

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

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DATE: June 28, 2008

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Ralph Adla	A.L. 235	Chairman	795-5436
Nick Panta	VFW 4668	DEL.	223-6665
Samuel S. Maggio	Marine Corps League	Del	223-9080
Jim Kirby	Del	Chaplain	246 9740
Bob Westman	^{DDAWA} Post 33	Del	433-4119
Al Stozowski	Co. L. #476	Del	223-9521
Joseph Swaszek	CWV 1279	Del	243 4179
Nick Nekrasin	MA #26	Alt	224 2204
Ed Bryant	549	alt	246-9480
John G. G.	UFW 5506	Del	795-6065

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Bob Westman	AL 33	Pl.	433-4119
NICK PACETTI	VFW 468	DEL.	223-6665
Jmi Terby	549	Chaplin	246-9940
Ed Brant	549	al Del	246-7480
al Stogowski	AL 426	Del	223-9521
Nick Petrosius	AL 426	alt	224-2204
Joseph Swartzel	CVEV 1239	Del	223-4179
Tracy Johnson	VFW Alexia 5883	Sept. Henry Co. VAC	309-937-3451
Bob Marshall	Henry county VAC	President	309-949-3447
JOHN LEIDINGER	5506	"	795-6065

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Bob Westman	Al 33	Del	433-4119
Nick Paull	VFW 4668	DRL.	223-6665
Tom PRZYBYL	VFW 5506	Command	433-0803
Sam Maggio	Marine Corps League	Del.	223-9080
Jim Kirby	Chaplain 549	Del	246-9740
Joseph Guozoff	CWV 1229	Del	223-4179
Nick Nekrasius	Am Legion 426	Del	224-2204
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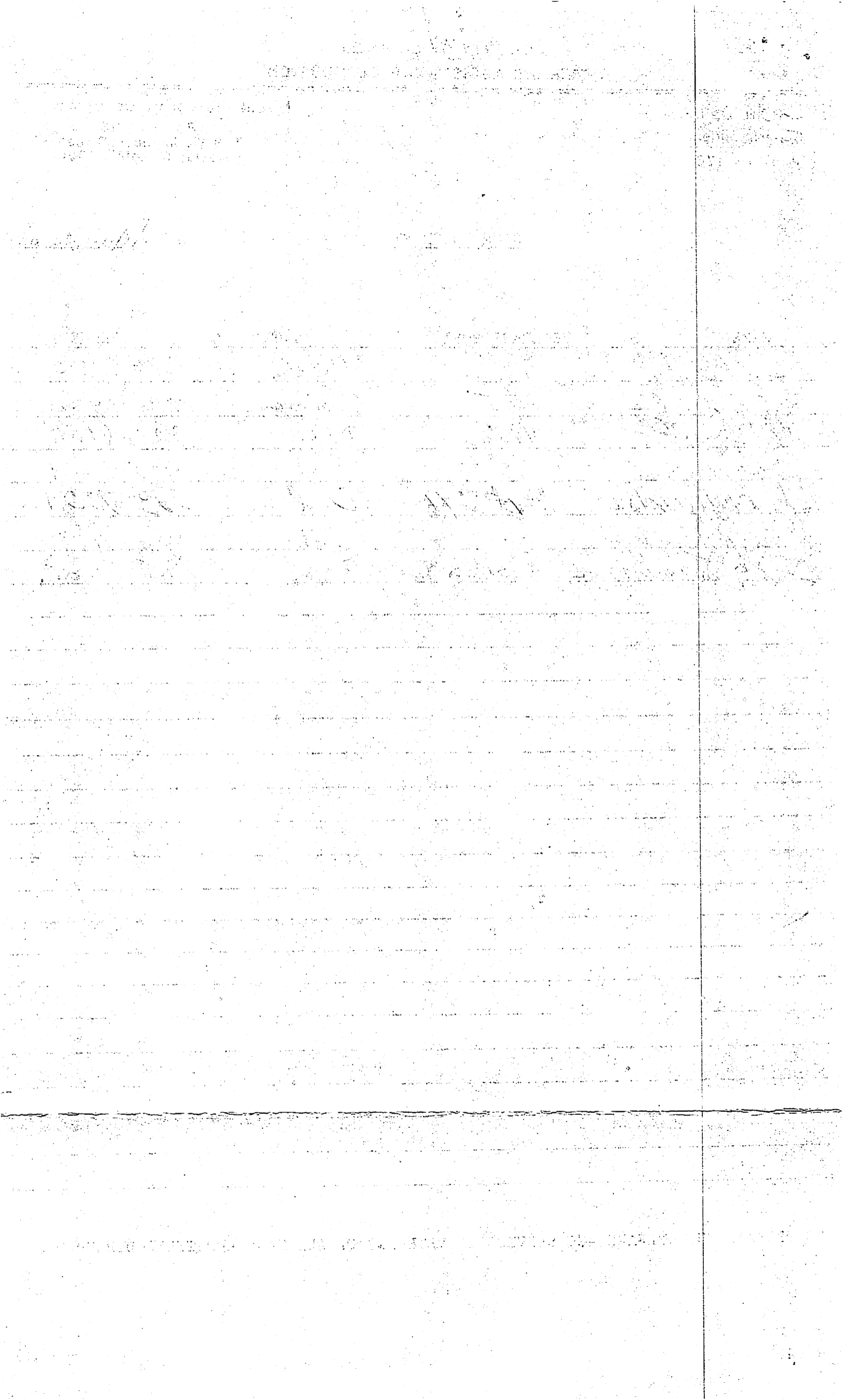
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Joni Kerby	549	Chaplin	246 9740
Ralph Adler	235	Chairman	795-5436
Nick Pacetti	4668	DEL.	223-6665
Bob Westman	Post 33	Del	433-4119
Al Stozlowski	Post 276	Del	223-9521
Joseph Guasche	Post 1029	Del	223-4179
Jack Kemminger	Post 5306	Del	795 6065

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DATE: Feb. 23, 2000

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Tom Poretsky	5506	Commander	433-0803
Jim Kirby	549	Chaplin	246-9740
Ralph Adler	235	Chairman	795-5436
Jim Koford	Amvets 30	Representative	431-0828
Nick Pautti	VFW 4668	DEL.	223-6665
Samuel S. Maggior	Marine Corps League	Del.	273-908
Nick Nekrasov	Post #26 Am Leg	Del.	224-2904
Robert J. Remy, Jr.	CWV Post #1229	Alt	223-7052
Al Stozowski	Co. B. #426	Del	223-9521
Joseph Swaszek	CWV Post 1229	Del.	223 4178
Jack Tuzo	VFW 5506	Del	795-6065

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LASALLE COUNTY BOARD ROLL CALL

