

COUNTY OF LA SALLE  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

MARTIN J. RUE  
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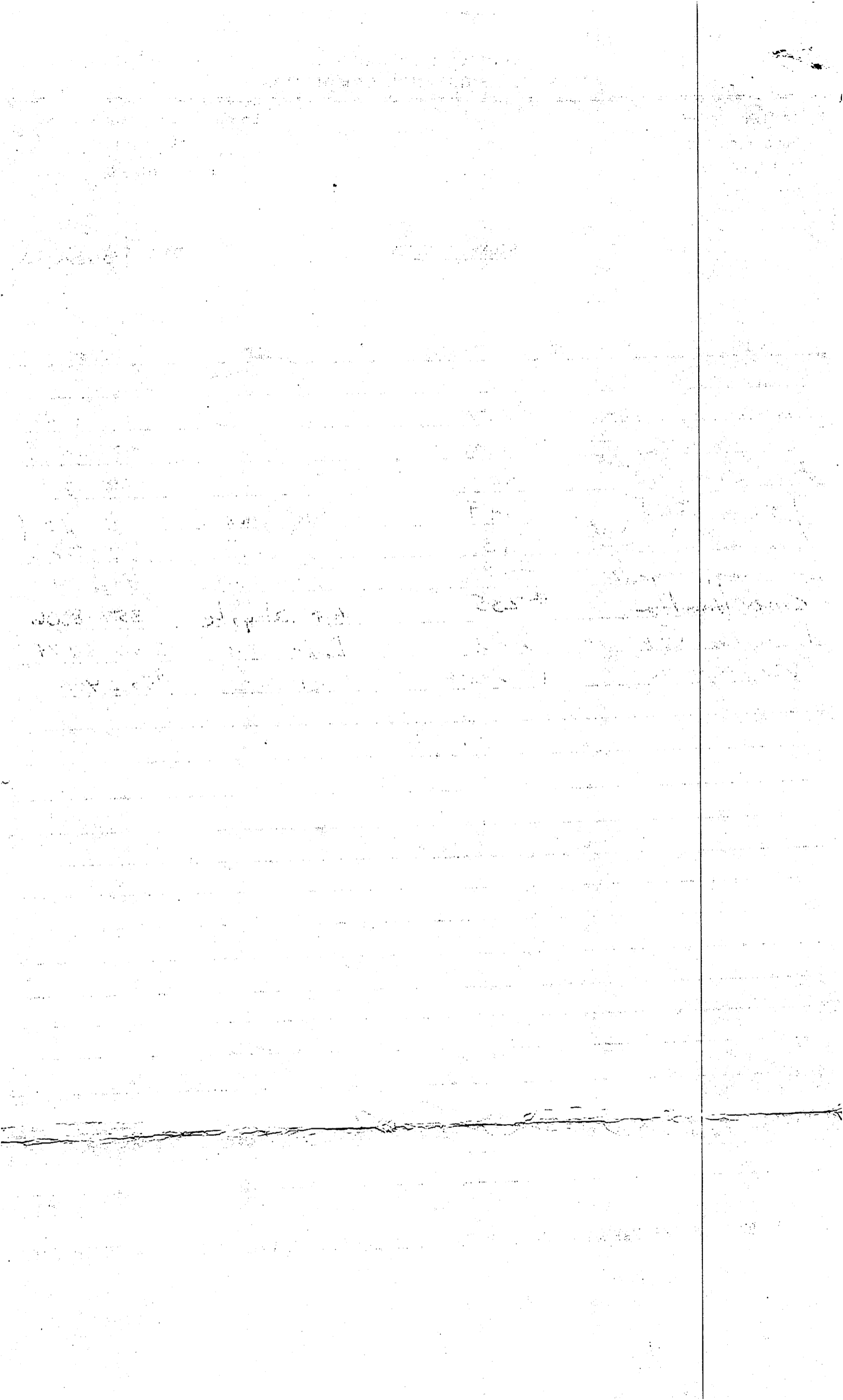
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DATE: Jan 25, 2006

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Lawrence Tarabum	DAV#86	Chaplain	4310106
Herlet A. Gwathmey	DAV#86 (Guest)	Commander	729-9495
Bernard M. Smith	AL 235		795-2768
GARY HAMILTON	AL 235		357-8006
Delbert Spitz	VFW 4079	"Welfare"	538-2023
Carl Key	Al. Post 540		539-7759
Fred Barrell	Al. Post 540	Commander	539-3077
Mark H. Korman	Al 426	Delegator	224 2204
Ken Hawk	VFW 5506	Del	795-2466
George Mason	VFW 2470	Delegator	433-0586
Howard Hart	Post 549	P. Commander	246-9689
Jim Vansant	Post 33	Delegator	434-4633
James F. Frels	Post 570	Delegator	495-9404

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





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DATE: March 22, 2006

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Don McCollough	# DAV 86	AdJ	815-237-0513
Larry Graham	DAV 86	Del.	431-0106
JERRY FUCHS	Legion 570	CMDR.	815-495-9404
Ferry Welch	Legion 375	AdJ	815-223-6879
GARY HAMILTON	Legion 235	AdJ	815-357-8006
Hewlett Gwathmey	DAV 86	Commander	815-729-9495
Nick Makrasian	AMVets 426	Del.	224-2204
Delbert Spitz	4099-VFW	Del	538-2023
Joseph Dierengel	CVV 1729	Del	223-4179
Ken Hank	VFW 5506	Del	795-2466
Howard East	POST 549	Post Comm.	246-9689
Douglas Grieve	Post 260	Del	252-6974
Bernad Mann	Post 235	Del	795-2768
Jim Venable	Post 33	Del	434-4633

