

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

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

**NOTICE**

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission will hold its meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each calendar month, with the exception of November at which time that meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The north door of the Downtown Courthouse will be unlocked between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Courthouse address is 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350.

**THE 2012 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

January 25, 2012  
February 22, 2012  
March 28, 2012  
April 25, 2012  
May 23, 2012  
June 27, 2012  
July 25, 2012  
August 22, 2012  
September 26, 2012  
October 24, 2012  
November 14, 2012

Service Officer's Report  
January 2012

Vietnam, Streator awarded 100% with spouse 12/06 – 12/11  
\$165,204

Vietnam, Streator awarded 50% with one dependent 3/10 –  
12/11 \$18,590

Iraq, LaSalle awarded on month at 100% \$2823

WWII widow, Marseilles awarded Aid and Attendance 5/10 –  
12/11 \$20,064

WWII widow, Mendota awarded a waiver of overpayment  
\$821

Vietnam, Cherry awarded backpay of CAD 6/05 – 12/11  
\$127,248

WWII, LaSalle awarded Aid and Attendance 10/10 – 12/11  
\$8,890

TOTAL VA BENEFITS JANUARY 2012 \$343,640.00

SOCIAL SECURITY 0

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE \$343,640.00

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November 30, 2011

TO: Delegates and Alternates of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission

From: Martin J. Rue, Superintendent

Dear Delegates and Alternates:

As requested by our VAC Chairman Jim Nanowski, this letter is being sent out to remind you that there will be no meeting held in the month of December 2011. Our next scheduled meeting will be January 25, 2012.

At our annual meeting, which was held on November 16, 2011, we had our election of officers for fiscal year 2012. Those officers nominated were as follows:

1. Chairman – Jim Nanowski
2. Vice-Chairman – Jerry Fuch
3. Chaplain – Doug Grieves
4. Sgt. At Arms – Bob Riley

When we had the call opening nominations for each of the four positions only one individual was nominated for each elected office. Being there was no contested nomination for any of the elected offices; Nick Nekrosius made a motion that a unanimous ballot be cast for all nominated officers. His motion was seconded by George Mason and the commission all voted unanimously to elect the above mentioned officers for fiscal year 2012.

I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing you on January 25, 2012 for our first VAC meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent  
VAC of LaSalle County

## Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County

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

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

The Service Officer's Report for January 2012 was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by George Mason that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Howard Gast and seconded by Robert Riley at the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Gerald Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Robert Riley, VFW Post 5506; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; John Dubach, American Legion Post Post 33; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

**Service Officer's Report  
FEBRUARY 2012**

Vietnam, Tonica awarded 60% with one dependent 1/11 –  
12/11 \$13,656

Vietnam, LaSalle awarded I.U.E. 7/10 – 12/11 \$30,582

Iraq, Seneca awarded 60% with dependents 12/09 – 12/11  
\$28,225

Vietnam, Peru awarded 100% w/SMC and housebound 11/10  
– 12/11 \$43,246

Vietnam, Mendota awarded 70% 2/10 – 12/11 \$31,438

Vietnam, Lostant awarded 100% 10/10 – 12/11 \$33,228

Vietnam, Marseilles awarded I.U.E. 10/10 – 12/11 \$40,095

Total VA Benefits February 2012 \$220,470

Social Security 0

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE \$564,110

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## LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of February 22, 2012

Meeting was opened in due form by Jim Nanowski. A roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman excused and all other officers present. The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. All questions pertaining to the minutes were answered. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Nanowski stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

New Business: The Service Officers' Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. A motion was made by Bob Riley and seconded by Lance Sires that the Service Officers' Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by John Duback and seconded by Lawrence Graham that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Lawrence Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternate John Duback, American Legion Post 33 and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

# SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

## MARCH 2012

Vietnam, Ottawa awarded IUE 6/10 – 12/12 \$52,770

Vietnam, Ottawa awarded 100% 8/10 – 12/11 \$93,760

Vietnam, west end awarded 100% 6/10 – 3/11 30% 4/11 – 12/12 \$38,214

Vietnam, Marseilles awarded CAD 6/11 with spouse 12/12 \$33,896

Ottawa awarded dependents to claim 2/10 – 12/12 \$5082

widow, Vietnam, Ottawa awarded DIC with burial benefits thru 12/12 \$50,298

WWII, widow, Sandwich awarded A&A 8/10 – 12/12 \$36,960

TOTAL VA BENEFITS MARCH 2012 \$310,980

SOCIAL SECURITY 0

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE \$875,090.

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of the March 28, 2012 meeting.

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

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

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was presented and all questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by George Mason to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

The discussion ensued pertaining to our April 25, 2012 VAC meeting. The delegates and alternates present elected to cancel the April 25, 2012 VAC meeting. A motion was made by Joel Munks and seconded by Doug Grieves that our April 25, 2012 meeting be cancelled and that Superintendent Rue send a letter to all the delegates and alternates announcing said cancelation. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Bob Riley and seconded by Lance Sires that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Joel Munks, Amvets Post 30; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Altnernate John Duback, American Legion Post 33; and Chairman Jim Nanowski,



# SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

## MAY 2012

WWII Widow, Ottawa awarded Aid and Attendance 8/11 – 12/12 \$21,120

Vietnam, west end, awarded 10% 7/9 – 12/12 \$3738

Vietnam, west end, awarded IUE 12/10 – 12/12 with dependent \$71,787

Vietnam, west end awarded 70% with dependent 2/11 – 12/12 \$31,223

Vietnam, Marseilles, awarded 50% with SMC 3/11 – 12/12 \$18,510

Vietnam, Streator, awarded 30% 8/11 – 12/12 \$6613

WWII Widow, Ottawa awarded burial and accrued benefits \$723

Vietnam, Peru awarded backpay and IUE, 12/10 – 12/12 \$127,785

Vietnam, west end awarded 70% 8/11 – 12/12 \$22,661

TOTAL VA BENEFITS May 2012 **\$304,160**

SOCIAL SEC. **0**

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE **\$1,179,250**

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of the March 28, 2012 meeting.

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

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

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was presented and all questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by George Mason to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

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Motion was made by Bob Riley and seconded by Lance Sires that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Joel Munks, Amvets Post 30; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Altnernate John Duback, American Legion Post 33; and Chairman Jim Nanowski,

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of May 23, 2012

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

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

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion was made by Bob Riley and seconded by George Mason that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Jack Leininger presented a flyer pertaining to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Freedom Run, which will be held in Marseilles on June 16, 2012. All veterans are invited to attend.

Jim Ebner announced that on June 30, 2012 Oglesby will be holding a "Patriotic Day" at 1:00 p.m. He asked that all attend that celebration.

A motion was made by Larry Graham and seconded by Doug Grieve that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Jerry Fuchs, American legion Post 570; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Joel Munks, Amvets Post 33; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternate Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

# SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

## JUNE 2012

Vietnam, Marseilles awarded dependent 8/09 – 12/12 \$105 monthly total \$4200

Vietnam, Streator awarded 100% 2/11 – 12/12 \$2823 monthly, total \$62,106

Vietnam, Ottawa awarded 30% 12/05-12/12 total \$31,584

Vietnam, Streator awarded backpay for compensation never paid by VA from 1976 total \$74,000

Vietnam, west end, awarded 20% with SMC 10/10 -12/12 total \$9850

World War II widow, Ottawa awarded Aid and Attendance 3/10 – 12/12 \$1056 total \$34,848

Iraq, Toluca awarded 100% 9/11 – 12/12 total \$44,304

Vietnam, Ottawa awarded 10% 1/11 – 12/12 \$3,048

Vietnam, Utica awarded 70% with SMC 6/10; 100% with SMC, housebound, and spouse 6/11 – 12/12 total \$83,423

TOTAL VA BENEFITS FOR JUNE 2012 \$347,363

SOCIAL SECURITY 0

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE **\$1,526,613**

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of June 27, 2012

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

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

Old Business: Bob Riley discussed the 44 veteran ceremonial burials that took place at the Lincoln National Cemetery. He said there were 60 people in attendance honoring those 44 deceased veterans who had no next of kin to bury them.

