

COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

MARTIN J. RUE
Superintendent
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119 W. Madison Street
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DATE: May 26 2004

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
NICK PACETTI	VFW 4668	DEL	223-9257
Ralph Adler	AL 235	Chairman	795-5436
Jim Monardi	Post 33	Del	434-4633
Nick Nekrosia	Post 426	Del	224-2204
Douglas Grieve	Am Legion 260 Tonica	Del Commodore	252 6974
Jim DEMOSS	VFW 5506	DEL	795-2959
KEN HAUSKEN	VFW 5506	Alternate	795-2466

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

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 the rate of reaction between a solid and a liquid. It is shown that
 the most reliable method is that of measuring the change in weight
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 the temperature, and the nature of the solid and liquid. It is
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RALPH ADLER	AL 235	Chairman	795-5436
DELBERT SPITZ	4079 VFW	Del	538-2023
Jim DEMOSS	5506 VFW	DEL	795-2959
KEN HAUSKEN	5506 VFW	DEL	795-2466
TONY KARLZWESKI	OWV LaSALLE	Del	224-3035
Nick Nekrasius	Am Legion 426	Del	224-2204

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DATE: Feb 25/04

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Ralph Adler	AL 235	Chairman	795-5436
Howard Mast	AL549	Comr.	815-246-9689
Jim DeMood	VFW 5506		795-2959
Kent Hauke	VFW 5506	DEL	795-2825
Bob Burt	AL 540	AdjT	539-3077
Carl Key	AL 540	Secretary	539-7759
Robert Stutz	VFW 4079	Service Off.	538-2023
Joseph Bussard	CVV Post 1229	Del	223 4179
Nick Nekrasus	AL 426	Del	224-2304
Douglas Griere	Touica 260	Commander	252-6974

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Mendota, IL 61342
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HOWARD GAST Com 549
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EARLVILLE, IL 60518
815-246-1

Carl E. Key alternate
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Mendota, IL 61342 left message
Phone 815. 539-7759.

Douglas Grielle can't make it.
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DATE: March 24/04

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<i>Calvin Abitz</i>	<i>VFW Post 4079</i>	<i>Sec. off.</i>	<i>535-2023</i>
<i>Ralph Allen</i>	<i>AL 235</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>795-5436</i>
<i>Fred Burnett</i>	<i>AL 540</i>	<i>DeLEGATE</i>	<i>539-3077</i>
<i>Howard Gast</i>	<i>A.L. 549</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>815-246-9689</i>
<i>Jim Nourli</i>	<i>A.L Post 33</i>	<i>DeLEGATE</i>	<i>434-4633</i>
<i>Joseph Luszczak</i>	<i>CWV Post 1029</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>223 4179</i>
<i>Nick Nekrasova</i>	<i>Am Legion 426</i>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>224-2204</i>
<i>Ken Hauken</i>	<i>VFW 5506</i>	<i>DEL</i>	<i>795-2466</i>
<i>Jim DeMond</i>	<i>VFW 5506</i>	<i>ALT</i>	<i>795-2959</i>

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DATE: June 23, 2004

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Ralph Adla	AL 235	Chairman	795-5436
Core Key	AL 540	FINANCE O-	539-7759
Robert Spitz - VFW		del	538-2023
Joseph Swaged	CWV	DEL	223 4179
Nick Nekrasine	Am Legion LaSalle	DEL	224-2204
Jim DeMoad	VFW 5506	DEL	795-2959
Ken Hawk	VFW 5506	DEL	795-2466
Douglas Grice	Russell Zear 260	Tonica Commander	252 6974

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DATE July 21, 2004

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Howard Gast	Post 549	Post Comm.	246-9689
Jim Novak	Post 33	Del	434-4633
Fred BURNETTE	Post 540	Post Adjutant	539-3077
Ken Hauka	VFW 5506	DEL	795-2466
Alababets	VFW 4079	Del	538-2023
Care Key	Post 540	-	539-7759

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DATE: Aug 25, 2004

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Robert Spitz	V.F.W. 4079	Del	538-2023
Nick Nekrasov	Am Legion 426	Del	229-2204
Joe WASZEK	EW V Post 1229	Del	223 4179
Fred Burnett	Am Legion 540		539-3077
KEW HAUSKEN	VFW 5506	DEL	295-2466
Doug Grieve	Touisa American Legion 260		252 6974
Jim Manske	Post 33 Ottawa	Del	434-4633

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

12/12/1914

1. The first thing I noticed
 when I stepped out of the
 train was the cold. It was
 a sharp, biting cold that
 I had never experienced
 before. The wind was
 howling, and the snow
 was falling in thick
 drifts. I had to huddle
 under my coat, trying to
 keep warm. The people
 around me were all
 bundled up in heavy
 winter gear. I felt
 like an outsider in this
 strange, frozen world.

Don't give up

Tommy in America

12/12/1914

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DATE: Sept. 22, 2004

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
NICK PACETTI	VFW 4668	DEL.	223-9257
Nick Nekrasius	Am Legion 426	Del	224-2204
Joe Iwaszek	CWU Post 1229	Del.	223 4189
Douglas Grice	American Legion Post 260	Del	252-6974
Robert Spitz	V.F.W. #4079	Del	538-2023
Ken Hauke	VFW 5506	DEL	295-2466 (FAX)

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

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DATE: Oct 27, 2004

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Ralph Adle	AL 235	Chairman	795-5436
Douglas Grieve	Tonica 260		252-6974
Howard Gast	AL 549	Post Com.	246-9689
Nick Nekrosius	Am Legion 466	Del	224-2204
Jim Noroshi	Post 33	Del	434-4633
Joseph Swassgel	Post 1779	Del	233-4179
Carl Key	Mendota 540		539-7759
Del Spitz	Mendota ^{VFW} 4079	Del	538-2023
Ken Hawk	MARSHALLS VFW 5506 DR		295-2460

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The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of October 27, 2004.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: Delegates questioned the status of the 80-bed addition to the LaSalle Veterans Home. Superintendent Rue stated the funding is to be brought up in the override veto session. We must keep in touch with Representative Mautino and Senator Welch to make sure our funding stays in the capital project bond bills.

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 seconded by Joe Iwaszek that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue went through numerous handouts with the delegates and alternates present. All questions pertaining to those handouts were answered.

Our annual meeting will be held November 17, 2004 due to Thanksgiving being on the 25th of November. As required by our bylaws, Superintendent Rue is instructed to send a letter to all delegates and alternates ten days prior to the annual meeting. This will also be the night of the election of our VAC officers for the upcoming year.

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

Members present: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Carl Key, American Legion Post 540; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting minutes of September 22, 2004.

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

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

Old Business: Superintendent Rue informed those present that the health service personnel needed to open the ten empty beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home have been hired. He was further told that by the end of October 2004 all beds would be filled.

