

Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting.

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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: Delegates and alternates again discussed our LaSalle Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois after reading the NEWS TRIBUNE November 11, 2008 article in which the State of Illinois stated that there were no new hires at the home due to a freeze in hiring state personnel. Superintendent Rue was pleased to see that the NEWS TRIBUNE reporter finally got the State of Illinois to admit the truth as to why there are approximately 105 open beds at the LaSalle Veterans' Home.

NEW BUSINESS: Delegates and alternates were given additional handouts for their information. One pertained to our LaSalle Veterans' Home and the other announced the name of the new Illinois Department of Employment Security Veterans Representative in Ottawa, Illinois.

Chairman Nanowski opened the election of our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission officers for fiscal year 2009 and the election of the superintendent of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. They are as follows:

1. Chairman – George Mason
2. Vice-Chairman – Jim Nanowski
3. Chaplin – Doug Grieve
4. Sgt. at Arms – Ken Hausken
5. Superintendent – Martin J. Rue

A motion was made by Bernard Smith and seconded by Nick Nekrosius that a unanimous vote be cast for all the newly elected officers. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue congratulated all the newly elected officers and was grateful for their eager participation for the offices they sought.

Superintendent Rue reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting of our commission during the month of December 2008. Our next meeting will be held on January 28, 2009. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Jerry Fuchs that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternate Robert Riley, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

**JANUARY 2009**  
**Service Officer's Report**

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207 State House Building  
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Dear Governor Blagojevich:

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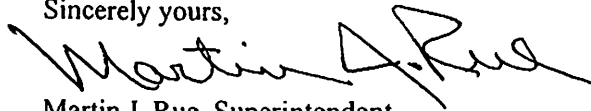
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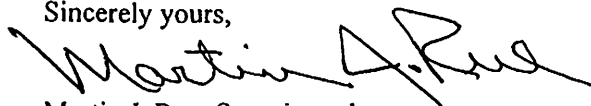
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Old Business: Superintendent Rue reported that he had spoken with Steve Davis, Assistant Administrator at the Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru, Illinois. He stated that the flag pole at the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic would be repaired and a light installed so the American Flag could be flown 24 hours a day. Reed Wilson from United States Congressman Jerry Weller's office stated they would donate three flags to the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic.

Superintendent Rue, as requested by the Commission, sent a letter to all chartered member posts in LaSalle County with the monthly dates of our commission meetings. They were all invited to our commission meetings at the direction of our delegates and alternates.

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

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

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## **Service Officer's Report March 2008**

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<b>Total VA Benefits in March</b>	<b>\$244,928</b>
<b>Social Security in March</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL Benefits to date</b>	<b>\$563,159</b>



Belleville News-Democrat  
120 South Illinois Street  
Belleville, Illinois 62220

To Whom It May Concern:

In a Chicago News-Tribune article dated August 9, 2007, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) Director Tammy Duckworth stated that the \$2.7 million dollars for the LaSalle Veterans' Home, passed earlier by our General Assembly, would remain available to hire needed staff and purchase needed equipment. This would be needed so the new 80 bed addition could open in the spring of 2007. One September 6, 2007 the Chicago Sun-Times printed a Letter to the Editor from Ginger Ostro, Illinois Director of Management and Budget, stating that when the LaSalle Veterans' Home "is ready to open, funding will be available to meet its operating needs."

At the same time an announcement was made that the \$2.7 million funding for the LaSalle facility had been cancelled as part of the Governor's cost saving measures. On September 7<sup>th</sup> IDVA Director Duckworth speaking to the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions (IACVAC) in response to a question on the aforementioned funding, told those of us assembled that although this funding would be delayed, \$300,000 was at the ready to be used to get the beds opened and that the further funding would be worked out.

In the original building there was a need for further staffing to open 20 health care beds that were available. However, the IDVA stated that those beds needed to stay empty until the 80-bed addition was completed.

