

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

MARTIN J. RUE
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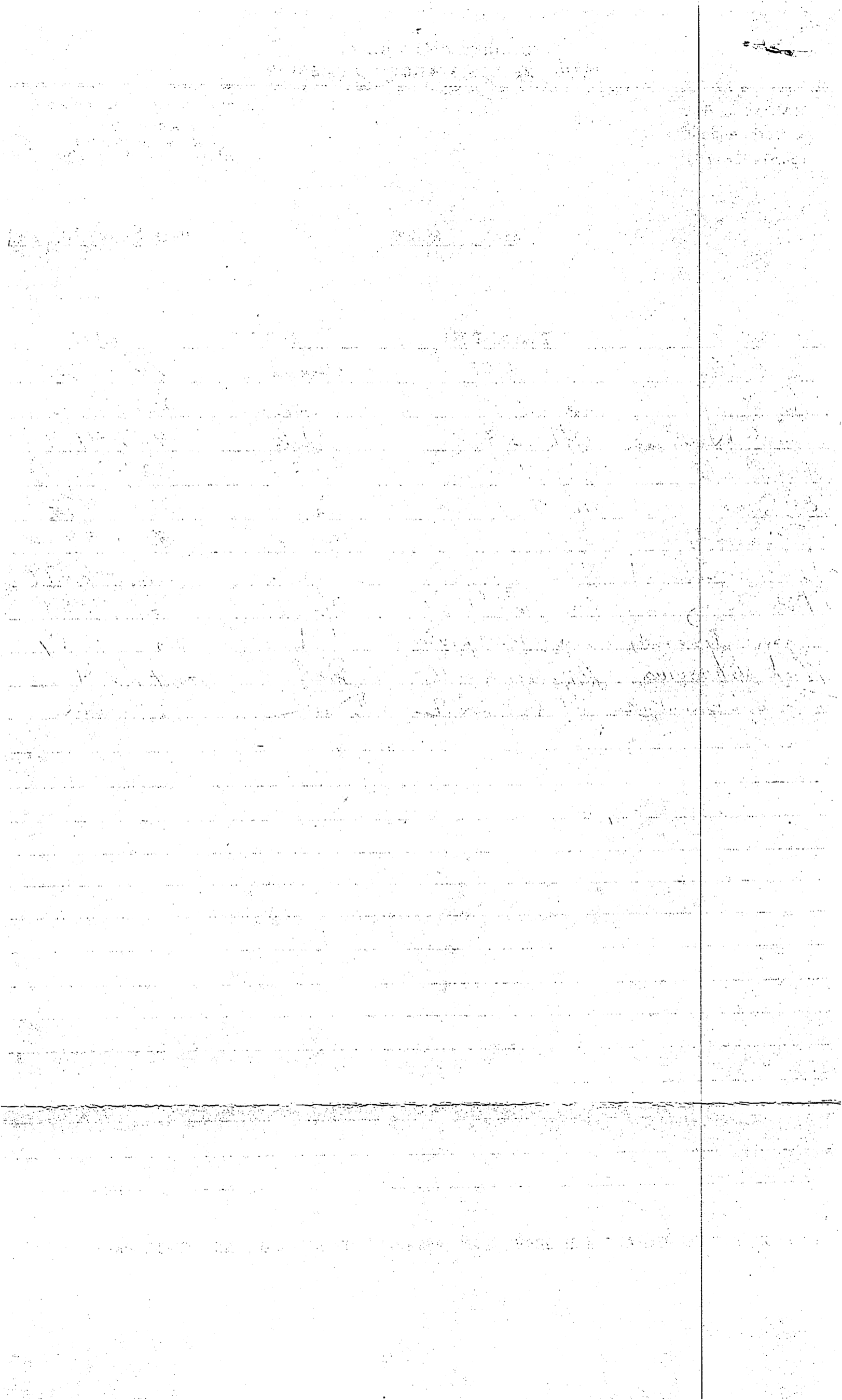
LaSalle County Courthouse
Room A103
119 W. Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

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DATE: Sept 26, 2001

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Ralph Adle	A.L. 235	Chairman	795-5436
Jeri Kirby	Del 549	Chaplain	246 9740
Bob Westman	Fh. 33	Del.	433-4119
Nick Paetz	VFW 4668	DEL.	223-9257
El Stach	AL 217	DEL	434-7496
El Brandy	549	a Del	446-9480
Jerry Welch	375	Del.	223-6879
Bob Renz	CWV Post #1229	alt.	223-7056
Joseph Guwazeh	CWV Post 1229	DEL	223 4179
Nick Nekrosius	Am Legion 426	Del	224 2204
Jack Laninger	VFW 5507	Del	795 6065

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



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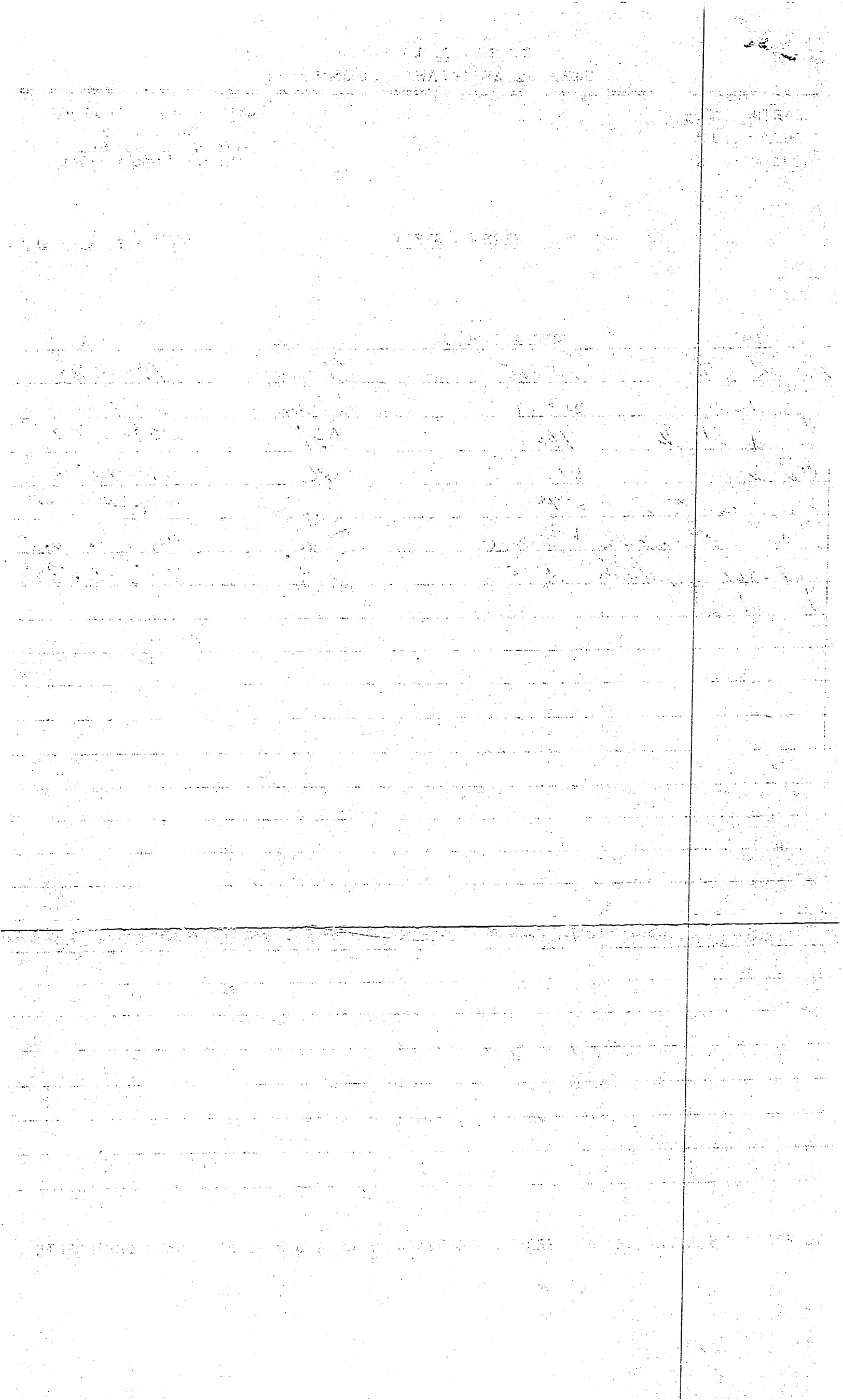
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 provides a detailed description
 of the system. It covers
 the various components
 and their interactions.