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 Delbert Spitz, seconded by Nick Nekrosius that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ken Hausken, seconded by Douglas Grieve that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; and Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2004

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 32 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 76 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 7 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 19 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 53 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 10 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 27 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 4 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 67 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 6 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 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 6 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
22. Sent 10 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veteran(s).
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 35 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
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 23 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 2 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 1 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 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 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 0 veteran.
41. Sent 1 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court 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 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded TDIU w/70% service connected compensation, effective 10/2003-11/2003, \$2318, \$4636;12/2003-11/2004, \$2366 monthly, \$28,322 (Total \$33,028) PTSD, Vietnam, Ottawa
2. Veteran awarded \$22,986 retroactive pay for SSI. Back condition, Vietnam, Marseilles,
3. Veteran's widow awarded 100% S/C Compensation due to prostrate cancer. (Total \$28,392) Ottawa, Vietnam, Cancer

4. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC benefits based upon the S/C death of veteran, effective 6/2004-6/2005, \$967 monthly, \$11,604; accrued benefit 6/2004, \$2239; Burial Benefit, \$2000 (Total \$15,843)
Westend, WWII, POW Heart Condition
5. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation for diabetes, effective 11/2002, \$197; 12/2002-11/2003, \$201, \$2412; 12/2003-11/2004, \$205 monthly, \$2460 (Total \$5069)
LaSalle, Vietnam, Diabetes
6. Veteran granted NSC Pension benefits, \$824 monthly, 12/2003-11/2004, (Total \$9888)
Peru, Vietnam, Heart Condition
7. Veteran awarded NSC Pension benefits, \$488 monthly, effective 4/2004-3/2005, (Total \$5876)
Ottawa, Vietnam, Stroke
8. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation, effective 11/2003, \$201 monthly, 12/2003-11/2004, \$205 monthly, \$2460 (Total \$2661) LaSalle, Peacetime, Hand/Back
9. Veteran awarded 70% S/C Compensation, w/IUE, \$2239 effective 12/2003-11/2004, \$26,868 (Total \$29,107)
Streator, Vietnam, Diabetes/PTSD
10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$824 monthly, \$9888 (Total \$9888) Ottawa, Vietnam, Mental
11. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation for MS, 30%, combined 80% w/IUE, \$2239 monthly, effective 12/2003-11/2004, \$26,868 (Total \$26,868)
Ottawa, Vietnam, PTSD/MS
12. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 10/2002-11/2003, \$5628; 12/2003-11/2004, \$454 monthly, \$5448 (Total \$10,716)
Vietnam, Earlville, Heart/Diabetes
13. Veteran awarded 70% S/C Compensation, \$1029 monthly, effective 9/2004-11/2004, \$2058; 12/2004-11/2005, \$1057 \$12,684 (Total \$14,742)
Ottawa, Vietnam, Mental
14. Veteran Widow awarded accrued benefits of \$762
Westend, WWII, Heart/PTSD (Husband POW)

15. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$824 monthly, \$9888
12/2003-11/2004, (Total \$9888)
Marseilles, Vietnam, Back/Knee

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS:	\$	22,986.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	583,497.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS:	\$	191,589.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	1,618,112.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	2,211,609.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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

RESOLUTION

(#04-123)

WHEREAS, the LaSalle County Fee & Salary Committee recommends to the LaSalle County Board that the salary for the VAC SuperIntendent, Martin Rue be set at the following sum for the period indicated:

December 1, 2004 to November 30, 2005	\$51,000.00
December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006	\$53,000.00
December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007	\$54,000.00
December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008	\$55,000.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the LaSalle County Board that the salary for the VAC Superintendent, Martin Rue be set at the following sum for the period indicated:

December 1, 2004 to November 30, 2005	\$51,000.00
December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006	\$53,000.00
December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007	\$54,000.00
December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008	\$55,000.00



GLEN P. DOUGHERTY, Chairman
LaSalle County Board

ATTEST:



LaSalle County Clerk

DATED: October 14, 2004

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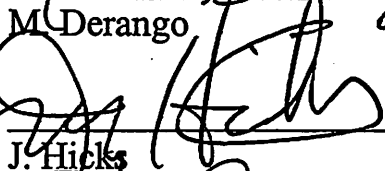
We, the undersigned members of the Fee & Salary Committee, do hereby recommend to the LaSalle County Board for approval of the attached Resolution.



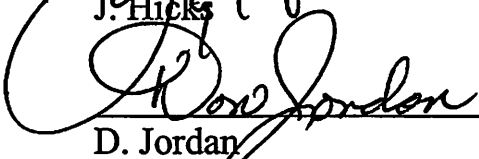
J. Sawitch, Chairman



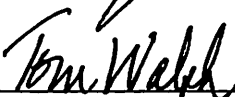
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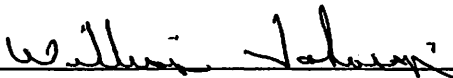
J. Hicks



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T. Walsh



W. Johnson



M. Treschak

LASALLE COUNTY BOARD ROLL CALL

MOTION: Sanitor SECOND: Shopper DATE: 10-14-04
Motion Rec - Salary Increase

BOARD MEMBER	AYE	NAY	HERE	DIST.	PRECINCTS	Party	
GARRETSON, GLENN J.	0147	✓			29	Allen, Bruce 12, Otter Creek 1, 2 & 3	R
JAKUPCAK, ROBERT J.	0703		✓		28	Bruce 6, 8, 10 & 14	D
JORDAN, DONALD E.	0575	<i>absent</i>			27	Bruce 1, 2, 5 & Eagle 1 & 3	D
TRESCHAK, MELVIN D.	0223	✓			26	Bruce 3, 4, 7 & 8	D
MYERS, JERRY	1254	✓			25	Bruce 11, 12, 15, Eagle 2 & Highland	R
LEININGER, JACK	1270	✓			24	Breakfield, Fall River, Farm Ridge, Grand Rapids & South Ottawa 1	R
LANDERS, DALE E.	0574		✓		23	South Ottawa 2, 4, 1 & 1	D
HALL, MICHAEL J.	0507		✓		22	South Ottawa 1, 3, 6 & 7	D
FREEMAN, RANDY L.	0706	✓			21	Dear Park, Eden 1 & 2, Cleveland 1 & 2, Hope, Orange Vermillion	R
CAPPELLINI, JAMES	0287	✓			20	Madison 1, 4 & 5	D
HICKS, JERRY L.	0707	✓			19	Madison 2, Rolland 1 & 3	D
WALSH, TOM P.	1273	<i>absent</i>			18	Ottawa 1, 2, 4 & 5	D
FOLTYNEWICZ, RICHARD A.	0571		✓		17	Ottawa 6, 11, 12 & 14	D
CHAIRMAN DOUGHERTY *	0356				16	Ottawa 7, 8, 9, 10 & 13	D
BOE, RUSSELL A.	0350	✓			15	Dayton 1 & 2, Madison 3, Miller & Rolland 2	R
PIECHA, AL	1641	✓			14	LaSalle 13, 14, 15, 16 & a portion of LaSalle 12	D
PANZICA JR., JOSEPH J.	1271	✓			13	LaSalle 2 & 3, Ottawa 3 & portions of LaSalle 1 & 2 (LaSalle 1)	D
GRUENWALD, GEORGE	0454		✓		12	LaSalle 5, 6, 7 & 8	D
SAVITCH, JOSEPH A.	0481	✓			11	LaSalle 4, 9, 10 & 11	D
RIGBY JR., ARTHUR J.	0602	✓			10	LaSalle 1, Peru 1 & 3 & portions of LaSalle 12, Penn 2 & 4	D
JOHNSON, WILLIAM C.	0705	✓			09	Peru 5, 6, 7, 8 & a portion of Peru 4	D
DERANGO, MARIUS	0702	✓			08	Peru 9, 10, 11, 12 & a portion of Peru 2	D
SMALL, GARY N.	0534	✓			07	Dunlap, Ophir, Trey Grove 1 & 2, Wallace, Waltham 1 & 2 of US 8	R
KAMINKY, DON	1247	✓			06	Northville 2, 3, 4 & 5	R
MOWINSKI, TOM	1256		✓		05	Mislon 1, Northville 1, 6 & 7	R
JOHNSON, RONALD L.	0444		✓		04	Adams 1 & 2, Mislon 2 & Sorens	R
STOCKLEY, KENNETH L.	0272	✓			03	East 1 & 2, Freedom & Meriden	R
MCCONVILLE, JOSEPH J.	0310	✓			02	Mendota 2, 3 & 6	D
FLANAGAN, DANIEL J.	0699	✓			01	Mendota 1, 4, 5 & 7	D