MOTION: Freeman

SECOND: Rigby

DATE: 11-20-99

Salary for WAC Superintendent

BOARD MEMBER		AYE	NAY	HERE	DIST.	PRECINCTS
FLANAGAN, DANIEL J.	0699	✓			0 1	Mendota 1, 4, 5 & 7
MARTENS, LARRY	0137	✓			0 2	Mendota 2, 3, 6 & Meriden
STOCKLEY, KENNETH L.	0272		✓		0 3	Adams, Earl 1 & 2
MOWINSKI, THOMAS	0503		✓		0 4	Northville 2, 3, 4 & 5
SMALL, GARY	0534		✓		0 5	Dimmick, Freedom, Ophir, Troy Grove 1 & 2, Waltham
ROSENGREN, RONALD	0298		✓		0 6	Mission 1, Northville 1 & Serena
MCCONVILLE, JUDIE	0747		✓		0 7	Dayton 1 & 2, Miller, Mission 2, Rutland 2 & Wallace
DERANGO, MARIUS	0702	✓			0 8	Peru 10, 11, 12 & 13
JOHNSON, WILLIAM C.	0705	✓			0 9	Peru 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9
RIGBY JR., ARTHUR J.	0602	✓			1 0	Peru, 1, 2, 3 & 4
SAVITCH, JOSEPH A.	0481		✓		1 1	LaSalle 4, 9, 10 & 11
JANKO, JOHN	0484		✓		1 2	LaSalle 5, 6, 7 & 8
PANZICA, RUTH	1633		✓		1 3	LaSalle 1, 2, 3 & 12
PIECHA, AL	1641	✓			1 4	LaSalle 13, 14, 15 & 16
COGDAL, PATRICIA	0528	✓			1 5	Deer Park, Ottawa 15, Utica 1 & 2, Vermillion
DOUGHERTY, GLEN	0356		✓		1 6	Ottawa 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14
FOLTYNEWICZ, RICHARD A.	0571		✓		1 7	Ottawa 6, 11 & 16
KOBAN, ANDREE-MARIE	0478	✓			1 8	Ottawa 1, 2/3, 4 & 5/12
HICKS, JERRY L.	0707		✓		1 9	Manlius 3, Rutland 1 & 3/4
COMBS, GLENN C.	0201		✓		2 0	Manlius 1, 2, 4 & 5
FREEMAN, RANDY L.	0706	✓			2 1	Eden 1 & 2, Groveland 1 & 2, Hope, Osage & Richland
MUSTERED, JAMES C.	0285		✓		2 2	South Ottawa 1, 3, 5 & 7
LANDERS, DALE E.	0574		✓		2 3	South Ottawa 2, 4, 6 & 8
CHAIRMAN HETTEL	1009				2 4	Brookfield, Bruce 13, Fall River, Farm Ridge & Grand Rapids
WOODRICH, RUTH E.	0279	✓			2 5	Bruce 11, 12 & 17, Eagle 2
DITTMER, RONALD J.	1419		✓		2 6	Bruce 3/5, 4, 7 & 9
JORDAN, DONALD E.	0575		✓		2 7	Bruce 1, 2 & 16, Eagle 1 & 3
JAKUPCAK, ROBERT J.	0703		✓		2 8	Bruce 6, 8/15, 10 & 14
GARRETSON, GLENN J.	0147		✓		2 9	Allen, Otter Creek 1, 2, & 3

November 18, 1999

Memorandum for Mr. Joseph Hettel, Chairman LaSalle County Board
707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350

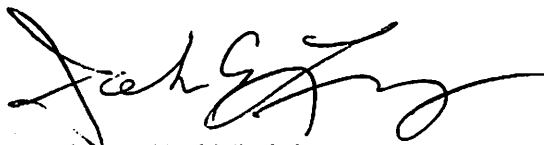
Subject: Veterans Assistance Commission 2000 Budget

The Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) of LaSalle County believes your current practice of formulating the VAC Budget is in violation of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS). We believe the board has the authority to approve or disapprove the budget as recommended by the VAC in order to be in compliance. The County Board is not empowered to unilaterally alter VAC salary levels that are recommended by the Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County.

The Commission is quite confused as why the Finance Committee added \$106,996.00 to our budget recommendations. The LaSalle County Board Veterans Assistance Commission Committee members Patricia A. Cogdel, Ruth (Betty) Woodrich,, Jerry Hicks, Dan Flanagan,, Marius Derango, and Art Rigby, Chairman, approved our budget as submitted by our Commission in the amount of \$171,531.00. This amount also included an increase in our VAC employees and Superintendent salaries. If the LaSalle County Board Veterans Assistance Commission Committee's input and approval of our submitted budget, salaries, does not mean anything, then why are our taxpayers spending money to even hold meetings with that committee?

To add \$106,996.00 to line item 817.001, Catastrophic Medical, without justification, is completely out of line. The Commission has not spent any funds from this line item since 1995 and then only spent \$952.46.

The Veterans Assistance Commission believes that the LaSalle County Board should accept our year 2000 budget as submitted by our Commission in order to be in compliance with the ILCS. They should further reinstate our requested salary for our Superintendent. This procedure would be within the letter of the law. (Gustafson, 319 ILL. App. 255, 49 N.E. 2d 311.)



John A. (Jack) Leininger
LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission
Delegate Marseilles VFW Memorial Post #5506

CC: LaSalle County States Attorney, Mike James
LaSalle County Board Members
Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent, Martin J. Rue
Veterans Assistance Commission Chairman, Ralph Adler

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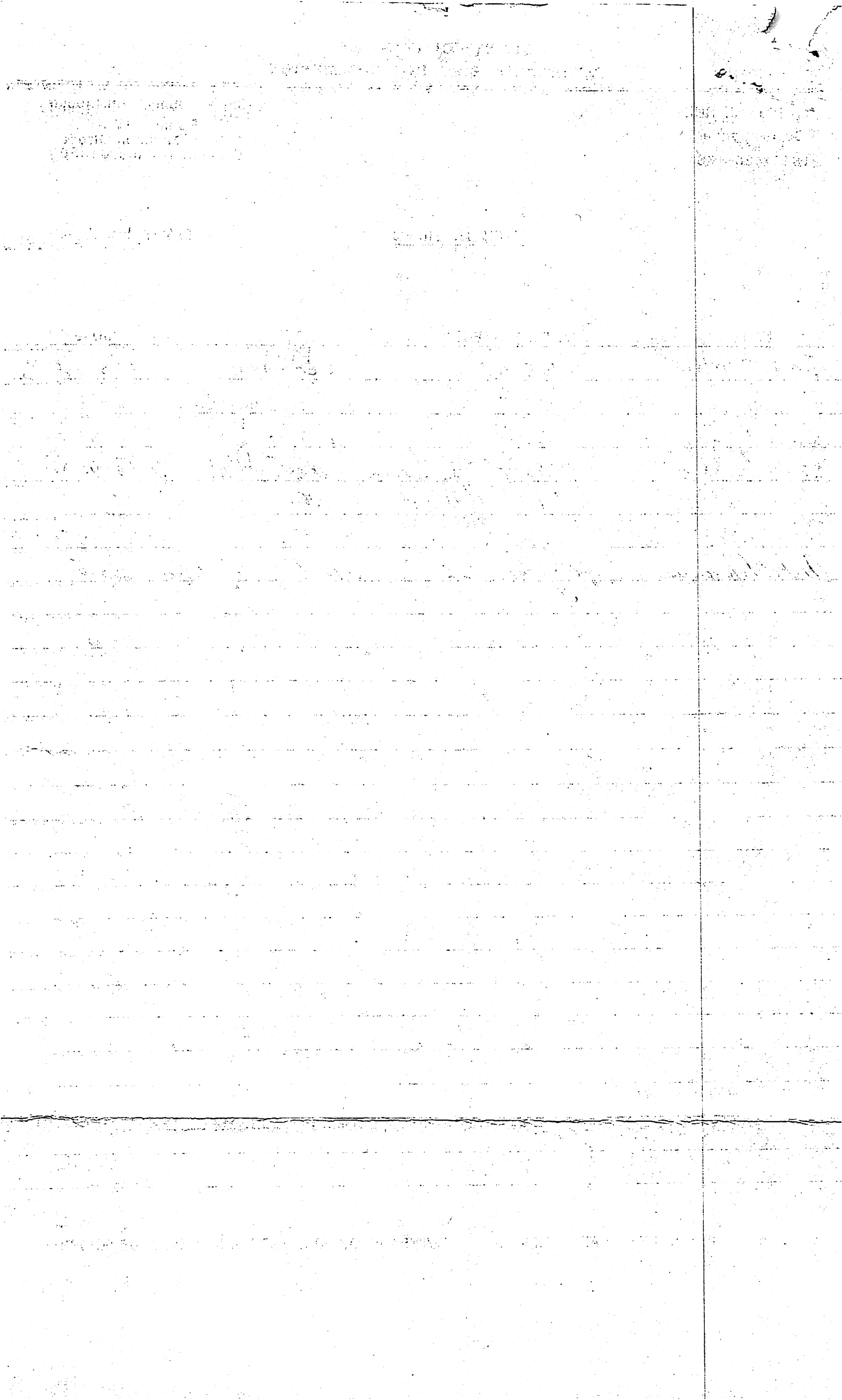
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Jim Kirby	549	Chaplain Del	246-9740
Ralph Adler	235	Chairman Del	795-5436
Sam Maggio	Midvale Cops League	Asst Comdr Del	273-9080
Nick Paretti	DFW 14668	DEL.	223-6665
Bob Westman	American Legion 33	DEL	433-4119
Nick Nekrasus	Legion 426	Del	224-2204