The Service Officer's Report was presented. In the first six months of our fiscal year our veterans and their dependents have received \$1,526,613 in financial benefits. A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Jim Ebner that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission delegates and alternates went through its 2013 Budget Recommendations requests line item by line item. Superintendent Rue's contract expires this year, as a result the delegates and alternates recommended a slight adjustment in the salaries of the VAC office employees for fiscal year 2013. Our VAC total budget recommendations for all line items total \$243,534.00. A motion was made by Bob Riley and seconded by Larry Graham that the budget line items for the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission fiscal year 2013 be accepted as per commission members' recommendations. Budget passed unanimously.

Motion by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Doug Grieves that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Joel Munks, Amvets Post 30; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260 and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

# SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

## JULY 2012

Gulf War, Ottawa awarded 40% 11/7/07 – 12/12 **\$32,460**

Iraq, Seneca awarded 10% 6/10 – 12/12 **\$3690**

Iraq, Peru awarded 20% 12/08 with backpay and \$251 1/12 -12/12 total **\$10,012**

WWII, widow awarded Aid and Attendance additional \$600 monthly 4/11-12/12 **\$12,600**

Vietnam, Tonica awarded 100% for 2 months and 40% 2/11 -12/12 total **\$24,698**

Vietnam, Peru awarded 20% 8/09 and 50% 8/10 -12/12 total **\$62,292**

Vietnam, Tonica awarded IUE 9/11 – 12/12 total **\$48,368**

Vietnam widow, Streator awarded DIC and accrued benefits through 12/12 total **\$91,492**

Vietnam, Peru, awarded 100%, with dependent and housebound status, death benefit, and life insurance \$10,000 for three months, total **\$21,768**

**TOTAL VA BENEFITS FOR JULY 2012 \$307,380.**

Social Security Benefits 0.

**TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE \$1,833,993.**

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of July 25, 2012

Meeting was opened in due form by Vice-Chairman Jerry Fuchs. A roll call of officers was taken showing all other officers present.

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

Superintendent Rue stated County Board Chairman Jerry Hicks has asked that the names and phone numbers of the delegates and alternates of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission be provided to the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Committee and himself. The delegates and alternates present had no problems with meeting that request, stating that they feel encouraged that the County Board members want to get to know the delegates and alternates of the VAC so that they can work as a team in totally supporting the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget requests for this next fiscal year.

New Business: The Service Officers' Report was presented. It was noted that as of July the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission office has secured \$1,833,993 for those veterans that they had represented in their claims for disability. All questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Bob Riley that the Service Officers' Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue announced that he will be meeting with Finance August 14, 2012 at 1:45 p.m. to discuss the VAC budget for next fiscal year. He will also be meeting September 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. with Fee and Salary to discuss the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission's minor budget adjustment requests for salaries next fiscal year for the superintendent and office supervisor. Superintendent Rue will present the small adjustment request in salary for the office supervisor and Jack Leininger will speak pertaining to the minor adjustment in the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission superintendent's salary. Chairman Jim Nanowski will also be present at that meeting.