The final part of the document
 discusses the implementation
 and future work. It
 highlights the challenges
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DATE: March 28, 2001

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Ralph Adle	A.L. 235	Chairman	795-5436
Jim Ruby	Del 549	Chaplain	246 9780
Ed Brady	549	W. Del	246-9480
Muppet Spitz	VFW 4079	Welfare	538-2023
Bob DeStrom	FL 33	Del	433-4119
Nick Pruitt	4668	DEL	223-9257
Nick Nekrosius	Am Legion 426	Del	224-2204
Jerry Welch	Post 575 on Lake	Del	223-6879
Bob Kelly	Post 237	Del	883-8883

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

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DATE: Jan 24, 2001

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Bob Westman	Am Legion 33	Del	433-4119
Ed Brady	549	alt	246-9480
Jim Kirby	549	Del	246-9741
Ralph Adle	Legion 235	Chairman	795-5436
Nick Pauth	DEL.	DEL	283-9257
Samuel S. Maggio	Del Marine Corps League		223-9080
Ed STASH	Legion 27	Del	434-7496
Dr. Strojzski	C.V. #436	Del	223-9521
Bob Remy	CWV #1229	alt	223-7056
Joseph Swartzel	CWV #1229	Del	223-4179
Nick Nekrosius	Am Legion	alt	224-2204
Jack LEWINGEN	UFW	DES	795-6065

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

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of October 24, 2001.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll Call of officers was taken showing Jim Kirby excused and all other officers present.

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

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

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

Delegate Jerry Welch handed Superintendent Rue seven additional names of available drivers for use at the LaSalle Veterans' Outpatient Clinic. He also showed a copy of the News Tribune news article asking for names of potential drivers for the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic van. Supt. Rue assured Delegate Welch that he would get this list of drivers to the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic.

Delegate Joe Iwaszek gave a report on the LaSalle Veterans' Home stating that there are over 254 veterans on the waiting list for admission to the home. He encouraged anyone to write to Governor George Ryan, Senator Patrick Welch, and Representative Frank Mautino telling them of our dire shortage of nursing care beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home. We have been fighting this issue since 1993 and must have legislation submitted for the projected \$9 million construction cost for the additional 80 beds we were promised. Let it not be promises made, promises broken.

Superintendent Rue gave numerous handouts to the Alternates and Delegates pertaining to veterans' issues. Those issues were discussed and all questions were answered.

Motion was made by Delegate Spitz, seconded by Al Strozewski, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Delbert Spitz, VFW 4079; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 550; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Alternates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Ludwig Sikole, VFW Post 4079; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2001

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices 43 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 7 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 36 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 8 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 42 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 veteran placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 16 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 5 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 9 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 6 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 2 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 34 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 1 veterans.
29. Sent various SSA forms for 8 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 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 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 512 for 0 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 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 515 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%, \$98 monthly, effective 8/2000-11/2000, \$392; 12/2000-11/2001, \$1212 (Total \$1,604)
2. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, retroactive payment \$2520; 12/2000-11/2001, \$252 monthly, \$3024 (Total \$5,544)
3. Veteran's Widow awarded waiver of overpayment, \$922 (Total \$922)
4. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 1/2001-11/2001 \$642 monthly, (Total \$8,104)

5. Veteran awarded six-month convalescence leave due to surgery of s/c disability, 1/2001-7/2001, \$2036 monthly, \$12,216 (Total \$12,216)
6. Veteran awarded s/c Compensation, 20%, effective 8/2001-11/2001, \$194 monthly, \$776; 12/2001-11/2002 \$2328, (Total \$3,104) (s/c for Diabetes Type II due to exposure to Agent Orange)
7. Veteran awarded increase in s/c Compensation, 40%-50% (difference \$211 monthly), effective 10/93-11/2001, \$19,557 retroactive payment; 12/2001-11/2002, \$806 monthly, \$9672 (Total \$29,229)
(Claim went from the Chicago VARO to the BVA, to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, who remanded it back to the BVA, who in turn Remanded it back to the Chicago VARO, who again denied it, and was subsequently Sent back to the BVA who finally granted the benefit sought, increasing disability from 10%-30%, combined 50%. Total time involved in claim 8 years, 1 month)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 3/2001, \$895 monthly, 3/2001-11/2001, \$8055; 12/01-11/02 \$10,740 (Total \$18,795)
9. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, 30%-50%, combined 60%, retroactive payment from 1/2000-11/2001, (difference \$311 monthly & 3 month convalescence period @ 100%, \$4494) \$11,035 (Total \$11,035)
10. Veteran awarded increase in s/c Compensation from 50%-100% (IUE), effective 6/2001-11/2001, (difference \$1,608 monthly), \$9,648; 12/2001-11/2002, \$19,296 (Total \$28,944)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	18,795.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	152,647.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	100,702.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	1,151,650.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	1,304,297.00

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

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission September 26, 2001 meeting.

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

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

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

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

Nick Nekrosius and Joe Iwaszek discussed our LaSalle Veterans' Home. They announced that James Arrington has been appointed as director of the home. A lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the LaSalle Veterans' Home and communications. It was concluded that Governor George Ryan should fulfill his campaign pledge and see that the 80 additional needed beds are immediately added to our home. The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs should be pushing for funding in their budget for this project. The Governor himself could place the monies needed in his budget. A man's word is only as good as the man.

Our October meeting is the meeting in which our different posts select our delegates and alternates for the year 2002. Superintendent Rue was asked by Chairman Adler to send a letter reminding each post that they must have their delegates and alternates selected for our October meeting. Our November meeting will be our annual meeting in which we hold our elections. Our November and December meetings are to be held on the third Wednesday of the month due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Good of the Order: The American Legion Veterans Assistance Commission Liaison Committee has presented a plaque to Joe Iwaszek for all of his unselfish work provided to the veterans of our LaSalle Veterans' Home and the Illinois Valley area. The plaque was presented to Joe at our September 26, 2001 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Motion by Jerry Welch, seconded by Nick Pacetti, to adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506 and Alternates Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, Chairman American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2001

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices .32 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 11 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 17 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 39 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 7 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 19 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 1 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 1 veteran 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 534 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 4 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 12 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 3 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
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 1 veterans.
29. Sent various SSA forms for 8 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 11 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 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 3 veterans.
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36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
37. Sent 1 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 0 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 512 for 0 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
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43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
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AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 7/2001-11/2001 \$467 monthly, \$2335; 12/2001-11/2001, \$5604 (Total \$7939)
2. Veteran Widow awarded Widow Pension, \$518 monthly effective 4/01-11/01, \$4152; 12/01-11/02, \$6228, (Total \$10,380)
3. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 408, \$427 monthly effective 8/2001-11/2001, \$1708 monthly; 12/2001-11/2002, \$5124 (Total \$6832)
4. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 208 effective 1/2001-12/2001, \$194 monthly, \$2328 (Total \$2328)

5. Veteran awarded NSC Pension w/A&A, effective 4/2001-4/2002, \$1293 monthly, \$15,516 (Total \$15,516)
6. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation (10%-30%) (difference \$197 monthly), effective 8/2001-11/2001, \$788; 12/2001-11/2002, \$2364 (total \$3152)
7. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 3/2001-2/2002, \$34 monthly, (Total \$408)
8. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, (60%-100%), (difference \$1530 monthly) IUE, effective 12/2000-11/2001 retroactive payment, \$16,830; 12/2001-11/2002, \$18360; (Total \$35,360)
9. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, (50%-100%), (difference \$1598 monthly) effective 8/99-10/2001, \$41,548 retroactive payment; 11/2001-12.2002, \$19,146 (Total \$60,694)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	00000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	133,852.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	142,709.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	1,050,948.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	1,184,800.00

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of August 22, 2001

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

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections, Acting Chairman Leininger asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion by Jerry Welch, seconded by Jim Kirby to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

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

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

Motion by Jerry Welch, seconded by Ed Stash that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Alternates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2001

CASEWORK:

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3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 6 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 26 veterans.
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49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 2/01-11/01, \$1015 monthly, \$10,150; 12/01-2/2102, \$3045 (Total \$13,195)
2. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation, (Diabetes), \$194 monthly, effective 8/201-11/2001, \$776; 12/2001-11/2002, \$2328 (Total \$3104)
3. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation, from 60% - 70%, IUE (difference \$1293), 9/2000-11/2000, \$3879; 12/2000-11/2001, \$25,284 (Total \$29,163)
4. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC benefit, effective 5/2001-11/2001, \$911 monthly, \$6377; 12/2001-11/2002, \$10,932 (Total \$17,309)

5. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation (20%-30%) \$176 difference monthly as dependents now added, effective 9/2000-11/2000, \$528; 12/2000-11/2001, \$186 difference, \$2232 (Total \$2936)
6. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation 10%-30%, (\$197 difference) effective 9/2000-11/2000, \$591; 12/2000-11/2001, \$2364; convalescence period from 12/2000-6/2001, \$2107 monthly, \$12,642 (Total \$15,597)
7. Veteran awarded upgrade in discharge from Under Honorable Conditions to Honorable.
8. Veteran awarded Housebound benefit with unreimbursed medical expenses, 6/2000-11/2000, \$375 monthly, \$2250; 12/2000-6/2001, \$381 monthly, \$2667; 7/2001-11/2001, \$232 monthly, \$1060 (Total \$5977)
9. Veteran's ~~Wife~~ awarded 50% S/C Compensation effective 3/2001-7/2001, \$669 monthly, \$3345; 100% S/C, effective 8/2001-11/2002, \$35,648 (Total \$38,993)
10. Veteran awarded one month convalescence leave due to surgery for S/C disability, \$2441 (Total \$2441)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	00000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	133,852.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	126,284.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	908,239.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	1,041,991.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT
26. VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.
28. VA FORM 4502-APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of July 25, 2001.