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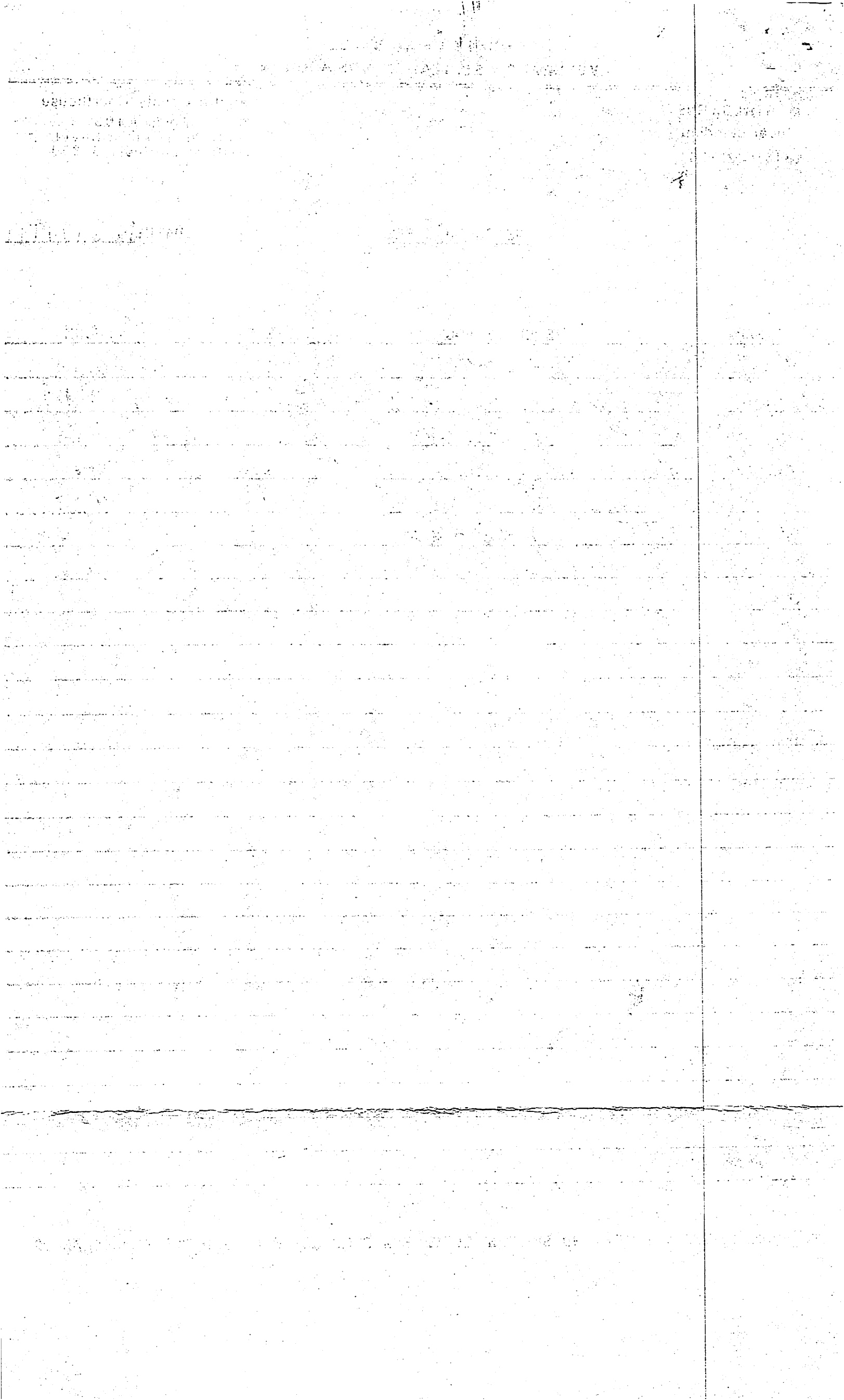
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Nick Paetti	VFW 4668	DEL.	223-6665
Samuel S. Maggio	Marine Corps League	Del.	273-9080
Jim Kirby	Post 549	Del	246 9740
Ralph Adler	AL 235	Chairman	795-5436
Bob Lieberman	American Legion 33	Del	433-4119
Dave Scott	VFW 4666	ALT	667-4636
J. Jennings	VFW 5506	Del	795 6065

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Bob Westman	Post 37	Del.	433-4119
Ed Stash	Post 217	Del	434-7496
John Purby	Post 549	Del (Chaplain)	246-9740
Nick Tautz	4668	DEL	223-9257
Samuel S. Maggio	Marine Corps League	Del.	723-9080
Roy Dickey Jr.	Post 30 Am Vets	Del	434-1716
Tom Argubright	Post 237 A.M.L.	DEL.	883-9170
Ed Bready	Post 549	ad Del	246-9480
Tom Kelly	Post 237	Del	883-8883
Ralph Adler	Post 235	Chairman	795-5436
Bob Kenz	CWV Post #1229	Alt	223-7056
Joseph Durazgo	CWV Post #1229	Del	223-4179
Bob Stropuski	Post #456 A.L.	Del	223-9521
Alfred Spitz	Post #4079 U.F.W.	Del.	538-2023
Jack LENINGER	Post 5506 UFW		795-6065
Robert Mikewicz	Am Legion Post 375	CDR	223-8148
Jerry Welch	AMV " " " "	"	223-6829

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Jerry Welch Peru Post 375 American Legion
1018 Henry St Peru Ill

Edward A STASH STEATOR 217 Legion BOX 2063
OTTAWA ILL.

ROBERT G. HICKEY SR. 1315 W. MAIN ST., OTTAWA, ILL. 61350-2518
DEL. AM VETS POST 30

Tom Kelly 817 Swift Ave Oglesby Ill. 61348
Del - American Legion POST 237

Tom Argubright 4 Tredler Ave Oglesby 61348
A.T. American Legion P 237

Albion Spitz - 1408 - Krollcrest Dr.
(del.) Mandota, Ill - 61342 - V.F.W. Post 4079.

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<i>Ralph Adler</i>	<i>AL 235</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>795-5436</i>
<i>Bob Westman</i>	<i>AL 33</i>	<i>Rel</i>	<i>433-4119</i>
<i>Joni Kirby</i>	<i>549</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>246-9740</i>
<i>Jack LEWIS</i>	<i>5506 VFW</i>	<i>Del</i>	<i>795-6065</i>

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes from
August 23, 2000

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

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

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 Jack Leininger, seconded by Bob Westman, to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were given to the Alternates and Delegates pertaining to veteran legislation and other issues. All questions pertaining to those handouts were answered.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

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<u>Bob Westman</u>	<u>AL 33</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>433-4119</u>
<u>Joni Kirby</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>246-9740</u>
<u>JACK LEWISER</u>	<u>5506 VFW</u>	<u>Del</u>	<u>795-6065</u>

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VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 24 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 18 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 53 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 15 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 3 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 7 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 5 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 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 18 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 16 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
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 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 8 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 517 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 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 1 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 1 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) 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 1 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. Widow of veteran awarded reinstatement of Pension benefits effective 2/98-11/98, \$144 monthly, \$1440;12/98, \$143;1/99-12/99, \$103 monthly, \$1236; 1/200-12/2000, \$72 monthly, \$792 (Total \$3611)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits effective 3/99, \$1215 monthly, (Total \$25,515)
3. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 10%, effective 3/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$864;12/99-11/2000, \$98 monthly, \$1176. (Total \$2040)

4. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment of benefits from NSC Pension, (Total \$2199)
5. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation from BVA 6/97-9/2000 (difference from 50%-100%, \$1447 monthly), \$56,433 retroactive payment; 11/2000-11/2001, \$17,364 (Total \$73,797)
6. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 40%, \$413 monthly effective 10/96-8/2000, retroactive payment, \$18,392; 9/2000-11/2001, \$6195 (Total \$24,587)
7. Veteran awarded Social Security disability, effective 6/2000-6/2001, \$1632 monthly, (Total \$19, 584)
8. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 10%-20%, effective 3/2000-11/2000, (\$90 difference) \$810; 12/200-2/2001, \$270 (Total \$1080)
9. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 30%-70%, (difference of \$605 monthly), effective 3/2000-11/2000, \$5445; 12/2000-2/2001, \$1815 (Total \$7260)
10. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 4/2000-11/2000, \$589 monthly, \$4712; 12/2000-3/2001 \$2356 (Total \$7068)
11. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation, effective 12/99-11/2000, \$98 monthly (Total \$1176)
12. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial Benefits for NSC Pension, \$450

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	45,099.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	350,850.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	97,743.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	838,463.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$1,189,313.00	

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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

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of July 26, 2000.

