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- 11. Sent out various VA forms to 11 veterans to sign and return.
 - 12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
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- 14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 6 veterans
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- 20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
- 21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
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- 26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for O veteran
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- 10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with A&A, effective 6/98-11/98, \$248 monthly \$1240;11/98-11/99, \$300, \$3600 (Total \$4840)
- 11. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 9/97-2/99, \$14,505 retroactive benefits; 3/99-12/99, \$817 monthly, \$8170 (Total \$22,675)
- 12. Veteran repaid General Assistance to the VAC from SSD benefits, \$3327
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- 14. Veteran received retroactive payment from NSC Pension benefits, \$8585
- 15. Veteran awarded Dependency allowance in connetion 30% rating, \$1773
- 16. Veteran repaid General Assistance to the VAC from SSD benefits, \$2720
- 17. Veteran granted waiver of SSA overpayment, 35086; awarded \$1344 in benefits. (Total \$6430)

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- 23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
- 24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- 25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUME SUM PAYMENT
- 26. VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
- 27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFADA BENEFITS.

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of March 24, 1999. Meeting opened in due form by Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Ralph Adler excused and all other officers present.

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

Old Business was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to get their neighbors, friends, and relatives to write letters to Governor George Ryan, Illinois Senate President Pate Philips, and other Illinois State Senators pertaining to H.B. 0307 which is currently in the Illinois Senate Rules Committee. The Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee is Stanley B. Weaver of Urbana, Illinois. We need this legislation passed in order to get the 80 beds for LaSalle.

New Business: Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered by Richard Fogarty. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Al Strozewski, to accept the Service Officer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Our travel reimbursement policy to VA health care providers was discussed. Those present were informed that the reason for setting up our reimbursement transportation policy was due to the fact the U.S.D.V.A. had stopped reimbursing veterans who had to travel from 60 to 100 miles in order to receive U.S.D.V.A. health services. As a result, our Commission drafted a resolution requesting that the County Board enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement allowing our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission to reimburse transportation costs of our eligible veterans who had less than \$10,000 a year of household income and needed U.S.D.V.A. medical services. We then contacted our United States Congressional personnel and insisted that they reinstate the transportation reimbursement policy that they had always had for those veterans who met the United States poverty level. That goal has been accomplished and the U.S.D.V.A. has further placed a U.S.D.V.A. Out-Patient Clinic in LaSalle, Illinois. Our LaSalle County veterans now have access to U.S.D.V.A. health services and transportation reimbursement from the U.S.D.V.A. should they elect not to utilize the out-patient clinic in LaSalle, Illinois. As a result, there is no longer a need to maintain our previously adopted Intergovernmental Agreement for transportation reimbursement. A motion was made by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that we abolish our Intergovernmental Agreement Transportation Policy which was originally adopted by the full County Board on the 11th day of April of 1988 and resume those operational procedures that where enforce prior to that change. Superintendent Rue is to send out a letter to all LaSalle County veterans who have been using our transportation policy explaining the abolishment of our Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Robert Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; and Richard Fogarty, Service Officer

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of April 28, 1999.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek, Chaplin Jim Kirby, and Sgt. at Arms Jack Leininger 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 be approved as presented.

Old business was discussed. Supt. Rue handed out an April 16, 1999 report that was presented to nationally chartered veterans organizations pertaining to the need for adding an additional 80 nursing care beds to our LaSalle Veterans' Home and the legislation introduced pertaining to that subject matter. He further handed out an April 28, 1999 press release that was sent to all modes of media telling everyone about H.B. 0307 and S.B. 1207 which must be passed in order for us to receive the additional 80 nursing care beds for our LaSalle Veterans' Home. A copy of those legislative bills were also included with the press release. All individuals were encouraged to write their Senator, Representative, the Governor, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The Delegates and Alternates requested that Supt. Rue also write a letter to the Governor and send that letter to the other above mentioned legislators. He was further asked to send a letter to the Concerned Veterans asking them to also write.

New business: The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Sam Maggio, seconded by Ed Braatz, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Supt. Rue handed out a Letter to the Editor from the Paralyzed Veterans of America expressing the veterans health care severe budget cuts that have been submitted in the President's budget for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Supt. Rue handed out a letter that we requested he write on March 25, 1999 pertaining to these disgraceful budgetary shortfalls. That letter was also sent to the Concerned Veterans mailing list. Everyone was advised to write their United States Congressman and United States Senators requesting the needed increase in the U.S.D.V.A. budget.

Supt. Rue was requested to attend a Veterans Advisory Committee meeting in Joliet on May 15, 1999 with Congressman Jerry Weller and the American Legion 12th District meeting in Plano, Illinois on May 16, 1999. He is to encourage all present at those meetings to write their state senators and representatives and other state of Illinois elected leaders pertaining to the need for the additional 80 beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Sam Maggio, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Delegate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, and Alternate Dave Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR APRIL 1999

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- 1. Sent to Service Offices 21 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
- 2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 7 veterans
- 3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 4 veterans.
- 4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 19 veterans.
- 5. Sent out letters to 46 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
- 6. Sent out 4 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
- 7. Sent out 15 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 3 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
- 11. Sent out various VA forms to 4 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 1 veteran.
- 20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
- 21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
- 22. Sent 7 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 4 veterans.
- 25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 15 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 0 veterans.