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

Old business: Delegates and Alternates had questions pertaining to the additional 80 beds needed at the LaSalle Veterans Home in LaSalle, Illinois. They also had questions pertaining to the lawsuit that had been filed against the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent by an Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs employee. The Superintendent answered all questions. One must always realize that when polyocrats are questions pertaining to their action or lack of action then strange happenings will occur. There are those in the world who will self-appoint themselves to a rank level that they do not deserve. We must work hard to fight for what is right to expose any or all want-to-be's.

The Superintendent discussed his meetings with the LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary and Finance Committees. He is hopeful that they will accept the 2002 budget recommended its totality. Adjustments are needed for our employees who do a stupendous job. All must contact their County Board members for their support of our budget recommendations.

The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion was made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jerry Welch that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

The Illinois State Association of County Veterans Assistance Commission will be meeting at the American Legion State Headquarters August 3 and 4, 2001. Superintendent Rue will be attending those meetings with Service Officer Richard Fogarty.

Our Veterans' Service Officers Training Seminar will be held September 17-20, 2001 in Collinsville, Illinois for accreditation. Superintendent Rue and Service Officer Richard Fogarty will be attending that accreditation-training seminar.

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Ed Braatz that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

**VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JULY 2001**

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices 12 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 3 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 14 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 21 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 8 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 20 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 11 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 3 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 3 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 13 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 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 18 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 15 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 1 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 3 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
37. Sent 1 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 0 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 512 for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
44. Sent 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 515 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 80% S/C Compensation, w/IUE, effective 2/2001-11/2001, \$2189 monthly, \$26,168 (Total \$26,168)
2. Veteran awarded reinstatement of 10% S/C Compensation 7/2001-7/2002, \$101 monthly, (Total \$1212)
3. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 10%, \$101 monthly, retro pay from 6/2000-7/2001, \$1396; 8/2001-11/2001, \$404, (Total \$1800)
4. Veteran awarded 80% S/C Compensation hearing loss, effective 2/2001-11/2001, \$1221 monthly, \$12,210; 12/2001-2/2002, \$2442 (Total \$14,652)

5. Veteran's Widow awarded waiver of overpayment in the amount of \$17,759 (Total \$17,759)
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$947 monthly, effective 2/2000-7/2001, retroactive pay \$16,099, (Total \$16,099)
7. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation 108-208 effective 4/99-11/99, (\$85 difference monthly), \$1020; 12/99-11/2000, \$1056; 12/2001-11/2002, \$1116; (Total \$3192)
8. Veteran awarded IUE, effective 3/2001-11/2001, \$2378; 12/2001-2/2002, \$7134, (Total \$28,536)
9. Veteran's Widow awarded DIC, effective 5/2001-11/2001, \$911 monthly, \$6377; 12/2001-4/2001, \$4555, (Total \$10,932)
10. Veteran assisted in obtaining VA payment for inpatient hospitalization due to S/C disabilities, (Total \$29,997)
11. Veteran assisted in obtaining VA payment for inpatient hospitalization due to S/C disabilities, (Total \$12,127)
12. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 908-1008 (\$1206 difference), effective 9/200-11/2000, \$3636; 12/2000-11/2001, \$14,472 (Total \$18,108)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 15,232.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$133,852.00
 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$180,582.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$781,855.00
 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$915,707.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC (DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT
26. VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.
28. VA FORM 4502-APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of June 27, 2001.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice Chairman Jack Leininger excused and all other officers were present. Minute's of the previous meeting was read. Being no additions or corrections, Chairman Adler stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

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

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

Superintendent Rue discussed with the Delegates and Alternates the lawsuit, which was filed in Sangamon County. Questions pertaining to the suit were answered.

The 2002 budget recommendations were finalized. A motion was made by Jerry Welch, seconded by Al Strozewski, that the Veterans Assistance Commission line-item budget recommendations for fiscal year 2002 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Ralph Adler signed the budget recommendation sheet.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Delbert Spitz, we adjourn. Motion Passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JUNE 2001

CASEWORK:

1. Sent to Service Offices 17 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 10 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 5 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 19 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 30 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 2 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 18 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 1 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 16 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 3 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 3 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 8 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 23 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 2 veterans.
29. Sent various SSA forms for 3 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability

30. Sent 10 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 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 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
37. Sent 0 requests 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 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 1 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for 1 veteran to Westside 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 515 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 Aid & Attendance benefits effective 4/2000-11/2000, \$553 monthly, \$4424; 12/2000-11/2001 \$572 monthly, \$6864 (Total \$11,288)
2. Veteran awarded 40% service-connected Compensation effective 12/2000-11/2001, \$427 monthly (Total \$5124)
3. Veteran awarded waiver of Social Security overpayment \$460 (Total \$460)
4. Veteran awarded 40% S/C Compensation from 12/2000-11/2001, \$460 monthly, (Total \$5520)

5. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 30%, effective 6/2000-11/2000, \$288 monthly, \$1728; 12/2000-11/2001, \$298 monthly, \$3676. (Total \$5404)
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with Aid & Attendance, effective 3/2001-2/2002, \$752 monthly, \$9024 (Total \$9024)
7. Veteran awarded NSC pension w/Aid&Attendance, effective 10/2000-12/2000, \$1182 monthly, \$2364; 12/2000-11/2001, \$1189 monthly \$14,268. (Total \$16,632)
8. Veteran awarded increase in NSC Pension with addition of Aid&Attendance, \$500 monthly, 7/2000-11/2000, \$2500 12/2000-11/2001, \$524 monthly, \$6288 (Total \$8788)
9. Veteran awarded 40% S/C compensation effective 2/2000-11/2000, \$413 monthly, \$4130; 12/2000-11/2001, \$427 monthly \$5124 (Total \$9,254)
10. Veteran awarded continuation of SSD disability benefits per review ordered after 12 years of total disability, due to multiple brain tumors, \$1231 monthly, \$14,772 (Total 14,772)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 15,232.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$133,852.00
 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 86,356.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$601,273.00
 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$735,025.00

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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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30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of April 25, 2001.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections, Chairman Adler stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

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

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

Superintendent Rue presented a copy of his End of the Year Report of the Veterans Assistance Commission Liaison for the year 2000-2001. Delegates and Alternates discussed the issues included in the report. An update was given pertaining to state and federal legislation that affects our veteran community.

A motion was made by Jerry Welch, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MARCH THROUGH MAY 2001

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 45 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans.
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 5 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 29 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 45 veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 5 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 60 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 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 12 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 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 5 veterans.
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17. Sent VA Form 530 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 1 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 11 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 26 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 2 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 20 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
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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 2 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 veteran.
44. Sent 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 515 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 benefits from Social Security, effective 7/99-4/2001, \$860 monthly, \$18,920; 5/2001-11/2001, \$6020 (Total \$24,940)
2. Veteran awarded 20% service-connected Compensation effective 1/2001-11/2001, \$194 monthly (Total \$2328)
3. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, \$3849 retroactive payment; 5/2001-11/2001, \$775 monthly, \$5425 (Total \$9274)

4. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation from 7/2000-11/2000 \$1018 monthly, \$4,072; 12/2000-11/2001, \$1053 monthly, \$12,636 (total \$16,708)
5. Veteran granted waiver of overpayment (Total \$2,122)
6. Veteran awarded unreimbursed medical expenses, (Total \$1080)
7. Veteran awarded 100% service-connected compensation, for convalescence, 4/2000-11/2000, \$2036, \$14,252; 12/2000-11/2001, 60%, \$769 monthly, \$9228 (Total \$23,840)
8. Veteran's Widow awarded last month of veteran benefit, \$5195 DIC benefit, \$911 monthly, 1/2001-11/2001, \$10,932 (Total \$16,127)
9. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 3/2000-11/2000, \$589 monthly, \$5301; 12/2001-11/2001 \$609 monthly, \$7308 (total \$12,609)
10. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation, effective 12/2000-11/2001, \$194 monthly, (Total \$2328)
11. Veteran awarded NSC Pension \$117 monthly, 3/2001-11/2001, \$1170; 12/2001-2/2001, \$351 (Total \$1521)
12. Veteran awarded 100% convalescence rating, effective 2/201-4/2001, \$2441 monthly, \$4882; increased compensation 30%-40%, \$129 monthly increase, 11/2000-11/2001, \$1548 (Total \$6430)
13. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation effective 2/99-11/99 \$96 monthly, \$960; 12/99-11/2000, \$98 monthly, \$1176; 12/2000-11/2001, \$101 monthly \$1212 (Total \$3348)
14. Veteran's awarded 10% S/C Compensation, \$101 monthly, effective 3/2001-11/2001, \$1010; 12/2001-2/2002, \$202 (Total \$1212)
15. Veteran awarded special monthly compensation, effective 1/2001-11/2001, \$330 monthly, (Total \$3990)
16. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation, effective 5/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$672; 12/99-11/2000, \$98 monthly, \$1166; 12/2000-11/2001, \$101 monthly, \$1212 (Total \$3050)

17. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation effective 8/98-11/98, 10%-50%, \$491 monthly, \$1964; 12/98-11/99, 100%, \$1989 monthly; 12/99-11/2000 \$2036; 12/2000-5/2001, \$2107. (Retroactive check of \$50,804) 6/2001-11/2001, \$12,642 (Total \$63,446)

18. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation effective 1/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$1056; 12/99-11/2000, \$98 monthly, \$1176; 12/2000-11/2001, \$101 monthly \$1212 (total \$3444)

19. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 9/2000-6/2001, \$775 monthly, \$7750; 7/2001-11/2001 \$3875, (Total \$11,625)

20. Veteran awarded IUE effective 9/98-4/2001, retroactive check received, \$48,576; 5/2001-11/2001, \$2107 monthly, \$14,749 (Total \$63,325)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 57,489.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$118,620.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$293,891.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$514,917.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$733,537.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC (DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT
26. VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.
28. VA FORM 4502-APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

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20	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSIO							
20-01	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSIO							
20-01-511.001	TELEPHONE	1,778.03	1,257.48	3,000.00	13.5	405.60		
* 20-01-517.001	BLDG RENTAL/UTILITIES	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0	0.00		
* 20-01-940.001	POSTAGE	15.75	35.25	300.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-948.001	EDUCATION	40.80	799.34	500.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-550.001	CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS	892.98	373.38	500.00	13.3	66.80		
20-01-554.001	TRAVEL & TRANSPT (EMERG/AMB)	13,400.70	749.11	5,000.00	12.2	613.47		
20-01-570.001	DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	155.00	259.00	225.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-582.001	NEW PROGRAMS	37.50	0.00	300.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-601.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,145.77	788.05	1,200.00	11.6	140.29		
20-01-601.002	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	688.49	671.16	750.00	29.9	224.90		
20-01-601.003	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.0	0.00		
* 20-01-640.001	PRINTING	353.48	590.43	1,000.00	2.5	25.00		
20-01-701.001	NEW EQUIPMENT	3,125.96	249.95	1,500.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-806.001	EMERGENCY RELIEF	5,675.81	7,427.64	14,500.00	42.8	6,207.42		
* 20-01-810.001	HEALTH & LIFE INS	8,280.00	7,491.00	8,950.00	31.5	2,820.00		
* 20-01-810.003	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,868.00	2,958.25	3,000.00	0.0	0.00		
* 20-01-810.004	WORKERS COMPENSATION	533.00	532.00	550.00	0.0	0.00		
* 20-01-810.005	UMBRELLA INSURANCE	450.00	430.00	400.00	0.0	0.00		
* 20-01-810.006	EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY BOND	101.25	0.00	150.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-817.001	CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-879.001	CONTINGENCIES	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-907.001	SUPERINTENDANT	37,775.27	40,146.92	43,000.00	48.4	20,838.38		
20-01-965.001	OFFICE SUPERVISOR	22,111.92	23,244.64	24,107.92	48.4	11,682.72		

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20-01-986.001	TEMPORARY HELP	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.0	0.00		
20-01-999.001	SERVICE OFFICER	27,613.80	28,767.60	29,588.32	48.4	14,338.80		
TOTAL	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSIO	130,161.51	116,730.80	162,621.84	35.2	57,363.38		0.00
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Veterans Assistance Commission Service Officer's Report for February and March 2001

AWARDS

1. Dependant child of a veteran awarded S.S.I. from Social Security effective August 1999-November 2000 = \$6042.07. December 2000-November 2001 = \$457 monthly = \$5484.00 (total \$11,526.07)
2. Veteran awarded increase in compensation from 20% to 40% combined 50% effective August 1, 2000. Difference of \$415 a month (total \$6,225)
3. Veteran awarded S.S.D from Social Security effective July 2000 = \$582.80 a month = \$2331.20; December 2000 = \$603 a month = \$7,236 (total \$9567.20)
4. Veteran received VA Pension effective August 1, 2000 = \$1236 a month = \$3708
December 2000 = \$1279 a month = \$15,348 (total \$18,948)
5. Veteran awarded VA pension effective April 2000 = \$749 a month \$9092; December \$775 a month = \$9300 (total \$18,392)
6. Veterans spouse awarded S.S.I. from Social Security effective March 2001 = \$101 a month = \$202 May 2001 = \$1212 (total \$1414)
7. Veteran killed in action and his mother receives DIC. She was awarded VA medical reimbursement for the year total \$2519.52

TOTAL SSA awards for months = \$22,507.2 – year to date \$83,638.27
VA awards for months = \$46,084.52 – year to date \$328,241.52
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR TO DATE \$411,879.79

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes from March 28, 2001

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Chairman Adler stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business: Numerous handouts from previous meeting were discussed. All questions pertaining to Old Business were answered.

New Business: Delegates and Alternates were made aware of numerous state and federal legislation that has been introduced pertaining to the veteran community, that legislation was discussed.

Delegate Tom Kelly from the Oglesby American Legion Post announced that on April 1, 2001 their post would be holding a wild game feed from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Delegate Jerry Welch announced that the Peru American Legion now has a web page.

Chairman Adler announced that on Sunday, April 29, 2001 the Marseilles American Legion Post would be presenting a program pertaining to veteran benefits. Anyone interested should be there prior to 1:30 p.m. The program will start promptly.

A motion was made by Jim Kirby, seconded by Nick Nekrosious, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Tom Kelly, American Legion Post 237; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of February 28, 2001.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Sgt. At Arms, Jerry Welch absent. All other officers were present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Chairman Adler stated the minutes would stand approved as presented.

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

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

Jack Leininger gave a report on the Governor's annual budget address, which was given before the Joint Assembly of the Illinois General Assembly in February of this year. He stated that the Governor did not provide the \$9 million needed to add the additional 80 nursing care beds to the LaSalle Veterans' Home. He further discussed Superintendent Rue questioning the Governor on this topic at his press conference held after the budget address.

Ralph Adler read a letter that he submitted to the Illinois Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman on February 28, 2001. This letter addressed language change presented in HB0854 of the 92 General Assembly State of Illinois, which permit those who had served 20 years in the Illinois National Guard or Reserves without any active military time eligible for domiciliary care in our Veterans' Homes. Mr. Adler felt that before such legislation should be enacted for those with no active service our Illinois Veterans' Homes should permit eligibility for those who had served on active duty in our Armed Forces during peacetime. A motion was made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Ron Hickey, Sr. that we support Mr. Adler's letter dated February 28, 2001 to the Illinois Veterans' Home Committee Chairman, McAuliffe and his committee members. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue updated us on other legislation bills that have been introduced and letters that have been sent out by the legislative director for the Illinois Military Order of the Purple Heart. It is obvious that this individual is involved in dispensing misinformation and creating a smokescreen in the sense that the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director is promulgating.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 235; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Ron Hickey, Sr. AMVETS Post 30; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; All Strozewski, Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; Alternates Tom Przybyla, VFW Post 5506; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
207 STATE CAPITOL, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

GEORGE H. RYAN
GOVERNOR

March 12, 2001

Mr. Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County
LaSalle County Courthouse, Room A103
119 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

Dear Mr. Rue:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed expansion of the Illinois Home for Veterans in LaSalle.

I agree that this expansion project is very important, and I appreciate the time and energy that the LaSalle County VAC and numerous state and nationally chartered veteran organizations have directed toward this issue. I am currently working with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to secure funds for the LaSalle expansion project. One source could be the home construction reimbursements from the federal government. These reimbursement dollars, which date back to 1995 and total over \$7.7 million, are long overdue and serve as a critical source of funding for IDVA projects. As further evidence of my commitment, I am including in the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year 2002 \$1 million in planning funds for the LaSalle expansion.