On or about February of 2008 the 80-bed addition was deemed complete and the IDVA took possession of the addition at LaSalle Veterans' Home. The "fly in the ointment" is that there are no furnishings, equipment or staff to open the addition due to no funding available and no one wishes to address this "oversight". We can take from this that Ms. Ostro and Ms. Duckworth were either misled or have misled the veterans of this state.

I am sure that one is wondering what this LaSalle Veterans' Home situation in northern Illinois has to do with this down-state area. First, there are veterans in that LaSalle home from the Metro-East. Second this is not an isolated case, Manteno Veterans' Home has had to shut down two wings (approximately 40 beds) due to funding cuts. There is a waiting list of 300 veterans trying to get in the LaSalle Veterans' Home. There is a waiting list at every Illinois veterans' home, and the newest of the bunch located in Anna has a two year waiting list. This means that

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someone from the Metro-East who wants to be in one of the veterans homes might well put himself/herself on more than one list at these homes in Anna, Quincy, Manteno and LaSalle. With the World War II and Korean veterans, frankly, at rather advanced ages and the Vietnam Veterans quickly about to knock on that same door, the oldest are at risk to pass away before they are able to get into one of the homes.

We, the superintendents of Madison and St. Clair counties, feel this is a disgrace that the veterans of the services charged with the defense of this country, in the final stage of their lives should be treated as they are by this state holding them at bay while the pet projects of a few get funded. The backs of the veterans of this state have bourn the burden of special interests for long enough that they feel like just so many cobblestones on the streets over which these special interests trod. How long will the State of Illinois keep using the veterans programs in the state as a "cash cow" out of which to cut funding and funnel it to other projects.

Sincerely,

Kurt V. Daesch, Superintendent  
St. Clair County Veterans Assistance Commission

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## Community appeal: State must hire staff for veterans home expansion

In the NewsTribune article dated Aug. 9, 2007, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director, Tammy Duckworth stated that the \$2.7 million for our La Salle Veterans' Home, which passed our General Assembly, would remain available to hire the needed staff and equipment in the winter of 2007 so all beds could be opened in the spring of 2008. On Sept. 6, 2007 the Chicago Sun-Times printed a Letter to the Editor from Ginger Ostro, the Illinois Director of Management and Budget for the governor stating that when the La Salle Veterans' Home "is ready to open, funding will be available to meet its operating needs."

On or about the month of February 2008 the 80 additional health care beds were complete and the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) took over the new addition to the La Salle State Veterans' Home in La Salle. The only problem is there are no beds or fur-

niture to place in those rooms because it was not purchased. The staff needed to provide care for those additional 80 health care beds have not been hired either because of no funding. Was Ginger Ostro our governor's Director of Management and Budget misleading our Illinois veterans and citizens on Sept. 6, 2007 when she said when the La Salle Veterans' home "is ready to open, funding will be available to meet its operating needs?" We must also remember that we still need money to hire the additional staff for the 20 empty health care beds in our original building that IDVA stated must remain empty until the 80 new bed expansion is completed.

If the governor would let our Veterans' Home hire the 30 health care personnel needed to provide services for those 20 beds, we could fill them now. If the governor would permit our Veterans' Home to hire the 85 health care personnel needed to staff our 80

bed new addition, we could start bringing our veterans in for admission in a month. With over 300 veterans on our waiting list for admission, it is a true disgrace to see those beds sit vacant for months while our veterans are dying prior to admission. They do not have the luxury of waiting two to three years for admission.

Please write or call Gov. Rod Blagojevich, State Sen. Gary Dahl, state Rep. Frank Mautino or your state of Illinois senator and representative asking them to immediately hire the needed 130 employees for our La Salle State Veterans' Home and provide the needed furnishings to open our 80 new bed addition. Have your friends and relative do the same. Our Illinois Valley and veterans are counting on you. With your help all will succeed.