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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 Bob Westman, to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were shared with the Alternates and Delegates present. Two of those handouts pertained to the AMERICAN LEGION BULLETIN. One BULLETIN encouraged veterans to settle all of their delinquent debts they may have with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. If they don't, they will turn the debt over to the United States Treasury Department and they will ensue collection. They have been given authority to even recoup the debt owed from the veterans' Social Security checks or other federal entitlements that they may be receiving. The only stipulation is that the veteran will receive a maximum of \$750 from their Social Security payment. The second BULLETIN talks about a study being conducted by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to investigate Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis ("Lou Gehrig's Disease"). They are hoping to have the majority of Gulf War Veterans enrolled by August 1, 2000. To enroll in the study call a toll-free number 1-877-342-5257. For more information call Lisa Spahr of the American Legion at 1-202-861-2700.

A motion was made by Al Strozewski, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

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

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JULY 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 16 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 3 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 11 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 45 letters to 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 41 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 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 9 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 2 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 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 12 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 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 18 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
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 9 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 4 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of client's claims.
31. Sent VA Form 517 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 0 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 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 1 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 10-10 (EZ) for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 0 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 1 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 increase from 20%-40% (difference \$225), effective 5/99-11/99, \$2025; 12/99-11/2000, \$4500; 2 month convalescence period @100% \$4072. (Total \$10,597)
2. Veteran awarded increase in S/Compensation under Individual Unemployability (IUE), (difference \$1447) Effective 5/2000-11/2000, \$10,129; 12/2000-4/2001, \$5788 (Total \$15,917)

3. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, 10%, effective 1/2000-11/2000, \$98 monthly, (Total \$1176)
4. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation retroactive payment \$3789;8/2000-7/2001, \$188 monthly, \$2256 (Total \$6045)
5. Veteran awarded increased S/C Compensation from 20%-30%, (difference \$100), effective 1/99-11/2000, \$1200; \$2400 (Total \$2400)
6. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits, \$1536 monthly, effective 9/200-11/200, \$3072; 12/2000-11/2000, \$18,432 (Total \$21,504)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 21,504.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 305,751.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 36,135.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 730,720.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE \$1,036,471.00

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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

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of June 28, 2000.

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. Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

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 Officers' Report were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Nick Pacetti, to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget for the year 2001 was reviewed line item by line item based upon our expenditures since December 1, 1999. A motion was made by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Sam Maggio, that the budget recommendations reviewed for the year 2001 be passed as recommended by the Commission. Motion Passed unanimously.

Numerous handouts pertaining to veteran issues were presented to the Alternates and Delegates present. All questions pertaining to the handouts were answered by the Superintendent. Superintendent Rue also shared with those present a report that he gave as Chairman of the Veterans Assistance Commission for the Amvets State of Illinois.

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, we adjourn. Motion Passed.

Members present: Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JUNE 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 19 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 8 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 13 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 24 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 15 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 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 8 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 2 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 3 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 10 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 0 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 21 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
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 18 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 1 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 1 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 10-10 (EZ) for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 3 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 2 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 1 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 Social Security disability benefits \$1218 monthly, effective 2/2000-12/2000, (Total \$14,616)
2. Veteran awarded unreimbursed medical expenses, 1/99-12/99, \$7377 & NSC Pension with Housebound benefit 1/2000-11/2000, \$208 monthly, \$2496 (Total \$9873)
3. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation for 13 month due to right knee prosthesis, effective 10/99-11/99, \$1989 monthly, \$3798;12/99-11/2000, \$2036 monthly, \$24,432 (total \$28,410)

4. Veteran awarded Individual Unemployability 50%-70%, effective 10/98-11/98 (\$1447 monthly difference) \$2894;12/98-11/99, \$17364;12/99-11/200, \$17364 (Total \$37,364)
5. Veteran awarded Individual Unemployability 5%-70% effective 10/95-7/2000, \$83,926;8/2000-11/2000 (\$1447 monthly difference), \$5788 (Total \$89,714)
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 2/2000-11/2000, \$110 monthly (Total \$1100)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	14,616.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	284,247.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	166,461.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	694,585.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		978,832.00

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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

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of May 24, 2000.

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. Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

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. A motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

An update was given pertaining to the four State Veterans' Homes in the state of Illinois. All delegates and alternates were told to tell their post members and friends to continue to write to Governor George Ryan asking for the total funding for the LaSalle Veterans' Home. They were also told that if the Governor were to come to their area, they should try and attend and ask him where our additional 80 beds are? We must let him know that we want those beds as soon as possible.

Virgil Johnson, Superintendent of the Henry County Veterans Assistance Commission and current State of Illinois VAC President attended our meeting with his county VAC President, Bob Merrill. They briefly spoke to our Commission.

A motion was made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426, Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235, and Virgil Johnson, Supt., Henry County VAC and Bob Merrill, President, Henry County VAC.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MAY 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 31 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 12 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 14 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 35 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 6 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 31 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 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 6 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 4 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 3 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 13 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 2 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 19 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
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 8 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 0 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 0 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 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 10-10 (EZ) 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 3 veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to Court of Veterans Appeals(BVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
46. Sent VA Form 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 5181 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran's son awarded DIC benefits as the child of a deceased veteran, effective 7/99-11/99, \$204, \$612; \$208 Monthly effective 12/99-4/2000, \$1040; 5/2000-12/2000, \$233 monthly, \$1864 (Total \$3516)
1. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation, for 12 month convalescence leave, effective 4/2000-3/2001, (difference \$1400 monthly, (Total \$16,800)
3. Veteran awarded SSI benefits, 1/2000-5/2000, \$770

4. Veteran awarded Social Security disability, effective
6/2000-11/2000, \$673 monthly, \$4038;12/2000-11/2000,
\$673 monthly, \$8076 (\$12,114)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	12,884.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	269,631.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	20,316.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	528,124.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		797,755.00

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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)
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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
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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 meeting of April 26, 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. Chairman Adler stated minutes would stand approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS was discussed. Delegates asked as to the status of the 80 additional beds needed at our LaSalle Veterans' Home. Superintendent Rue shared with the Delegates and Alternates selected copies from the Capitol Development Board Bid Information Newsletter for the months of April 2000 and May 2000. It was noted that the Manteno Veterans' Home and the Quincy Veterans' Home is moving quickly with improvements and expansion projects, but LaSalle Veterans' Home is doing nothing. All present were asked to keep asking our elected officials why there is no expansion at the LaSalle Veterans' Home when there are over 200 applicants for admission on its waiting list and we have been fighting for this since 1993.

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

Delegates and Alternates were told that Veterans' Affairs Secretary Togo West rejected the recommendation of the Agent Orange Task Force stating that Vietnam Veterans who have diabetes should be compensated. Dr. Kenneth W. Kiser, U.S.D.V.A. Undersecretary for Health and Joe Thompson, U.S.D.V.A. Benefits Program Director agrees that diabetes should be added to the presumptive list for Agent Orange exposure.

It was announced that the van from the LaSalle Veterans' Clinic will not be traveling to Hines after April 28, 2000 unless they can find volunteer drivers.

Carroll Williams, Director of National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission of the American Legion has asked all veterans to keep an eye open for any attempts by the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Integrated Service Network's attempts to drastically combine their health service departments in an attempt to save monies. The national fear is that these studies will reduce U.S.D.V.A. full-time employees by 1500 to 2000 and will have an adverse impact on the delivery of health care services. We are to contact him if we see any major consolidations.