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DATE: April 26/06

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Lawrence Lenham	DAV #86	Delegte	4310106
GARY Hamilton	MARSEILLES <del>235</del> 235	ALT AD.	357-8006
Hewlett Gwynne	DAV #86	Commander Guest	709-9495
Joseph Dumas	CWU Post 1279	DEL	223 4179
George Mason	VFW 2470	DELEGATE	433-0586
Douglas M. Griewe	Tonica 260	Delegte	252 6974
Howard Gast	Post 549	<del>Post Commander</del>	815-246-9689
Jim DeMoss	Post 5506	DEL	795-2959
Bernard Smith	Post 235	Del	795-2768
Jim Monahan	Post 33	Del	434-4633

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DATE: May 24/06

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Hewlett A. Guathmey	DAV Chapter 86	Commander	429-9495
George J. Mason	V.F.W. Ottawa 247	Delegato	433-0586
Jamerson Draken	DAV #86	chaplain	431-0106
Robert Spitz	V.F.W. 4079	Sen. off.	538-2023
Carl Key	Legion 540	Mentor	539-7759
James Lytle	Legion 520	Comdr	485-9401
Bernard	Legion 235	Delegat	795-2768
GARY Hamilton	Legion 235	ALT.	
Joseph Swasz	CWV 1289	Del	923 4179
Nick Makosius	Am Legion 426	Del	224-2204
Douglas Grice	Am Legion 268	Del	252 6974
Jim Namba	Legion Post 33	Del	434-4633
Jim DuMont	VFW 5506	hlt DEL	795-2959
Ken Hausken	VFW 5506	DEL	795-2466

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DATE: June 28/06

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Hewlet A. Gwathmey	DAV Chapter #86	Commander	815-729-9495
Lawrence W. Ernhorn	DAV #84	Chaplain	431-0106
Bernard M. Smith	American Legion 235	Delegate	785-2768
GARY Hamilton	American Legion 235	ALT Del.	357-8006
Nick Nakrossis	AM Legion 426	Del	224-2204
Joseph Swaszki	CVL 1229	Del	223-4179
George Mason	V.F.W. Post 2470	Del	433-0586
Kent Hulse	VFW POST 5506	DEL	795-2466
Jan Novakis	Legion Post 33	Del	434-4633
J. D. Mead	VFW 5506	ALT DEL	795-2959

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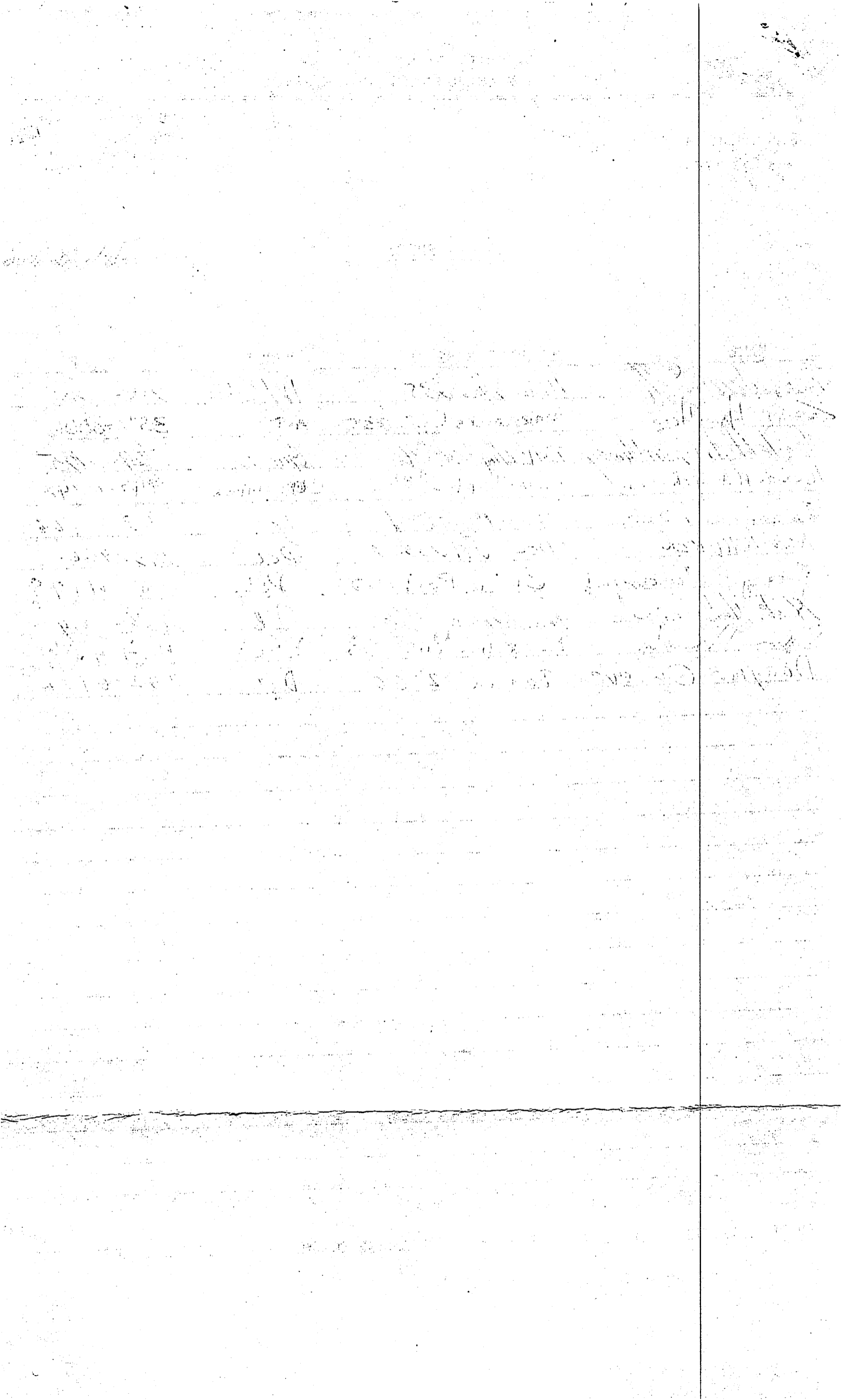
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NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Bernard [Signature]	Marseilles 235	Det [Signature]	795-2768
GARY HAMILTON	MARSEILLES Legion 235	ALT	357-8006
Hewlett A. Guathmey	DAV Chapter #86	GUESS	729-9495
Wendell A. Johnson	DAV Chapter #86	COMMANDER	942-6742
Lawrence Terkhan	DAV Chapter #86	Del	431-0106
KEN HAUSKON	DCZ VFW 5506	DCZ	795-2468
Joseph Swartzel	CWV Post 2225	Del	923 4179
Hick Makrasius	Am Legion 426	Del	224-2204
Jim Daniels	Legion Post 33	Del	434-4633
Douglas Gniere	Tonica 260	Del	252 6974