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of August 25, 2004.

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 Adler stated that the minutes were stand approved as presented.

Old Business: The delegates and alternates raised questions pertaining to the LaSalle Veterans Home's shortage of staff personnel. Superintendent Rue has been told that in order to open the ten empty beds an additional eight health service providers must be hired and additional dietary employees will be needed to provide service for the patients needs. Superintendent Rue was told to keep on Director Dolgos until the needed staff is hired.

New Business: The Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report was answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Fred Burnette that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue handed out numerous articles pertaining to veteran issues. All questions asked by the delegates and alternates pertaining to the articles were answered.

Motion was made by Jim Nanowski and seconded by Ken Hausken that we adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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2. Veteran awarded reimbursed office for General Assistance due to SSI award, \$1239.61 Vietnam, Marseilles
3. Veteran's widow awarded S/C DIC benefit due to s/c death of veteran, effective 3/2004, \$2366; 4/2004-3/2005 \$967 monthly, \$11,604; Also awarded Burial Benefit, \$2000 (Total \$15,970) Eastend, Vietnam, Cancer

4. Veteran awarded payment of charges for S/C disabilities provided by a private medical provider, \$299 (Ottawa, Persian Gulf, Chronic Sinusitis)

5. Veteran awarded 80% S/C Compensation, effective 12/2002-11/2003, \$1394 monthly, \$16,728; 12/2003-11/2004, \$1422 monthly, \$17,064 (Total \$33,792) LaSalle, Peacetime, Multiple Sclerosis

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UNITED STATES
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July 13, 2004

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON
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Mr. Ralph D. Adler Jr.
919 Catalpa Street
Marseilles, IL 61341

Dear Mr. Adler Jr.:

The House of Representatives is accomplishing veterans priorities by the passage of key legislation which I support. These initiatives provide significant benefits for America's veterans and servicemembers including disabled veterans and surviving spouses of veterans. Let me focus on veterans spending issues, and share some good news with you.

Over the past several years, the Republican led House, working with President Bush, passed significant and needed increases in funding, benefits, and services. We are committed to improving benefits for our nation's veterans.

The budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the Fiscal Year 2004 was *increased by \$6.2 billion* for a total of \$61.5 billion. This represents more than a 10-percent increase from last year's budget, and shows the strong commitment of Congress to fund priority programs for veterans. Not content to rest until all of our veterans' needs are met, the President requested \$67.3 billion for FY05, and the *House Budget Committee passed a total of \$70.8 billion* for FY05.

The Republican Congress expanded eligibility for medical care in 1996 and 1999 and as a result, the number of veterans using VA medical care has increased from 2.5 million in 1995 to 4.7 million today – *an 88% increase, and an all time high.*

Since 1995, total spending on veterans has increased from \$38 billion to over \$60 billion, a *58 percent increase.* Some other figures of note include:

- Total per-veteran spending increased from \$1,368 in 1995, to \$2,443 in 2004 – *a 79% increase.*
- Veterans medical care grew from \$16.2 billion in 1995 to \$28.3 billion in 2004 – *a 75% increase.*
- Veterans disability compensation grew from \$18.7 billion in 1999 to \$30.7 billion in 2004 – *a 10.4% average annual increase.*
- Monthly education benefit payment levels under the Montgomery GI Bill *more than doubled,* from \$405 billion in 1995 to \$985 billion in 2004 – *a 143% increase!*

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Clearly, the House of Representatives, under Republican leadership, stands strongly with our nations veterans. We will continue working hard to ensure our veterans are compensated their service to our country that they so richly deserve.

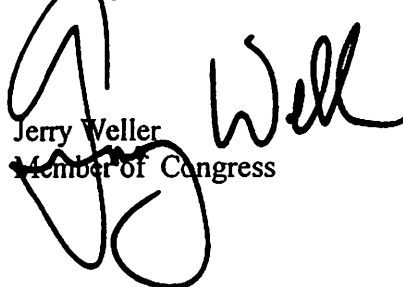
Also, let me update you on the Lincoln National Cemetery. As you may know, the National Cemetery was dedicated October 3, 1999, as the 117th national cemetery within the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration. This 982 acre facility serves approximately 1 million Chicago Metropolitan area veterans. Over 6,000 eligible individuals have been interred. When fully developed, the cemetery will provide 400,000 burial spaces.

I have recently introduced legislation, H.R. 4637, the "Combat Military Medically Retired Veteran's Fairness Act of 2004." This bill would provide payment of Combat-Related Special Compensation to disabled retired members of the Armed Forces with less than 20 years of active military service awarded the Purple Heart. This bill would affect approximately 18,000 disabled veterans. Previously, the only option afforded them for their sacrifices was forcible retirement from the military, making them ineligible for concurrent receipt.

Another development I would like to share with you is the recently opened World War II Memorial. On May 29th, the memorial was dedicated before a crowd of over 150,000 people assembled on the National Mall. The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort here at home. It will inspire future generations of Americans, deepening their appreciation of the World War II generation for their accomplishments toward preserving democracy and saving the world from tyranny. Above all, the memorial stands as an important symbol of American national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and awesome power that can flow when a free people are at once united and bonded together in a common and just cause.