Motion by Sam Maggio, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Ralph Adler, Chairman, American Legion Post 235; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternate Tom Przybyla, V.F.W. Post 5506

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR APRIL 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 28 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 8 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 16 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 27 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 16 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 1 veteran
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11. Sent out various VA forms to 5 veterans to sign and return.
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16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 3 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 2 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 8 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 5 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 5 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 18 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
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 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 1 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 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 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
38. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
39. Sent 1 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) for 1 veteran.
41. Sent 0 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 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 10%-20%, (difference of \$90 monthly) effective 10/98-11/2000, \$2340 (Total \$2,340)
2. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 6/99-11/99, \$615 monthly, \$3690;12/99-11/2000, \$7548 (Total \$11,148)
3. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits, retroactive benefit, \$10,884 (Total \$10,884)
4. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial Benefits, \$450

5. Widow awarded Widow Pension effective, 4/2000-12/2000, \$24 monthly, \$216 (Total \$216)
6. Veteran awarded Social security Disability benefits effective 3/2000-12/2000, \$1104 monthly (Total\$11,040))
7. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 1/2000-12/2000, \$1339 monthly, (Total \$16,068)
8. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 10%-20%, effective 4/98 and 10% for tinnitus, effective 6/94 retroactive payment (Total \$8,427)
9. Veteran awarded 10% increase in S/C Compensation for hearing loss from 40%-50%, effective 12/99-11/2000, (difference \$176), \$2112 (Total \$2112)
10. Veteran awarded 7 month convalescence period due to S/C disability at 100% rate, \$2,366 monthly, \$16,562; awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 10%-20%, \$90 monthly 1/2000-12/2000, \$1080 (Total \$17,642)
11. Veteran awarded NSC Pension w/A&A effective, 8/99-11/99, \$412 monthly, \$1648;12/99, \$411;1/2000-12/2000, \$4308 (Total \$6367)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	37,992.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	256,747.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	48,702.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	507,808.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		763,555.00

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.
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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

Meeting of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission of March 22, 2000.

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

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

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

New Business: The Delegates and Alternates expressed concern about alleged veterans going from one veteran's organization to another asking for financial assistance. All were told that the veterans' posts should have those alleged veterans contact the VAC office so that they can determine if they may be eligible for any state or federal entitlements. It was also discussed that our local areas should look at organizing a group of representatives from numerous not-for-profit organizations in their area. This group would be used to assist those in need of help who may not be eligible for assistance from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission or the Township Supervisor. This would be a one-stop shop, which would alleviate the possibility of four or five places providing the same financial assistance for the same individual.

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

Supt. Rue stated that the week of April 10 through the 14, 2000 the National Academy for Veterans Service Officers will be holding a course of instruction for accreditation in Springfield, Illinois. Martin Rue and Service Officer, Richard Fogarty are to attend with their expenses paid for thru the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget. Motion was made by Al Strozewski, seconded by Jim Kirby, that Martin Rue and Richard Fogarty attend this accreditation training seminar and their cost be reimbursed by the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business. Chairman Adler read a letter that he had sent to Mayor Robert Eschbach as Chairman of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. In essence he thanked Mayor Eschbach, Commissioner, Daphne Mitchell, and the rest of the Mayor's administrative personnel for providing a parking stall for the Superintendent of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. Chairman Adler was pleased that this 15-year problem has finally been resolved.

Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Nick Pacetti, we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 246; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5306 and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MARCH 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 27 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 3 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 3 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 27 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 4 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 15 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 0 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 6 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 10 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 3 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 3 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 13 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 2 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 13 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
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 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 1 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 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 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) for 3 veteran.
41. Sent 2 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 1 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 1 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 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with A/A \$922 monthly, effective 2/99-11/99, \$10,842;12/99, \$939 monthly, effective 1/2000-11/2000, \$795 monthly, \$9540 (Total \$20,832)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits effective 8/98-3/2000 retroactive payment of \$23,567; 4/2000-12/2000, \$1296 monthly, \$10,152 (Total \$33,719)
3. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits, effective 1/99-11/99, \$667 monthly, \$8004 (Total \$16,008)
4. Veteran awarded two month convalescence leave for

service connected injury, \$1989, effective 9/99-11/99
(Total \$3978)

5. Widow awarded \$450 Burial benefits due to death of veteran.
6. Widow awarded DIC benefit effective 4/98-12/98, \$7650; 1/99-11/99, \$861 monthly, \$10,332; 12/99-11/2000, \$881 monthly, \$10,572 (Total \$28,554)
7. Veteran received retroactive payment of Social Security disability benefits, \$10,404
8. Veteran awarded increase in service-connected Compensation benefits to IUE, 60%-70%, (difference \$1293 monthly) effective 7/99-11/99, \$6465; 12/99-11/2000, \$15,516 (\$21,981)
9. Veteran awarded \$1400 payment from Public Aid on Appeal.
10. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment of VA benefits, \$258
11. Veteran awarded 100% service-connected Compensation (increase of \$1748 monthly from 30%-100%), effective 8/94-11/94, \$7156; 12/94-11/95, (difference of \$1802 monthly), \$21,624; 12/95-11/96, (difference of \$1746 monthly), \$20,952; 12/96-11/97, (difference of \$1777 monthly), \$21,324; 12/97-11/98, (difference of \$1819 monthly), \$21,828; 12/98-11/99, (difference of \$1828 monthly), \$21,936; 12/99-11/2000, (difference of \$1879 monthly), \$22,548 (Total \$137,368)
12. Veteran awarded SSI benefits, effective 4/99-4/2000 retroactive payment of \$5648; 5/2000-12/2000, \$432 monthly, \$3456 (Total \$9,104)
13. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial benefits of \$450
14. Veteran awarded increase in service connected compensation from 10%-40% (difference of \$315 monthly) effective 11/99-11/2000, (Total \$3,780)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	81,941.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	218,755.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	217,651.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	459,106.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		677,861.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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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.
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19. VA Form 519-CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR VA PURPOSES
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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.

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of February 23, 2000.

Meeting 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. Chairman Adler stated the minutes would stand approved as presented.

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 Jack Leininger, seconded by Sam Maggio, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

A discussion ensued concerning to the "Military Veterans Assistance Act" pertaining to delegates and alternates reimbursement for attending meetings and mileage. The Superintendent was requested to look into the legalities of providing per diems for meetings attended and mileage reimbursement.

Nick Pacetti explained to the delegates and alternates that his VFW Post purchased one bus ticket for \$62.75 and he personally paid for the other bus ticket so an honorably discharged Army Reserve personnel and his wife could return from Peru, Illinois to Detroit, Michigan. This was a request for assistance from Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru, Illinois.

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Lyn Kofoid, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Lyn Kofoid, Amvets Post 30; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Samuel Maggio, Marine Corp League; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506 and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235
Alternates Tom Przybyla, VFW Post 5506; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

Minutes from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of November 17, 1999. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek excused and all other officers present.

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

Old business was discussed. All questions from the Alternates and Delegates were answered.

New business: The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Our budget for fiscal year 2000 purported changes by the LaSalle County Board Committee persons was reviewed. Alternates and Delegates of the Veterans Assistance Commission were emphatic about wanting their original line items reinstated to their original budget requests. A motion was made by Sam Maggio, seconded by Bob Westman, that Chairman Adler and Jack Leininger meet with the LaSalle County Board to request that they reinstate the original VAC dollar amounts requested per line item. Motion passed.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the many meetings that were taking place statewide pertaining to additional nursing care beds needed for our veterans in the state of Illinois. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that Martin Rue should attend all those meetings to protect the additional 80 beds needed for the LaSalle Veterans Home. He will be reimbursed for mileage, meals, and room. Motion passed.

Motion by Sam Maggio, seconded by Jim Kirby, that we dispense with our regular meeting and hold our Commission election. Motion passed.