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DATE: Sept 27/06

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Lanay Graham	DAV 80	Delegrate Capt. R. M.	471 0106
Bernie Smith	Marxilles 235	Delegrate	795-2768
GARY Hamilton	MARSEILLES Post 235		357-8006
George Mason	V.F.W. Ottawa 2470	Delegrate	433-0586
Alex Nekrasin	Amvets 426		224-2204
Joseph Sworzech	CAV 1229		223 4179
Robert Spitz	V.F.W. 4079	"	538-2023

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DATE: Aug. 23, 2006

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Larry Totham	Chapter 8 DAV	Delegata	421 0106
Joseph Swaszek	CVV	Delegat	223 4179
Jim Nordin	Post 33	Delegata	434-4633
Bernard Smith	Post 235	Delegata	795-2768
Nick Nakrasus	Am Legion 426	Delegata	224 2204

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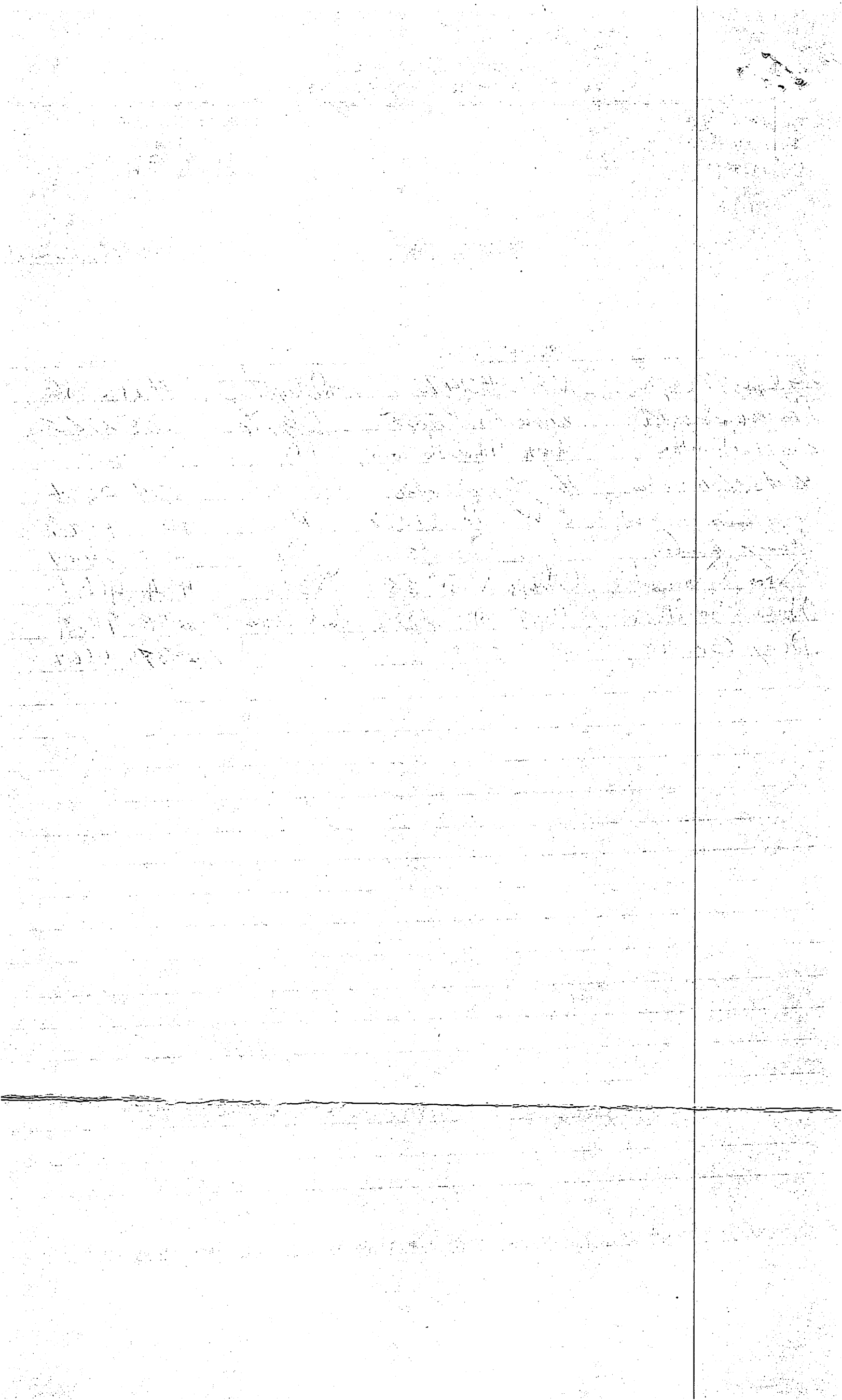
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NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
George Mason	V.F.W #2470	Delegate	433-0586
Bernie Smith	Marsilles Post 235	Delegate	795-2768
GARY HAMILTON	<del>MA</del> Marsilles Legion	ALT	795-6010
Wick Kobrosnik	Rm Legion 426	Del	224 2204
Joseph Gusszel	C.V.V Post 1229	Del	223 4179
James Gales	Legion Post #570	Del.	495-9404
John Komarhi	Ottawa Post 33	Del	434-4633
Howard H. Gast	Post 549 Enlille	Post Comm.	246-9689
Doug Grieve	Post 260		712 375 5569