America's veterans served their country with dignity, bravery, and honor. It is the duty of the Congress to ensure that our veterans' needs are met and their sacrifices are honored. I continue to fight in Congress for veterans benefits and causes important to veterans. Should you ever wish to share your views with me on veterans issues, or other issues of concern to you or your family, please don't hesitate to contact me. Finally, I encourage you to visit my website, <http://www.house.gov/weller/> to receive updates on other issues I have been working on for Illinois' 11th Congressional District.

Sincerely,


Jerry Weller
Member of Congress

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Resolution No. 92 PAGE 1 OF 3 Date 2004

Subject SUPPORT H.R. 4637

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WHEREAS: The American Legion's primary goal is to see that the needs of our veterans and especially those who have fought our wars, barring the scars, losing their limbs or blood are met. Our wounded combat soldiers only make up a small percentage of our military personnel, and

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Defense chooses to place our war wounded soldiers on military medical retirement for their combat disabilities, paying an amount of retirement pension based on their years of service as opposed to keeping them in the Armed Forces. In many instances, the combat wounded soldiers medical retirement pension is higher per month than their service-connected disability compensation check from the Department of Veterans Affairs. For example, they may be military medically retired from the United States Military as 100% service-connected for seven different service connected disabilities and only be rated at ~~60%~~^{50%} combined from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the same disabilities, and

WHEREAS: Most of these severely disabled combat veterans will not be able to procure employment as a result of the workman's compensation laws, which hold our corporations liable for all injuries of workers even if the injury is a direct result of their service-connected disabilities even if the service-connected disabled veteran signed a waiver to that effect. The signing of such waiver would be considered as signing under duress, and

WHEREAS: Congressman Jerry Weller realizing this true travesty to our combat military medically retired war veterans has introduced

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WHEREAS: Proponents for "Concurrent Receipt" have argued that retirement pay is for those who are military retired, coming from the Department of Defense, and service-connected disability pay is for disabilities which incurred in service, which comes from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. They further argue that retired pay is earned by your sacrifices made while in uniform and compensation is for the impact of a service-connected disability on "future life and earning powers", and

WHEREAS: To further strengthen their argument for "Concurrent Receipt" they use the example of asking, "How can the sacrifice of two legs and an arm be considered equivalent to being paid for performing honorable military service...." They are using an example that for the most part would only happen to the combat soldier and that person would not be permitted to remain in the military for 20 years or more because they could not pass the physical requirements or military readiness standards, and

WHEREAS: In accordance to the American Legion Dispatch dated December 20, 2002 pertaining to "Concurrent Receipt" legislation

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they state that it would affect 550,000 disabled veterans, but when the representatives ammended it to require those retirees to have disabilities incurred because of wounds substained in combat those affected fell to an estimated 30,000 retirees. This further illustrates that very few career military personnel have served on the frontlines of combat, so we should not disgrace ourselves by excluding our military medically retired from being included in any "Concurrent Receipt" legislation, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the American Legion, Department of Illinois, at Convention assembled July 13-17, 2004 in Springfield, Illinois be insistent that the United States Congress includes all service-connected disabled combat veterans who have been military medically retired from their combat wounds in any "Concurrent Receipt" legislation that they may pass and not disgracefully discriminate from these true heros and back Congressman Weller's legislation H.R. 4637 and ask all veteran groups to support ~~it~~ ^{this resolution}

~~THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:~~

- ~~1. President of the United States, George W. Bush~~
- ~~2. President of the United States Senate, Richard Cheney~~
- ~~3. President Pro Tempore, Ted Stevens~~
- ~~4. Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Bill Frist~~
- ~~5. Minority Leader of the United States Senate, Tom Daschle~~
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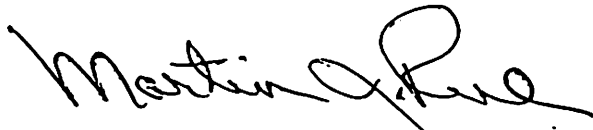
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Dear

Find enclosed a copy of H.R. 4637, which was introduced by Illinois Congressman Jerry Weller in the 108th Congress second session. I would ask that you encourage all your friends and organizations to contact their United States senators and United States representatives asking that they immediately support H.R. 4637. Our severely wounded combat soldiers, who will become or are military medically retired from the United States Department of Defense, as physically unfit to serve need our help now. Under any Doctrine of Fairness, they should not be denied their military retirement pay just because they are receiving United States Department of Veterans Affairs compensation. They should be exempt from the longevity clause because of their severe combat wounds, which will severely affect their employability capabilities. Let us not desert those that bare the scars of our wars. They gave their all for us. The least we can do is see that they receive their military retirement pay, which they have truly earned.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

LASALLE COUNTY V.A.C.
Jowntown Court House, Room 103A
119 W. Madison St.
Ottawa, IL 61350
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108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4637

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2004

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Combat Military Medi-
5 cally Retired Veteran's Fairness Act of 2004".

1 SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO 20-YEAR SERVICE REQUIREMENT
 2 FOR MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED PUMPS
 3 HEART.
 4 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—Section 1413a(c) of title 10,
 5 United States Code, is amended—
 6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes
 7 of”;
 8 (2) by striking “(1) has” and inserting “(A)
 9 has”;
 10 (3) by striking “(2) has” and inserting “(B)
 11 has”; and
 12 (4) by adding at the end the following new
 13 paragraph:
 14 “(2) In addition to members described in paragraph
 15 (1), a member of the uniformed services retired under
 16 chapter 61 of this title with less than 20 years of service
 17 creditable under section 1405 of this title is an eligible
 18 combat-related uniformed services retiree for the purposes
 19 of subsection (a) if the member has a combat-related dis-
 20 ability described in subsection (e)(1). In the case of such
 21 a member, the determination under subsection (b) of the
 22 amount of compensation to be paid such member under
 23 this section shall be made without regard to paragraph
 24 (3) of that subsection.”
 25 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 26 subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to payments

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1 of compensation under section 1413a of title 10, United
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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of June 23, 2004

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7. Sent out 16 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 11 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 2 veterans.
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 8 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 2 veteran(s).
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 19 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
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30. Sent 8 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
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32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 5 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 1 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 1 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 0 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5498 for 0 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
46. Sent VA Form 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
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49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded Dependency Allowance, \$38 monthly effective 5/2002-11/2004, \$1178 (Total \$1178)
2. Veteran awarded 80% S/C Compensation w/IUE, effective effective 12/03-11/04, \$2364 monthly, \$28,368 (Total \$28,368) WWII (POW) WestEnd
3. Veteran awarded 60% S/C Compensation effective 8/03-11/03, \$801 monthly, \$3204; 12/03-11/04, \$817 monthly, \$9804 (Total \$13,008) Persian Gulf, Oglesby
4. Veteran awarded American Legion emergency grant, \$1000 (Total \$1000)