In addition to the LaSalle expansion proposal, the State of Illinois currently has several initiatives underway to address the long-term care needs of veterans. The Manteno Home is scheduled to open a new 40-bed unit early spring, and an agreement has also recently been reached with the North Chicago VA Medical Center to make an additional 58 openings available. As you noted in your letter, I am a strong advocate for Illinois' veterans. I assure you that my staff and I are working very hard to make the LaSalle expansion proposal a reality.

Again, thank you for your time and for sharing your concern on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George H. Ryan".

GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

MARTIN J. RUE
Superintendent
(815)433-1761

LaSalle County Courthouse
Room A 103
119 W. Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

March 2, 2001

Honorable Lt. Governor Corinne Wood
214 Statehouse Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Lt. Governor Wood:

On behalf of the people in our Illinois valley area and our million State of Illinois veterans, I plead for your help in resolving the dire shortage of nursing care beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home. We have been fighting this problem ever since 1993 and still have a shortage of 80 nursing care beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois. I submit with this a short fact sheet pertaining to our Illinois Valley area, a March 29, 1988 news article showing the then Lt. Governor George Ryan helping us to get the first phase built, and an October 1998 news article in which then Secretary of State George Ryan pledged in Streator, Illinois that if he were elected Governor he would see that the needed 80 beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home would be built and totally funded.

I myself have written at least three letters to Governor George Ryan asking for the funding of these needed health care beds. Many elected officials and other people in our area have done the same. We have not received a response to those letters that have been written since November of 1999. I was also fortunate on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 to be able to personally ask Governor George Ryan why the monies for these needed 80 beds was not part of his proposed budget that he addressed that day. He appeared surprised and requested that one of his staff person answer the question. I almost felt as though our letters and requests were not reaching him. I beg of you to please intercede and see if you could correct this problem, as then Lt. Governor George Ryan had to back in 1988. Our veterans and our Illinois valley are counting on you.

I will patiently await your reply so that I can share it with all of the people who are interested in seeing this plight of our veterans resolved.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

Enclosures

Jim Denbow

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<jdenbow@core.com>; <albers@ctnet.net>; <etrowbridge@dupageco.org.com>; <lcvac@fcg.net>;
<vet@henrycty.com>; <vac@jvil.com>; <lu_woods@mclean.gov>; <rcampbell-karich@theramp.net>;
<vacwc@willcountyillinois.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2001 12:50 PM
Subject: Re: TEST TRIAL OF LEGISLATION UPDATE!

Jim,
Looks real good to me. Thanks for the hard work.

FYI, Minutes of last meeting:

Although I can't find them right at this moment, I'd like you to know that the VAC of McHenry County supports HB 0854 authorizing the use of IDVA Nursing Homes by retired members of the National Guard and retired Military Reservists. As for those who have earned a campaign medal, I think that's a moot point. A campaign medal qualifies you as a "combat vet", whether you're regular, reserve, guard, or retiree.

My view on the reired Guardsmen and reservists being allowed utilization of the nursing homes is quite simple. These men and women are being authorized domiciliary care only. There is NO waiting list for the dom's at Quincy and Manteno as far as I know. Yes, once they're residents of the home they will take priority over non-residents for skilled, intermediate, and Alzheimer's beds, however, do we want to just throw them out on the street? They are, after all, military personnel. They signed the contract, did the job, and retired. It is not their fault that the unit to which they were assigned was not Federalized and deployed. The troops were ready, the government was not. On the same theme, it appears that it's the Guardsmen and reservists who have already completed their 20 that the IACVAC is concerned about. Those currently serving are racking up campaign medals at a pretty good clip. Those who served in the 50's, 50's, and 70's may not have been deployed outside of the US, but many of them were Federalized to put down racial unrest, political unrest, and assorted riots during the Vietnam years. Air Guardsmen were the first line of defense in the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) as so many USAF fighter units were deployed overseas during Vietnam that we couldn't mount a defense of our own borders if it became necessary. Don't forget who gets called out in natural calamities - floods, etc. It's the Guard. These men and women risked their lives to protect our homes and communities against the ravages of nature. Personally, I'd rather fight the VC - at least when they were shooting at me I could shoot back. When the Mississippi or Illinois Rivers are trying to drown the Guard, the Guard can't "drown back". I know it's already overcome by events, because the IACVAC has taken a position against this legislation. However, I want to make my views known, too.

Speaking of Nursing Homes, I noted some comments made by Marty Rue in the minutes American Legion 12th District meeting onn 5/7/2000. He stated than "...some states are building or plan to build new Veterans Homes for long-term extended care and noted that Illinois is short on this matter, he also said that these homes should be close to the Veterans family and friends". At the IACVAC meeting in August 2000 he and Delegate Tromp succesfully squashed a motion before the body to support a Nursing Home opening in Belvidere - that would be close to the Veterans family and freinds. Yet at the March 2001 meeting, Mr. Rue stated "that there is a shortage of Nursing Hoime beds for our 999,646 Illinois veterans." Does Superintendent Rue actually mean he supports Nursing Home increases in the State of Illinois or does he JUST support those that go in place in LaSalle County?

I'm inclined to believe the latter.

Finally, I'm concerned with the election of Mr. Carr as Regional VP for the 1st Division. Not that John can't do, and won't try to do, a great job, but three months ago he resigned as Judge Advocate

because he didn't have the time to do the job. Now he suddenly has the time available to do the Regional VP job? I believe that Superintendent Houlihan would have been more appropriate as Regional VP - the State of Illinois has (1999 USDVA figures) 999,124 veterans; 591,252 (59%) of them are in the First Division and 385,454 (65% of the Division and 39% of the State) of them are in his county. However, again a moot point because no one present nominated Mr. Houlihan for the position.

The question, of course, is when does John's term expire? Our by-laws state that the term of office is two years. There was one year left in my term when I resigned. John was elected in March. Does his term expire in December 2001? The by-laws don't seem to be clear on that point. If his term is for two years, it would expire in March 2003 and the by-laws are clear on the fact that officers are elected in December for a two year period of time. If John's term expires in March 2003 he would serve for 27 months, three more than the by-laws allows. Would you ask the Judge Advocate for a reading on this please?

Thanks.

Jim Doran

James W. Doran
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Veterans Assistance Commission
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Jim Denbow

From: "James Doran" <JWDoran@co.mchenry.il.us>
To: <vacwc@willcountyillinois.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2001 7:45 AM
Subject: Re:

Jim,
Sorry I couldn't make Springfield. I was taking C&P Exams. Today I'm home sick. I don't have a problem with John as 1st Div VP. Was just concerned about the available time. Sorry Houlihan said no.
Disagree with you about Marty. He's ONLY for stuff that goes into LaSalle. I blasted Ryan, twice, and went to the Chairman of the Illinois GOP also. How can our Governor say NO to a 7.3 million (if that much) renovation for a vets nursing home - and then say YES to 387 million for the Bears? I know Johnston's the problem. Cramer's OK. I think he's just been told that to keep his job he stays quiet!
Jim

<<< "Jim Denbow" <vacwc@willcountyillinois.com> 3/23 4:22p >>>

Jim:
It's late Friday, and things are slowing down. I just wanted to respond to your letter.
At the 2nd Division A.L Meeting, in Belvidere, a number of your Commission members voted to pass a resolution against non-active duty guards and reserves using beds in our nursing homes. The vote was unanimous. I'm not sure of your Commission position. My Commission also voted against non-active duty troops. I wish you had been at the meeting to express your opinion. My Commission also supports any vet who is awarded the campaign or expeditionary medals and peace time veterans. It looks like we have won the battle. The bill is held back for re-write. I hope so.
Also at the 12 Division meeting DuPage County VAC supported the resolution. Supt. Trowbridge was the only vote at our Springfield meeting to vote against it. His delegate seconded the motion. But's that's ok to disagree. I always respect anyone who disagrees with me as long as they respect me and my opinion. That's the problem IDVA has with HB-854. They expect all of us to have only one opinion, if not your a bad veteran. Sounds like Clintonism.
Quincy is the only home with Dom beds. We begged for years to get them at Manteno. No luck. Now the 50 empty buildings at Manteno are falling down.
President Johnson asked Supt. Houlihan to run for 1st Div. V-President and he told both of us he is just to busy.
I talked to Supt. Trowbridge and he did not feel ready for the task. I trust Supt. Carr and his decisions. He has always said what he meant and done what he said he would do. His election will be held in December 2001, along with the other officers of IACVAC.
Supt. Rue supports any new beds we can get. IDVA does not. Your problem is not with Marty, it with Johnston and Kramer. If Belvidere could of passed the tests, we would of supported it. One thing is the Governor promised those vets at LaSalle area those 80 beds and he has renigged. Marty should fight hard for those beds to be build first and more beds at Manteno too, and he is.
Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any other questions.