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





**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission  
Service Officer Report  
October 2006**

1. Veteran awarded 20% for diabetes \$218 from 2/28/04 through 12/06 \$7630  
Vietnam, Leland
2. Veteran awarded 60% for PTSD \$839 from 9/05 – 11/05 and \$873 from 12/05  
through 12/06 total \$13,866 Vietnam, west end
3. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability w/2 dependent children 12/04 \$31,051  
Vietnam, Ottawa
4. Veteran awarded 100% IPIU \$864 3/02 – 8/02 - \$2287; 12/02 – 12/06 total with  
back pay \$131,447 Vietnam, Oglesby
5. Veteran awarded 70% 1/06 – 12/06 \$1193 total \$14,316 WWII, Streator
6. Veteran awarded 70% for PTSD and Diabetes 2/05 – 12/06 total \$27,958  
Vietnam, west end

Total SSA awards for month \$31,051.00  
Year to date \$688,857.00  
Total VA awards for month \$195,217.00  
Year to date \$941,205.00  
Total awards year to date \$3,158,593.00

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of October 25, 2006.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing the Chaplain and Sgt. at Arms excused with all other officers present.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** The service officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. Superintendent Rue stated that our LaSalle County service officers had a banner year with our veterans receiving \$3,158,533 in monetary benefits for their disabilities. This is the largest amount of awards for any single year since 1985. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by George Mason that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegate Nick Nekrosius submitted a DD 214 on William Patrick Dooley who will be the LaSalle American Legion alternate to fiscal year 2006-07.

Our next meeting will be November 15, 2006. This is our annual meeting and we will elect our VAC officers for fiscal year 2006-07. Our by-laws require our superintendent to send a letter on notification to our delegates and alternates.

A motion was made by Howard Gast and seconded by Douglas Grieve that we adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Doug Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternate Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; and Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

***Dixie P. Johnston***  
***304 West Fourth Street***  
***Spring Valley, Illinois 61362***  
***(815) 664-5502***

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September 1, 2006

Mr. Martin J. Rue, Superintendent  
Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County  
Courthouse Room 103A  
119 West Madison Street  
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Mr. Rue:

I am so very happy to write you once again and thank you for your continued support in helping the Veterans of Illinois, especially my husband, Edward Johnston.

I was informed that Ed could be transferred from Quincy to Manteno, even though he had not yet completed six months in Quincy. Thanks to you, Ed will be moved to Manteno on September 12. This is wonderful as he will be so much closer to me.

Again you have more than done your job, and I so appreciate your care and concern on our behalf.

Most Sincerely,



Dixie P. Johnston

cc: Senator Gary Dahl  
103 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Peru, IL 61354

State Representative  
Frank J. Mautino  
108 West St. Paul Street  
Spring Valley, IL 61362

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of August 23,  
2006

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing the chaplain and SSgt. at arms excused with all other officers present.

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

Old business: Lawrence Graham gave his report on the van fund donation program stating that we collected \$10,800 of our goal of \$12,500.

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 Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Jim Nanowski that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue told the delegates and alternates that the VAC office would be closed from September 11, 2006 through September 15, 2006 in order for its staff to attend their annual accreditation training in Bloomington, Illinois.

A motion was made by Lawrence Graham and seconded by Bernard Smith that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Lawrence Graham, DAV Chapter 8; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission  
Service Officer's Report  
September 2006**

1. Veteran awarded IUE 8/1/04 increased from 90% received \$20,050 in back pay and \$31,380 annually – total \$51,430 Vietnam veteran Streator
2. Veteran awarded 40% 11/05 back pay \$1864 – 12/05 – 12/06 \$485 \$5820 – total \$7684 Ottawa -Vietnam – Diabetes
3. Veteran awarded 10% 5/05 – 12/06 \$112 monthly total \$2240 West end – Vietnam – Diabetes
4. Veteran awarded 20% 3/04 – 11/04 \$1845; \$210 12/04 – 2/05 \$630; 50% \$812 3/05 -11/05 \$7308; \$844 – 12/05 – 12/06 \$10,972 total \$20,755 West end Vietnam – Diabetes
5. Veteran awarded 20% 7/05 – 12/06 total \$3924.00 Marseilles Vietnam diabetes
6. Veteran awarded IUE 100% was getting 60% increased to 100% at \$2393 monthly 5/05 – 12/06 \$33,702 Ottawa Vietnam heart failure
7. Veteran awarded 90% \$1557 effective 11/05 – 12/06 up from 60% total \$15,804 Marseilles – Vietnam - PTSD/heart condition
8. Veteran awarded waiver for debt of \$244 Earlville – Vietnam total \$244
9. Veteran awarded 60% \$1012.00 - 12/01 -12/06 total \$72,864 West end – Desert Storm veteran
10. Veteran awarded VA pension 2/06 -12/06 \$740 total \$8140 Vietnam – Streator – heart problems

Total SSA awards for month	\$0
Year to date	\$657,806.00
Total VA wards for month	\$216,787.00
Total VA awards to date	\$745,988.00
Total awards year to date	\$2,932,325.00

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of September 27, 2006.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Joe Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing vice-chairman and the sgt. at arms excused with all other officers present.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Delegate Graham stated that we currently have raised a little over \$12,000 towards our goal of \$12,500 on the van fund. Delegates present asked if I would send another letter out offering those who have not had time to donate a last chance to contribute to this worthy fund. Delegate Delbert Spitz gave the superintendent his personal contribute towards the van fund.

Chairman Joe Iwaszek gave all those present an update on the LaSalle Veterans' Home and its construction project. He stated that the 80 bed expansion is on schedule.