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6. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC due to service-connected death of husband, 1/2004, \$2366; 2/04-11/04, \$957 monthly, \$9670 (Total \$121,036) Troy Grove, Vietnam
7. Veteran awarded \$9604 retroactive payment for NSC Pension, 1/04-11/04, \$824 monthly, \$9888 (Total \$18,952) Vietnam, Westend
8. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation (50%-70%) w/ IUE, 8/03-11/03 (\$1560 diff.), \$6240; 12/03-11/04, \$2239, \$26,768 (Total \$33,008) Westend, Persian Gulf
9. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, \$1076 monthly, 9/04-9/05, \$12888 (Total \$12,888) Vietnam, Marseilles
10. Veteran awarded 30% S/C Compensation, effective 3/04-11/04, \$316 monthly, \$2844; 12/04-2/05, \$1248 (Total \$4092) Westend, Vietnam
11. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 90%, effective 11/03, \$1317; 12/03-11/04, \$1344 monthly, \$16,128 (Total \$17,445) WWII, LaSalle
12. Veteran awarded 30% S/C Compensation, 11/03, \$310 monthly; 12/03-11/04, \$316 monthly, \$3792 (Total 4102) WWII, Westend
13. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 7/03-11/03, \$633, \$3,165; 12/03-11/04, \$646 \$7652 (Total \$10,817) Persian Gulf, LaSalle

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS:	\$	12,888.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	560,511.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS:	\$	159,870.00
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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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10. Sent letter to 3 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 11 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 2 veterans.
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 8 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 2 veteran(s).
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 19 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
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 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 8 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 5 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 1 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 1 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 0 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5498 for 0 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
46. Sent VA Form 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded Dependency Allowance, \$38 monthly effective 5/2002-11/2004, \$1178 (Total \$1178)
2. Veteran awarded 80% S/C Compensation w/IUE, effective effective 12/03-11/04, \$2364 monthly, \$28,368 (Total \$28,368) WWII (POW) WestEnd
3. Veteran awarded 60% S/C Compensation effective 8/03-11/03, \$801 monthly, \$3204; 12/03-11/04, \$817 monthly, \$9804 (Total \$13,008) Persian Gulf, Oglesby
4. Veteran awarded American Legion emergency grant, \$1000 (Total \$1000)

5. Veteran awarded 40% S/C Compensation, effective 10/02-11/02, \$549, \$1098; 12/02-11/03, \$556, \$6116; 11/02, \$637, \$1274; 12/03-11/04, \$623, \$7,476 \$15,964 (Total \$15,964) Vietnam, Streater
6. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC due to service-connected death of husband, 1/2004, \$2366; 2/04-11/04, \$967 monthly, \$9670 (Total \$121,036) Troy Grove, Vietnam
7. Veteran awarded \$9604 retroactive payment for NSC Pension, 1/04-11/04, \$824 monthly, \$9888 (Total \$18,952) Vietnam, Westend
8. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation (50%-70%) w/DUE, 8/03-11/03 (\$1560 diff.), \$6240; 12/03-11/04, \$2239, \$26,768 (Total \$33,008) Westend, Persian Gulf
9. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, \$1076 monthly, 9/04-9/05, \$12888 (Total \$12,888) Vietnam, Marseilles
10. Veteran awarded 30% S/C Compensation, effective 3/04-11/04, \$316 monthly, \$2844; 12/04-2/05, \$1248 (Total \$4092) Westend, Vietnam
11. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 90%, effective 11/03, \$1317; 12/03-11/04, \$1344 monthly, \$16, 128 (Total \$17,445) WWII, LaSalle
12. Veteran awarded 30% S/C Compensation, 11/03, \$310 monthly; 12/03-11/04, \$316 monthly, \$3792 (Total 4102) WWII, Westend
13. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 7/03-11/03, \$633, \$3,165; 12/03-11/04, \$646 \$7652 (Total \$10,817) Persian Gulf, LaSalle

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS: \$ 12,888.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 560,511.00
 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS: \$ 159,870.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,129,453.00
 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$1,689,964.00

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 517V-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 5128- 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-TAX WITHHOLDING 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-VETERAN'S 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 SEVERE BLEIDA 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

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4637

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of Combat-Related Special Compensation under that title to members of the Armed Forces retired for disability with less than 20 years of active military service who were awarded the Purple Heart.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2004

Mr. WELLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of Combat-Related Special Compensation under that title to members of the Armed Forces retired for disability with less than 20 years of active military service who were awarded the Purple Heart.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Combat Military Medi-
5 cally Retired Veteran's Fairness Act of 2004".

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO 20-YEAR SERVICE REQUIREMENT**
2 **FOR MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED PURPLE**
3 **HEART.**

4 (a) **ENTITLEMENT.**—Section 1413a(c) of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes
7 of”;

8 (2) by striking “(1) has” and inserting “(A)
9 has”;

10 (3) by striking “(2) has” and inserting “(B)
11 has”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(2) In addition to members described in paragraph
15 (1), a member of the uniformed services retired under
16 chapter 61 of this title with less than 20 years of service
17 creditable under section 1405 of this title is an eligible
18 combat-related uniformed services retiree for the purposes
19 of subsection (a) if the member has a combat-related dis-
20 ability described in subsection (e)(1). In the case of such
21 a member, the determination under subsection (b) of the
22 amount of compensation to be paid such member under
23 this section shall be made without regard to paragraph
24 (3) of that subsection.”.

25 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
26 subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to payments

1 of compensation under section 1413a of title 10, United
2 States Code, for months beginning on or after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act.

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of May 26, 2004

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Alder. Roll call of officers was taken showing our Chaplin excused and all other officers present.

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

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

We then discussed a packet of information that pertained to legislation, which would affect our VAC's, and our Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. We also discussed a letter dated June 27, 2003, which was sent to the LaSalle County State's Attorney, Joseph P. Hettel and his May 26, 2004 response.

A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Jim DeMoss that we go into an executive session to discuss legal matters in accordance with the ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES (5 ICCS 120/2 (c) (11).) Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Jim Nanowski, seconded by Douglas Grieve that we come out of executive session. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Jim DeMoss that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Jim DeMoss, VFW Post 5506; Alternate Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

**VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MAY 2004**

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 21 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 10 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 12 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 15 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 2 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 17 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 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 14 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 1 veterans.
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 5 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veteran(s).
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 32 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
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 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 4 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 1 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 0 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court 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 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation, effective 9/03-11/03, \$2318, \$6954; 12/03-11/04, \$2366 monthly \$28,392 (Total \$35,346) Vietnam, OTTAWA
2. Veterans, (4), received emergency fund assistance due to tornado from American Legion, \$5000 (Total \$5000)
3. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC due to service-connected death, \$967 monthly, effective 2/04-11/04, \$9670; 12/04-11/05, \$11604, (Total \$21,274) Vietnam, EastEnd
4. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 70%, \$1029 monthly, 1/2004-12/2004, \$12,348 (Total \$12,348) \$5448 (Total \$5,893) Vietnam, WestEnd