Thanks
Jim Denbow

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

of the United States of America
Department of Illinois
Post Office Box 1883, Springfield, Illinois 62705
217-529-2638

15 February 2001

Hon. Mark H. Beaubien,
State Representative
2108-N Stratton Building
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Representative Beaubien:

In the thirty years that I have monitored legislation, I have never witnessed such blatant misinformation being disseminated concerning a bill designed to benefit those who have worn the military uniforms of our country.

The individual disseminating this false information apparently has a deep seeded dislike for those who have served in the national guard or reserve components of the military.

First, enclosed is a copy of HB 854 for your review.

Second, the following have been identified as misinformation being disseminated by this individual who represents a county association.

1. **misinformation:** the bill will allow individuals access to the domiciliary resident units at the Veterans Homes after only six months of service in the national guard and reserve components.
2. **misinformation:** eligible national guard and reservists will displace a veteran who served on active duty and/or in time of war from occupying a bed.
3. **misinformation:** there is a three month waiting list of veterans who served on active duty and/or in time of war who desire admission to the largest Illinois veterans' home in Quincy

Now permit me to cite facts that will clearly identify the above misinformation as false.

1. **fact:** the national guard member or reservist must have twenty (20) years of service to be eligible to reside only in a domiciliary unit at one of the Illinois veterans' homes.
2. **fact:** there are currently several dozen vacant domiciliary beds at the largest Illinois veterans' home.
3. **fact:** there is no waiting list of veterans who served on active duty and/or in time of war who desire a domiciliary bed at the largest Illinois veterans' home.

Should you desire to confirm the above facts concerning the Veterans Homes, please do not hesitate to call Director John Johnston at the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs at 217-782-6641.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Illinois supports HB 854 for the following reasons.

1. It is anticipated that the number of eligible (20 years of service) national guard or reservists who apply for domiciliary residence only at the homes will be minimal.
2. It is anticipated that in the next ten to fifteen years when the World War II and Korean War Veterans have utilized the care services at the veterans homes, there will be a period of from twelve to twenty years before the next major group (Vietnam Veterans) become of age to use those services [the average age of WW II Veterans was thirty-nine and the average age of Vietnam Veterans was nineteen]; therefore, since there are already vacant beds available in the domiciliary units, that number will most certainly increase traumatically when the aforementioned gap period arrives.

Unless the Act is changed to allow the homes to fill the beds, state and federal budget "head hunters" will certainly challenge the reason for those vacancies and will move to down size the homes.

3. There are currently more active national guard and reservists than there are regular military personnel and those personnel are being absorbed into many regular military units and have commenced training together to serve anywhere in the World on peace keeping and hostile engagements and that role is certain to expand in coming months and years.

By federal rule (Title 38) national guard and reservists are already entitled to the benefit cited in this legislation and by not supporting HB 854, we will be denying a benefit to those who have worn the military uniforms of our Country for more than twenty years.

4. Our largest Veterans organizations are actively seeking membership from the ranks of the national guard and reserve components, so what will the impression be in those units if we solicit membership on one hand and attempt to deny a benefit to them on the other hand.

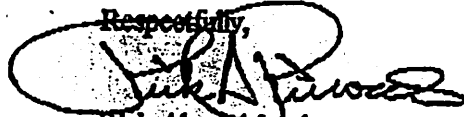
On the broader issue of our declining membership, Veterans organizations need to put aside the old attitude that one group must always subordinate another group and we need to encourage unity among our surviving patriots and re-establish strength in our collective numbers.

There are some very important bills and resolutions before the state legislature that will greatly impact Veterans, to cite a few, veterans' preference (as opposed to absolute preference) in state hiring practices and reduced interest for buy back of pension credit for military service, etc.

Our Veterans' Organizations should not allow one individual's agenda to stir us into turmoil over any issue.

We have more important items to consider that will benefit of our membership.

Respectfully,



Rick Alan Richards,
Legislative Director
Department of Illinois,
Military Order of the Purple Heart

cc: John W. Johnston, Director, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Mark H. Beaubien, State Representative
Hon. Angelo "Skip" Saviano, State Representative
Legislative Directors - Veterans Organizations
Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions

A motion was made by Supt. Rue "to actively go on record with letter to interested parties opposing HB-854 as recommended by our Legislative Liaison, Will and LaSalle County Resolutions and remove Section 1.5 from bill and oppose any other language that allows this group of non-active duty guard and reserves in our nursing home beds." Seconded by Mr. Banach. During discussion Supt. Rue noted that we presently do, and always have supported guard and reserves that have received campaign or expeditionary medals, the use of our NH beds, and they are admitted to our nursing home beds. We also support the peace time vets that served 2, 3, or 4 years on active duty and do meet the federal definition of a veteran. Motion Passed.

DuPage County Supt. Trowbridge asked to go on record voting no. President Johnson introduced Brian VanHouten, AMVETS Legislative Contact, 800-638-8387. He stated The AMVETS are opposing SB-226 and HB-854 for the same reasons mention above. They are also opposing HB-306. The military has the Medal of Honor and that is all we need. This other bill could be used for political patronage friends. He also pointed out the difference between HB-18221 and SB-248. One calls for full Honorable Discharge and the other requires Under Honorable Conditions only to receive state benefit.

A motion was made by Supt. Rue "to actively go on record supporting HB-154 and HB-3211 as recommended." Seconded by Supt. Taylor. All approved Motion passed.

Supt. Rue explained that Mr. VanHouten was called by an I.D.V.A. employee and was threatened physically and his job was threatened if AMVETS continued to opposed HB-854. Mr. VanHouten asked that no name be mentioned. Supt. Rue then asked that if any one knows Mr. Rick Richards. If you do, ask him to give me a call. This is sad that IDVA allows their State employees to intimidate other veterans that disagree with IDVA's position on a bill. This is another reason why IDVA needs an outside agency to inspect complaints not only at their nursing homes but by their employees and offices too.

10. Report of the Board of Directors Executive Committee: Was given by Supt. Denbow (see Tuesday, 03-06-01 for report). A motion was made by Supt. Denbow "to accept the Executive Committees report and motions." Seconded by Supt. Taylor. All in favor. Motion passed.

11. Report from State VAC Committees: Supt. Rue reported for American Legion Committee that the Legion did pass resolution #3, in 1998, and that most people thought that they were supporting only active duty guard and reserves. Now it is being said that it also included non-active duty guard and reserves. So the A.L. Division 2 will present a resolution like the IACVAC passed today to clarify the correct this mis-representation and assume the position of supporting active duty or federalized veterans only. They too also support those Guard and Reserves who receive Campaign and Expeditionary Medals. AMVETS have already gone on record opposing HB-854.

12. Review of current committee issues were as follows:
a. Legislative. None. Already covered by Mr. Fred Albers expertly. Supt. Rue accepted the position of Legislative Chairman and Supt. Henn will serve as Vice-Chairman. Thanks to both.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

of the United States of America

Department of Illinois

Post Office Box 1883, Springfield, Illinois 62705

217-529-2638

21 March 2001

**John William Farrow,
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**Virgil H. Johnson,
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**Gary Hodge,
Commander, AmVets (American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam,
Illinois State Department
402 Pine Street
Waltonville, Illinois 62894**

Gentlemen:

The minutes of the Wednesday, 07 March 2001 meeting of the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions (Inc.) are filled with false, misleading and malicious information intended to impugn not only my position as a past national and current department officer in the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Illinois and has call into question the integrity of my thirty year career as a state employee.

Your individual action and the position taken by your corporation as well as the accusatory position the Department of Illinois Amvets has been placed in via testimony of their legislative officer, will not go unchallenged.

21 March 2001, page two:

During lobbying efforts or testimony at legislative hearings, I have officially represented only the above congressionally charter veterans organization for combat wounded veterans; having at all time worn my official organization cover and miniature decorations and awards.

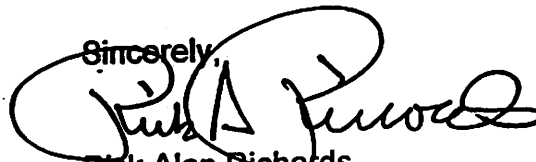
Oral testimony or appearance slips submitted attest to the fact that I have never represented myself as an employee or official spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs at legislative committee hearings or during meetings in house or senate member offices; furthermore, when necessary, appropriate personal benefit time leave requests were approved by Department of Veterans Affairs Director, John W. Johnston prior to my attendance at such hearings or meetings.