Sent various SSA forms for 22 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

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- 30. Sent 4 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
- 31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
- Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 0 32. veteran.
- 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
- 34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 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.
- Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of 39. discharges.
- 40.
- Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) for 2 veteran. Sent 0 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans. 41.
- Sent O request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for 42. veteran to Westside VAMC
- 43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 veteran.
- Sent 2 claim to Board of Veterans Appeals(BVA) for 44. their consideration and review.
- Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina 45. bifada benefits for children.
- Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 46. veteran.

AWARDS

- 1. Veteran awarded 10% s/c Compensation, effective 11/98,\$95;\$96 monthly, 1/99;2/99, 100% convalescence leave, \$1989;3/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$1056 (Total \$3236)
- 2. Veteran awarded month convalescence for s/c hospitalization, \$2219;30%, 7/98-11/98, \$182, \$910;12/98-11/99, \$184, \$2208 (Total \$5337)
- 3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 9/98-11/98 \$250 monthly, \$750;12/98-11/99, \$253 monthly, \$3036 (Total \$3786)
- 4. Veteran awarded \$544 retroactive payment for dependency allowance; 12/98-11/99, \$600 (Total \$1144)

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- 5. Veteran awarded \$3015 unreimbursed medical expenses.
- 6. Veteran awarded SSD retroactive payment \$10,596; 5/99-12/99, \$422 monthly, \$3376 (Total \$13,972)
- 7. Veteran awarded increase in s/c compensation from 20%-40%, \$251 monthly from 9/97-11/98, \$3765; 12/98-11/99, \$3012 (Total \$6777)
- 8. Veteran received retroactive payment for NSC Pension with A/A, 6/98-1/99, \$5866;2/99-11/99, \$613 monthly, \$6743 (Total \$12,609)
- 9. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 12/98, \$790; 1/99-12/99, \$665, \$7980 (Total \$8770)
- 10. Veteran awarded s/c Compensation 70%, effective 4/98-11/98, \$916 monthly, \$7328;12/98-11/99, \$934, \$11,208 (Total \$18,636)
- 11. Veteran awarded increase in s/c Compensation 80%-100%, difference, \$927 monthly, 10/98-11/98, \$1954; 12/98-11/99, \$11,124 (Total \$13,078)
- Veteran's widow awarded DIC benefits 1/98-11/98, \$850 monthly, \$10,200;12/98-11/99, \$861 monthly \$10,332 (Total \$20,532)
 Also awarded Burial benefits for s/c death, \$1500
- 13. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 12/98-11/99 \$184 monthly, (Total \$2208)
- 14. Veteran awarded from BVA s/c incrase from 10%-50% difference \$480 monthly, effectived 4/94-11/99, (Total \$31,160)
- 15. Veteran awarded SSD benefits 7/96-4/99, \$21,036; 5/99-11/99, \$728 monthly, \$4368 (Total \$25,504)
- 16. Veteran awarded 100% s/c increase of \$1073 per
 month (70%-100%) effective 9/97-5/99, \$22,533;
 6/99-11/99, \$6438 (Total \$28,971)
- 17. Veteran awarded SSD benefits effective 5/98-11/98 \$961 monthly, \$6727;12/99-11/99, \$11,532 (Total \$18,259)

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TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 57,735.00

YEAR-TO-DATE: 167,372.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 147,681.00

YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 642,777.00

TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 810,149.00

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
 - 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
 - VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
 - 7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
 - VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
 - VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN) 9.
- 10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
- DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY 11. RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
- 12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
- VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
- VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse) 14.
- 15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
- VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL 16.
- VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION 17. 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
- VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR 22. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
- 23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
- 24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT 25.
- VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
- 27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFADA BENEFITS.

Minutes of May 26, 1999 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.

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

Old business was discussed. All Delegates and Alternates were informed that we must increase our letter writing campaign to the Governor and our senators and representatives in order to get our 80 beds at the LaSalle Veterans' Home.

New business. Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Sam Maggio, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to the Delegates and Alternates pertaining to the veterans issues. Those handouts were discussed.

A discussion ensued pertaining to a critical care issue that was suffered by Mervin Eastwold. Motion was made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Sam Maggio, that Superintendent Rue draft a letter pertaining to the discussion of Mr. Eastwold's plight. That letter will be signed by VAC Chairman Ralph Adler and Superintendent Rue. It is to be mailed to each post in LaSalle County that we have the address of in our office veterans listing. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426, Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternates Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

Minutes of the June 23, 1999 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present. Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Alder stated minutes would stand as presented.

Old business: Old business was discussed and each question asked by the alternates and delegates were answered.

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

Numerous handouts were presented to the delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Jack Leininger, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549 and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

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VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JULY 1999

CASEWORK:

- 1. Sent to Service Offices 31 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
- 2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 10 veterans
- 3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 5 veterans.
- 4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 20 veterans.
- 5. Sent out letters to 32 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 28 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 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 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 2 veteran.
- 18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 4 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 4 veteran.
- 22. Sent 10 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
- 23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 5 veterans.
- 24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 2 veterans.
- 25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 21 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 0 veterans.

- 29. Sent various SSA forms for 24 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 2 veteran.
- 32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
- 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
- 34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 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 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 (EZ) 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 0 veteran.
- 44. Sent 1 claim to Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) for their consideration and review.
- 45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
- 46. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.