NEW BUSINESS: The service officer report was read. All questions pertaining to the service officer report were answered. A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Nick Nekrosius that the service officer report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue was asked to send a letter to all delegates and alternates reminding them that their posts should announce who their delegates and alternates will be for the fiscal year 2006-07. He should also remind them that the annual election of commission officers for fiscal year 2006-07 will be held November 16, 2006.

Superintendent Rue reported on our annual accreditation training which was held in Bloomington on September 11, 2006 through September 15, 2006. This year's school was put on by the National Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions. I am happy to announce that Cindy has been accredited by the Council General's Office in Washington, D.C. as a county veteran's service officer. As a result of completing the week long instruction and passing the exam, we again have two nationally accredited county service officers working in our office in LaSalle County. As you know she has assisted me in veterans service work for the last three years.

A motion was made by Larry Graham and seconded by George Mason to adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Bernie Smith, American Legion Post 235; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Alternate Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; and Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veteran Post 1229.



LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of July 26, 2006 meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chaplain excused and all other officers present.

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

Old Business: Lawrence Graham gave a report on the van fund donations stating we have raised \$10,427 of our goal of \$12,500.

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 Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Lawrence Graham that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue gave the delegates and alternates present our LaSalle County Guide of Services Provided Rules and Eligibility Standards. He encouraged those delegates and alternates to send all eligible veterans to our office for assistance.

A motion was made by Bernard Smith and seconded by Nick Nekrosius that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Lawrence Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternates Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; Guest Hewlett Gwathmey and Wendell Johnson, DAV Chapter 86; and Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

LaSalle County Veterans' Assistance Commission  
Service Officer's Report  
August 2006

1. **Veteran awarded Social Security Disability from 6/30/03 to 12/06 total \$97,632.00 Vietnam veteran from Arlington, IL**
2. **Veteran awarded Social Security Disability from 2/03 to 12/06 \$1884 monthly total \$109,272.00 Vietnam veteran**
3. **Veteran awarded S/C compensation 11/05 \$391 20% diabetes and 10% coronary with a back pay of \$8492.00 (from 2/1/04) total \$13966.00 Vietnam veteran from Tonica**
4. **Veteran awarded 50% S/C from 1/06 – 12/06 \$690 monthly total \$8280 diabetes Vietnam**
5. **Veteran awarded VA pension 2/04 – 12/06 \$881 monthly total \$24,060 Vietnam veteran Streator**
6. **Veteran awarded VA pension 1/06 – 12/06 \$881 monthly total \$10,572 Vietnam veteran**
7. **Veteran awarded 30% S/C 8/04 – 12/06 \$337 monthly total \$9436**
8. **Veteran awarded S/C compensation at 10% \$112 monthly 5/06 – 12/06 \$896 Iraq veteran**
9. **Veteran awarded S/C compensation 10% \$112 monthly 7/05 – 12/06 \$1904 Iraq veteran Streator**
10. **Veteran awarded S/C compensation at 40% \$485 3/05 – 12/06 10% shoulder; 10% feet and 30% skin condition total \$10185.00 Iraq veteran west end**

<b>Total SSA awards for month</b>	<b>\$206,904.00</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>\$656,806.00</b>
<b>Total VA awards for month</b>	<b>\$79,299.00</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>\$529,201.00</b>
<b>VA awards for</b>	<b>\$2,186,337.00</b>

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of the June 28, 2006 meeting.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chaplain excused and all other officers present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and being no additional corrections or questions to the minutes, Chairman Iwaszek stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Superintendent Rue stated the van for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic is presently there at the clinic. To date, we have raised \$9,500 towards our goal of \$12,500. One of the area American Legion posts, who wish to remain anonymous, made a generous donation of \$5000. We must keep the money coming in.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The service officer's report was read and all questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Lawrence Graham that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

The 2007 budget recommendation form was reviewed line item by line item. A motion was made by Lawrence Graham and seconded by Ken Hausken that the 2007 budget recommendation, which was completed by the delegates and alternates present, be passed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Nick Nekrosious and seconded by Jim Nanowski that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates Lawrence Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Alternates Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; Jim DeMoss, VFW Post 5506; Guest Hewlet Gwathney, DAV Chapter 86 and Chairman Joseph Iwaszek

LASALLE COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT  
JULY 2006

AWARDS:

1. Veterans awarded S/C compensation of 40% - \$518 effective 5/04 – 12/06 (total \$12,346) DePue, Vietnam, Diabetes
2. Veteran awarded Pension and Aid and Attendance 8/05 – 12/06 \$1412 monthly (total \$22,592) Korean veteran – nursing home
3. Veterans awarded S/C compensation 1/05 – 12/06 60% \$873 and 1/05 – 12/05 20% \$218 (total \$13,968) Peru, Vietnam, Diabetes
4. Veteran awarded Pension and Aid and Attendance 3/06 – 6/06 \$1077 monthly (total \$4308) Vietnam Era – Seneca
5. Veteran awarded S/C 100% (was 80%) 12/02 – 12/06 \$3278 Back pay \$33,621 SMC and Auto grant \$11,000, Housing grant \$50,000, and state housing \$15,000 MS – 6/05 – 12/06 (Total \$132,567.) LaSalle
6. Veteran awarded S/C 50% PTSD \$690 5/06 – 12/06 \$5520 and back pay \$12052 (total \$17,372) Vietnam , Streator
7. Veteran awarded back pay for S/C disability 5/06 (total \$11,427) Vietnam, Ottawa
8. Veteran awarded burial benefits \$600 Ottawa, Vietnam
9. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability 02/06 – 12/06 \$19,800 Vietnam, Ottawa
10. Veteran awarded S/C compensation 20% 2/05 – 1/06 \$218; 50% 2/06 – 12/06 \$690 (Total \$7590) Vietnam, Marseilles, Diabetes
11. Veteran awarded Social Security 9/04 back pay \$17,405 \$1253 11/05 – 12/06 (total \$33,692) Vietnam, Sheridan
12. Veteran awarded S/C 20% \$218 1/04 – 12/06 (Total \$10,632) Vietnam, Ottawa, Diabetes
13. Veteran awarded 40% S/C compensation \$539 8/06 – 12/06 \$2695; 100% convalescent pay 6/05 – 8/06 \$35,237 (total \$37,932) Prostrate Cancer, Vietnam, Marseilles