I have never physically or otherwise threaten an employee of another veterans organization with using the influence of my state position to initiate action toward removing them from their employment.

IACVAC and Amvets have ten (10) working days from receipt of this letter to 1) issue a formal apology to me for the false and misleading information contained in your corporate minutes and 2) for such information having originated from AmVets Legislative Representative, Brian VanHouten and compounded by being announced and disseminated by IACVAC member Martin Rue and/or IACVAC Legislative Officer, Fred Albers and to 3) show proof that the apology has been forwarded via certified mail to all recipients of the aforementioned minutes, to include but not limited to each individual county commissioner and anyone of their employ and all officers of both corporations throughout the State of Illinois.

Failure to issue the apology in the aforementioned and timely manner will result in the filing of litigation for malicious libel and defamation of character naming as defendants both corporations and all individual corporate officers of the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions Inc. and Amvets (Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam), Illinois State Department.

Sincerely,



Rick Alan Richards

Department Legislative Director

cc: John W. Johnston, Director.
Illinois Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Paul A. Mons, Adjutant, Department of Illinois
Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA
Robert Studebaker, President
AmVets, Illinois State Department
Edward McNamara, Attorney at Law

March 8, 2001

Dear Commander:

The State Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions met in Springfield, Illinois on March 7, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. We discussed each bill that had been introduced in our Illinois 92 General Assembly pertaining to veteran's issues. Two bills, HB154 that pertains to language change in the MIA/POW Scholarship and HB3211, which pertains to our Anna Veterans' Home. Those two bills our State Association unanimously voted to support. We voted not to support HB854 as currently written unless all Reserve Force members and National Guard members have been federalized in order to gain eligibility to our State Veterans' Homes and SB0226 unless they remove County Veterans Assistance Commissions from that bill which asks for an Inspector General being officed in the State Department of Veterans' Affairs facility. All the other bills we will keep a close eye on and react accordingly.

We also encouraged everyone present to contact the Governor and their state senator and representative asking that the 80 additional nursing care beds be added to LaSalle Veterans' Home immediately. It was the consensus of all present that the needs for additional veterans' nursing care beds can only be justified by locating them at the LaSalle Veterans' Home and then northern Illinois to satisfy the need of those in the Chicago area. It is up to us to raise hell and request that the State of Illinois start servicing the needs of our veterans. If Quincy Veterans' Home would be in the northern part of our state there would probably be a two-year waiting list for admission, not a 40-bed vacancy. Remember 90% of the veterans reside within a 100-mile radius of our LaSalle Veterans' Home and about 65% of our veterans reside in the Cook County area. Tell the Governor and your representatives that we have been waiting for an additional 1000 beds for our veterans in the state of Illinois since 1993 and to quit playing games and deal with this problems now because the need will still be there after the year 2030.

We were also informed that one of our veterans organization's legislative employees was verbally attacked by an employee of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for that organizations' opposition to opening the Veterans' Homes to Reserve Forces and the National Guard members who have not had one day of active service and had served 20 years with that Unit. He alleged that Department of Veterans' Affairs employee was going to see if he could not force that individual to loose his job. I find it sad to think that an individual who follows his organization's position on any legislation should be attacked for that position. This is why I have told you time and time again that those clowns, who feel that we must follow the politician whether they are right or wrong, should be exposed for what they are. I believe our United States Constitution grants us the right of Freedom of Speech. We must expose them for what they are and let our people know that they are only regurgitating what they have been forced fed by their political boss and we, as veterans, can feed ourselves. We do not have to be nurtured for our suckling days are over.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Rue, Chairman
VAC Liaison Committee

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To : James Denbow From : J.C. Tromp
Sent : 3/19/01 at 3:49:28 PM Pages : 1 (including Cover)
Subject :

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Illinois has always been in support of all military personnel including the Reserve Forces and National Guard who were involved in hostile fire environment or been awarded campaign medal for their services as the results of being federalized and eligible for many United States Department of Veterans' Affairs benefits; and

WHEREAS, IDVA Veterans' Homes in North Central Illinois always have had a waiting list of 3-6 months for admission, which has now increased to over 2 years, and

WHEREAS, About 90% of the veteran populous reside within a 100mile radius of the LaSalle Veterans' Home an about 65% of the veterans reside within a 60 mile radius of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, HB0854 or any other such bill if adopted would open eligibility further to those who had served in Reserve Forces or National Guard and did not have any Federal active military service; and

WHEREAS, If HB0854 became law the period of waiting time for a veteran to gain admission to an Illinois Veterans Home would be greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, Some of the Reservists and Guardsmen that could be admitted do not meet the definition of a Veteran as defined in the United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 38 Parts O-17; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the 2nd Division Meeting on March 11, 2001 held in Belvidere, Illinois oppose the adoption of HB0854 or any other such bill that does not require veterans to have been federalized; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution be forwarded to the Department Executive Meeting on April 7, 2001 in Bloomington, Illinois for their adoption.

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of January 24, 2001

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

Minutes of previous meeting were read with one correction. In the Service Officer's Report award section, the first award should read, "increase in service connected compensation from (80%-100%) IUE not (30%-100%) IUE. With the correction of the Service Officer's Report, Chairman Alder stated the minutes would stand approved as corrected and presented.

Old business: All questions pertaining to Old Business were answered.

New business: Chairman Adler and the Superintendent discussed the National American Legion's written testimony submitted at the Principi hearing on January 18, 2001. It is a 13-page testimony covering the American Legion's request of services needed from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs. Chairman Adler requested that the VAC Superintendent write a letter to Eldon E. Madden, Clifford N. Kevern, and Henry J. Gazza, Jr. pertaining to the section covering veteran state nursing homes. He further requested that an additional letter pertaining to the needs for additional state veteran homes be sent to Governor George Ryan.

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

Motion by Jack Leininger, Joe Iwaszek, that our meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Samuel Maggio, Marine Corp League, Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426.

COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

MARTIN J. RUE
Superintendent
(815)433-1761

LaSalle County Courthouse
Room A103
119 W. Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

January 25, 2001

Mr. Elden E. Madden
206 Elizabeth Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

Dear Mr. Madden:

At the request of Ralph Adler find enclosed a copy of written testimony submitted at the Principi hearing. I am also enclosing a copy of letters sent to Governor George Ryan from the LaSalle County Board and myself, also a one-page sheet showing the dire need to provide additional long-term care beds in the state of Illinois for our veterans. Let us not forget that the American Legion has always stated that the need for these beds will surpass the year 2030.

I ask you gentlemen to please rally the troops in the state of Illinois and insist that the Governor add immediately the additional eighty long-term care beds to our LaSalle Veterans' Home. Get your neighbors, friends, and relatives to insist that he do this now so that we can end the fight that we have had since 1993. Let us not forget that all major veterans organizations in the state of Illinois have endorsed by resolution adding the additional eighty long-term care beds to the LaSalle Veterans' Home. We need your help now.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

Enclosures

SAME LETTER WAS SENT TO CLIFFORD KEVERN AND HENRY J. GAZZA, JR.

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LaSalle County Courthouse
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Ottawa, Illinois 61350

January 25, 2001

Honorable Governor George H. Ryan
State of Illinois
207 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Ryan:

After not receiving a response to my letter dated December 6, 2000, I felt it necessary to resubmit that letter and additional information pertaining to the need to immediately add the additional eighty long-term care beds to our LaSalle Veterans' Home. Realizing how busy you are and knowing that brevity is the essence of life, I chose to not send you the entire thirteen-page testimony that was submitted by the National Department of the American Legion at the Principi Hearing. Instead I am enclosing only the pertinent testimony covering grants for construction of state extended care facilities. It is my sincere hope that our state will heed the call by the National Department of the American Legion and develop a proactive and aggressive long-term care plan, which included immediately adding the additional eighty long-term care beds to our LaSalle Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois. I would be elated to hear your announcement of this in your State of the State Address.

I will patiently await your favorable response to my request.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

Enclosures

THE AMERICAN LEGION

National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

TO: National Vice Commanders
Past National Commanders
National Executive Committee
Commission Chairmen
Department Commanders
Department Adjutants

FROM: Joe March, Public Relations 

DATE: January 18, 2001

SUBJ: Written Testimony Submitted at Principi Hearing

Here is the written testimony submitted by The American Legion for the Principi Confirmation Hearing on January 18. The American Legion neither supports nor opposes his confirmation, but took the opportunity to address issues of concern the next Secretary of VA should be prepared to resolve.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Currently, this nation is faced with the largest aging veterans' population in its history. VA estimates the number of veterans 65 years of age or older will peak at 9.3 million in the year 2000. By 2010, 42 percent of the entire veteran population, an estimated 8.5 million veterans, will be 65 or older, with half that number above 85 years of age. By 2030, most Vietnam Era veterans will be 80 years of age or older. The State Veterans' Home Program must therefore continue, and even expand its role as an extremely vital asset to VA. Additionally, state homes are in a unique position to help meet the long-term care requirements of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act.