The election was dually held and the officers elected for the year 1999-2000 are as follows:

Chairman – Ralph Alder
Vice-Chairman – Joe Iwaszek
Chaplain – Jim Kirby
Sgt. At Arms – Jack Leininger

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegate Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Alternate Dave Scott, VFW Post 4668

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 47 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 15 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 4 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 11 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 112 letters to 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 59 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 6 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 10 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 6 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 9 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 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 6 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 30 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 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 41 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
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 27 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 2 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges:
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) 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 Board 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 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 10/99-11/99, \$719 monthly, \$1438; 12/99-11/2000, \$8628 (Total \$10,066)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability retroactive payment, \$5908
3. Veteran awarded dependency allowance for children for Social Security Disability, \$4112

4. Veteran awarded Individual Unemployability(IUE) Effective 4/98-11/99, (\$1073 difference), \$21,640 12/99-11/2000, \$12,876 (Total \$34,336)
5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 11/99, \$1272;12/99-11/2000, \$1302 Monthly, \$15,624 (Total \$16,896)
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension,6/99-11/99,\$731 Monthly, \$4386;12/99-11/2000, \$9838 (Total \$14,224)
7. Widow awarded Widow Pension with A&A, effective 10/97, \$719, 11/97, \$435, 12/98-1/98, \$426; 2/98, \$774;5/98-7/98, \$484;10/98-11/98, \$730;12/98-11/99, \$359 (Total \$11,111)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, 12/99-11/2000, \$660 monthly, (Total\$7920)
9. Veteran awarded SSI benefits 7/99-9/99, \$993.87; 10/99, \$289.40;11/99 \$423.59 (Total \$1706.89)
10. Obtained waiver of overpayment for veteran \$9459
11. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 40%-50% (\$183 difference) effective 6/99-11/99, \$1098;12/99-11/2000, \$2196 (Total \$3294)
12. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation effective 4/99-11/99, \$184 monthly, \$1666;12/99-11/2000, \$188 monthly, \$2256 (Total \$3922)
13. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 9/99-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$2793;12/99-11/2000\$749, \$8788 (Total \$11,581)
14. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 1/2000-11/2000, \$1184 monthly, (Total \$14,208)
15. Veteran awarded Social Security disability retroactive benefits, effective 8/98-12/99, \$911 monthly,\$14,576;1/2000-12/2000, \$10,932 (Total \$25,608)
16. Veteran's spouse awarded SSI benefits, effective 10/99-12/99, \$500 monthly, \$1500;1/2000-12/2000, \$512 monthly, \$6144 (Total \$7644)
17. Widow awarded \$450 in Burial benefits for veteran

18. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 30%-40%, (\$000 difference monthly), \$ 1/99-11/2000 \$122 monthly, (Total \$2928)
19. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation retroactive benefits, \$1440;11/99-12/99, \$576, \$1152;1/2000-11/2000, \$1464Total \$2928)
20. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits 1/2000-12/2000, \$1400 monthly, (Total \$16,800)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	97,248.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	97,248.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	98,369.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	195,617.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		195,617.00

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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
9. VA Form 512V-SECTION 306 EVR (VETERAN)
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22. VA FORM 1900-DISABLED VETERANS APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
23. VA FORM 1990-APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
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January 18, 2000

Mr. Martin J. Rue
Superintendent
Veterans Assistance Commission
119 West Madison Street
Room 103A
Ottawa, Illinois 61350-5013

Dear Mr. Rue:

Governor George Ryan has asked that I respond to your recent letter concerning the shortage of nursing beds in our Veterans' Homes in the State of Illinois. As you know, George Ryan has only been Governor of the State of Illinois since January of 1999, but I feel that a lot has been accomplished since he took office.

Your letter states that you have been fighting to expand our LaSalle Veterans' Home (by adding 80 beds) since 1993 but nothing has been accomplished. I agree, nothing had been accomplished until George Ryan became Governor. As you know, \$300,00 has been earmarked for the architectural and engineering study of the LaSalle Veteran's Home. On December 28th, 1999, the Department received notice from the Capitol Development Board that the A/E Selection Committee would meet on January 7, 2000 to select A/E firms to be interviewed for this project. Interviews with the selected firms will be conducted on January 18, 2000. The firm selected will be recommended to the Capitol Development Board at their meeting on February 3, 2000 for their concurrence.

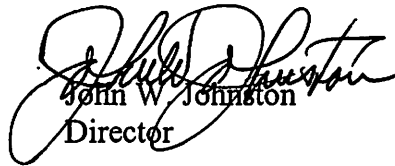
I feel that this is the first important step toward the expansion of our LaSalle Veterans' Home. After the study is completed, and recommendations are made, we can proceed to the next step in the process.

Your letter states that you are concerned about overtime payments and the negative affect it might have on the expansion of the home. I have personally discussed this situation with Representative Mautino and he has agreed to help us secure funding to hire additional staff at the home.

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January 18, 2000

The Department thanks you for your support of the veterans in the State of Illinois. If I can be of further service, please contact me.

Sincerely,



John W. Johnston
Director

cc: GOCA

**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 20, 2000

Honorable Chairman Joe Hettel
LaSalle County Board
707 Etna Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Chairman Hettel:

I want to thank you for returning my call on Tuesday, January 18, 2000. I appreciate your listening to my plea for a parking space on Court Street at our Downtown Courthouse. I understand your concern about providing a parking space for our LaSalle County State of Illinois Veterans Assistance Commission Office when you are only authorized to provide parking spaces for county departments. Be assured that providing a parking spot for the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Office is within your statutory authority as Chairman of the LaSalle County Board. For your benefit I am enclosing a copy of the ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES ACT 45, 330 ILCS 45/10. "Superintendent - Election - Powers and Duties - Office space and personnel Bond - Civil service status - Secretary"

In the statute it states that the Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of a county shall have charge of and maintain an office in the county building. It further states that the county shall provide the office and further furnish everything that is necessary for maintaining and operating that office. This clearly gives you as County Board Chairman, the authority to grant me a parking space on Court Street so that I can get into my office.

I was thoroughly pleased with your compassionate manner into seeking a solution by which a parking space could be provided for my state office. I was very pleased to be able to locate a statute that would aid you in providing a parking space so that you could request that my sign be made.

Your expediting of this matter would be appreciated. If I can be of further help, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

Enclosure

CC: Art Rigby

Attention: "Joe Hettel"

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October 20, 1993

Mr. Marty Rue
LaSalle County Court House
119 West Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

Dear Marty;

As you requested, I have checked into a parking spot for you. It seems that over the years there have been so many requests for parking spots and so much disagreement by the merchants because so many spots were reserved for the Court House that it was decided to assign a number of spots to Jerry Johnson and let him decide who gets them. It would appear that your next step is to contact Mr. Johnson and see if you can talk him out of a space.

The City is not interested in opening this problem up again as we know of four or five others who will want to rush in for a spot.

Sorry I could not be of more assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest T. Buck
Forrest T. Buck
Mayor

FTB:ncs

I am not looking for a road with my name on it or a parking lot, just a little sign that says V.A.C. parking space here.

January 16, 2000

Dear Commander:

By now every Veterans Assistance Commission in the state of Illinois should have complied with our Illinois Compiled Statutes, Act 45, Section 8 of Chapter 330 and submitted their annual report. As has been in the past, I am including a copy of our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission annual report, which was sent to the Honorable Governor George Ryan on December 15, 1999. Coming from a small county, which boasts of only having 11,500 veterans in their population, I am thoroughly pleased with our offices total operation and the benefits our veterans are receiving as a result of our staff's devotion. It is my sincere hope that each county in the state of Illinois would avail these types of services for their veteran community. We have taken our veterans from practically total deprivation to a level in which they can financially meet their lifestyle needs by obtaining Social Security, VA compensation, or pension benefits. We as veterans have a moral obligation to extend a helping hand to all our community members who are in need of assistance.

I am also including in totality a letter that was written to the Honorable Governor George Ryan dated December 10, 1999, which I want to include in my report.

Dear Governor Ryan:

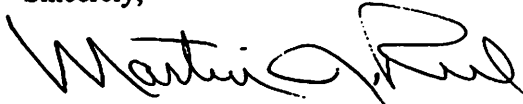
I write you as to some concerns that our veteran community has pertaining to the dire shortage of nursing care beds in our Veterans' Homes in the state of Illinois. At our LaSalle Veterans' Home we have a waiting list of well over 200 applicants with at least another 400 veterans residing in private or public nursing homes within a radius of 35 miles from the city of LaSalle who have not even made application to the LaSalle Veterans' Home. We are also concerned with the negative newspaper articles showing a severe increase to our Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for overtime payments required in order to adequately staff our State Veterans' Homes. We realize that each Home needs enough staff to cover the time consumed by employees as a result of vacation days, holidays, personal days, family leave of absence time, and sick days. We adamantly feel that the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs budget must be increased to provide the additional staff our State Veterans' Home need in order to cover those employee days off.