14. Veterans awarded 50% S/C compensation \$844 12/05; 20% 7/04 – 12/06 (total \$17,495) Vietnam, Spring Valley, Diabetes
15. Veteran awarded 30% S/C compensation \$337 7/04 – 12/06 (total \$13,817) Vietnam, Streator, PTSD

TOTAL SSA Awards for Month	\$53,492.00
Year to date	\$449,902.00
TOTAL VA Awards for Month	\$302,646.00
Year to date	\$1,450,232.00
TOTAL Awards year to date	\$1,900,134.00

Minute of the May 24, 2006 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. All questions pertaining to the minutes were answered. Being no additional questions or corrections to the minutes, Chairman Iwaszek stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Questions were answered pertaining to the veterans' home construction. Hewlett Gwathney told those present that the van for the LaSalle Veterans' Home would be there mid-June 2006. The \$25,000 needed for the van had been paid in equal shares by the State of Illinois Disabled American Veterans and three local D.A.V.'s posts loaned us our \$12,500 needed to secure the van. Larry Graham reported that our van fund is currently \$2700. All present were asked to get donations toward this van fund with checks made out to the Disabled American Veterans' Chapter 86. Send those checks to Martin Rue at our VAC office in Ottawa, Illinois and he will make the deposit.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bernard Smith of the American Legion Post 235 told those present that on June 17, 2006 the Illinois Freedom Run will be holding services at 1:00 pm. At the Return To The Middle East Memorial in Marseilles, Illinois. Everyone is welcome. Get the information out to the people in your area. They are expecting close to 47,000 participants again this year.

The service officer report was read. All questions pertaining to the service officer report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by George Mason that the service officers' report be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Larry Graham and seconded by George Mason that our meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 247; Lawrence Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Carl Key, American Legion Post 540; Jerry Fuch, American Legion Post 570; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Nick Nekrosious, American Legion Post 426; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Delegates Jim DeMoss, VFW Post 5506; and Gary Hamilton. Guest Hewlett Gwathney, DAV Chapter 86 and Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Post 1229

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Service Officer's Report  
June 2006

1. Veteran awarded earlier effective date on his 100% S/C I.U.E. award. Award goes back to October 2000 instead of March 2002 at \$2393 a month. (total \$43,074) Ottawa, Illinois Vietnam P.T.S.D.
2. Veteran's spouse gets veterans last months S/C disability check \$2,429 S/C death benefit = \$2000 and D.I.C. at \$1,033. a month effective 10/05 – 12/06 (total \$18,891) WWII veteran Oglesby, Illinois
3. Veteran awarded S/C disability of 100% effective 2/06 – 12/06 at \$2,480 a month with \$81 S.M.C. "K" award (Total \$25,610) Vietnam prostrate cancer Oglesby, Illinois
4. Veteran needed immediate nursing home care cost of \$5000 a month. State representative sent veteran's wife to me. Public Aid was forcing her to cash in her 35 year I.R.A. of \$300,000 with penalty before they would help or divorce him. I forced a State Veterans' Home to take him saving her \$5000 a month. (total \$60,000 for 12 months. Korean veteran Alzheimer's West end
5. Veteran denied emergency medical services provided by St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, Illinois. Appealed denial and U.S.D.V.A. agreed to pay all bills under the Millennium Health Care Act. (total \$45,000) WWII Streator, Illinois
6. Veteran awarded S/C disability of 50% effective 6/2005 – 12/2006 at \$806 a month. (total \$14,568) Marseilles, Illinois Vietnam P.T.S.D.

Total SSA Awards for Month	\$0
Year to date	\$396,410
Total VA Awards for Month	\$207,083
Year to date	\$1,147,586
Total Awards Year to date	\$1,543,996

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of March 22, 2006

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present. All questions pertaining to the minutes were answered. Chairman Iwaszek stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Delegates and alternates were very concerned about the eighteen empty beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home. Supt. Rue stated that the home had not received authorization to hire the ten employees.

H.R. 995 was again discussed. Supt. Rue stated that only two Illinois United States Congressmen have signed on to Congressman Weller's bill.

**New Business:** The service officer's report was presented. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Howard Gast that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Hewlett Gwathney, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 86 spoke on the possibility of applying to the Colorado Trust for monies needed to purchase a new van for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic. If our area could raise \$12,000 towards this endeavor the D.A.V. would be able to get the additional monies needed from the Colorado Trust to purchase the van. Hines VA Hospital is totally in favor of this type of a contract. This issue will be discussed at our April 26, 2006 meeting.

Supt. Rue presented numerous articles to the delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Supt. Rue presented the March 11, 2006 Illinois Veterans' Home Advisory Council meeting summary. Alternate Gary Hamilton of the Marseilles American Legion presented his minutes from the same meeting. Delegates and alternates briefly discussed those minutes.

A motion was made by Delbert Spitz and seconded by Ken Hausken that the meeting adjourns. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Post 86; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260, Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Alternates Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; and Don McCollough, DAV Post 86; Hewlett Gwathmey, DAV Post 86; Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229



**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Service Officer's  
Report  
April 2006**

Awards:

1. Veteran's spouse awarded D.I.C. effective 8/2005 – 12/2006 at \$1,033 a month (Total \$17,561) Peru, Illinois WWII
2. Veterans' spouse awarded D.I.C. effective 7/2005 – 12/2006 at \$1254 a month (Total \$22,572) South end Vietnam
3. Veteran awarded S.S.D. effective 10/2003 – 12/2006 at \$1,916.20 a month (Total \$74,731) Vietnam West end P.T.S.D.
4. Veterans awarded VA pension effective 10/2003 – 12/2006 at \$1,154 a month (Total \$18,464) Ottawa, Illinois Vietnam era Hepatitis C
5. Veteran awarded 60% Service connected disability combined effective 8/2005 – 12/2006 at \$1,001 a month (Total \$12,012) Vietnam Diabetes Streator, Illinois
6. Veteran's spouse awarded D.I.C. effective 10/2005 – 12/2006 at \$1,001 a month (Total \$15,495) Oglesby, Illinois WWII seizure disorder

TOTAL S.S.A. Awards For Month	\$74,731.
Year to Date	\$368,714.
VA Awards for Month	\$86,104.
Year to	\$877,850.
Total Awards Year to Date	\$1,171,834.