**Martin J. Rue,**  
Superintendent VAC of La Salle County

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Open Forum

News Tribune April 18, 2008

## Veterans urge public to contact lawmakers about home's needs

In the Chicago Tribune on April 4, 2008, there was an article stating "the governor is expanding health care without lawmaker approval and challenging their authority to stop him. Blagojevich's effort to expand Family Health Care, to give middle income Illinoisans access to better health care." On April 4, 2008, in the NewsTribune article it stated that under the Blagojevich Family Care Program "147,000 more people will be eligible for state subsidized health insurance coverage ... And would cost \$40 million this year." With that being said, I find it to be deplorable to think that he has not provided the minimal dollars needed to hire the 130 staff at our state veterans' Home in La Salle, Illinois so we can open those 100 empty beds.

As state Rep. Frank Mautino stated in Letters to the Editor of our area newspapers on Sept. 21, 2007, "providing for our military servicemen and women is one of the most honorable things we can do as a society." Why should our states' honorably discharged veterans be denied a bed at our La Salle Veterans' Home when we are providing medical care to most Illinois citizens, criminals, legal and illegal aliens? Why do our honorably discharged veterans always have to fight in order to be considered better than a third class citizen? All we have ever asked is to be treated equal to all other citizens.

We currently have 350 veterans on our La Salle Veterans Home waiting list for admission. We have over 100 vacant beds and are

short over 130 needed health care providers. Please write or call Gov. Rod Blagojevich, state Sen. Gary Dahl, state Rep. Frank Mautino or your state of Illinois senator or representative asking them to immediately hire the needed 130 employees for our La Salle Veterans Home and open the 100 empty beds. Have your friends and relatives do the same.

Our Illinois Valley citizens and state veterans are counting on you. President Abraham Lincoln said, "It's the duty of all of us on the home front to take good care of those who have borne the battle."

**George Mason,  
VFW Post 2470 Ottawa**

# Problem of illegal immigration starts with 'bird feeder'

I bought a bird feeder. I hung it on my back porch and filled it with seed. Within a week we had hundreds of birds taking advantage of the continuous flow of free and easily accessible food.

But then the birds started building nests in the boards of the patio, above the table, and next to the barbecue. Then came the bird poop. It was everywhere: on the patio tile, the chairs, the table ... everywhere.

Then some of the birds turned mean: They would dive bomb me and try to peck me even though I had fed them out of my own pocket. And other birds were boisterous and loud: They sat on the feeder and squawked and screamed at all hours of the day and night and demanded that I fill it when it got low on

food.

After a while, I couldn't even sit on my own back porch anymore. I took down the bird feeder and in three days the birds were gone. I cleaned up their mess and took down the many nests they had built all over the patio. Soon, the backyard was like it used to be ... quiet, serene and no one demanding their rights to a free meal.

Hmmmmmm ... Our government gives out free food, subsidized housing, free medical care, free education and allows anyone born here to be an automatic citizen.

Then the illegals came by the tens of thousands.

Suddenly our taxes went up to pay for free services; small apartments are housing five

families; you have to wait six hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor; your child's second grade class is behind other schools because over half the class doesn't speak English; Corn Flakes now come in a bilingual box.

I have to press "one" to hear my bank talk to me in English, and people waving flags other than "Old Glory" are squawking and screaming in the streets, demanding more rights and free liberties.

Maybe it's time for the government to take down the bird feeder.

I need to express my feelings on the subjects of veteran and elder care in our country. I am 76 yrs old, worked all of my life until retiring 17 yrs ago. I was in the army, serving in Korea in the early 50's. When I retired I had medical insurance which included dental and an eyeglass programs. Over the past years, they took away the dental and eyeglass programs, and my monthly rates keep increasing along with higher co-payments. I now get my prescriptions through the VA clinic, but I do have to pay co-payments for them.

Some day in the future I may need to be admitted into an assisted living facility such as the Ill. Veterans home in LaSalle. I was an EMT-I on the Peru ambulance service for 23 yrs, and have taken veterans to and from the facility many times during that period. I know it is a fine facility for our veterans. I was very happy to hear that they finally decided to build an addition to the building to accommodate more veterans.

So what happens now???? I understand that the only thing keeping from furnishing and staffing the new units is MONEY. Who dropped the ball for the men and women who fought to keep our country safe in the future?