Many elected officials that we have spoken to were concerned as to where we could find the needed monies to add the additional 80 beds to our LaSalle Veterans' Home and to place the additional 900 needed nursing care beds in communities close to where the veteran populous reside without increasing state taxes. We feel very strongly that there are two current sources of revenue to explore. The first source would be the cigarette taxes, which were passed to provide the needed dollars for our Korean Veteran bonus and our Illinois Vietnam Veterans bonus. It is our understanding that the cigarette tax revenues are still being collected, which were earmarked for our veteran's benefits, but yet are not being received by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. An audit will have to be done to find out how many tens of millions of dollars have been collected since 1955 and what amount the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs has actually expended. We would then have to find out what balance of unexpended revenues remain and is still owed to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. The second source of new revenue would be the \$9 billion proceeds that the State of Illinois will be receiving as a result of the tobacco industry lawsuit settlement for smoke related medical problems. We feel very strongly

that our State Veterans' Homes should receive a large portion of those funds because it was our government that provided cigarettes for our soldiers. In fact, in many instances our military cadre would tell the soldiers to light up if they had them. As we veterans know, if we were fortunate enough to serve in one of our nations many wars or any worldwide hotspots, we would receive free cigarettes with our rations. Being that our tobacco industry settlement funds are to be earmarked for healthcare costs as a result of medical illnesses that were incurred from smoking, we do not see how anyone could deny our State Veterans' Homes a large share of that \$9 billion tobacco industry settlement. We should further remember that our citizens had to pay through the nose in order to get their cigarettes and were not encouraged daily to light up. They chose to smoke on their own.

It is our sincere hope that you will expedite the expansion of our LaSalle Veterans' Home by adding the additional 80 nursing care beds that we have been fighting for since 1993. If we started building in 1993 it would have been completed in 1995. Had we started it in 1995 when the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs completed the survey showing a need for an additional 900 nursing care beds, then it would have been completed in 1997. Had we started in 1997 when thousands of Illinois citizens, business groups, elected officials, union representatives, and grassroots people supported the additional 80 nursing care beds needed at our LaSalle Veterans' Home, it would have been completed in 1999. If we would have started in 1999 after discovering that the private sector, public sector, and United States Department of Veterans' Affairs medical facilities would require extensive high cost renovation in order to meet state and federal regulations pertaining to long-term nursing care beds, then it would have been done by the year 2001. Again, we plead that you start now to alleviate the plight of our Illinois veterans needs for long-term nursing care beds.

Sincerely,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

I ask that all our people and their friends contact their Illinois state senators and representatives and request the 80 skill care nursing beds be added to our Illinois State Veterans' Home in LaSalle, Illinois. As you know, this has been an ongoing battle since 1993 and it must end. Please help us in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Chairperson
Veterans Assistance Commission

DEPT 01-VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

511.001	TELEPHONE	\$3,000.00
517.001	BLDG RENTAL/UTILITIES	\$3,000.00
540.001	POSTAGE	\$300.00
548.001	EDUCATION	\$500.00
550.001	CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS	\$500.00
554.001	TRAVEL & TRANSP (EMERG AMB)	\$12,500.00
570.001	DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	\$225.00
582.001	NEW PROGRAMS	\$300.00
601.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,200.00
601.002	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$1,750.00
601.003	OFFICE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$1,100.00
640.001	PRINTING	\$600.00
701.001	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$1,500.00
806.001	EMERGENCY RELIEF	\$20,000.00
810.001	HEALTH & LIFE INS	\$8,950.00
810.003	LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$3,000.00
004	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$550.00
005	UMBRELLA INSURANCE	\$400.00
006	EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY BOND	\$150.00
817.001	CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL	\$25,000.00
875.001	CONTINGENCIES	\$8,850.00
907.001	SUPRINTENDANT	\$39,840.00
965.001	OFFICE SUPERVISOR	\$23,067.52
986.001	TEMPORARY HELP	\$1.00
999.001	SERVICE OFFICER	\$28,548.32
	DEPT. TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$183,831.84
	FUND TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$183,831.84

FUND 20-VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

101.001	BALANCE ON HAND	\$36,330.84
301.001	TAX LEVY	\$145,000.00
308.001	INTEREST INCOME	\$2,500.00
350.001	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$1.00
	FUND TOTAL EST. INCOME	\$183,831.84

LASALLE COUNTY TREASURER
 Transactions by Account
 As of December 15, 1999

12/16/99

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Ctr	Split	Amount	Balance
2200 - Due to County Corporation							158,296.65
222000 - VAC - Total							158,296.65
2220 - VAC - Cash/STIF							29,469.15
Check	12/2/1999	781	ck 25381 pr			-3,437.51	26,031.64
General Journal	12/9/1999		Int		120101 - Urban...	150.93	26,182.57
Deposit	12/7/1999		Deposit		120101 - Urban...	370.74	26,553.31
Deposit	12/6/1999		Deposit		120101 - Urban...	106.17	26,659.48
Deposit	12/10/1999		Deposit		120101 - Urban...	50.00	26,709.48
Total 2220 - VAC - Cash/STIF						-2,759.67	26,709.48
222001 - VAC - Investment							128,827.50
Total 222001 - VAC - Investment						-2,759.67	128,827.50
Total 222000 - VAC - Total						-2,759.67	155,536.98
Total 2200 - Due to County Corporation						-2,759.67	155,536.98
TOTAL						-2,759.67	155,536.98

Paul 12-1-99

12-15-99

Call me back

LA SALLE COUNTY - 2000 APPROPRIATIONS

APPROPRIATIONS FOR FUND 20-VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

DEPT 01-VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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986.001	TEMPORARY HELP	\$1.00
999.001	SERVICE OFFICER	\$28,548.32

DEPT. TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$278,527.84

FUND TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$278,527.84

FUND 20-VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

101.001	BALANCE ON HAND	\$78,000.00
301.001	TAX LEVY	\$195,000.00
308.001	INTEREST INCOME	\$4,500.00
350.001	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$1,027.84

FUND TOTAL EST. INCOME \$278,527.84

V.A.C. OF LASALLE COUNTY
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OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350
815-433-1701
FAX: 815-433-6200

September 25, 1997

Mr. Joseph Hellel
Chairman
LaSalle County Board
707 Etna Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Chairman Hettel:

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission held their monthly meeting at the Downtown Ottawa Courthouse on September 24, 1997. During that meeting, Delegate Jack Leininger reported on the two LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary meetings that he and VAC Chairman Ralph Adler attended. He shared with the Delegates and Alternates present the LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary minutes dated September 15, 1997. The last paragraph of those minutes state, "motion by Mr. Stockley, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that Marty Rue get a one year contract and a raise to \$37,840 for December 1, 1997 - November 30, 1998. The Committee feels this is a just and equitable raise. Carried." Jack further stated that the Fee and Salary Committee said, should any LaSalle County Department Head, such as the Auditor, Treasurer, County Clerk, etc., receive any increase in salary for the fiscal year 1998 or 1999, Marty Rue's salary would increase accordingly. Motion by Bob Renz, seconded by Ed Braatz, that our

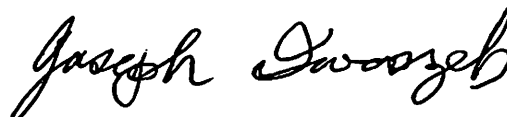
Mr. Joseph Hettel

September 25, 1997

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission accept the LaSalle County Board's Fee and Salary recommendation of a one year contract of \$37,840 for our Superintendent Martin J. Rue, noting that his salary should always be at or above all other LaSalle County Department Heads whose salary is not set by Illinois Statutory Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Iwaszek, Vice Chairman
LaSalle County Veterans
Assistance Commission

cc: LaSalle County Fee and Salary Committee

Minutes of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of January 26, 2000.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. At Arms Jack Leininger excused with all other officers present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. It was noted that Chairman Adler was misspelled and was corrected. Chairman Adler stated that the minutes would stand approved as corrected and presented.

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 was made by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Bob Westman that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented.

A discussion ensued pertaining to no parking area designated at the Downtown Courthouse for the VAC office. Superintendent Rue stated that since the mid-1980's our Commission has requested a designated parking area for our VAC office on Court Street on the east side of the Downtown Courthouse. He further stated that he has shared with the LaSalle County Board Chairman the ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, which would grant him the authority to designate a parking space with all other county department parking areas.