Minutes of the April 26, 2006 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek and a roll call of officers was taken showing the chaplain and SSgt. at arms excused and all other officers present.

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

Old business: The delegates and alternates were told the LaSalle Veterans' Home hired the needed employees to open the empty beds. At this time there are 106 beds filled with 12 beds remaining empty in order to allow the expansion of the additional 80 beds. There are currently 450 applicants on the waiting list for admission and the contractors are currently on site starting the expansion. The Capital Development Board has awarded the contracts and the contractors are going forward with the expansion.

New business: The service officer's report was read and all questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Lawrence Graham that the service officer's report be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Hewlett Gwathney discussed the van for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic. He stated that three Disabled American Veterans Posts would kick in \$12,500 and the State Department of the Disabled American Veterans would kick in the other \$12,500 to pay for the new van for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic. He has set up a special account at the First National Bank of Ottawa and asks that our veterans organizations donate to this van fund so that we can reimburse the three Disabled American Veterans' posts who took dollars from their posts funds totaling \$12,500 so that our veterans in the Illinois valley would have a van to haul them to Hines VA Hospital. The commission asked that Superintendent Rue send out a letter to the veteran's posts in the Illinois valley asking for donations with the information needed to be placed on the check so that it gets deposited into the right account. These letters should further ask that these tax-free donations be sent to the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission office so their post can be properly recognized for their contribution and he can make the tax-free deposit into the D.A.V. account. This way we will know when we reach our \$12,500 goal for our area and could stop the donations.

A motion was made by Howard Gast and seconded by Jim DeMoss that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Delegates Lawrence Graham, DAV Post 86; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Jim DeMoss, V.F.W. Post 5506; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Alternate Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1279; and Hewlett Gwathney, Commander D.A.V. Post 86, guest.

**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Service Officer's  
Report  
May 2006**

**AWARDS:**

1. Veteran awarded S/C combined disability of 90% effective 4/2005 – 12/2006 at \$1557.00 a month (total \$31,140) West End Vietnam P.T.S.D. and Tinnitus
2. Veterans awarded S/C combined disability of 30% effective 1/2005 – 12/2006 at \$337 a month (total \$8,088) Serena – hearing loss and tinnitus
3. WWII veteran repaid for co-payments from U.S.D.V.A. after we appealed because he is 100% S/C total \$315 – Peru
4. Veteran awarded S/C combined disability of 20% effective 1/2005 – 12/2006 at \$218 a month (total \$5,232) – Ottawa Gulf War era – gastroesophageal reflux and back strain
5. Veteran awarded S.S.D. benefit effective 1/2005 – 12/2006 at \$1,154 a month (total \$27,696) Marseilles – Vietnam P.T.S.D.
6. Veterans appeal for denial of medical bills under the New Millennium Health Care Act for private hospital care (Naperville, I.V.C.H. and St. Francis) won at total of \$17,878. West end WWII veteran

TOTAL S.S.A. Awards for Month	\$27,696
Year to date	\$396,410
TOTAL U.S.D.V.A. Awards for Month	\$62,653
Year to	\$940,503
TOTAL Awards year to	\$1,336,913

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of March 22, 2006

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present. All questions pertaining to the minutes were answered. Chairman Iwaszek stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Delegates and alternates were very concerned about the eighteen empty beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home. Supt. Rue stated that the home had not received authorization to hire the ten employees.

H.R. 995 was again discussed. Supt. Rue stated that only two Illinois United States Congressmen have signed on to Congressman Weller's bill.

**New Business:** The service officer's report was presented. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Howard Gast that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Hewlett Gwathney, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 86 spoke on the possibility of applying to the Colorado Trust for monies needed to purchase a new van for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic. If our area could raise \$12,000 towards this endeavor the D.A.V. would be able to get the additional monies needed from the Colorado Trust to purchase the van. Hines VA Hospital is totally in favor of this type of a contract. This issue will be discussed at our April 26, 2006 meeting.

Supt. Rue presented numerous articles to the delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Supt. Rue presented the March 11, 2006 Illinois Veterans' Home Advisory Council meeting summary. Alternate Gary Hamilton of the Marseilles American Legion presented his minutes from the same meeting. Delegates and alternates briefly discussed those minutes.

A motion was made by Delbert Spitz and seconded by Ken Hausken that the meeting adjourns. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Post 86; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260, Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Alternates Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; and Don McCollough, DAV Post 86; Hewlett Gwathmey, DAV Post 86; Chairman Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

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**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Service Officer's  
Report  
April 2006**

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Year to Date	\$368,714.
VA Awards for Month	\$86,104.
Year to	\$877,850.
Total Awards Year to Date	\$1,171,834.

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of February 22, 2006

Meeting was opened in due form by Acting Chairman Ken Hausken. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Iwaszek and Vice-Chairman James Nanowski excused with all others present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. All questions pertaining to the minutes were answered. Acting Chairman Ken Hausken stated the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The LaSalle Veterans' Home still has 18 empty beds. The state is going to hire six or seven health care providers so they will be able to fill all but 12 beds. Those 12 beds will remain empty until the construction of the additional 80 beds is completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The service officer's report was presented. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. Motion by George Mason and seconded by Douglas Grieves that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Lawrence Graham submitted to those present a six-page facts and statistics handout on the Iraq and Afghanistan War. It also told of a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center, which will encompass a 60,000 square foot structure to include \$35 million indoor and outdoor facilities, a childcare center and other needed facilities. It will be located at Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. They will receive severely wounded soldiers and treat them through their journey of extensive rehabilitation. This facility, which is being constructed through the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, will offer its services to all five military branches and the Department of Veterans' Affairs patients. Their services will be available to all severely injured soldiers of all eras.