I have a decent pension, but in the past few years am finding it harder to keep up with the rising costs of medical, dental, vision, taxes, insurances, gasoline, etc..

I hope this letter will spur you and your fellow politicians to do something to help take care of your veterans and elderly in this country. We see people on public aid getting things for free, and I know there are countless number of them that really are in need of it, but I see younger people buying items at grocery stores with their cards that I would pass up for more reasonable choices.

I am enclosing an open forum letter that was in our local newspaper about a week ago. I think it really hits home and echoes my sentiments exactly. Lets get back on track and take care of the millions of people that served this country and made it what it was in the past. Who knows what it will be in the future if we continue giving away money to the people who really do not give anything back to us.

Hopefully waiting for your reply,

John C Kurtz  
1527 Walnut Street  
Peru, Il 61354

Marty— This is a copy of the letters I sent to The Governor, Senators, and Representatives that you posted in the newspaper. I just wanted to let you know that I followed through for my part, and I hope many more people will do the same. Thank You,



Minutes of the April 23, 2008 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Jim Nanowski. A roll call of officer 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 be approved as presented.

Old Business: The Commission discussed the State of Illinois LaSalle Veterans' Home and House Bill 4807, which was introduced by Representative Frank Mautino providing \$8.2 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for staffing for the Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle effective July 1, 2008. That bill passed the House and then was sent to the Senate in which Senator Deanna Demuzio is the sponsor. We have been told that the democrat controlled Senate would not release any funding legislation that is sponsored by a republican so our Senator Gary G. Dahl was asked not to sponsor the bill in the Senate. Normally bills are placed in the Rules Committee to kill them.

New Business: The service officer's report was presented. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. Motion was made by Bernard Smith and seconded by Lawrence Graham that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Supt. Rue presented numerous handouts. Delegates and Alternates discussed those handouts at length.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Lawrence Graham, DAV 86; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Doug Grieve, American Legion Post 260, Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506 and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

## **SERVICE OFFICERS' REPORT**

### **April 2008**

Vietnam veteran awarded 40% service connected 12/06 -12/08 without dependent wife total \$12,668, Sandwich

Vietnam veteran awarded IUE 1/07 – 12/08 total \$64,056, west end

Vietnam veteran awarded temporary 100% 10/07 – 12/08 \$37,248, Ottawa

Vietnam veteran awarded 20% 1/07 – 12/08 total \$3680, Streator

World War II widow awarded DIC 5/07 – 12/08 total \$21,652, west end

Vietnam widow awarded DIC 1/08 – 12/08 total \$13,092, Marseilles

Vietnam veteran awarded IUE 10/07 – 12/08 total \$39,917 Marseilles

Vietnam veteran awarded Social Security Disability 12/07 – 12/08 total \$13,221, Streator

TOTAL VA BENEFITS IN APRIL	\$192,313
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$13,221
TOTAL BENEFITS IN APRIL	\$205,534
TOTAL BENEFITS TO DATE	<b>\$768,693</b>



Minutes of the May 28, 2008 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

Minutes of the 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 answered questions pertaining to the completion of the 80 bed addition of our LaSalle Veterans' Home. He stated that all rooms are not yet ready to be certified by the required state and federal agencies. All other questions pertaining to the LaSalle Veterans' Home and staffing were answered.

New Business: The service officers' report was presented and all questions pertaining to the service officers' report were answered. Motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Nick Nekrosius that the service officers' report be accepted as presented.