AWARDS

- 1. Veteran awarded retroactive payment for NSC Pension of \$3655 for period effective 1-99 to 4-99, \$731 monthly; 5/99-11/99, \$5117, (Total \$8772)
- Veteran awarded IUE effective 1/99-12/99, \$1989 monthly, (Total \$23,868)
- 3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension 8/98-11/98, \$722 monthly \$2888;12/98-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$8772 (Total \$11,660)
- 4. Veteran awarded 13 month convalescence period @100% effective 4/99-11/99, \$2186 monthly, \$17,488; 12/99-3/99, \$8744.(Total \$26,232)

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- 5. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, effective 6/97-11/97, \$796, \$3980;12/97-12/98, \$825 monthly, \$9900; 1/99-11/99, \$825 monthly, \$9075; (Total \$22,955)
 - 6. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, effective 6/99-11/99, \$1340 monthly, \$8040;12/99-11/2000, \$1680 (Total \$\$24,120)
 - 7. Veteran awarded IUE, effective 7/98-11/98, \$5710; 12/98-11/99, \$13,928 (Total \$19,638)
 - Veteran awarded NSC Pension with A/A, effective 12/99 to 11/2000, \$530 monthly, (Total \$6360)
 - 9. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$80 monthly, 4/99-11/99, \$640; 12/99-11/2000, \$960 (Total \$1600)
 - 10. Widow awarded Widow Pension, Effective 1/99-11/99, \$490 monthly, \$5880; (Total \$5880)
 - 11. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation from 10% to 70%, \$809 monthly difference, 3/97-11/97, \$6472; 12/97-11/98, \$809 monthly, \$9708;12/98-11/99, \$9840 (Total \$26,020)
 - 12. Veteran awarded 50% S/C compensation, \$870 monthly, effective 11/98, \$870;12/98-11/99, \$880 monthly, \$10,560 (Total \$11,430)
 - 13. Veteran Widow awarded Widow Pension, \$642 monthly, effective 1/99-11/99, \$7062 (Total \$7062)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 47,075.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: 217,673.00 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 148,522.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 864,465.00 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:\$1,082,138.00

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

Minutes of the July 28, 1999 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. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Alder stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Old business was discussed and each question asked by the Alternates and Delegates were answered.

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

Numerous handouts were presented to the Alternates and Delegates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Chairman Adler then moved that we discuss the 2000 budget recommendations and new equipment needs. The Commission finalized their budget requests by line item for fiscal year 2000. They further requested two desk computers, one printer and accessories. They also requested a scanner for files and discs for the scanner. The total cost of all requested line items totaled \$171,531.00. A motion was made by Joe Iwaszek, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget recommendations be accepted as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Scott, seconded by Earl Mills, that the Commission adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. 5506; and Alternates David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; and Earl Mills, American Legion Post 549

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR AUGUST 1999

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- Sent to Service Offices 19 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
- Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 17 veterans
- 3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 10 veterans.
- Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 14 veterans. 4.
- 5. Sent out letters to 35 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
- 6. Sent out 13 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
- Sent out 25 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
- 8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 4 veteran
- Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
- 10. Sent letter to 4 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
- 11. Sent out various VA forms to 9 veterans to sign and return.
- Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
- 13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
- 14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 4
- 15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 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 3 veterans.
- 19. Sent VA Form 8418 to Veterans Administration for l veteran.
- 20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
- Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
- 22. Sent 15 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
- Sent VA Form 5855 to VA for 2 veterans. 23.
- 24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
- 25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 15 veterans.
- 26. Sent VA form 1980 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
- 27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for O veterans' widows. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel for O veterans.
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29. Sent various SSA forms for 11 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

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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 517 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
- 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
- 34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 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 O 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 1 veteran.
- 41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
- 42. Sent O request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
- 43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 veteran.
- 44. Sent 1 claim to Board of Veterans Appeals(BVA) for their consideration and review.
- 45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
- 46. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.

AWARDS

- 1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits Effective 12/98-12/99, \$957 monthly, (Total \$11,184)
- 2. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment, \$816
- 3. Veteran awarded continuance of Social Security Disability benefits, effective 7/99-7/2000, \$600 monthly, (Total \$7200)
- 4. Veteran Widow awarded DIC benefits, effective 3/99-11/99, \$1078 monthly, \$9702;12/99-3/2000, \$3234, (Total \$12,936)

- 5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability Benefits, effective 2/99-12/99, \$711 monthly, \$7821;1/2000, \$711 monthly (Total \$8532)
- 6. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation by the BVA, effective 2/95-11/95, \$91 monthly, \$1092; 12/95-11/96, \$114 monthly \$1368;12/96-11/97, \$117 monthly, \$1404;12/97-11/98, \$120 monthly, \$1440; 12/98-11/99, \$122 monthly, \$1464 (Total \$6778)
- 7. Veteran awarded retroactive SSI payment \$1317
- 8. Veteran repaid office for General Assistance, \$211
- 9. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation 8/99-8/2000, \$2115, monthly (Total \$25,380)
- 10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with Aid & Attendance, effective 7/99-7/2000, \$434 monthly (Total \$5208)
- 11. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation by the BVA, effective 6/95-11/95, \$2375 monthly;12/95-11/96, \$2435 monthly;12/96-11/97, \$2505 monthly;12/97-11/98 \$2557 monthly;12/98-8/99, \$2589 monthly: (Total retroactive payment, \$77,174);9/99-9/2000, \$2589 monthly, \$31,068 (Total award \$108,242)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 28,533.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 246,206.00 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ \$159,571.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,024,036.00 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,270,242.00

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

Minutes of the August 25, 1999 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing 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 minutes should stand as presented.

Old Business: Old business was discussed and each questions asked by the alternates and delegates were answered.

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

Chairman Ralph Adler announced that the dedication ceremony of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois will be held Sunday, October 3, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. All veterans are cordually invited to attend this historic event.

