the ranks of American veterans is a time bomb.

A sea of aging veterans is reaching the age for full-time nursing care — an explosion that will swamp state-run veterans homes.

One of the places that will feel the space crunch is the Illinois Veterans Home at La Salle.

Now, officials are trying to find the money to expand the La Salle home by 80 new beds.

"It's estimated there are 150 veterans who've expressed a desire to come to the La Salle Veterans Home," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller, a Morris Republican.

"Frankly, that list is longer than any other veterans home in Illinois. And, clearly, there's a need to expand the veterans home."

Weller and Robert Studzinski, Republican candidate for state senate, appeared at the facility Monday pledging to expand it for an aging veteran population.

"Being 62 years old myself, and a veteran of the Navy, I understand the plight of veterans," Studzinski said.

Studzinski pointed out that the veterans home enables institutionalized veterans — who vary in age from 40 to 102 and whose average age is about 80 — to be near their families.

The expansion carries a \$15 million price tag, of which Weller said the federal government will pick up about 65 percent of the

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NewsTribune photo/Kemp Smith
U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller (left), an Illinois Republican, talks to veterans Raymond Konieczny and Roy Giacomelli on Monday afternoon at the Illinois Veterans Home at La Salle. Weller toured the home with Republican state Senate candidate Bob Studzinski. After the tour, Weller and Studzinski met with the press and area veterans.

Veterans News Tribune Sept 22, 1998

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costs, or \$10 million.

The state, however, must provide the remaining 35 percent, or \$5 million.

"But before we can begin this process," Weller said, "the state of Illinois must make a commitment that they will come up with its share before I can obtain the federal share."

Weller may get his wish, as officials have already attempted to secure state funding.

State Rep. Frank Mautino, a Spring Valley Democrat, sponsored legislation in the Illinois House that would obtain that funding. But Studzinski said a counterpart bill in the state senate failed. He pledged to take up the charge if elected.

Studzinski seeks to unseat state Sen. Patrick Welch, a Peru Democrat.

Weller seeks a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He faces challenger Gary Mueller, a New Lenox Democrat who grew up in La Salle.

"When I am elected state senator, an expansion of the veterans home will be one of my top legislative priorities," Studzinski said.

"Veterans who have given so much to their country deserve qual-

ity health care in their later years," he said. "It's the least we can do."

The majority of World War II and Korean War veterans have entered their 70s and 80s. Many need full-time nursing care — paid for by Uncle Sam — but right now, there isn't enough space.

The coming explosion has forced the government to rethink how to care for its veteran population.

VA hospitals, for example, are inconvenient for veterans who need simple medical services such as blood work and physical.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is gradually 'outsourcing' its services to public and private health care providers nearer to veterans' homes.

Weller successfully spearheaded an effort to open a veterans clinic in La Salle County. That clinic will be open shortly and will spare 45,000 veterans a cumbersome trip to Chicago.

"But we also need nursing home care," Weller emphasized. "And with a waiting list of over 150 veterans standing in line many of them do need nursing home care — now.

"That illustrates that this (facility) should be the No. 1 priority for expansion in the coming year."

"Can't deny anyone". Interesting

This is a follow-up to the HAS Conference Call on 9/16/98. The Under Secretary for Health has advised this office that VHA will treat priorities 1 through 7 during fiscal year 1999.

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As a result of this announcement, it is imperative that as veterans present with applications for enrollment that they are not turned away. All applications for enrollment/health benefits will be accepted & processed.

Health Administration Services will be compiling a quick reference manual for processing within the next business week (actually some of this work will be accomplished at the Health Administration FAB & ADPAC council meetings next week.

I realize that this announcement will present many changes to some of you regarding local operating policies. It is imperative that you review local operations to ensure they comply with the previously published VHA Directive on Uniform Benefits Package (no longer will you have the legal authority to restrict clinic access based on SC disabilities, etc.) and previous information on eligibility reform (e.g. the handbook & 10 minute video). An update to the hand book, veteran & employee eligibility reform brochures, etc. will arrive at your facilities at or around 10-1-98.

This will be an opportunity for those of you in the field to demonstrate your talent & expertise as patient benefits administrators & veteran advocates during this very important time. I think you can appreciate the significance of the today's announcement & implications for the future of the VA healthcare system.

We will continue to provide support as necessary from my program office in Washington. But it is you in the field that will be the key ingredient to our success or failure.

Good Luck!

Take care & keep in touch,

Kent

Minutes of the September 23, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Adler. A roll call of officers was taken showing Vice Chairman, Joe Iwaszek; Sgt. at Arms, Nick Nekrosius; and Chaplain Jim Kirby excused. All other officers were present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New Business. The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Handouts were presented. All questions pertaining to the handouts were answered.

A lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the October 5, 1998 opening of the new U.S.D.V.A. Out-Patient Clinic in LaSalle, Illinois. Delegates and Alternates present were very pleased of this announcement and were insistent that a resolution be drafted requiring LaSalle County veterans to fully utilize the new clinic. They should be informed that they should notify their doctors at the U.S.D.V.A. hospitals that they want all health care services that can be provided at the LaSalle Veterans Clinic to be ordered at the LaSalle Veterans Clinic. The new address is as follows:

LaSalle Veterans Clinic
2970 Chartres Street
LaSalle, IL 61301
815-223-9678

It was noted during the discussion that some of our veterans are traveling to U.S.D.V.A. clinics five times in two weeks, seven times in three weeks, and ten times in six weeks, etc. Many of the Commission members feel that this is a true abuse of our transportation reimbursement program and do not see the need to go more than twice a month. Our resolution must indicate that our superintendent has the ability to make exceptions in a life threatening situation only and should the veteran refuse to receive their medical treatment locally, then they will be determined ineligible for transportation reimbursement from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission.