Superintendent Rue gave the delegates and alternates copies of news reports pertaining to our LaSalle Veterans' Home and highlights from the Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council meeting of Saturday, May 3, 2008 at our LaSalle Veterans' Home. Questions pertaining to those highlights were answered.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternate Lance Sire, American Legion Post 235; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**  
**May 2008**

Marseilles Vietnam veteran awarded depended spouse to 100% service connection 4/04 – 12/08 total \$7994

Tonica Vietnam veteran awarded 100% service connections and SMC 1/08 – 12/08 \$33,120

Ottawa Iraq veteran awarded 40% service connection 1/07 – 12/08 total \$12,520

Earlville Vietnam veteran awarded 40% service connection and SMC 8/06 – 12/08 total \$17,810

Peru Vietnam veteran awarded 60% service connection 6/06 – 12/08 total \$41,676

<b>TOTAL VA CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$113,120</b>
<b>Social Security</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS FOR MAY</b>	<b>\$113,120</b>
<b>TOTAL YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$881,813</b>

Minutes of the June 25, 2008 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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 was presented. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Nanowski stated the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business: Delegates and alternates present discussed the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Superintendent Rue stated that all rooms do not have all the furnishings in them yet. He also stated that there would be an employment open house on July 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. He has sent a list of all employment available to the delegates, alternates, and Concerned Veterans which was provided by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. He encouraged all to tell those who are looking to work at the LaSalle Veterans' Home to be sure to attend the employment open house.

New Business: The service officers' report was presented. All questions pertaining to the service officers' report were answered. Motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Bernard Smith that the service officers' report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

The 2009 VAC Budget Recommendation Form was then discussed per line item. The VAC proposed total budget per line item totaled \$241,857.50. A motion was made by Jerry Fuchs and seconded by George Mason that the proposed budget request in the amount of \$241,857.50 be accepted as presented per line item. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernard Smith and seconded by Doug Grieve that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT  
JUNE 2008**

Ottawa Vietnam veteran awarded a waiver of an overpayment of VA pension in the amount of \$8465

West end Vietnam veteran awarded 60% service connected 1/08 – 5/08 then 50% 6/08 – 12/08 for a total of \$10,830 for diabetes

West end Vietnam veteran awarded 50% service connected 6/07 – 12/08 for a total of \$13,104 for P.T.S.D.

West end Vietnam veteran awarded 50% service connected 9/06 – 12/08 for a total of \$22,113 for diabetes

LaSalle Iraq veteran awarded service connection for injury 50% with 3 dependents for a total of \$7917

Ottawa Iraq veteran awarded 60% service connection for PTSD 8/07 – 12/08 for a total of \$15,557

Marseilles Vietnam veteran awarded 100% service connection for prostrate cancer 10/07 – 12/08 for a total of \$34,905

TOTAL VA BENEFITS	\$115,891
SS BENEFITS	0
TOTAL for June	\$115,891
TOTAL year to date	\$997,704

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of July 23, 2008.

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

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

Old Business: Delegates and alternates discussed the shortage of health service personnel at our LaSalle Veterans' Home which prompted the use of paper plates because there were not enough employees to do the dishes. Superintendent Rue stated that the \$6 plus millions for hiring needed employees at our LaSalle Veterans' Home has been passed by the Illinois House and Senate and the Governor has left it in this year's budget. He encouraged all individuals to write or call Governor Blagojevich, their Illinois Senator and state of Illinois Representative asking that those funds be released and our LaSalle Veterans' Home be authorized the right to hire all employees needed.

New Business: Delegates and alternates received a copy of our approved 2009 budget recommendations. The Veterans Assistance Commission budget recommendations were also signed by the LaSalle County Board Committee and the Veterans Assistance Commission committee members. Superintendent Rue will next have to present it to the LaSalle County Board Finance and Fee and Salary Committees.

The service officer's report for June of 2008 was presented showing that our veterans will receive \$997,704 in VA and or Social Security benefits. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by George Mason that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Delegates and alternates were reminded that our LaSalle Veterans' Home would be hosting an Employee Open House on July 26, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our LaSalle Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois. They were asked to get the word out so that those seeking employment at the Home could make application that day.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Larry Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

**JULY 2008**  
**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Iraq veteran awarded 40% service connected 9/07 – 12/08 TOTAL \$8192 OTTAWA

Iraq veteran awarded 10% service connected 8/07 – 12/08 TOTAL \$1989 PERU

Vietnam veteran awarded Non-service connected pension 8/07 – 12/08 TOTAL \$15,827  
SENECA