A brochure was handed out covering the Bureau County Homestead Festival and Pork Days on September 10, 11, and 12, 1999. The Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall will be there having their opening ceremony Thursday, September 9, 1999 on South Euclid Avenue, Princeton, Illinois at 6:00 p.m. The Memorial Wall is available for viewing from Thursday at 3:00 p.m. through Sunday's closing ceremony at 4:00 p.m. It will be available for viewing 24 hours a day.

Numerous handouts were presented to delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Ottawa Amvets Post 30 had requested to join the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. Their delegate present was Lyn Kofoid. She was introduced to the delegates and alternates present.

Motion was made by Al Strozewski, seconded by Bob Renz, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DELEGATES Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Samuel Maggio, Marine Corp League, Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Lyn Kofoid, AMVETS Post 30; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

CASEWORK;

- 1. Sent to Service Offices 18 VA Form 4138 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 18 veterans.
- 5. Sent out letters to 41 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
- 6. Sent out 3 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
- 7. Sent out 28 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
- 8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 5 veteran
- 9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
- 10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
- 11. Sent out various VA forms to 7 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 3 veterans
- 15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
- 16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
- 17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
- 18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
- 19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 5 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 4 veteran.
- 22. Sent 13 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
- 23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 4 veterans.
- 24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
- 25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 18 veterans.
- 26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
- 27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to
- VA Regional Office for O veterans' widows. 28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel for 4 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 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
- 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
- Sent NA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 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 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
 - 38. Sent O 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 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 0 veteran.
 - 44. Sent 1 claim to Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) for their consideration and review.
 - 45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
 - 46. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
 - 47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
 - 48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans administration for veteran.
 - 49. Sent VA Form 8678 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.

AWARDS

- 1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 4/99-11/99, \$969 monthly, \$7652;12/99-11/2000, \$11,628 (Total \$19,280)
- 2. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial Benefits, \$450.

3. Veteran awarded awarded NSC Pension by BVA, 12/96-11/97, \$696 monthly, \$8352;12/97-11/98, \$707 monthly \$8484;12/98-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$8772.(Total\$25,608)

- 4. Veteran awarded increase S/C compensation from 40%-90%, difference \$679, 3/99-11/99 \$6111;12/99-11/2000, \$8148 (Total \$14,259)
- 5. Veteran awarded increased S/C compensation, 20%-40%, effective 1/92-7/99, retroactive pay, \$18,842;8/99-11/1999, \$1920 (Total \$20,762)
- 6. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation & 10% for left and right leg, 30% combined; effective 1/99-7/99, \$395 monthly; 10/99-12/99 awarded 100% for convalescence period, \$2366 monthly (Total \$8682)
- 7. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial/Plot Allowance, \$450; awarded transportation expenses, \$260 (Total \$710)
- 8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 6/99-6/2000, \$1137 monthly (Total \$13,644)
- 9. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment, \$253.00

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 32,924.00

YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 279,130.00

TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 70,724.00

YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,094,760.00

TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,373,890.00

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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
- 27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.
- 28. VA FORM 4502-APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
- 29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
- VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Minutes of the September 22, 1999 Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Iwaszek and Sgt. At Arms Leininger excused with all other officers present.

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

Old Business: Old business was discussed. Each question asked by the alternates and delegates were answered.

New Business: Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Sam Maggio and seconded by Lyn Kofoid that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to the delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Chairman Adler discussed a Budget Warning 2000 alert dated September 15, 1999 from John Brieden, Chairman of the National Legislative Commission. We all must contact our congressionally elected representatives and ask them to adequately fund the U.S.D.V.A. 2000 Budget.

Chairman Adler asked that our V.A.C. office send out a letter to all delegates and alternates reminding them that each post must recertify their delegates and alternates by our October 1999 meeting. The letter should also tell them when our November and December meeting will take place.

The delegates and alternates felt that the VAC Superintendent should attend the V.I.S.N. 12 October 4, 1999 meeting at Hines VA Hospital.

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Lynn Kofoid, AMVETS 30; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1999

CASEWORK;

- 1. Sent to Service Offices 23 VA Form 4138 for 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 11 veterans.
- 5. Sent out letters to 51 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
- 6. Sent out 5 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 3 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 4 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 O veteran
- 14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 4 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 1 veterans.
- 19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
- 20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 v.eteran.
- 21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
- 22. Sent 12 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 19 veterans.
- 26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
- 27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for O veterans' widows.
- 28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel for O veterans.

- 29. Sent various SSA forms for 23 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 5 veteran.
- 32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
- 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
- 34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 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 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 (EZ) for 0 veteran.
- 41. Sent 2 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 0 veteran.
- 44. Sent O claim to Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) for their consideration and review.
- 45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
- 46. Sent VA Form 515 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
- 47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
- 48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans administration for 0 veteran.
- 49. Sent VA Form 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

- 1. Veteran awarded \$90 monthly for NSC Pension While in nursing home.
- 2. Veteran's mother awarded accrued benefits due to veterans death (Total \$16,511) .
- 3. Veteran's son awarded DIC effective 6/99-4/2000 \$526 monthly, \$5260;5/2000-11/2000, \$365 monthly, \$2190 (Total \$7450)