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Al Strozewski, that the above mentioned resolution be drafted and presented at our October 28, 1998 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bob Renz, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegate Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

Falbo - 5 apts in 2 weeks - Hines

Watts - 4 apts in 1 month - Hines

Chonowski - 7 apts in 3 weeks - Hines

Eichelberger - 5 apts in one month - Hines

Pyle - 3 apts in 3 days - Hines

Mayer - 4 apts in 1 month - I. City

V. Pittauer - 4 apts in 1 month - I. City

Payne - 7 apts in 1 month - I. City

Renkin - 10 trips in 6 weeks - I. City

Gredler - 5 trips to Hines in 3 weeks

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 30 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 9 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 3 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 24 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 61 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 10 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 22 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 3 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 11 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 4 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 11 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 32 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 11 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 11 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 31 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
37. Sent 1 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) for 31 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 1 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
44. Sent 0 claims to Court of Veterans Appeals(COVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation 40% effective 4/97. Retroactive pay \$8143 effective 12/97-11/98, \$6300 (Total \$14,443)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 5/98-11/98, \$807 monthly, \$5649; 12/98-11/99, \$9684 (Total \$15,333)
3. Widow awarded Widow Pension effective 10/97-11/98, \$470 monthly, (Total \$5640)
4. Veteran awarded temporary 100% s/c compensation due to hospitalization for s/c illness in excess of 21 days. (\$1964)
5. Veteran awarded SSI benefits, \$494 monthly for 2 months.SSD replacs it on 5/98 (Total \$944)

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6. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 2/98-2/99, \$716 monthly, (Total \$8592)
7. Veteran repaid office General Assistance, \$188
8. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation, 10% effective 11/97-11/98, \$1140
9. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation, 20% effective 3/98-11/98, \$182 monthly, (\$2184)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	24,869.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		156,603.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	25,559.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	660,562.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	817,165.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
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13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
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27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFADA BENEFITS.

Minutes of October 28, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Sgt. At Arms, Nick Nekrosius excused. All other officers were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as read.

Old Business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered. A resolution was presented to the Commission pertaining to our transportation reimbursement policy for trips made to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs health care service providers. Motion was made by Joe Iwaszek, seconded by Al Strozewski, that the resolution presented and discussed be adopted by the Commission and signed by Chairman Ralph Adler. Motion passed.

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

The Commission Delegates and Alternates discussed our meeting dates for the months of November and December. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Jim Kirby, that we change our by-laws to show that our November meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of each November and that we do not hold a December meeting at all. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented. All questions pertaining to the handouts were answered.

Superintendent Rue was asked by the Commission to send a letter to each U.S.D.V.A. Medical Director explaining our new transportation reimbursement policy and include a copy of the passed resolution pertaining to this transportation reimbursement program. He should further request that they order all health services that can be provided at our LaSalle U.S.D.V.A. Outpatient Clinic for our area veterans who are attending their facilities.

Motion by David Scott, seconded by James Fisk, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Member present: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Alternates Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and James Fisk, American Legion Post 33; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1998

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AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation from 10%-20%, effective 11/92-11/98, \$13,104 retroactive; 12/98-11/99, \$182 monthly, \$2184 (Total \$15,288)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective \$1158 monthly, 2/97-9/98, \$16,100; 10/98-10/99, \$13,896 (Total \$29,996)
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension \$722 monthly, effective 6/97-6/98, \$8664 retroactive; 7/98-11/98, \$3610 (Total \$12,274)
4. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation from 20%-50%, increase of \$387 monthly, effective 8/96-11/98, \$10,449; 12/98-11/99, \$4644 (Total \$15,093)

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6. Veteran awarded benefits for son suffering from Spina Bifada, \$205 monthly, 8/98-11/98, \$615; 12/98-11/99, \$2460 (Total \$3075)
7. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation to 40%, 5/98-6/98, \$1050; 100% S/C compensation 7/98-12/98, \$2279 monthly, \$11,395 (Total \$14,629)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefit, effective 8/96, \$830 monthly, 9/96-11/98, \$21,580; 12/98-11/99, \$9960 (Total \$31,540)
9. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 9/97-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$10,830 retroactive; 12/98-11/99, \$8664 (Total \$19,494)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 61,536.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 218,139.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 79,853.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 740,415.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 958,554.00

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Minutes of LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of November 18, 1998.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. At Arms Nick Nekrosius excused. All other officers were present. Minutes of previous meeting were read, being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as read.

Old business was discussed. Amendments II and III to our Constitution and Bylaws were presented. Motion was made by Jim Kirby, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the Amendments II and III be added as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

New business: The Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. Motion by Jim Fick, seconded by Jerry Stevenson, to accept the Service Officer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented. All question pertaining to these handouts were answered.

Chairman Adler stated that we will now have our annual election. Delegates present nominated candidates for the following positions.

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Chaplain
Sgt. At Arms

Having three calls for the nomination of each officer's position for our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission and having only one candidate per office, it was moved that one unanimous ballot be cast for each new officer slated for the year 1999. The motion which was made by Nick Pacetti, seconded by James Kirby, passed unanimously. The LaSalle Veterans Assistance Commission newly elected officers for the year 1999 are as follows:

Chairman - Ralph Adler
Vice Chairman - Joe Iwaszek
Chaplain - James Kirby
Sgt. at Arms - Jack Leininger

Motion to adjourn by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jim Kirby, motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Jim Fick, American Legion Post 33; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Jerry Stevenson, American Legion Post 235;