5. Veteran's Widow awarded S/C Burial Benefits, \$2000
Vietnam, Eastend
6. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 80%, 9/03-11/03,
\$1171, monthly, \$3513;12/03-11/04, \$1195 monthly,
\$14,240 (Total \$17,753) WestEnd, Vietnam
7. Veteran awarded SSD effective 4/03 received retroactive
payment, \$4965;6/04-11/04, \$468 monthly, \$2808.
(Total \$7773) Vietnam, Streator
8. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC due to service-connected
death of veteran, \$967 monthly, 5/04-4/05, \$967
monthly, \$11604 (Total \$11,604) EastEnd, Vietnam
9. Veteran awarded 80% S/C w/IUE, effective 7/03-11/03,
\$2193 monthly, \$8772;12/03-11/04, \$2239 monthly,
\$26,868 (Total \$35,640) Vietnam, Earlville
10. Veteran awarded 80% S/C Compensation, effective
8/2002-11/2004, \$199 monthly, \$4472;12/03, \$210;
8/2003-11/2003, \$1352 monthly, \$5408;12/03-11/04,
\$1378 monthly, \$16,436 (Total \$25,526)
Vietnam, Streator
11. Veteran awarded SSD retroactive benefits for period
11/03-5/2004, \$25,926;6/2004-5/2005, \$1750 monthly,
\$21,000 (Total \$46,926) Vietnam, SouthEnd
12. Spouse of veteran awarded SSD benefits effective
4/2004-11/2004, \$1007 monthly, \$9063;12/2004-11/2005,
\$3021 (Total \$12,084) Vietnam, Streator
13. Veteran awarded S/C increased Compensation (10%-30%)
(diff.\$200), effective 9/2003-11/2004, \$3000
Persian Gulf, Naplate
14. Veteran awarded 70% w/IUE, effective 8/2003-11/2003,
\$2318 monthly, \$9272;12/2003-11/2004, \$2366 monthly,
\$28,392 (Total \$37,664, Vietnam, Ottawa

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS:	\$	66,783.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	547,623.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS:	\$	207,155.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	969,583.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	1,517,206.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 190-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 9940-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

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of April 28, 2004

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing our Chaplin excused and all other officers present.

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

Old Business: Delegates and Alternates discussed the LaSalle Veterans Home. Superintendent Rue explained that the home is still short employees needed to open up the vacant 8 beds. He has been in contact with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs as to this problem.

New Business: The Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. A motion by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Joe Iwaszek that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue discussed House Bill 3918 and Senate Bill 2626. He had to go to the General Assembly in Springfield to discuss these two pieces of legislation. As requested by the State Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions, Superintendent Rue drafted amendments to these two bills and asked Senator Welch and Representative Mautino to amend those two bills. The State of Illinois Attorney General's Office, Secretary of States Office, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, County Veterans Assistance Commissions and other veterans organizations wanted this legislation to be all-inclusive. The amendment drafted was acceptable to all the above agencies because it was all-inclusive. Senator Welch and Representative Mautino agreed to amend Senate Bill 2626 and House Bill 3918 to make them all-inclusive.

Motion was made by Howard Gast and seconded by Nick Pacetti that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Howard Gast American Legion Post 549; Jim DeMoss, VFW Post 5506; Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33; Alternates Roger Baker, American Legion Post 426; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

**VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR APRIL 2004**

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 25 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 6 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 6 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 19 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 2 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 32 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 12 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 3 veterans.
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 534 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 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
22. Sent 9 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 0 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 27 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
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 11 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 3 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 1 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 1 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court 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 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation, 9/03-11/03, \$104 monthly, \$312; 12/03-11/04, \$106 monthly, \$1272 (Total \$1584) Vietnam, OTTAWA
2. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, 4/2004-3/2005, \$927 monthly, \$11,124 (Total \$11,124) Vietnam, LaSalle
3. Veteran awarded \$7,126, 30% retroactive payment effective 5/2002-4/2004, \$306 monthly; 5/04-11/04 \$2142 (Total \$9,268) Vietnam, WestEnd
4. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 40%, \$445 monthly, 11/2003, \$445; 12/03-11/2004, \$454 monthly, \$5448 (Total \$5,893) Vietnam, LaMoille

5. Veteran awarded SMC (k) \$81 monthly, 3/2003-11/2003 \$729; 12/2003-11/2004, \$972 (Total \$1701) Vietnam, Eastend
6. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation (40%-60%) (\$363 diff.), 9/2003-11/2003, \$1089; 12/2003-11/2004, \$4356 (Total \$5445) Marseilles, Vietnam
7. Veteran awarded NSC Pension \$824 monthly, 1/2004-11/2004, \$9064 (Total \$9064) Vietnam, Earlville
8. Veteran awarded 100% unemployability, effective 1/2004-11/2004, \$2366 monthly, \$26,026; retro pay \$2946 received (Total \$28,972) Eastend, Vietnam
9. Veteran awarded SSD retroactive payment, \$23,725; \$1645 monthly, 5/2004-4/2005, \$19,470 (Total \$43,465) Korea, Peru

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS: \$ 54,589.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 480,840.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS: \$ 61,927.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 762,428.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$1,243,268.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
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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
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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

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of March 24, 2004.

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 the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business: A discussion ensued by the delegates pertaining to the press conference held by Senator Pat Welch and Representative Frank Mautino at the LaSalle Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois on March 21, 2004. Superintendent Rue thanked all those for showing on such a short notice. Through their efforts over 75 veteran leaders from our Illinois valley area appeared to show their gratitude for our legislative representatives efforts.

New Business: The Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Joe Iwaszek that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Delbert Spitz and seconded by Howard Gast that we adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Fred Burnett, American Legion Post 540; Jim Nanouski, American Legion Post 33; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1225; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Alternate Jim DeMoss, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

**VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MARCH 2004**

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 22 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 9 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 8 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 12 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 12 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 30 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 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 3 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 10 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 5 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 534 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 18 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 3 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 40 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
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 17 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 4 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 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 2 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 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 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 2 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court 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 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded 100% s/c Compensation retroactive payment, 6/01-11/02, \$36,120;12/03-11/04, \$27,852 (Total \$63,972) Vietnam, Peru
2. Veteran awarded SSD retroactive payment 5/02-2/04, \$30,644;3/04-11/04, \$1424, \$12,816 (TOTAL \$43,460) Vietnam, Ottawa
3. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation, (20%-30%) (diff.\$214) 10/03-11/03, \$428;12/03-11/04, \$2568 (Total \$2996) Peacetime, WestEnd
4. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, \$14,859 retroactive payment, 8/02-2/2004;\$804 monthly, 3/2004-12/2004, \$8040 (Total \$22,899) Gulf War, Ottawa

5. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 70%, \$1239 monthly, 8/03-11/03, \$4956; 12/03-11/04, \$1264, \$15,168 (Total \$20,124) Gulf War, LaSalle
6. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation, 6/2002-11/2002, \$2045 monthly, \$12,270; 12/02-11/03, \$2194 monthly, \$26,316; 12/03-11/04, \$26,868 (Total \$65,454) WestEnd, Vietnam
7. Veteran awarded \$21,772 retroactive payment for SSD benefit, 2/2003-3/2004, \$1578 monthly, ; 4/2004-12/2004; \$14,202 (Total \$35,974) SouthEnd, Vietnam
8. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$807 monthly, 11/03; 12/03-11/04, \$824 monthly, \$9888 (Total \$10,695) Oglesby, Vietnam
9. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation, (60%-100%) (diff. \$1392) 10/03-11/03, \$1392, \$2784; 12/03-11/04, \$26,868 (Total \$29,652) Oglesby, WW II

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS:	\$	102,333.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	426,251.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS:	\$	192,976.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	700,501.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	1,126,752.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC (DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
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30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of February 25, 2004.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of all Officers was taken showing all officers present.