- 4. Veteran's son awarded DIC effective 7/99-11/99, \$365 monthly, \$1460;12/99-11/2000, \$4380 (Total \$5840)
- 5. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation effective 6/99-11/99, \$184 monthly, \$1104;12/99-11/2000, \$2208 (Total \$3312)
- 6. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, retroactive pay from 40%-100%, effective 4/94-10/99, \$2308 monthly \$122,822;11/99-11/2000 \$27,696 (Total \$150,518)
- 7. Veteran's awarded Social Security Disability, Effective 10/98, \$349 monthly;11/98-12/98, \$698; 199-2/99, \$355 monthly, \$4970;3/99-11/99, \$500 monthly, \$4000 (total \$9670)
- 8. Veteran awarded 30% S/C Compensation, effective 3/99-11/99, \$282 monthly, \$2256;12/99-3/2000, \$1128 (Total \$3384)
- 9. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation, effective 5/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$576;12/99-4/2000, \$576 (Total \$1152)
- 10. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 60%-100%, (diff.\$1378) effective 5/99-11/99, \$9646;12/99-11/2000, \$16,536 (Total \$26,182)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 9,670.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 286,800.00 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 223,283.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,318,043.00 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,606,843.00

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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)
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- 29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
- 30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Minutes from October 27, 1999 LaSalle County VAC meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read being there were no additions or corrections those minutes stood as presented at the request of Chairman Adler.

Old business: The Delegates and Alternates were advised that the budget submitted for next fiscal year was approved by the County Board Veterans Assistance Commission/Data Processing Committee. Every line item in the budget submitted was approved by the County Board VAC/Data Processing Committee.

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

Supt. Rue shared with the Delegates and Alternates present a survey dated 5/14/99 which was prepared by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and submitted to Governor George Ryan and the Illinois General Assembly. In review of the 23 page report it was noted that it contained very many false statements and numbers. It appeared to be a feeble attempt to justify not adding the additional needed long-term beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home and entering into a contract with the U.S.D.V.A. to pay higher costs for the empty beds at Hines VA Hospital and Danville VA Hospital to meet the long-term care needs of Illinois veterans. Supt. Rue further stated that the Illinois Department of Public Health would be holding a meeting on 11/1/99 in Springfield at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs 5/14/99 report. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that Supt. Rue attend the meeting and any other meeting pertaining to long-term care needs of our Illinois veterans and the 80 additional beds for our LaSalle Veterans Home. His mileage and meals will be reimbursed from our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adler shared with the Commission that there will be a public meeting on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at the West Side VA Hospital. This public hearing will discuss the Veterans Administration option study recommendations and their impacts on the West Side VA Hospital. All veterans organizations and the public are invited to attend.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Nick Pacetti, to 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; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; and Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternate Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1999

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- 3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
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- 8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 5 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 6 veterans to sign and return.
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- 25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 12 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 for 0 veterans.

- 29. Sent various SSA forms for 7 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 1 veteran.
- 32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
- 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
- 34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 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 O request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
- 38. Sent O 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 4 veteran.
- 41. Sent 0 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
- 42. Sent O request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
- 43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 veterar.
- 44. Sent O claim to Board of Veterans Appeals(BVA) for their consideration and review.
- 45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
- 46. Sent VA Form 515 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
- 47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
- 48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans administration for 0 veteran.
- 49. Sent VA Form 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

- Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, Effective, 9/99-12/99, \$724 monthly, \$2896; 1/2000-12/2000, \$8688 (Total \$11,584)
- Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, Effective10/98-10/99, received retroactive Payment, \$13,104;11/99-11/2000, \$11,342 (Total \$24,536)

- Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 7/98-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$3610;12/98-11/99, \$8772 (Total\$12,382)
- 4. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, effective 7/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$480;12/99-11/2000, \$1152 (Total \$1632)
- 5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 5/99-11/99, \$1160 monthly, \$8120;12/99-11/2000, \$13,920 (Total \$22,040)
- 6. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, effective 5/99-11/99, (\$88 increase) \$616;12/99-11/2000, \$976 (Total \$1592)
- 7. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 6/99-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$5117;12/99-11/2000, \$8772 (Total \$13,889)
- 8. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$731 monthly, 6/99-11/99, \$4386;12/99-11/2000, \$8772 (Total \$13,581)
- 9. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial Benefits for a NSC death, \$450

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 58,160.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 346,960.00 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 43,103.00 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,361,146.00 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,708,106.00

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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-APPLICĂTION 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
- 27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.
- 28. VA FORM 4502-APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
- 29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
- 30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