Numerous handouts were distributed to the Alternates and Delegates pertaining to veteran issues. Questions asked by those present pertaining to the handouts were answered.

Motion was made by Sam Maggio, seconded by Nick Nekrosius, that the meeting adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Tom Przybyla, VFW Post 5506, Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR January 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 18 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 4 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 7 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 51 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 14 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 16 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 8 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 2 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 7 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 7 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 25 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
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 15 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 2 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) 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 Board 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 1 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 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded increase in service-connected Compensation, from 70%-100%, \$1313 monthly, effective 9/99-11/99, \$3939;12/99-11/2000, \$15,756 (Total \$19685)
2. Veteran awarded 10% service-connected Compensation \$96 monthly, effective 9/99-11/99, \$288;\$98 monthly 12/99-11/2000, \$1176(Total \$1464)
3. Veteran awarded retroactive Social Security disability benefits, \$2994

4. Veteran awarded 50% service-connected Compensation
\$576 monthly, effective 12/97-2/99, \$14,976;
3/99-11/99, \$5184 (Total \$20,160)
5. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with A&A, effective
9/99-11/99, \$1220 monthly, \$3660;12/99-11/2000,
\$1249 monthly \$14,988 (Total \$18,648)
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, 8/99-11/99, \$99
Monthly, \$396;12/99-11/2000, \$102 monthly,
\$1224 (Total \$1630)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	2,994.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	100,242.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	57,658.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	156,027.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		256,269.00

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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
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30. VA FORM 8678-APPLICATION FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Minutes from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of November 17, 1999. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek excused and all other officers present.

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

Old business was discussed. All questions from the Alternates and Delegates were answered.

New business: The Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Our budget for fiscal year 2000 purported changes by the LaSalle County Board Committee persons was reviewed. Alternates and Delegates of the Veterans Assistance Commission were emphatic about wanting their original line items reinstated to their original budget requests. A motion was made by Sam Maggio, seconded by Bob Westman, that Chairman Adler and Jack Leininger meet with the LaSalle County Board to request that they reinstate the original VAC dollar amounts requested per line item. Motion passed.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the many meetings that were taking place statewide pertaining to additional nursing care beds needed for our veterans in the state of Illinois. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that Martin Rue should attend all those meetings to protect the additional 80 beds needed for the LaSalle Veterans Home. He will be reimbursed for mileage, meals, and room. Motion passed.

Motion by Sam Maggio, seconded by Jim Kirby, that we dispense with our regular meeting and hold our Commission election. Motion passed.

The election was dually held and the officers elected for the year 1999-2000 are as follows:

Chairman – Ralph Alder
Vice-Chairman – Joe Iwaszek
Chaplain – Jim Kirby
Sgt. At Arms – Jack Leininger

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegate Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; and Alternate Dave Scott, VFW Post 4668

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 47 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 15 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 4 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 11 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 112 letters to 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 59 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 6 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 10 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 6 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 9 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 2 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 6 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 30 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 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 41 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran
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 27 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 2 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) 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 Board 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 8678 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 10/99-11/99, \$719 monthly, \$1438; 12/99-11/2000, \$8628 (Total \$10,066)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability retroactive payment, \$5908
3. Veteran awarded dependency allowance for children for Social Security Disability, \$4112

4. Veteran awarded Individual Unemployability(IUE) Effective 4/98-11/99, (\$1073 difference), \$21,640 12/99-11/2000, \$12,876 (Total \$34,336)
5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 11/99, \$1272;12/99-11/2000, \$1302 Monthly, \$15,624 (Total \$16,896)
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension,6/99-11/99,\$731 Monthly, \$4386;12/99-11/2000, \$9838 (Total \$14,224)
7. Widow awarded Widow Pension with A&A, effective 10/97, \$719, 11/97, \$435, 12/98-1/98, \$426; 2/98, \$774;5/98-7/98, \$484;10/98-11/98, \$730;12/98-11/99, \$359 (Total \$11,111)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, 12/99-11/2000, \$660 monthly, (Total\$7920)
9. Veteran awarded SSI benefits 7/99-9/99, \$993.87; 10/99, \$289.40;11/99 \$423.59 (Total \$1706.89)
10. Obtained waiver of overpayment for veteran \$9459
11. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 40%-50% (\$183 difference) effective 6/99-11/99, \$1098;12/99-11/2000, \$2196 (Total \$3294)
12. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation effective 4/99-11/99, \$184 monthly, \$1666;12/99-11/2000, \$188 monthly, \$2256 (Total \$3922)
13. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 9/99-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$2793;12/99-11/2000\$749, \$8788 (Total \$11,581)
14. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 1/2000-11/2000, \$1184 monthly, (Total \$14,208)
15. Veteran awarded Social Security disability retroactive benefits, effective 8/98-12/99, \$911 monthly,\$14,576;1/2000-12/2000, \$10,932 (Total \$25,608)
16. Veteran's spouse awarded SSI benfits, effective 10/99-12/99, \$500 monthly, \$1500;1/2000-12/2000, \$512 monthly, \$6144 (Total \$7644)
17. Widow awarded \$450 in Burial benefits for veteran

18. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 30%-40%, (\$000 difference monthly), \$ 1/99-11/2000 \$122 monthly, (Total \$2928)
19. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation retroactive benefits, \$1440;11/99-12/99, \$576, \$1152;1/2000-11/2000, \$1464Total \$2928)
20. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits 1/2000-12/2000, \$1400 monthly, (Total \$16,800)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	97,248.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	97,248.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	98,369.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	98,617.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE		195,617.00

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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

Minutes from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of October 25, 2000.

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. Chairman Adler stated the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Thirteen posts were represented at our October meeting. All were warmly welcomed. Chairman Adler asked that each Delegate and Alternate introduce himself at our Commission meeting. He further stated that he hopes to see them at our annual meeting November 15, 2000.

Old Business: Old business was discussed. A news article was shared with the Delegates and Alternates pertaining to the projected cost of renovating a hospital in Rockford, Illinois, which would meet the state and federal requirements to become a state veterans home. The article was discussed in length and all were encouraged to continue contacting Governor Ryan, Senator Pat Welch, and Representative Mautino asking them to expedite the additional 80 beds at our LaSalle Veterans Home.

Our budget for year 2001 was once again discussed. Superintendent Rue answered the questions of the Alternates and Delegates pertaining to the budget and told them that we will not be sure of the County Board's intent until after the County budgets are posted in the middle of November. Ralph Adler and Jack Leininger reported on their meetings with the County Board Finance Committee and the Fee and Salary Committee. They stated that they will be having another meeting with those two Committees and will report back to the Commission at our November 15, 2000 annual meeting.

New Business: The Service Officer's Report was read. All question pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion was made by Joe Iwaszek and seconded by James Kirby to accept the Service Officer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Ralph Adler gave a report on our Lincoln National Cemetery in Joliet, Illinois. He discussed the one-year-old anniversary of that cemetery.

Tom Argubright and Tom Kelly from the Oglesby American Legion reported that in the month of November Robert Manahan will be putting on a play in LaSalle entitled "VIETNAM REVISITED". Proceeds from this play will go to the monument fund for the preservation of the World War II, Korea, and Vietnam monuments in Oglesby, Illinois. They asked that we watch for the announcement in our papers and attend this production.

Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Ed Stash, American Legion Post 217; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Samuel Maggio, Marine Corp League; Ron Hickey, AMVETS Post 30; Tom Argubright, American Legion Post 237; Tom Kelly, American Legion Post 237; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Robert Ankiewicz, American Legion Post 375; Jack Leininger, VFW Post 5506; Delbert Spitz, VFW Post 4079; Alternates Jerry Welch,, American Legion Post 375; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2000

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 11 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 6 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 5 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 14 letters to 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 17 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 0 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 6 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
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14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 2 veterans
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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 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veteran.
22. Sent 4 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 8 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
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29. Sent various SSA forms for 4 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 1 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 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 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 0 VA Form 149 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
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49. Sent VA Form 5281 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation for right knee increased rating from 40%-50%, (\$176 difference, 3/99-11/99, \$1584; 12/99-11/2000, \$2112 (Total \$3696)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	40,392.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	391,242.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	3,696.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	933,100.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO DATE:	\$	1,334,342.00

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