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

Old Business: Another discussion ensued pertaining to the shortage of staff at our LaSalle Veteran's Home. The Commission requested that Superintendent Rue contact the powers that be and they request that they give the Home permission to hire those needed to fill our empty beds.

New Business: Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer Report were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, Seconded by Joseph Iwaszek that the Service Officer report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue announced that the LaSalle Veterans Home will be holding their quarterly meeting on March 13, 2004, at the LaSalle Veterans Home at 10:00am.

Motion was made by Delbert Spitz seconded by Nick Pacetti that we adjourned. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:DELEGATES: Nick Pacett, VFW Post 4668;Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235;Howard Gast, American Legion 549;Jim Demoss, VFW Post 5506;Fred Burnette, American Legion Post 540;Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Joseph Iwaszek, LaSalle Catholic War Veterans Post 1229;Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426;Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260;ALTERNATES: Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506;Carl Key, American Legion Post 545.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2004

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 38 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 8 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 6 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 9 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 24 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 32 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 6 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 3 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 17 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 5 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 534 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 22 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 2 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 25 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
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 23 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

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30. Sent 1 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
 31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
 32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 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 2 veterans.
 36. Sent VA Form 674 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 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
 40. Sent VA Form 517 for 0 veteran.
 41. Sent 1 request for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
 42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
 43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 3 Veteran.
 44. Sent 0 claim to Court 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 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
 47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
 48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
 49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded SSD effective 5/03-11/03, \$1763 monthly, \$12,348;12/03-11/04, \$1763 monthly, \$21,168 (Total \$33,516) Mendota, Vietnam
2. Veteran awarded IUE w/Housebound benefits, 10/03-11/03 \$4322;12/0311/04, \$2715 monthly, \$32,580. (Total \$36,902) WestEnd, Vietnam
3. Veteran awarded 60% s/C Compensation, effective 10/03-11/03, \$942 monthly, \$1884;12/03-11/04, \$958 monthly, \$11,496 (\$13,380)
4. Veteran awarded 90% S/C Compensation 8/03-11/03, \$1398 monthly, \$5592;12/03-11/04, \$1425 monthly, \$17,110 (Total \$22,702)

5. Veteran awarded SSD benefits effective 2/02-2/04,
\$28,788; 3/04-11/04, \$1113 monthly, \$10,017
(Total \$38,805) SouthEnd, Vietnam
6. Veteran awarded SSD benefits effective 4/04-11/04,
\$1649 monthly, \$13,192; 12/04-3/05, \$6596
(Total \$19,788) West End, Vietnam
7. Veteran awarded SSD benefits effective,
6/03-12/03, \$12,343; 1/04-12/04, \$1795 monthly,
\$21,540 (total \$33,883) Westend, Vietnam
8. Veteran awarded SSD effective 12/03-2/04,
retroactive payment, \$5337; 3/04-11/04, \$1779, \$16,011
(\$21,348) Streator, Vietnam
9. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, effective
6/03-11/03, \$821 monthly, \$4926; 12/03-11/04, \$9852
(Total \$14,778)
10. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, effective 3/04-11/04,
\$1576 monthly, \$14,184; 12/04-2/05, \$4718
(total \$18,902) Peru, Vietnam
12. Veteran awarded S/C compensation (50%-70%),
(diff. \$378 monthly) 7/03-11/03, \$1890; 12/03-11/04,
\$4536 (Total \$6426) Earlville, Vietnam

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS:	\$	166,242.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	323,918.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS:	\$	94,189.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	507,525.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	831,443.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
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30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of November 19, 2003.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Ralph Adler present, Vice-Chairman, Chaplin, and Sgt. At Arms excused.

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

Old Business: A lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to a shortage of staff at our LaSalle Veterans Home and the over 350 applicants waiting for admission. It was agreed by all that we must get everyone to write letters to Governor Blagojevich and our elected state senator/state representative asking them to immediately fund the expansion of those 80 additional health care beds.

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

The Commission held its election of officers for the fiscal year 2004. Those elected are as follows:

Chairman - Ralph Adler
Vice Chairman - Joe Iwaszek
Chaplin - Delbert Spitz
Sgt. At Arms - Ken Hausken

Each officer was thanked by the delegates and alternates present for their desire to serve the veterans of LaSalle County.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Jim DeMoss, VFW Post 5506; Tony Karczewski, LaSalle Catholic War Veterans, Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Alternate Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2003

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 87 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 33 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 16 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 40 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 80 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 14 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 108 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 9 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 9 veteran placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 22 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 18 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 534 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 5 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 5 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
22. Sent 52 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 7 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 9 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 83 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel for 3 veterans.
29. Sent various SSA forms for 67 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 7 memo to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 4 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 514 to Veterans Administration for 2 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 1 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 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 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 517 for 0 veteran.
41. Sent 3 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Hines VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 Veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court 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 293 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans administration for 0 veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS.

1. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 10%, effective 3/2002-11/2003, \$103 monthly, \$927; 12/03-11/04 \$104 monthly, \$1248 (Total \$2175) (Vietnam, Westend)
2. Veteran awarded SSD benefit, effective 2/2002-11/2002 \$578 monthly, \$5780; 12/02-11/2003, \$586 monthly, \$7032; 12/03-11/04, \$608 monthly \$7296 (Total \$20,108) (Oglesby, Peacetime)
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 9/2003-11/2003 \$807 monthly, \$2421; 12/03-11/04, \$823 monthly \$9876 (Total \$12,297) (Earlville, Gulf War)