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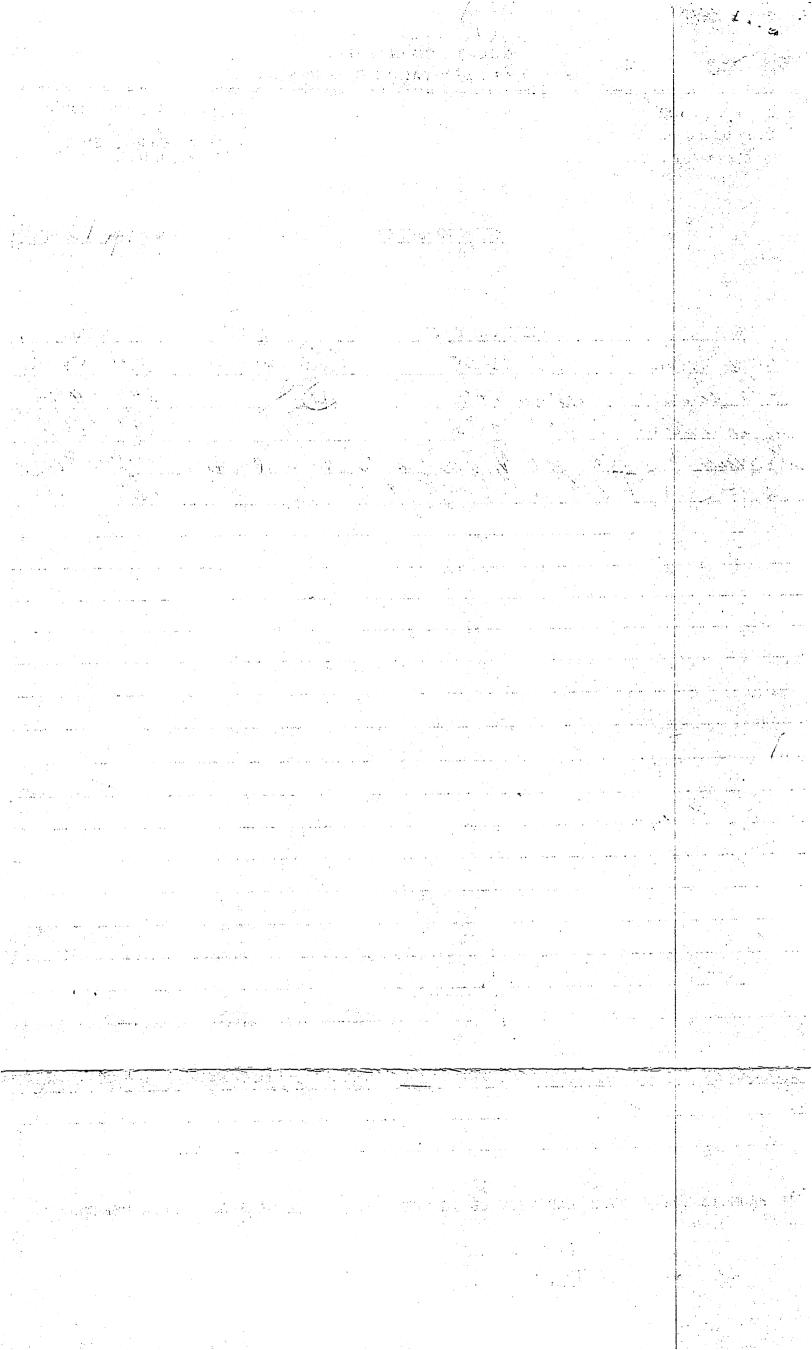
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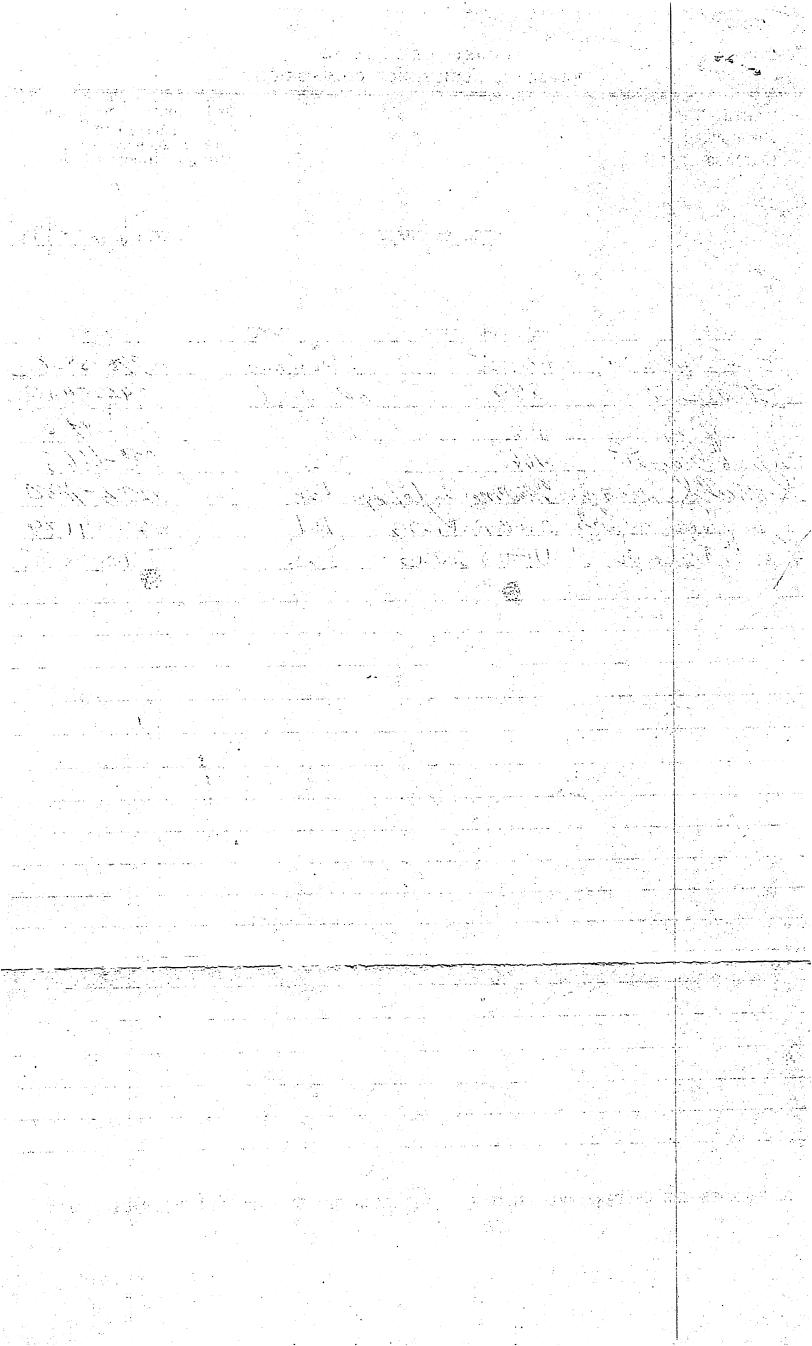
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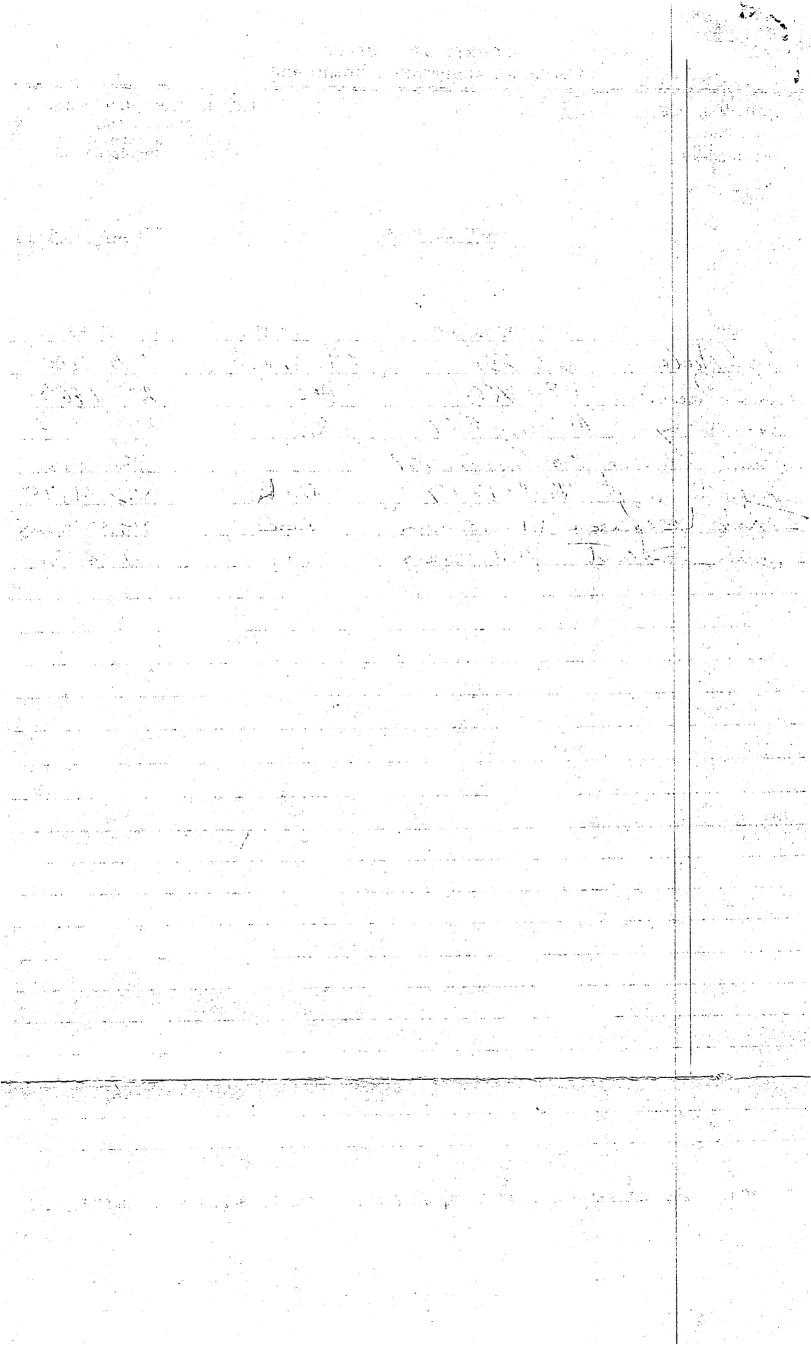