Vietnam veteran awarded S.M.C. 12/07 – 12/08 TOTAL \$1183 MARSEILLES

Vietnam veteran awarded 10% service connected 1/08 – 12/08 TOTAL \$1404  
WENONA

Vietnam veteran added dependent to service connected claim 12/06 – 12/08 TOTAL  
\$18,420 SANDWICH

Iraq veteran awarded 100% service connected with four dependents 12/06 – 12/08  
TOTAL \$105,538 OTTAWA

<b>TOTAL VA BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$152,253</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR JULY</b>	<b>\$152,253</b>
<b>TOTAL Year to date</b>	<b>\$1,149,957</b>

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of August 27, 2008

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 the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business: Superintendent Rue stated that Representative Mautino contacted him stating the LaSalle Veterans' Home needs to find three licensed practical nurses so they can start the hiring at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Delegate Mason stated that all the rooms in the new additions are completely furnished.

New Business: The service officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the service officer's report were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Bernard Smith that the service officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue stated that he would be appearing before the LaSalle County Fee and Salary Committee on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 with Chairman Nanowski. He further stated that he will be meeting with the LaSalle County Finance Committee on September 23, 2008.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Lawrence Graham, DAV Chapter 86; Bernie Smith, American Legion Post 235; George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Alternate Lance Sires, American Legion Post 235; and Chairman Jim Nanowski

**AUGUST 2008  
SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Iraq veteran awarded I.U.E. 3/06 – 12/08 P.T.S.D. TOTAL  
\$53,358 LASALLE

Iraq veteran awarded 100% service connected for P.T.S.D. 8/05 –  
12/08 TOTAL \$100,041.50 MARSEILLES

WWII veteran awarded Aid and Attendance 8/08 – 12/08 TOTAL  
\$4110 PERU

Total VA Benefits for August **\$157,509.50**  
SOCIAL SECURITY 0  
TOTAL benefits year to date **\$1,307,466.50**



Minutes of the September 24, 2008 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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 the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Old Business: Once again a discussion ensued pertaining to the hiring of the staff at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Delegates Bernard Smith and George Mason discussed the September 13, 2008 Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council meeting that took place at the Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois. They stated that Senator Dahl was going to be contacting Central Management Services in Springfield pertaining to the length of time it takes to authorize the hiring of needed staff at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. They also stated that Edith Duckworth, Director of Nursing at the LaSalle Veterans' Home stated that there are 96 residents currently at the home. The reason that they have not been able to fill the original 118 beds is due to the lack of staff to provide health services for those additional 10 beds.

Mr. Ray Schneider, Business Administrator stated that it is the States intent to have the new Alzheimer section open by December 2008. This will be the first of three sections opening to take place as staff has been hired and trained for the openings.

New Business: Service Officers' Report was read all questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius seconded by George Mason that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Lawrence Graham, DAV 86; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Ken [unclear] Post 5506 and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post [unclear]

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of  
October 22, 2008

Meeting was opened in due form by Vice-Chairman George Mason. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Nanowski and Sgt. at Arms Ken Hausken excused. Vice-Chairman Mason and Chaplain Grieves were present.

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

New Business: Superintendent Rue told all the delegates and alternates present that our November annual meeting would be held November 19, 2008 in accordance to our bylaws. Each veterans post should present the names, addresses and phone numbers of their 2009 delegates and alternates. As per our bylaws a letter will be sent to each delegate and alternate announcing our annual meeting which will entail the election of our 2009 VAC officers and our superintendent.

A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius and seconded by Lawrence Graham that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Bernie Smith, American Legion Post 235; Lawrence Graham, DAV Post 86; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; and Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549.

Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting.

Meeting 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.

OLD BUSINESS: Delegates and alternates again discussed our LaSalle Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois after reading the NEWS TRIBUNE November 11, 2008 article in which the State of Illinois stated that there were no new hires at the home due to a freeze in hiring state personnel. Superintendent Rue was pleased to see that the NEWS TRIBUNE reporter finally got the State of Illinois to admit the truth as to why there are approximately 105 open beds at the LaSalle Veterans' Home.