4. Veteran awarded SSD effective 8/03-11/04, \$1356 monthly
(Total \$20,340) (Sandwich, Vietnam)
5. Veteran awarded 100% IUE, effective 11/02, \$2287;
12/02-11/04, \$2318 monthly, \$55,362 (Total \$57,919)
(Westend, Vietnam)
6. Widow of Veteran awarded Pension w/A&A, \$137 monthly,
7/03-11/03, \$685; 12/03-11/04, \$140 monthly, \$1680
(Total \$2365) (Seneca, WW II)
7. Veteran awarded 60% S/C Compensation effective
7/03-11/03, \$810 monthly, \$4050; 12/03-11/04,
\$826 monthly, \$9720 (Total \$13,770)
(Vietnam, Peru)
8. Veteran awarded 80% S/C Compensation, effective
7/2002-11/2002, \$1555 monthly, \$5775; 12/02-11/03,
1571, \$18,752 (Total \$ 24,027)
9. Veteran awarded SSD benefit effective 9/03-11/03
\$1656 monthly, \$3312; 12/03-11/04, \$1688 monthly,
\$20,256 (Total \$23, 568) (Vietnam, Westend)
10. Veteran's Widow awarded retroactive benefits from
BVA decision, effective 4/93-10/2003, \$103,552;
\$948 monthly, 12/3-11/04, \$11,376 (Total \$113,928)
11. Veteran awarded SSD benefit effective 8/03-11/03,
\$1806 monthly, \$7224; 12/03-11/04, \$1842 monthly,
\$22,104 (Total \$29,328) (Vietnam, Southend)
12. Veteran's Widow awarded \$600 Funeral Expenses for
NSC death of veteran.
13. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation increase (30%-60%)
(diff. \$658) 7/03-11/03, \$3290; 12/03-11/04, \$765 monthly,
\$9180 (Total \$12,470) (Peacetime, Southend)
14. Veteran awarded SSD retroactive benefit effective 11/02-
11/03, \$15,258; 12/03-11/04, \$1041 monthly, \$12,492
(Total \$27,750) (Vietnam, Westend)
15. Veteran awarded NSC Pension benefits, effective
9/03-11/03, \$1,057 monthly, \$3171; 12/03-11/04, \$1079
monthly, \$12,940 monthly (Total \$16,119)
16. Veteran awarded 70% S/C Compensation effective 8/03-11/03
\$1008 monthly, \$4032; 12/03-11/04, \$1029 monthly
\$12,348 (Total \$16,380) (Ottawa, WW II)
17. Veteran awarded medical payment for S/C disabilities
for emergency treatment (\$5435)

18. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation (50%-60%)
(diff. \$249) w/k 12/02-11/03 \$2988; 12/03-11/04, \$899
monthly, \$10,788 (Total \$13,776) (Vietnam, Marseilles)
19. Veteran increased S/C Compensation, 70% w/IUE,
(diff. \$1185) 8/03-11/03, \$4740; 12/03-11/04, \$2239
monthly, \$26,868 (Total \$31,608) (Ottawa, WW II)
20. Veteran awarded NSC Pension retroactive payment
\$5,915; 12/03-11/04, \$1007 monthly, \$12,084
(Total \$18,000) (Vietnam Westend)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTHS:	\$	105,836.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	105,836.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTHS:	\$	340,869.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	340,869.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	446,705.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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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

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

MARTIN J. RUE
Superintendent
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LaSalle County Courthouse
Room A103
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Ottawa, Illinois 61350

January 28, 2004

Glen Dougherty
1426 W. Madison Street
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

Our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission (V.A.C.) was legally formed in September of 1984 and funded by the LaSalle County Board since 1985. We are a special unit of government that is statutorily charged with providing the needed assistance of our veterans and their dependants who reside in LaSalle County in the state of Illinois.

One such service that we are statutorily charged to provide is financial assistance for those eligible veterans who have no means to provide for themselves. We must provide General Assistance for our eligible veterans adhering closely to the regulations set by the Illinois Department of Public Aid (I.D.P.A.). In fact, we even use the I.D.P.A. application to determine if our applicants are eligible for financial assistance. Once a determination is made, our applicants will receive a "Notice of Decision" pertaining to their request. I submit to you a copy of our "Notice of Decision of Application for General Assistance" for your review. Please note that our applicants must contact our office within the first five days of each month in order to be eligible for General Assistance for that month. Should they not contact our office within the first five days, we must then send out a termination notice of General Assistance. When that happens, then they have the right to appeal our termination notice. Their "Appeal Rights" are explained at the bottom of our "Notice of Decision". This has worked out well since 1985 because our county has its vendor run twice a month. The first vendor run is around the 15th of the month and the second vendor run is at the end of the month. Those applicants who had forgotten to apply within the first five days of the month could appeal and if found eligible would still receive their General Assistance for that month. This would prevent them from possibly becoming homeless or ending up in the rears with additional costs added in late fees. From 1985 until 2003 our County Board V.A.C. meetings on our bills were held twice a month so our vendors were always timely paid.

In 2003 the Chairman of the LaSalle County Board went to one county VAC meeting on the bills per month stating that all we had to do was write "PREPAY" on our bills if no meeting was scheduled and he would see that they were paid. On three separate occasions this did not work and the vendors were not timely paid. For the month

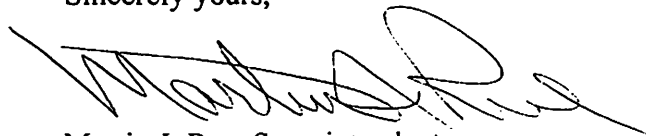
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of February 2004 he has scheduled our County V.A.C. meeting on our vendor bills for February 3, 2004. The County Board and Auditor said that all bills for the month must be submitted four days before our County Board V.A.C. Committee meeting on our bills. Our V.A.C. vendor bills would have to be submitted on January 28, 2004 for the month of February 2004 even though our veterans have the first five days of the month to request General Assistance for that month. This would mean that any General Assistance entitlement that our veteran applicants would be eligible for in February 2004 would not be paid until March of 2004.

On or about the second week of January 2004 I contacted Art Rigby the Chairman of the County Board V.A.C. Committee explaining the dilemma created by scheduling our meeting on the bills on February 3, 2004. A day later he called me stating that he spoke with the Chairman of the County Board and he said that he could not change the meeting date. This appears to be political in nature, purely a tool being used to deny veterans in need of General Assistance their entitlements. I will not violate our rules, regulations or any laws. As a result, I must wait until after the fifth of February to submit our V.A.C. monthly bills for payment.

Due to the mitigating circumstances, I will not attend the February 3, 2004 County Board V.A.C. Committee meeting because our bills for February 2004 cannot be submitted until after February 5, 2004. It is truly regretful that this should have had to happen.

Sincerely yours,

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

Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

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**NOTICE OF DECISION OF APPLICATION
FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Applicant: _____ Date _____

Address _____

This is to advise you that your application for General Assistance has been approved as follows:

- Medical _____
- Food _____
- Utilities _____
- Rent _____

Additional Assistance will require applicant to make a further request. Applicant must also contact our office within the first five days to each month to be eligible for that month's assistance.

This is to advise you that your application for General Assistance has been denied for the following reason:

- Receiving assistance from another agency: _____
- Not a resident of LaSalle County: _____
- Has sufficient income according to Public Aid Standards: _____
- Application contains false and fraudulent statements: _____
- Other: _____

BY _____
Superintendent

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you disagree with the determination of this office, you may file an appeal. Your appeal must be filed in this office within (9) days after the date of this determination if it was mailed to you, or within (7) days after the date of this determination if it was verbally given to you. Any appeal submitted by mail must bear a post-mark date within the applicable time limit for filing. Once filed, you will be notified of the appeal hearing.