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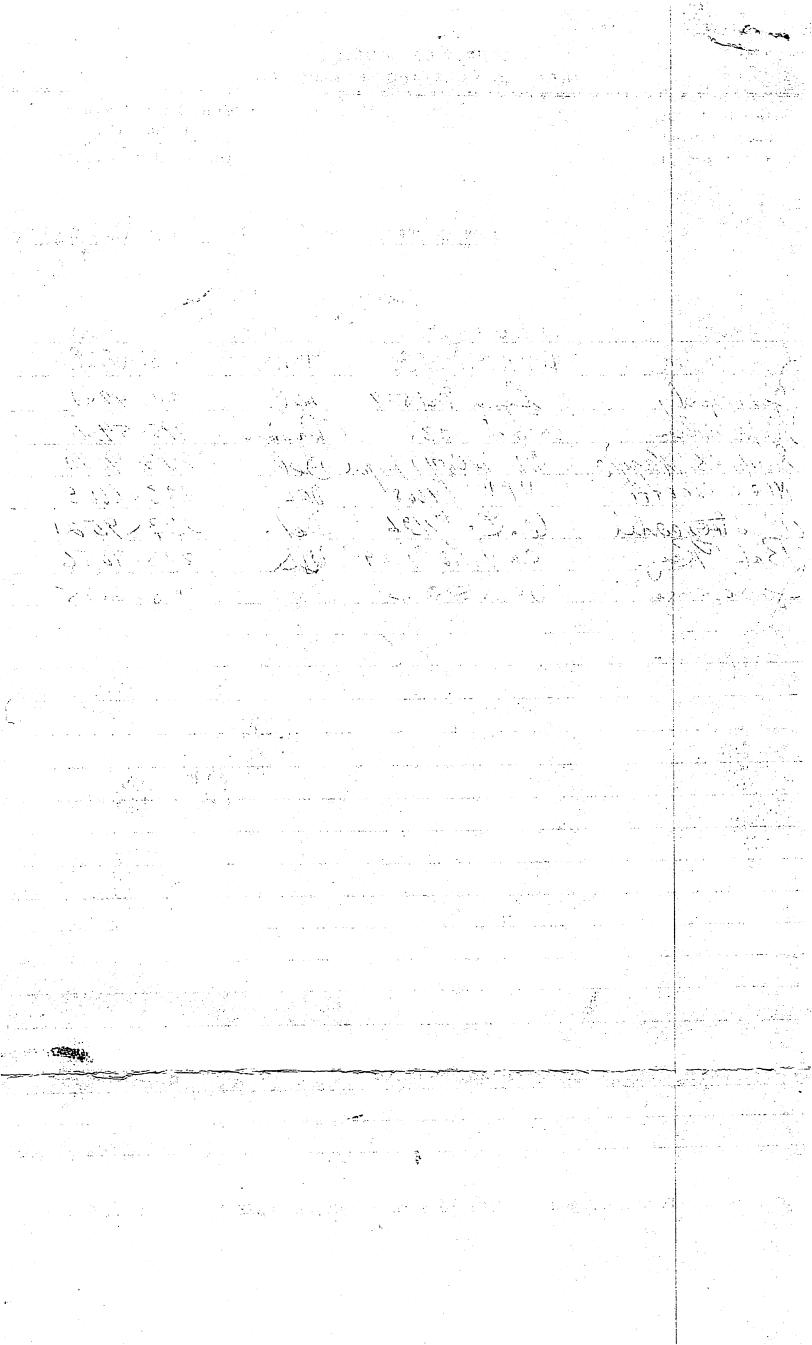