NEW BUSINESS: Delegates and alternates were given additional handouts for their information. One pertained to our LaSalle Veterans' Home and the other announced the name of the new Illinois Department of Employment Security Veterans Representative in Ottawa, Illinois.

Chairman Nanowski opened the election of our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission officers for fiscal year 2009 and the election of the superintendent of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. They are as follows:

1. Chairman – George Mason
2. Vice-Chairman – Jim Nanowski
3. Chaplin – Doug Grieve
4. Sgt. at Arms – Ken Hausken
5. Superintendent – Martin J. Rue

A motion was made by Bernard Smith and seconded by Nick Nekrosius that a unanimous vote be cast for all the newly elected officers. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue congratulated all the newly elected officers and was grateful for their eager participation for the offices they sought.

Superintendent Rue reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting of our commission during the month of December 2008. Our next meeting will be held on January 28, 2009. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

A motion was made by George Mason and seconded by Jerry Fuchs that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates George Mason, VFW Post 2470; Jerry Fuchs, American Legion Post 570; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Bernard Smith, American Legion Post 235; Howard Gast, American Legion Post 549; Ken Hausken, VFW Post 5506; Douglas Grieve, American Legion Post 260; Alternate Robert Riley, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Jim Nanowski, American Legion Post 33

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DATE: Nov. 19 2008

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
George Mason	V.F.W. Post 2470	Delegate	815-433-0586
James Pauls	Legion 570	Delegate	815-445-9404
Wick Hopkins	Am Legion 426	Delegate	274-2204
Bernard [unclear]	Am Legion 235	Delegate	815-795-2768
Howard Gast	Am. Legion 549	P. Commander	815-246-9688
Ken Hawker	VFW 5506	Del	815-795-2466
Robert [unclear]	VFW 5506	Alt. Delegate	815-795-4068
Douglas Griener	Legion Post 260	Delegate	712 375 5569
Jim [unclear]	Legion Post 33	Del	815-434-4633

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

- 1) Chairman - George Mason
  - 2) Vice Chairman - Jim Nowowski
  - 3) Chaplain - Doug Greaves
  - 4) Sgt. at Arms - Ken Harker
  - Beverly Smith - Nick Makowski
- one unanimous vote passed.

Sup. Officers: Martin F. ...  
passed.  
George Mason - George ...

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DATE: 10/22/08

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
George Mason	V.F.W. Post 2470	Delegate	815-433-0586
Bernie Smith	A.L. Post 235	Delegate	815-795-2768
JERRY TORAHAM	DAV 86 MORRIS	Delegate	815-431-0106
Nick Nekrasina	AM Legion 426	Delegate	224-2204
Douglas Griever	Tonica Legion 260	Delegate	712-375-5569
Howard Hart	Post 549	P. Commander	815-246-9689

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DATE: Sept 24/98

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
George Mason	V.F.W. Post 2470	Delegate	815-433-0586
Bernard [unclear]	American Legion 235	"	815 795-2768
LARRY FRAHAM	DAV 84	Delegate	815 H 31 0106
Huck Makrasinos	Legion 426	Delegate	224-2204
Howard Gast	Post 549	P. Commander	815-246-9689
Jim Nemola	Post 33	Del	815-434-4633
Douglas Grieve	Post 260	Del	712 375 5569
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DATE: Aug. 27, 2008

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Lawrence V. Graham	DAV 86	Delegate	431-0106
LANCE C SIRE	Post 235	ACT	795-4540
Bernie Smith	Post 235	Delegate	795-2768
George Mason	Post 2470	Delegate	433-0586
Hick Nekrasius	Post 426	Delegate	224-2204
Douglas Griere	Post 260	Delegate	712 379 5569
Ken Hank	UPV 5506	DR	795-2466
Jim Honouli	Post 33 Ottawa	Del	434-4633

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DATE: July 23/08

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
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