A motion was made by Gary Hamilton and seconded by Howard Gast to adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates Lawrence Graham, American Legion Post 86; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Fred Burnette, Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; American Legion Post 540; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; and Alternate Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235

**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Service  
Officer's Report  
MARCH 2006**

**AWARDS:**

1. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation with I.U.E. effective 2/2005 – 12/2006 at \$2862 a month (total \$65,826) West end – Vietnam P.T.S.D.
2. Veteran awarded S.S.D. benefit effective 4/2004 – 12/2006 at \$1322 a month (total \$43,626) South end
3. Veteran awarded 30% S/C compensation effective 8/2004 – 12/2006 at \$485 a month (total \$13,580) Earlville Vietnam P.T.S.D.
4. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation with I.U.E. effective 5/2004 – 12/2006 at \$2528 a month (total \$80,896) Ottawa Schizophrenia Vietnam
5. Veteran awarded 20% S/C compensation with SMC award letter K at \$294 a month (total \$10,878) Ottawa Vietnam Diabetes
6. Veteran awarded S.S.D. benefit effective 2/2006 – 12/2007 at \$647 a month (total \$14,881) Ottawa,
7. Veteran awarded S.S.D. benefit effective 2/2004 – 12/2006 at \$996 a month (total \$34,860) North end

**TOTAL SSA awards for month - \$93,367  
Year to date - \$219,253  
TOTAL VA awards for month - \$171,180  
Year to date - \$791,746  
TOTAL AWARDS Year to date - \$1,010,999.**



LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of January 25, 2006

Meeting was opened in due form by Vice-Chairman James Nanowski. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Iwaszek excused and all other officers present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. All questions pertaining to the minutes were answered. Vice-Chairman Nanowski stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**OLD Business:** Once again our LaSalle Veterans' Home was discussed. Two open forums pertaining to the need of additional staff at the LaSalle Veterans' Home were handed out to the delegates and alternates. A form letter addressed to the Honorable Governor Blagojevich pertaining to the twelve empty beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home was given to each person present. They were told they could make copies of this form letter and have as many people as possible sign and send it to the governor. A petition to adequately staff our LaSalle Veterans' Home was presented to the delegates and alternates asking them to recopy the petition and get as many signatures as possible and return them to Superintendent Rue. All other questions pertaining to old business were answered.

The service officer's report was presented. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Jerry Fuchs that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Lawrence Graham introduced Commander Hewlett Gwathmey of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #83. He talked to the delegates and alternates present about having a joint fund-raiser to purchase a van for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic. He guesstimated the cost of about \$25,000 needed in order to purchase the van through the Disabled American Veterans organization. He was told by Vice-Chairman Nanowski to get all the information requested and give it to Superintendent Rue who will share it with the Commission.

A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Howard Gast that we adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates Lawrence Graham, DAV Post 86; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Delbert Spitz, V.F.W. Post 4079; Fred Burnett, American Legion Post 540; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Ken Hausken, V.F.W. Post 5506; George Mason, V.F.W. Post 2470; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Alternates Gary Hamilton, American Legion Post 235; Carl Key, American Legion Post 540; Vice Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; and guest Hewlett Gwathmey, D.A.V. Post 86

**LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Service  
Officer's Report  
FEBUARY 2006**

**AWARDS:**

1. Veteran awarded 10% S/C compensation effective 3/2005 – 11/2005 at \$120 a month = \$960.00 12/2005 – 11/2006 = \$1440 (total \$2400) OTTAWA Diabetes Vietnam
2. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation effective 7/2005 – 11/2006 at \$2299 a month (total \$39,083.00) OGLESBY, IL Prostrate Cancer Vietnam
3. Veteran awarded S.S.D. effective 11/2004 – 11/2006 at \$1293 a month (total \$31,032) NEWARK, IL
4. Veteran awarded 10% S/C compensation effective 2/2005 – 11/2006 at \$110 a month (total \$2,640) West End P.T.S.D. WWII Tiger Team awarded without stressor.
5. Veteran awarded 30% S/C compensation effective 12/2004 – 11/2006 at \$324 a month (total \$8100) West end Rt. Shoulder, tinitus, hearing loss, Vietnam
6. Veteran awarded S.S.I. effective 10/2005 – 11/2006 at \$469.67 a month (total \$7,045) OTTAWA
7. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation with I.U.E. effective 3/2004 – 11/2006 at \$2429 a month (total \$84,448) West end
8. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation with I.U.E. effective 4/2005 – 11/2006 at \$2429 a month (Total \$51,009) West end
9. Veteran awarded S.S.D. effective 8/2003 – 11/2006 at \$1833 a month (total \$72,329) Mendota, IL
10. Veteran awarded 30% S/C compensation effective 2/2004 – 12/2004 \$6058.00 2/2005 – 11/2006 100% S/C compensation with I.U.E. at \$2299 a month (total \$58,035) South end
11. Veteran awarded 50% S/C compensation effective 11/2004 – 11/2006 at \$663 a month (total \$16,575) West end
12. Veteran granted waiver of overpayment as of 12/2005 (total \$921.56) West end
13. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation effective 3/2002 – 11/2006 at \$2429 a month (total \$138,453) West end P.T.S.D. and Diabetes Vietnam

<b>Total S.S.A. Awards for month</b>	<b>\$119,406.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$125,886.00</b>
<b>Total VA Awards for month</b>	<b>\$302,564.56</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>\$620,566.56</b>
<b>Total Awards Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$745,452.56</b>