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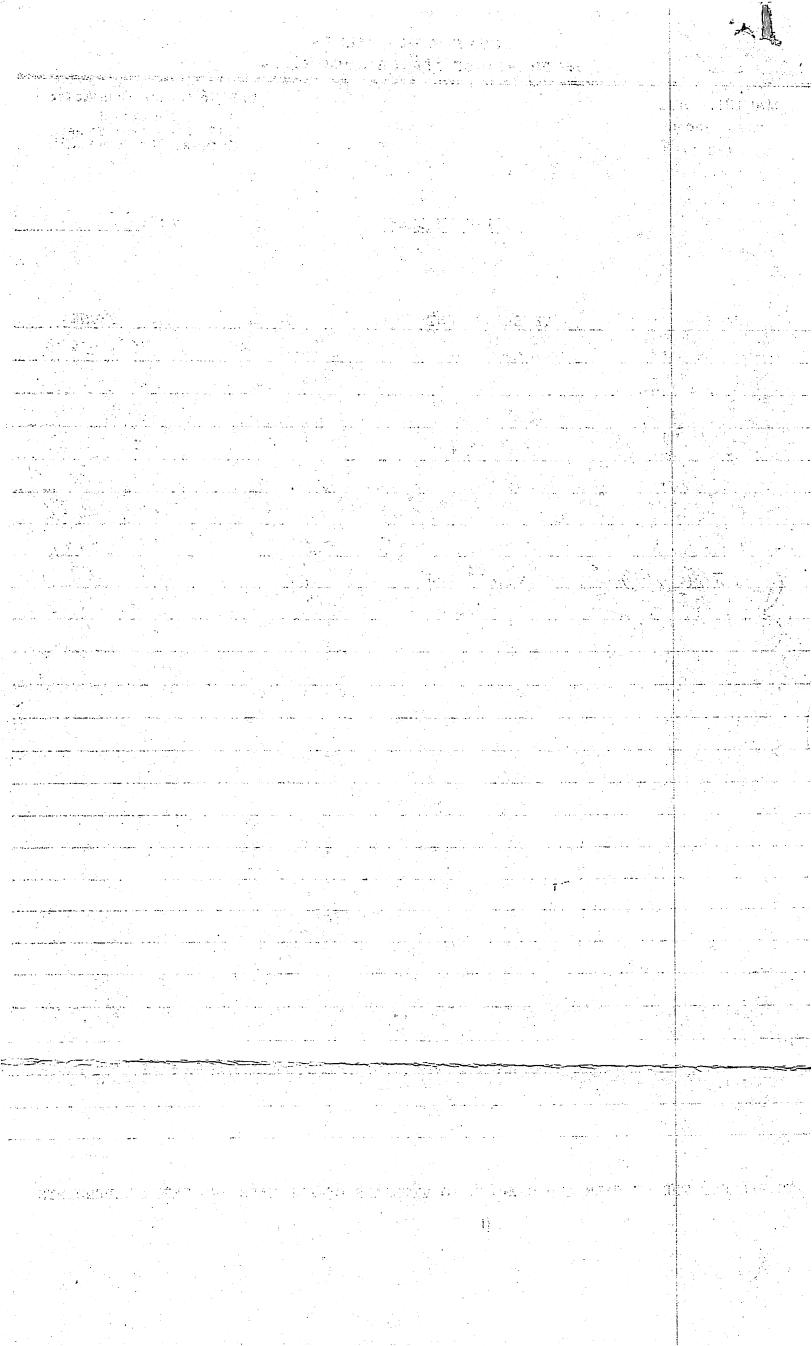
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