A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Doug Grieves that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570 and Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

# Service Officers Report

## August 2012

Vietnam, Ottawa awarded 20% with SMC 9/10 – 12/12  
TOTAL \$9800

Gulf, Peru awarded 60% with dependents \$1129 9/10  
– 12/12 TOTAL \$15,197

Gulf, Tonica awarded 90% 2010 – 2 011 TOTAL  
\$39,864

Vietnam, Ottawa awarded 70% 2009 – 2011 TOTAL  
\$38,016

Vietnam, West end awarded IUE 2/11 – 12/12 with  
dependents TOTAL \$67,252

World War II widow, LaSalle awarded Aid and  
Attendance 3/12 – 12/12 TOTAL \$10,940

TOTAL VA BENEFITS FOR AUGUST 2012 \$181,069

Social Security 0

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE \$2,015,062



LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of July 25, 2012

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New Business: The Service Officers' Report was presented. It was noted that as of July the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission office has secured \$1,833,993 for those veterans that they had represented in their claims for disability. All questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Bob Riley that the Service Officers' Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

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A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Doug Grieves that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570 and Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

## LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of August 22, 2012

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

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

Old Business: Superintendent Rue discussed the requested salary adjustments which will be presented to the Fee and Salary Committees on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Jack Leininger will present the requested salary adjustment for Superintendent Rue and Superintendent Rue will request a salary adjustment for Nationally Accredited Veterans Service Officer and Office Supervisor, Cindy Decker. They will be requesting a one year contract which will then be renegotiated in next year's budget. The reason this is being done is because we are asking for an adjustment. It is our hope that the LaSalle County Board members will approve the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission requests.

Superintendent Rue presented handouts pertaining to the Illinois Lost Veteran Project. This is another new government grant program in which individuals are being paid to get names of veterans who may or may not be in need of veteran entitlements and then requesting that other offices such as our VAC contact said veterans and do the work that the Lost Veteran Project personnel were being paid to do.

The Service Officers' Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. As of August 2012 the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission office has secured \$2,015,062 for those veterans that they have represented in VA and Social Security benefit claims. Motion by Larry Graham and seconded by John Duback that the Service Officers' Report be approved as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Nick Nekrosious and seconded by Jim Ebner that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 33; Alternates John Duback, American Legion Post 33; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

## SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2012

World War II Widow, Ottawa awarded A&A 5/11-12/12 \$1094 monthly with back pay Total \$20,520

Vietnam, Cherry awarded 100% IUE 6/10-12/12 with back pay Total \$53,649

World War II widow, Peru awarded back pay for nursing home care Total \$9755

Vietnam, LaSalle awarded 30% 8/10-12/12 with back pay Total \$11,281

Vietnam, Marseilles awarded 10% 8/11-12/12 Total \$2159

Gulf War, Mark awarded 70% with back pay 8/02-12/12 \$90,234

TOTAL VA BENEFITS SEPTEMBER 2012 \$187,598

Social Security 0

TOTAL BENEFITS YEAR TO DATE \$2,202,660

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of September 26, 2012

Meeting was opened in due form by Vice Chairman Jerry Fuchs. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman and Sgt. at Arms excused. All other officers were present.

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

New Business: The Service Officers Report was presented. As of September 2012 our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission office has secured \$2,202,660 for those veterans who asked us to represent them with their claims with the VA and Social Security. All questions pertaining to the Service Officers Report were answered. A motion was made by Jack Leininger and seconded by George Mason that we accept the Service Officers Report as presented. Motion passed.

George Mason reported on the LaSalle Veterans' Home. He announced that Tony Kolbeck asked "Where his friend Martin Rue was?" George further stated that the home is currently operating at about 80% capacity. Governor Quinn will not permit the additional hiring of at least 20 full-time health service providers in order to full 100% of the available beds. This Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs budget for the LaSalle Veterans' Home appropriated all the moneys needed to hire the additional staff.

A motion was made by Larry Graham and seconded by Howard Gast that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Larry Graham, DAV 86; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Larry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; Joel Munks, Amvets; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 266; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549 and Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506

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December 21, 2011

Total awards received by our veterans as a result of advocacy work performed by our office since 1985.

1984	\$60,428.00
1985	\$177,310.00
1986	\$251,293.00
1987	\$320,425.00
1988	\$410,386.00
1989	\$456,625.00
1990	\$456,625.00
1991	\$604,507.00
1992	\$827,498.00
1993	\$1,023,276.00
1994	\$1,267,139.00
1995	\$1,880,016.00
1996	\$1,229,767.00
1997	\$876,703.00
1998	\$958,554.00
1999	\$1,606,843.00
2000	\$1,481,280.00
2001	\$1,304,297.00
2002	\$2,258,292.00
2003	\$3,039,255.00
2004	\$2,250,864.00
2005	\$2,728,679.00
2006	\$3,158,593.00
2007	\$1,573,911.00
2008	\$1,307,466.50
2009	\$1,182,811.00
2010	\$1,331,423.45
2011	\$1,750,182.00

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of November 28, 2012

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Jim Nanowski. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Jerry Fuch excused and all other officers present.

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

John Dubach discussed the 24 Hour Veterans' Day Vigil that was held in Ottawa, Illinois November 2 and 3, 2012 at Washington Park. He said that everyone enjoyed the vigil which had 120 participants that covered 96 shifts. He also noted that Pleasant View Lutheran Home and the LaSalle Veterans Home also sent participants for the vigil.

Jim Nanowski stated that it would be more convenient for all if our VAC monthly meetings were held at 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Alternates and Delegates discussed the recommended time change of our VAC meeting concluding that it would be a lot safer meeting at 5:00 p.m. for many of our senior delegates, especially in the winter. A motion was made by Bob Riley and seconded by Larry Graham that we change our meetings to 5:00 p.m. Effective January 2013 and amend our bylaws to reflect said change. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jim Nanowski opened the election of officers for fiscal year 2013 and the election of the LaSalle VAC superintendent for 2013 – 2017. Nominations were opened for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chaplain, and Sgt. at Arms. The following candidates were selected for fiscal year 2013.

1. Chairman – Jim Nanowski
2. Vice-Chairman – Jim Ebner
3. Chaplain – Doug Grieve
4. Sgt. At Arms – Bob Riley

VAC Superintendent – Martin J. Rue

Motion was made by George Mason and seconded Howard Gast that a unanimous ballot is cast for those selected officers for the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission fiscal year 2013 and Superintendent Martin J. Rue be reaffirmed as the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent for 2013 – 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Bob Riley, VFW Post 5506; Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; Joel Monks, Amvets Post 30; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Doug Grieve, Post 33; George Mason, VFW Post 260; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; Jim Ebner, American Legion Post 237; Alternate John Dubach, American Legion Post 33 and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

# Service Officer Report

## February 2013

Vietnam Widow, Ottawa awarded burial benefits and DIC 9/11 – 12/13 Total \$35,296

Vietnam, Dalzell awarded 100% prostate cancer w/spouse and SMC \$5/12 – 12/13 Total \$58,480

WWII widow, Ottawa awarded Aid and Attendance 9/11 – 12/13 total \$29,568

Vietnam awarded IUE 6/02 – 2/11, burial and DIC benefits for widow \$150,200

Vietnam, Mendota awarded 100% w/SMC and spouse backpay \$15,000 and \$3022 6/11 – 12/13 Total \$105,660

Vietnam widow, LaSalle awarded accrued benefits, DIC, Life Insurance and burial benefits, total \$38,290

Vietnam widow, Streator, awarded accrued benefits, DIC and burial benefits total \$47,185

Vietnam widow, West end, awarded accrued benefits, DIC and burial benefits total \$49,583

Vietnam, Marseilles awarded 100% for prostate cancer with SMC and spouse 7/12 – 12/13 Total \$54,414

Vietnam, Mendota, awarded 40% 10/10 – 12/13 total 21,014

Total VA Benefits February 2013 - \$589,690

SS Benefits 0

Total Benefits year to date \$589,690