State homes provide over 24,000 beds with a 90 percent occupancy rate that will generate more than seven million days of patient care each year. The authorized bed capacity of these homes is 90 nursing care units in 40 states (17,844 beds); 46 domiciliaries in 32 states (5,841 beds); and 5 hospitals in 4 states (469 beds). For FY 1999, VA spent \$255 per day to care for each of their long term nursing care residents, while paying private-sector contract nursing homes an average per diem of \$149 per contract veteran. The national average-daily cost of caring for a state veterans' home nursing care resident during FY 1999 was \$137. VA reimbursed state veterans' homes a per diem of only \$40 per nursing care resident.

As many VA facilities reduce long-term care beds and VA has no plans to construct new nursing homes, state veterans' homes are relied upon to absorb a greater share of the needs of an aging veteran population. If VA intends to provide care and treatment to greater numbers of aging veterans, it is essential to develop a proactive and aggressive long-term care plan.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2001

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 17 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 13 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 8 veterans.
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5. Sent out letters to 36 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 10 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 46 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran.
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 12 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 6 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 5 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 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 2 veterans.
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 6 veterans.
29. Sent various SSA forms for 7 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 517 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
 32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
 33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
 34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 2 veterans.
 35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
 36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
 37. Sent 1 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
 38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
 39. Sent 2 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
 40. Sent VA Form 516 for 0 veteran.
 41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
 42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
 43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
 44. Sent 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 515 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 SSI benefits from Social Security, effective 12/2000-11/2001, \$492 monthly, (Total \$5904)
2. Veteran awarded increase in service-connected Compensation from 30%-40% (difference \$125 monthly) effective 8/2000-11/2000, \$375; 12/2000-11/2001, \$1500 (Total \$1875)
3. Veteran awarded 40% service-connected Compensation, effective 2/99-11/2000, \$413 monthly, \$4956; 12/2000-11/2001, \$427 monthly, \$5124 (Total \$10,080)

4. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 12/2000-11/2001, \$728 monthly, \$8736 (Total \$8736)
5. Veteran's Widow awarded Death insurance benefits, \$10,436 (Total \$10,436)
6. Veteran's Widow awarded \$1050 Burial Benefit from VA for service-connected death.
7. Veteran awarded 40% service-connected compensation, for left shoulder muscle atrophy, effective 6/2000-11/2000 (difference \$233 monthly from 20%-40%, \$1398 12/2000-11/2001, \$2796 (Total \$4194)
8. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, effective 11/2000-12/2001 \$16,892 (Total \$16,892).
9. Veteran's Widow awarded one month S/C Compensation due to veteran's death, \$2153; awarded DIC effective 8/2000-11/2000, \$881 monthly, \$2643; 12/2000-11/2001, \$911 \$11,892 (Total \$14,926)
10. Veteran awarded unreimbursed medical expenses for 2000 in the amount of \$3279 (Total \$3279)
11. Veteran awarded reimbursed educational expenses in the amount of \$8866 (Total \$8866)
12. Veteran's mother awarded Burial Benefit in the amount of \$1050 for S/C death; Parental DIC effective 6/99-12/2001 \$967 (Total \$2017)
13. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation effective 9/97-12/2000 30%-60%, \$14,649; 1/2001-11/2001, \$841 monthly, \$9972 (Total \$24,621)
14. Veteran's spouse awarded SSD benefits, effective 4/2000-11/2000, \$927 monthly, \$7416; 12/2000-11/2001, \$943 monthly, \$10,373 (Total \$17,789)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 40,475.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 61,131.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 90,080.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$221,026.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$282,157.00

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

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission annual meeting of November 15, 2000.

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

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

Old Business: Questions pertaining to old business were answered. The Commission agreed to accept the adjusted proposed Veterans Assistance Commission 2001 budget. A motion was made by Sam Maggio and seconded by Al Strozewski, to accept any and all changes made to our original budget proposal. Motion passed.

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

Superintendent Rue discussed Agent Orange being sprayed around the DMZ in Korea in 1968 through 1969. Any veteran who had served along the Korean DMZ area and is suffering from one of the presumptive disabilities of Agent Orange should file for compensation. He also stated that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has added Adult Diabetes Type II to the Agent Orange presumptive list. We have filed approximately five of those cases to date.

Being there was no other new business to discuss we went into our Veterans Assistance Commission annual election of its officers and four year election of the superintendent position. Delegates nominated the following:

1. Chairman – Ralph Adler
2. Vice-Chairman – Jack Leininger
3. Chaplin – Jim Kirby
4. Sgt. At Arms – Jerry Welch

Each position was properly voted on for the Veterans Assistance Commission officers for the year 2001. At the conclusion of the election a motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Ron Hickey, Sr., to cast one unanimous ballot for the slated officers. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Westman, seconded by Sam Maggio, that the Commission reaffirm the election of Martin Rue as Superintendent of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. Motion passed.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Jack Leininger, the meeting adjourns. Motion passed.

Member present: Delegates Robert Westman, American Legion Post 33; Ron Hickey, Sr., Amvets Post 30; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jerry Welch, American Legion Post 375; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Alternates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Don Leininger, American Legion Post 375; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

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17. Sent VA Form 530 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 15 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 8 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 8 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 50 veterans.
26. Sent VA Form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 1 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel for 6 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 22 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 22 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 4 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 4 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 6 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 12 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 674 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
37. Sent 1 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 6 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 516 for 3 veteran.
41. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 2 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 515 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 increase in service-connected compensation (30%-100%) IUE, \$1000 monthly difference, 6/99-12/2000, \$18000; 1/2001/11/2001, \$1100 (Total \$29,000)
2. Veteran Widow awarded DIC benefit, effective 12/2000-11/2001, \$919 monthly, (Total \$11,028)
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 6/2000-11/2000, \$162 monthly, \$972; 11/2000-11/2001, \$172 monthly, \$2064 (Total \$3036)

4. Veteran awarded Rehabilitation for 6 month period due to service-connected disability, \$430
5. Veteran awarded service connected compensation, 30%, effective 6/2000-11/2000, \$288 monthly, \$1728; 12/2000-11/2001, \$299 monthly, \$3588 (Total \$5316)
6. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits, effective 8/2000-11/2000, \$1286 monthly, \$5144; 12/2000-11/2001, \$15,532 (Total \$20,656)
7. Veteran awarded 10% service-connected compensation, 8/2000-11/2000, (10% + (k))\$174 monthly, \$696; 12/2000-11/2001, \$179 monthly, \$2148 (Total \$2844)
8. Widow awarded Burial benefits and transportation costs (\$450 Burial + \$280 Transportation), \$730
9. Veteran awarded increase in service connected compensation (30%-100%, \$1748 monthly), effective 12/99-11/2000, \$20,976; 12/2000-11/2001, \$20,976 (Total \$42,952)
10. Veteran awarded increase in service connected compensation, (50%-100%) IUE, (\$1293) difference, 9/99-11/2000, \$19,438; 12/2000-11/2001, \$15,516 (Total \$34,954)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 20,656.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 20,656.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONT: \$130,946.00
YEAR-TO-DATE \$130,946.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE: \$151,602.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

1. Form 526-APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION OR PENSION
2. VA Form 4138-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM
3. VA Form 180-REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS
4. VA Form 534-APPLICATION FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION OR DEATH PENSION BY SURVIVING SPOUSE OR CHILD.
5. VA Form 21-22-APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION
6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
7. VA Form 530-APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
10. VA Form 686C-DECLARATION OF MARITAL STATUS
11. DD Form 149- APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS UNDER THE PROVISION OF TITLE 10 U.S.CODE, SECTION 1552
12. VA Form 10-10-APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS
13. VA Form 5655-FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
14. VA Form 512S- SECTION 306 EVR (Surviving Spouse)
15. VA Form 8416-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL, LEGAL, OR OTHER EXPENSES.
16. VA Form (1-9)-APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL
17. VA Form 517 IMPROVED PENSION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION REPORT (VETERAN WITH CHILDREN)
18. VA Form 527-INCOME-NET WORTH AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT
19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
20. VA Form 4125-CLAIM FOR ONE SUM PAYMENT
21. VA FORM 8940-VETERANS APPLICATION FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION BASED ON UNEMPLOYABILITY
22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT
26. VA FORM 5490-APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.
28. VA FORM 4502-APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
29. VA FORM 4555-VETERAN'S APPLICATION IN ACQUIRING SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING OR SPECIAL HOME ADAPTATION GRANT.
30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE