

COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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

December 11, 1990

Honorable Governor James Edgar
207 State House Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Edgar:

As the Illinois Revised Statutes 3087, Section 8 of Chapter 23 requires, I am submitting the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission's annual report pertaining to "Relief of Indigent War Era Veterans". In our Commission we have been very active in three general service areas. They are as follows:

1. Vendor financial services to those qualifying war era veterans, spouse, and dependents, who have no financial means to care for themselves.
2. The total viewing of individual cases of veterans to see if any other local, state, or federal agencies may have benefits they may be entitled to and assist in seeing that they properly apply for those benefits.
3. The advocacy work in behalf of our eligible clients who have been denied local, state, or federal entitlements as a result of their rights being violated or a misunderstanding of applicable statutes or regulations pertaining to the assistance a comrade is requesting.

This past year we have been averaging approximately thirty General Assistance cases per month. These indigent veterans have met the eligibility requirements according to the Department of Public Aid Regulations. Some have also been in need of medical assistance. Last year the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid had denied those veterans who were receiving General Assistance from our office a medical card. As a result, we have also assisted in providing medical assistance. This practice appears not to be consistent statewide. I personally feel that the medical card should be provided by the Illinois Department of Public Aid, not a Veterans Assistance Commission office. You see, the

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Bogardus Act was the intent by our legislature to provide entitlements to those who had honorably served in the Armed Forces of our nation during our nations hour of need. Our Illinois General Assembly wanted to be sure that this group of people were provided for should they not be able to provide for themselves at anytime in their life. Then in the 1950's our General Assembly felt a need to also provide benefits for welfare recipients, through the Department of Public Aid. It was never the intent of our General Assembly to treat veterans, who honorably served their country, in a manner lower than welfare recipients. I hope that once again veterans are treated at least equal to welfare recipients in our state.

To reiterate with the latter discussion, I bring your attention to the Illinois Department of Public Aid - AABA Manual Release number 90.15, dated 5/1/90. It is in regards to "Prevention of Spousal Impoverishment Transfer of Assets and Treatment of Income". It is my understanding that these benefits are only applicable to those Illinois citizens that choose to seek long term extended care in the private sector. Should a veteran seek to meet their extended care needs in our State Managed Veterans Homes, these benefits are not applicable. In fact, should they have any income from their years of working and paying government taxes, we will charge them for their cost of care based on their income and deny the right of transfer of any assets to their spouse. In fact, it looks as though we are punishing them for being a veteran and discriminating against that class of people by treating them worse than a welfare recipient. I need not tell you how I personally feel, but can assure you that I would be more than happy to see this policy corrected. For your information I have already spoken with numerous department heads in the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid. I have also been assured that their legal staff would contact me in regards to this impropriety. For your benefit I am enclosing copies of some of the pertinent entitlements that the veteran community is being denied.

We have also appealed numerous denials of state or federal entitlement programs on behalf of our veterans. We have had a good success rate on those appeals.

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I am enclosing a sheet which will show the total amount of financial assistance rendered this fiscal year. The categories will be as follows:

1. General Assistance
2. Medical expenditures
3. Transportation costs

I will further submit a page charting the monies received by our clientele as a result of our advocacy work since 1985.

If you require a more detailed report or have any questions pertaining to our office, feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Supt.
VAC of LaSalle County

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Enclosures



AAAD MANUAL RELEASE NO. 90.15

Mary Ann Louston 217-782-1213

Amends Manual
Chapter 500

*John Ruppel
Policy, Procedures*

Obsoletes the
Policy Memorandum
Dated 9-22-89

RE: PREVENTION OF SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT
TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND TREATMENT OF INCOME

This release places policy in the manual regarding the transfer of assets and provisions for the prevention of spousal impoverishment under the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 (the Act) previously issued by the Policy Memorandum dated 9-22-89. In addition, effective 5-1-90, new standardized amounts are allowed when determining the Community Spouse Asset Allowance, Community Spouse Maintenance Needs Allowance and the Family Maintenance Needs Allowance.

The following changes are effective 5-1-90:

- . The asset allowance standard is increased from \$60,000 to \$62,580.
- . The Community Spouse Maintenance Needs Standard is increased from \$1,500 to \$1,565.
- . The family maintenance needs standard is increased from \$815 to \$856.
- . Policy is revised regarding referral of a community spouse to the Field Recovery Unit for support enforcement action.
- . New codes are required for entry on Form DPA 552, Authorization of Assistance Action, to identify individuals affected by provisions of the Act. These codes will be required for entry beginning 5-7-90.

Effective May 1, 1990, begin using the new asset allowance standard of \$62,580 when determining the Community Spouse Asset Allowance. Additional instructions are provided on page 10.

Effective for the May 1990 billing period, calculate the Community Spouse Maintenance Needs Allowance by deducting any net income of the community spouse from the new Maintenance Needs Standard of \$1,565. For active cases, use the new standard of \$1,565 to recalculate the allowance no later than the next scheduled redetermination. If a change in the amount of the allowance is determined, use the new amount effective for the May 1990 billing period. The standard may not exceed \$1,565 except as the result of a fair hearing or unless a court order requires support in a greater amount. Additional instructions are provided on page 13.



Illinois Department of Public Aid

F A C S I M I L E

October 1989

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Department of Public Aid has new rules for considering the income and property of a married couple when one of them lives in a nursing home. These new rules are a result of the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988.

When you start to live in a nursing home and when either you or your spouse ask us, we will determine the value of your property. Property includes, but is not limited to, such items as bank accounts, certificates of deposit and pre-paid burial plans. This will help you plan for how you will handle your property now that you live in a nursing home. You do not need to apply for assistance to request this determination. Simply contact the local public aid office (in Chicago, contact Nursing Home Services at 312/793-8000 instead of your local office).

Transfers of property may affect your eligibility. If you have transferred property for less than it's worth within 30 months of the date of application, you are ineligible if the transfer was made for the purpose of qualifying for assistance. You are ineligible for up to 30 months from the month of transfer or for as long as the value of transferred property would meet your nursing care needs, whichever comes first.

However, you may give up to \$60,000, depending on circumstances, to your spouse or to another for the sole benefit of your spouse. This amount is in addition to your home which you may also give to your spouse.

When we determine the amount of income you have to apply to the cost of your nursing care, deductions are permitted if you give money to your spouse and any other dependent family members. Dependent family members include dependent children under age 21, dependent adult children, dependent parents or dependent brothers or sisters of either you or your spouse who live with your spouse.

Depending on circumstances, you may give up to \$1500 per month to your spouse. You may also give up to \$272 per month to each dependent family member.



Kathleen Kusra
Director

Illinois Department of Public Aid

Prescott E. Bloom Building
201 S. Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62763-0001

6-12-90

I N F O R M A T I O N A L N O T I C E

TO: Long Term Care Providers

RE: PREVENTION OF SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT

This Notice is to serve as a reminder to long term care facilities that Public Act 86-0410 requires facilities to inform residents and their spouses of spousal impoverishment rights. This information must be presented in writing to the resident and their spouse at the time of admission.

In order to assist facilities with this requirement, attached is a supply of a Department approved form which identifies the basic information relating to spousal impoverishment rights that can be shared with residents and their spouse upon admission to the facility.

Tim Claborn, Administrator
Division of Medical Programs

Attachment

RECEIVED
6/13/90



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However, you may give property to your spouse or to another for the sole benefit of your spouse. The amount you may give is established by the Department. Depending on circumstances, the amount may be up to \$62,580. The Department will notify you of the actual amount you may give to your spouse. This amount is in addition to your home which you may also give to your spouse.

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Depending on circumstances, you may give up to \$1,565 per month to your spouse. You may also give up to \$285 per month to each dependent family member. The Department will notify you of the actual amount you may give.

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Total of claims since December 1984 thru December 1990

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
1985 -	\$45,682	- \$60,428	- \$60,428	- \$60,428	- \$60,428	- \$60,428
1986 -		\$116,882	- \$98,816	- \$98,816	- \$98,816	- \$98,816
1987 -			\$41,995	- \$73,983	- \$73,983	- \$73,983
1988 -				\$68,961	- \$69,132	- \$69,132
1989 -					\$89,700	- \$89,961
1990 -						\$46,239

\$45,682 - \$222,993 - \$201,240 - \$302,189 - \$392,060 - \$438,559

Grand total of all claims since December 1984 to present:

1985 -	\$ 45,682.
1986 -	222,993.
1987 -	201,240.
1988 -	302,189.
1989 -	392,060.
1990 -	438,559.

\$1,602,723.

Total General Assistance and Transportation

December 1989 thru November 1990

December:	General Assistance	\$3551.93	
	Transportation	\$1511.29	37 trips and 2 ambulance
January:	General Assistance	\$4112.14	
	Transportation	\$1078.02	29 trips
February:	General Assistance	\$5011.61	
	Transportation	\$ 530.55	19 trips
	Em. Medical	\$ 204.70	
March:	General Assistance	\$4584.12	
	Transportation	\$1481.96	45 trips
	Em. Medical	\$ 109.65	
April:	General Assistance	\$4354.19	
	Transportation	\$1182.68	35 trips
May:	General Assistance	\$3439.22	
	Transportation	\$1756.50	50 trips
	Em. Medical	\$614.10	
June:	General Assistance	\$3442.86	
	Transportation	\$1390.14	41 trips
July:	General Assistance	\$4168.67	
	Transportation	\$1832.63	49 trips
August:	General Assistance	\$4269.97	
	Transportation	\$2082.69	43 trips and 1 ambulance
	Em. Medical	\$2107.37	
September:	General Assistance	\$4020.76	
	Transportation	\$1447.98	39 trips
October:	General Assistance	\$4578.43	
	Transportation	\$1650.83	44 trips
	Em. Medical	\$ 187.02	
November:	General Assistance	\$3446.25	
	Transportation	\$1335.03	49 trips
TOTAL	General Assistance -	\$48,980.15	
	Transportation	\$17,280.30	
	Em. Medical	3222.84	

(480 trips to VA facilities)

**3090. Superintendent—Election—Powers and duties—
Office space and personnel—Bond—Civil ser-
vice status—Secretary**

§ 10. The executive powers of the commission shall be vested in a superintendent elected by the commission from among Civil War Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, World War I Veterans, World War II Veterans, those who served at any time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955 or those who served at any time during the Viet Nam Conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975. The superintendent, designated Superintendent of Veterans Assistance of the county, shall, under the direction of the commission, have charge of and maintain an office in the county building or other central location, to be used solely by the commission for carrying on its assistance work. The county shall provide the office and furnish all necessary supplies, including telephone, printing, stationery and postage therefor.

The county board shall, in any county where a Veterans Assistance Commission is organized, in addition to sums appropriated for assistance and emergency assistance purposes under this Act, appropriate such additional sums, upon recommendation of the Veterans Assistance Commission and as approved by the county board, to properly compensate the officers and employees required to administer such assistance. Such county board approval shall be based upon recognized and established salary guidelines developed by the county and used by the county to compensate county employees. If the county does not have established employee salary guidelines, the county board shall provide funds to the commission to compensate the superintendent and his employees in a just manner. The county board shall also provide funds to the commission to reimburse the superintendent and his employees for certain expenses which are approved by the county board. The superintendent and his employees shall be employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission, and no provision in this Section or elsewhere in this Act shall be construed to mean that they are employees of the county.

Superintendents, subject to rules formulated by the commission, shall select, as far as possible, secretaries and other employees from among veterans who served in the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, at any time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, or at any time during the Viet Nam Conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, or their surviving spouses.

Superintendents of all counties subject to this Act, when required by the commission, shall give bond in the sum of \$2,000 for the faithful performance of their duties.

All persons elected or selected to fill positions provided for in this Section shall be exempt from the operation and provisions of any civil service act or laws of this State, and the secretary of the commission shall be appointed by the superintendent. However, if "The Illinois Public Aid Code", as amended,¹ becomes applicable in any county, the State Department of Public Aid may exercise the powers therein designated in relation to employees engaged in the administration of assistance under this Act.

Amended by P.A. 85-1188, § 10, eff. Jan. 1, 1989.

¹ Paragraph 1-1 et seq. of this chapter.

When so organized a commission shall be clothed with all the powers and charged with all the duties theretofore devolving upon the different posts and chapters as provided in Section 2.¹

The Commission and the president or chairman of the county board, or some other county officer appointed by him shall have general oversight of the distribution of all moneys and supplies appropriated by the county for the benefit of the indigent veterans of the wars, campaigns, occupations, expeditions and other military service as provided in Section 2, and their families; and shall formulate necessary rules to carry out the spirit and intent of this Act. No warrant authorized under this Act may be issued for the payment of money without the presentation of an itemized statement or claim, approved by the superintendent of the commission and the chairman of the county board, or some other county officer designated by him.

If general assistance funds are allocated to a county for assistance to indigent war veterans and their families as provided in "The Illinois Public Aid Code",² the administration of such funds and of county tax funds levied for such purpose as provided in Section 28a of "An Act to revise the law in relation to counties", approved March 31, 1874, as amended,³ shall be subject to the supervision of the State Department of Public Aid in accordance with the provisions of "The Illinois Public Aid Code".

Amended by P.A. 84-136, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

¹ Paragraph 3082 of this chapter.

² Paragraph 1-1 et seq. of this chapter.

³ Chapter 34, ¶ 506.

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Amended by P.A. 80-1156, § 1, eff. July 1, 1978.

¹ Paragraph 1-1 et seq. of this chapter.

3091. Vietnam veterans organizations defined

§ 11. The term "Vietnam veterans organizations" as used in this Act, shall mean those organizations formed by and for Vietnam veterans which are chartered by Congress or which are chartered by the State of Illinois with a membership of at least 15 and which provide responsible aid, assistance, or services to the veterans community. Added by P.A. 84-136, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

VISITATION AND INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

3301. (L.1911, p. 17 as amended). Repealed by Laws 1959, p. 1632, eff. July 21, 1959.

MAJOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

3302 to 3306. (L.1959, p. 1632). Repealed by Laws 1961, p. 2666, eff. Aug. 2, 1961.

AID TO BLIND AND DEAF STUDENTS

3321, 3322. (L.1925, p. 23, as amended). Repealed by Laws 1965, p. 2386, eff. Aug. 2, 1965.

OPERATION OF VENDING FACILITIES BY BLIND PERSONS

AN ACT in relation to the operation of vending facilities on public and private property by blind persons, and to repeal certain Acts herein named. P.A. 79-981, approved Sept. 16, 1975, eff. Oct. 1, 1975.

3331. Declaration of policy

§ 1. Declaration of policy. It is the policy of this State that blind persons be given opportunity to operate vending facilities and be employed by the operators of vending facilities in public buildings and parks and on other public and private property for the purposes of providing blind persons with remunerative employment, enlarging the economic opportunities of the blind, and stimulating the blind to greater efforts in striving to make themselves self-supporting and of relieving the public of responsibility for their financial support.

3332. Definitions

§ 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless otherwise indicated, the terms below mean:

1. "Department" means the Department of Rehabilitation Services;

2. "Director" means the Director of the Department;

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of November 14, 1990

Chairman John Cawley opened the meeting in due form. The roll call of officers was taken. All were present.

The minutes of October 10, 1990 were read. Motion was made by Ed Wroblewski and seconded by John Sadowski, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: Superintendent Rue, reported on the meeting with the county board, in regards to the 1991 budget. Mr. Rue stated that everything had been approved but salaries. Mr. Rue then stated the effective impact that the VAC office has demonstrated, since its opening. Superintendent Rue reported the amount of dollars brought back to the county due to, the number of social security and pension cases handled by our office. This advocacy work decreased the number of general assistance cases in our office. Mr. Rue said, he would now have to go before the Fee and Salary committee. A Motion was made by Ralph Adler and seconded by Al Strozewski that if a fare agreement is not made by the Fee and Salary committee, then the Veterans Assistance Commission is to file a suite against the LaSalle County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A report by all Posts was given in regards to delegates and alternates elected to the commission for 1991.

Posts	New members if any
Peru CWV Post 883	no change
LaSalle CWV Post 1224	no change
Marseilles AL Post 235	no change
NamVets	no change
LaSalle VFW Post 4668	no change
Peru VFW Post 8232	no change
Oglesby AL Post 237	no change
LaSalle AL Post 426	no change
AmVets Post 78	no change
Marine Corps League	no change
Ottawa AL Post 33	no change
Marseilles VFW Post 5506	Richard Foltyniewicz (Delegate)

Ralph Adler asked Mr. Rue about the LaSalle Care Facility and its opening date. Superintendent Rue said, that there was no definite opening date yet, but some volunteers from the AmVets organization had set up 115 beds and vanities in the facility. There is no reason why the facility can't be staffed and the patients placed in the facility. Mr. Rue also stated that the facility will not have a pharmacy, there will be one contracted outside of the Veterans Home.

New Business: Discussion was directed towards the newly proposed budget cuts, for fiscal year 1991 thru 1995, by the U.S. House and US Senate. Mr. Rue handed out copies of the supplement, "What Every Veteran Should Know". Mr. Rue spoke on the Ambulance Transfers from private facilities to VA facilities, which at one time the VA would pay, but the VA will no longer pay for that expense. Also discussed was the fiscal year 1991 Compensation, DIC, and COLA Benefits. The proposed benefit increase of 5.4% died in the 101st Congress. The bill must be resubmitted in the 102 Congress. Every department but the Veterans got a cost of living raise.

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Election of Officers for 1991 was then held. A motion was made by Sam Maggio and seconded by Bob Anderson to re-elect the present Officers of the V.A.C. Motion carried.

Service Officer Soberrri then gave the VAC report. Motion was Made by Ralph Adler and seconded by Carl Kirar to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Soberrri announced that he would send out to all Delegates copies of the American Legion Bulletin dated November 5. 1990.

Announcements:

The City of LaSalle will hold its Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 24, 1990 at 1PM. Person to contact is Tom Pagati Ph. 223-7647.

Pearl Harbor Day Parade and Memorial service will be held in ^{Pearl}LaSalle on December 2, 1990, at 10:45 AM. Units will meet at the Red Door Inn on Water St.. The person to contact is Gerald Welch, at 2704 7th St. or call 223-6879. The Parade itself will start at 11:30 AM.

Motion was made by Sam Maggio and seconded by Bob Anderson for adjournment. Motion carried.

Members Present: Delegates Nick Pacetti VFW Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corps League; Richard Foltynewicz, VFW Post 5506; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Carl Kirar, CWV Post 883; Ed Wroblewski, VFW Post 8232; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237; Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Alternate John Sadowski, CWV Post 883. *Bob Anderson here*

Superintendent Martin J. Rue
Service Officer James S. Soberrri

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Veterans Assistance Commission Monthly Report
For
December 12, 1990

Reconsideration of Medical Expenses for Pension	<u>1</u>
New General Assistance Cases	<u>1</u>
Overpayment Waiver	<u>1</u>
180 Military Records Requests	<u>6</u>
Records File Search DVA	<u>1</u>
Pension Claims	<u>1</u>
Lasalle Veterans Care Facility Appl.	<u>2</u>

Trips To VA Facilities

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STATE OF TEXAS

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The minutes of September 12, 1990 were read.

A motion was made by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: Mr. Rue spoke on the LaSalle Care Facility. The question was raised during the September meeting about the opening date of November 15, 1990. Mr. Rue said, due to state funding cutbacks, the hiring of the hospital staff and personnel have been delayed. As far as he knew the staff should be hired by late November of 1990.

New Business: Superintendent Rue passed out two fliers. The first was from the American Legion Bulletin dated September 26, 1990. The bulletin stated, as of October 17, 1990, changes have been designed to improve the VA's ability to assure the availability of high-quality representation for claimants. Now our Veterans groups (AmVets, American Legion, and VFW), can represent our Veterans before the Appeals Court and not be sued. Before, if they mishandled a case they could be held liable. As a result, Veterans groups had refused to appear before the Appeals Court.

The second flier was related to the Bogardus Act, in relation to the state statutes on dates of periods of war. Also included were federal dates of war era Veterans. This information was requested by Ralph Adler.

A question was raised regarding Mr. Rue's campaigning, where some thought he was taking full credit for the Veterans Care Facility in LaSalle. Superintendent Rue stated that, " He was not taking full credit. He was only taking the credit for leading the fight for the facility." Mr. Rue acknowledged that there were many others who assisted in bringing the Veterans Care Facility to LaSalle. He was the only Veteran who testified before the House and Senate committies and Departments of State.

Ron Cummings announced the support of Congressman Hastert. He supported the Bill 3606 (The Truth Bill). This bill is designed to bring out the facts on the MIA issue.

There will be an election of officers next meeting.

Service Officer Soberri gave his VAC report. A motion was made by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sam Maggio and seconded by Bob Anderson for Adjournment.
Motion carried.

Members Present: Delegates Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Al Strowzewski, American Legion Post 426; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Ron Cummings, NamVets; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237; Sam Maggio, Marine Corps League; Ed Wroblewski, VFW Post 8232; Leonard Laws, AmVets.

Alternates James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235; John Sadowski, CWV Post 883

Superintendent Martin J. Rue and Service Officer James S. Soberri

Guest Richard Foltynewicz

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LaSalle Veterans Care Facility Appl.	<u>6</u>
Pension Claims	<u>2</u>
Overpayment Waiver	<u>1</u>
180 Records Request	<u>2</u>
Aid and Attendance Claims	<u>2</u>
Widows Pension Claims	<u>1</u>

Trips to VA Facilities

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION
ON THE
MATTER OF THE
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF
THE RIGHTS OF
THE PEOPLE OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK
BY THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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*May peace be in the hearts of all veterans
and their families.*

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**VA ANNOUNCES NEW NUMBER FOR INSURANCE
HOTLINE**

A change in telephone service has resulted in a new toll-free number for the Department of Veterans Affairs national hotline for veterans seeking information about their government insurance.

By calling 1-800-669-8477, insurance holders and beneficiaries can obtain immediate service on address or policy changes, dividend information and general insurance information.

Not only is calling the VA Insurance Center faster than communicating by mail, it also is more personal and allows the policyholder to raise additional questions based on the response to the original inquiry or request.

Established in 1988, the Philadelphia VA Regional Office and Insurance Center hotline answered 1.3 million calls in its first two years. In recent months, some 2,500 calls were answered daily. An overnight message service, which began in May 1990, allows callers to leave messages after 5:30 p.m. (ET) and on weekends. Insurance specialists return those calls within two working days.

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**VA ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING OF
VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**

On October 1, 1990, a major reorganization of VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) was affected with the approval of Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski.

The 58 existing VBA Regional Offices will be aligned into four areas which coincide with the regional structure of the Veterans Health Services

and Research Administration (VHS&RA). Stable organizational relationships between VBA and VHS&RA are expected to result from this alignment.

The four areas with their respective Directors are listed herewith:

Baltimore, MD.....Raymond H. Avent
Jackson, MS.....James A. Maye
Detroit, MI.....Stephen L. Lemons
San Francisco, CA.....David M. Walls

There has also been a restructuring of the VBA operation at VACO, Washington, DC. Two Deputy Director positions have been eliminated and the remaining Deputy position filled by Bill B. Pearson. Harold F. Gracey has been appointed to the newly created position of Chief of Staff. In addition, Rhoda R. Mancher will fill the post of Assistant Chief Benefits Director, Information Resources Management Office. William D. Stinger has been appointed Assistant Chief Benefits Director for Planning.

Program Directors within the VBA are as follows:

*Vocational Rehabilitation.....Dennis R. Wyant
*Education.....Grady W. Horton
Compensation and Pension.....J. Gary Hickman
Loan Guaranty.....R. Keith Pedigo
Veterans Assistance.....David A. Brigham
**Insurance.....Thomas M. Lastowka

*Newly Appointed

**Based at VARO Philadelphia

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**SUSPENSION OF BENEFICIARY TRAVEL
PAYMENTS**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs has invoked authority provided under title 38, USC, section 111(a) to discontinue beneficiary travel payments in FY 1991. This decision is a result of external budget considerations.

Title 38, USC, section 111(a)(b)(1) provides that if VA makes ANY beneficiary travel payments associated with providing health care, it must pay for ALL beneficiary travel this fiscal year. Since VA is currently funded under a continuing resolution and the FY 1991 VA budget has not been finalized, the

Secretary's decision obviously reflects continuing budgetary uncertainties.

The Secretary's policy decision may be revoked once VA's final budget authority for FY 1991 is settled. On the other hand, it could remain in effect for a portion of, or the entire fiscal year.

1. PURPOSE: To provide policy and procedural instructions in accordance with the secretary's decision to discontinue beneficiary travel in FY '91. This decision is a result of external budget considerations.

2. POLICY: The statutory authority for the payment of travel expenses to or from a department of veterans affairs facility or other place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care is 38 CFR 17.100, 17.101, 17.102 and 38 U.S.C. Section 111. In accordance with the administration's goals of reducing the federal deficit, the department of veterans affairs has been asked to identify those programs that are tangential to the primary purpose of providing medical services to eligible beneficiaries. The discontinuation of beneficiary travel payments in FY '91 is intended to permit maximum medical care resources to be available for patient care. As a point of clarification, 38 U.S.C. Section 111 provides that if VA makes any beneficiary travel payments associated with providing health care, it must pay for all beneficiary travel this fiscal year. Therefore, it is incumbent that medical centers terminate ALL beneficiary travel payments. VA cannot elect to pay only certain categories of travel, such as special modes, and not pay mileage or common carrier.

3. ACTION: Facility Directors will ensure the local policy and procedures are changed in accordance with this circular to discontinue all beneficiary travel payments including, all ambulance travel, travel for purposes of C&P examinations, travel associated with receiving vocational rehabilitation benefits, and travel incident to an approved VA research project, effective FY '91, (October 1, 1990).

a. Each facility shall maintain records reflecting the amount of beneficiary travel that would have been paid to an eligible veteran, to include the veterans identifying data, in the event circumstances change and the Secretary decides to retroactively pay for travel performed in FY '91.

b. Interfacility transfer (Subaccount 2112), which is not beneficiary travel (Subaccount 2120), may continue to be paid under the existing provisions. In order to assure systemwide conformance, interfacility transfer is provided when necessary to transfer the inpatient from one health care facility (either a VA or contract care facility) to another, provided both institutions furnish the individual with treatment at VA expense, or under VA auspices, and the transfer is necessary for the continuation of such treatment. Use of a hired car, or a taxi is authorized, provided they are less expensive than other modes of travel.

c. The termination of beneficiary travel payments will impact on VA's demand for contract ambulance services. It is imperative that VA inform ambulance companies who have contracts with VA of expected changes in the demand for ambulance services. Hired car and taxi transportation contracts are not utilized for beneficiary travel and are therefore not affected. Each mas chief shall immediately consult with the facility contracting officer and prepare new estimates of needed ambulance services. The contracting officer must, as soon as possible, inform ambulance companies under contract of the new estimates. The contracting officer should specify when advising the contractor that the estimated quantity change is due to revised VA policy effective October 1, 1990. Any claim or request for contract modification which arises from the elimination of beneficiary travel should be submitted to VA Central Office (93D/025) for review and concurrence prior to issuing a change.

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PROPOSED PERSONNEL CUTS

Here are the different proposals being considered by Congress as it works on the separate 1991 defense authorization and defense appropriations bills, compared with the original budget request made in January and a troop reduction proposal made by Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney in September.

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THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

This landmark legislation would expand the access of people with disabilities to jobs, public accommodations, transportation and communications systems, and various retail and service establishments.

While the 1964 Civil Rights Act banned discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, religion and national origin in employment and public accommodations, it did not afford protection to the disabled which, of course, includes service and non-service connected disabled veterans. This new law goes beyond the 1964 law by broadening the accommodations protection to include facilities ranging from museums, theaters and sporting events to doctors offices, hospitals and pharmacies which would have to be made accessible to the physically or mentally disabled.

ADA's MAJOR PROVISION

ADA guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

Employment

- Employers with 15 or more employees may not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities. For the first two years after July 26, 1992, the date when the employment provisions of the ADA go into effect, only employers with 25 or more employees are covered.

- Employers must reasonably accommodate the disabilities of qualified applicants or employees, unless an undue hardship would result.

- Employers may reject applicants or fire employees who pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the work place.

- Applicants and employees are not protected from personnel actions based on their current illegal use of drugs. Drug testing is not affected.

- Employers may not discriminate against a qualified applicant or employee because of the known disability of an individual with whom the applicant or employee is known to have a relationship or association.

- Religious organizations may give preference in employment to their own members and may require applicants and employees to conform to their religious tenets.

- Complaints may be filed with the Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission. Available remedies include back pay and court orders to stop discrimination.

Public Accommodations

- Public accommodations such as restaurants, hotels, theaters, doctors' offices, pharmacies, retail stores, museums, libraries, parks, private schools, and day care centers, may not discriminate on the basis of disability, effective January 26, 1992. Private clubs and religious organizations are exempt.

- Reasonable changes in policies, practices, and procedures must be made to avoid discrimination.

- Auxiliary aids and services must be provided to individuals with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities so that they can have equal opportunity to participate or benefit, unless an undue burden would result.

- Physical barriers in existing facilities must be removed if removal is readily achievable (i.e., easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense). If not, alternative methods of providing the services must be offered, if those methods are readily achievable.

- All new construction in public accommodations, as well as in "commercial facilities" such as office buildings, must be accessible. Elevators are generally not required in buildings under three stories or with fewer than 3,000 square feet per floor, unless the building is a shopping center, mall, or a professional office of a health care provider.

- Alterations must be accessible. When alterations to primary function areas are made, an accessible path of travel to the altered area (and the bathrooms, telephones and drinking fountains serving that area) must be provided to the extent that the added accessibility costs are not disproportionate to the overall cost of the alterations. Elevators are required as described above.

- Entities such as hotels that also offer transportation generally must provide equivalent transportation service to individuals with disabilities. New fixed-route vehicles ordered on or after August 26, 1990, capable of carrying more than 16 passengers, must be accessible.

- Public accommodations may not discriminate against an individual or entity because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual or entity is known to have a relationship or association.

- Individuals may bring private lawsuits to obtain court orders to stop discrimination, but money damages cannot be awarded.

- Individuals can also file complaints with the U.S. attorney general who may file lawsuits to stop discrimination and obtain money damages and penalties.

Transportation

— *Public bus systems*

- New buses ordered on or after August 26, 1990, must be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

- Transit authorities must provide comparable paratransit or other special transportation services to individuals with disabilities who cannot use fixed route bus services, unless an undue burden would result.

- New bus stations must be accessible. Alterations to existing stations must be accessible. When alterations to primary function areas are made, an accessible path of travel to the altered area (and the bathrooms, telephones and drinking fountains serving that area) must be provided to the extent that the added accessibility costs are not disproportionate to the overall cost of the alterations.

- Individuals may file complaints with the Department of Transportation or bring private lawsuits.

— *Public rail systems*

- New rail vehicles ordered on or after August 26, 1990, must be accessible.

- Existing rail systems must have one accessible car per train by July 26, 1995.

- New rail stations must be accessible. As with new bus stations, alterations to existing rail stations must be made in an accessible manner.

- Existing "key stations" in rapid rail, commuter rail, and light rail systems must be made accessible by July 26, 1993, unless an extension of up to 20 years is granted (30 years, in some cases, for rapid and light rail).

- Existing intercity rail stations (Amtrak) must be made accessible by July 26, 2010.

- Individuals may file complaints with the Department of Transportation or bring private lawsuits.

— *Privately operated bus and van companies*

- New over-the-road buses ordered on or after July 26, 1996 (July 26, 1997, for small companies),

must be accessible. After completion of a study, the President may extend the deadline by one year, if appropriate.

- Other new vehicles, such as vans, must be accessible, unless the transportation company provides service to individuals with disabilities that is equivalent to that operated for the general public.

- Other private transportation operations, including station facilities, must meet the requirements for public accommodations.

- Individuals may file complaints with the U.S. attorney general or bring private lawsuits under the public accommodations procedures.

State and Local Government Operations

- State or local governments may not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities. All government facilities, service, and communications must be accessible consistent with the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

- Individuals may file complaints with federal agencies to be designated by the U.S. attorney general or bring private lawsuits.

Telecommunications Relay Services

- Companies offering telephone service to the general public must offer telephone relay services to individuals who use telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD's) or similar devices.

- Individuals may file complaints with the Federal Communications Commission.

It is now a paramount importance that the federal government carefully craft regulations to implement this new law so that those it is intended to help are properly served while the interests of American business and the economy are appropriately and wisely guarded. By so doing the well-being of both American's disabled and the American system of free enterprise will be furthered.

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VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AMENDMENTS OF 1990 (H.R. 4087)

This bill introduced by Rep. Tim Penny (D-Minn.) would expand the duties of Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists (DVOPs) and Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) to

allow them to provide services to individuals who are within 180 days of the estimated date of discharge or release from active duty.

The Veterans Benefits Amendment Act of 1990 (*Public Law 101-237*) directed the Departments of Labor (DOL), Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DOD) to set up a pilot program to furnish employment and training information and services to members of the armed services on active duty who are within 180 days of discharge or release from active duty (provided their discharge is other than dishonorable).

However, it does not give DVOPs and LVERs explicit authority to serve those who are still on active duty. The bill also establishes an advisory committee on veterans employment and training to replace DOL's Committee on Veterans Employment. The new committee will be tasked with assessing the employment and training needs of veterans; determining the extent to which the programs and activities of labor are meeting such needs; and report on and make recommendations regarding such employment and training needs of veterans.

**Veterans Recruitment Authority
Act of 1990 (H.R. 4088)**

Introduced by Penny and Rep. Chris Smith (N.J.), this bill expands the Veterans Readjustment Appointment (VRA) program and removes its December 31, 1993, termination date, making it a permanent program.

The VRA gives preference to veterans in federal hiring. Specifically, the bill establishes lifetime VRA eligibility for veterans of the Vietnam era, service-connected disabled veterans and veterans who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized.

Non-disabled post-Vietnam era veterans would be eligible for a VRA appointment for five years after the date of enactment or five years from the date of discharge from the armed forces, whichever is later.

In addition, the bill includes provisions to eliminate the current educational restriction prohibiting a non-disabled veteran of the Vietnam era for qualifying as a VRA appointee if he or she has over 16 years of education; provides VRA hiring preference for service-connected disabled veterans over other eligible veterans; affords training for VRA appointees on a case-by-case basis; removes the maximum GS-9 grade level restriction for VRA appointment; and abolishes the requirement that VRA

appointees be on the job two years before being eligible for conversion to competitive status.

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**VETERANS EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL
COUNSELING AMENDMENTS OF 1990
(H.R. 4089)**

Currently, VA administers several educational and vocational counseling programs for qualified veterans. H.R. 4089, introduced by Rep. Tim Penny and Rep. Chris Smith, extends the eligibility of these programs to those members of the armed forces who are within 180 days of receiving a discharge; those being released from active duty; and veterans who are not eligible for education benefits and who were discharged and released from active duty within the last year.

Also, H.R. 4089 amends current law by extending counseling services to all veterans rather than just those who elect to participate in VA education assistance programs.

**Veterans Housing and Homeless
Amendments of 1990 (H.R. 5002)**

Introduced by Rep. Harley O. Staggar (D-W.Va), (H.R. 5002) extends eligibility for participation in the Home Loan Guaranty Program to include individuals who have completed at least six years in the select reserves (including the National Guard).

The bill establishes a fee scale by imposing fees on home loans of 2% of the total loan decreasing to 1.5% if the borrower makes a down payment of 10% or more.

In addition, H.R. 5002 authorizes VA to assist veterans who are in temporary financial distress. In order to qualify, the veteran must currently own and occupy a home secured by a VA loan; be unemployed or suffer from a substantial cut in household income; have their VA loan in default for at least six months; and have a reasonable prospect of resuming full payments within six months. The advances made by VA may be up to \$10,000.

H.R. 5002 also makes permanent the VA program requiring the provision of information and counseling to veterans who default on VA guaranteed home loans; directs VA to carry out a demonstration program to look into the feasibility of adjustable rate mortgages (ARM); and authorizes VA to conduct a 3-year demonstration program into providing therapeutic transitional housing to those enrolled in

the VA compensated work-therapy (CWT) program.

Under this program, VA is to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire up to 50 residences for housing participants of the program. The bill would require that each resident make some rental payment.

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BILL TO AID HOMELESS VETERANS

The Senate approved legislation introduced by Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) to help homeless veterans by establishing residential treatment programs using existing government funds.

"This amendment, without additional cost to the taxpayer, will allow the VA to provide transitional housing for our homeless veterans, men and women who have faithfully served our nation and who we can expect will be able to profit from these projects," said McCain.

McCain's amendment would allow the VA to receive \$23 million in Section 8 vouchers from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) so that the VA can establish residential treatment programs for homeless veterans.

"The VA's contribution to this joint initiative includes ongoing counseling services, medical care, job training and clinical support for homeless veterans receiving the vouchers," McCain said. "In addition, the VA will monitor and evaluate the cost effectiveness of this long-term housing and treatment program for possible implementation on a nationwide basis."

The joint VA/HUD proposal would grant HUD Secretary Jack Kemp the authority to set aside 750 Section 8 vouchers for the VA's use beginning in fiscal year 1991. At an average cost of \$6,000 per voucher per year, these vouchers will expand the VA's residential treatment ability for homeless veterans by \$4.5 million per year and by \$23 million over a five-year period.

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USO SETS 1990/1991 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The USO and Anheuser-Busch, Inc., have announced that applications for the Budweiser/USO Scholarship Program are available for the academic year 1990/1991. The program is open to all family members of active duty military personnel who have graduated from high school within the last four years. Spouses are encouraged to apply.

Budweiser/USO scholarships are awarded to college-bound students on the basis of scholastic records, test scores and extracurricular activities. The applications must be completed and returned to USO World Headquarters by March, 1991, to be considered by the Budweiser/USO Scholarship Committee. Selections will be announced in May, 1991.

This is the second year of the scholarship, which was made possible by an endowment from Anheuser-Busch to USO.

For an application and complete details about the Budweiser/USO Scholarship program, write to:

USO World Headquarters
Scholarship Program
601 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

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FIVE-YEAR VETERANS CUT PROPOSED

Veterans' programs would be cut by \$3.35 billion over the next five years, starting with a fiscal year 1991 cut of \$620 million, under the budget agreement negotiated by President Bush and congressional leaders.

As to specifics, "Nothing has been decided at this point," said Jim Holley, spokesman for the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. "Nothing's been excluded from consideration," he added.

Possibilities under discussion include expansion and improvement of recovering money from third parties in medical care; ending eligibility for VA home loans 10 years after discharge; and limiting compensation and pension inheritance of remote heirs.

According to Budget Director Richard Darman, the \$500 billion agreement cuts the deficit by \$40 billion in FY '91, which began October 1st.

The budget blueprint still must be passed by both the House and Senate and the tax increases and spending cuts it requires must be implemented in separate legislation and signed by President Bush.

Under the agreement, Pentagon spending would be cut by \$9.8 billion in FY '91, \$22.6 billion in 1992 and \$34.8 billion in 1993. The following two years were not covered by the agreement. Additional costs of Operation Desert Shield in the Middle East also would be handled under a separate spending bill.

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WIDOWS AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

Widows of veterans qualified for death pensions may be granted special allowances if they are helpless, blind or so nearly helpless as to require aid and attendance of another person.

The "Aid and Attendance" allowance is in addition to monthly widow's pension benefits. This additional benefit is not granted automatically; it must be applied for, and failure to file claims will deprive eligible widows of available supplementary benefits. Widows who have experienced serious and disabling health problems since being awarded monthly pension benefits should not hesitate to contact the nearest veterans service officer for assistance.

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WHO PAYS FOR VA?

When asked at the VA briefing on the VA/DoD Contingency Plan who would finance the plan, Deputy Secretary Anthony J. Principi said there was "no funding mechanism in the law" to pay for it. We may have to make a supplemental (appropriation) request" in the budget, he added.

Facing between \$500 million and \$1 billion in program cuts, the VA may be hard-pressed to get federal dollars to finance its backup role. It would require a supplemental appropriation to the VA health-care account.

There are two funding scenarios for the VA. One is the supplemental appropriation, the other a straight-line budget including funding for VA's contingency role. Regardless, VA hospitals would have to reduce their workloads for veterans to effectively treat Middle East casualties.

But the financial commitment would have to be made to meet the necessary cost of taking care of casualties. Another cost is taking care of the veterans already in the VA hospital system. If some of them are sent to private hospitals to make room for casualties, it's going to be much more expensive.

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EDUCATION BENEFITS, FLIGHT TRAINING

The VA is expanding its education benefits program October 1st to include vocational, technical, correspondence and apprenticeship training for reservists. The agency also is reinstating flight training for both reservists and veterans.

Reservists enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill program, along with veterans, already were eligible

for college benefits. The expanded program will allow reservists to join veterans and active-duty members in noncollege education programs as well.

The reinstatement of the flight training program, for a four year period that expires September 30, 1994, is for students pursuing careers as pilots.

The Montgomery GI Bill provides education benefits for individuals entering military service after June 30, 1985. Servicepersons going on active duty after that date enroll in the program by having their basic pay reduced by \$100 a month for the first 12 months of service.

Reservists are eligible for Montgomery benefits if they enlist, reenlist or extend an enlistment in the Selected Reserve for a period of six years or more. No deductions are made of reservists' pay; but before enrolling in classes, reservists must complete the initial period of active-duty training and the requirements for a secondary school diploma or equivalent.

VA programs have been providing benefits to veterans since 1944, but reservists have been eligible only since 1985, when the Montgomery GI Bill went into effect. Through June 30, 1989, more than 70,000 veterans and servicepersons and 170,000 reservists have used Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

Education benefits are payable for a maximum of 36 months. The basic benefit amounts to \$300 a month for full-time training for veterans serving on active duty for three years, or for two years plus four years in the Ready Reserve or National Guard. For reservists, the basic benefit is \$140 a month for full-time training.

To receive flight-training benefits — solo training by law is not authorized — students must hold an unlimited private pilot certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. The VA pays for 60 percent of the cost of flight training.

For more information, contact the nearest VA Regional Office. Toll-free telephone numbers are listed in most directories.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

An area that consistently causes concern among supplemental security income (SSI) recipients is, "What happens to my SSI checks if I go into a hospital, or any other institution for that matter?" Different circumstances have varying effects, and this article provides a general overview of how a stay in an institution might affect SSI payments.

SSI payments to a recipient who enters an institution for a stay of less than a month are usually unaffected. However, stays of a full calendar month or longer may affect the payment and, therefore, must be reported to Social Security.

SSI recipients usually are not eligible for an SSI payment for any full calendar month that they are in a public institution. But there are some exceptions to this rule.

For example, recipients who enter public medical institutions may be able to continue receiving full payments for up to three months if:

- a physician certifies that they are expected to be in the institution 90 days or less;
- they need to maintain and pay expenses associated with their permanent residence; and
- Social Security is notified within 10 days from the close of the month they entered the facility.

SSI recipients also may continue to be eligible for full payments if they enter:

- a publicly operated community residence which serves no more than 16 residents;
- an institution primarily to receive educational or vocational training; or
- a public emergency shelter. (Payments are limited to six months during any nine-month period.)

Recipients who are in public or private institutions where Medicaid is paying more than half their cost of care may be eligible for reduced SSI payments of no more than \$30.

Recipients in other private institutions may receive SSI payments, but the care received may be considered income for SSI purposes. This income might affect the payment since eligibility for SSI and the amount of the payment are tied to income levels.

Social Security defines an institution as "an establishment that makes available some treatment or services in addition to food and shelter to four or more persons who are not related to the proprietor." In other words, a facility is an institution if, in addition to food and shelter, it provides any article or activity which in any way benefits the individual's physical or emotional well-being. City or county rest homes, half-way houses and hospitals are all considered institutions; hotels, motels and boarding-houses are not.

As mentioned earlier, different circumstances have varying effects on SSI payments. That's why we encourage SSI recipients to tell us right away whenever they have to go into an institution. That way we can explain how their specific situation will

affect their payments and, most importantly, help them avoid possible overpayments.

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QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q. Have there been some changes in VA's home loan program regarding the guaranty amount?

A. New legislation, effective January 1, 1990, provides increased federal guaranties for larger mortgages. For new mortgages that exceed \$144,000, VA will provide guaranties to lenders for 25 percent of the loan, up to a maximum of \$46,000.

Q. Can a veteran get a VA-guaranteed loan to purchase a condominium unit?

A. Yes, provided the unit is located in a condominium complex reviewed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Q. May I use my VA home loan benefit to purchase a house for my son?

A. No, the home must be the principal residence of the veteran.

Q. Is it true that a husband of a female veteran is eligible for the same VA benefits as wives and widows of male veterans?

A. Yes. A husband or widower has the same status as a wife or widow of a male veteran and is eligible to receive the same benefits if otherwise entitled.

Q. May a veteran be covered under National Service Life Insurance and Veterans Group Life Insurance at the same time?

A. Yes. The programs are separate.

Q. I am submitting paperwork to VA for a headstone to mark my father's grave in our family plot. Should I include any documents regarding his service in the Navy with the application?

A. To assist in processing your application a copy of any official document attesting to service in the armed forces should be submitted along with the application form. Please send only copies of documents to the Department of Veterans Affairs (42), Washington, DC 20420.

COUNTY OF LA SALLE
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Veterans Assistance Commission Minutes of September 12, 1990.

Chairman John Cawley opened the meeting in due form. The roll call of officers was taken. Excused were Ralph Adler and Superintendent Martin Rue.

The minutes of September 12 were read. A correction was made on Delegate Joseph Iwaszek, his organization and post were incorrect. A Motion was made by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ron Cummings of the NamVets organization informed the committee that the P.O.W. Day observance ceremonies at Ottawa, would not be held at the Ottawa downtown courthouse. The planned ceremony will unite with other groups in Peoria, Illinois.

New Business: Joe Iwaszek asked about the LaSalle Care Facilities opening date of November 15, 1990, (is that a positive date). Mr. Iwaszek, then asked when the hospital staff and personnel are going to be hired. Mr. Soberrri stated he didn't know, but he stated that Mr. Rue could answer those questions.

Mr. Soberrri gave his V.A.C. Report. Motion was made by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Chairman John Cawley asked if he could start retaining a copy of the report, Mr. Soberrri said, he would give him a copy in future meetings.

There was an open discussion by all members, on trying to recruit more posts to the V.A.C.. The strength in numbers was emphasized by the committee, because it is through our organizations that stronger legislation can be adopted by the joint efforts of our committee, to halt Washingtons future efforts of budget cutbacks.

Motion was made Bob Anderson and seconded by Carl Kirar for adjournment.
Motion carried.

Members Present: Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corps League; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Ron Cummings, NamVets; Carl Kirar, CWV Post 883; Alternates Bob Renz, CWV Post 1229; John Sadowski, CWV 883.

Service Officer James Soberrri

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Ottawa, Illinois 61350**

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COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Local County Court
Room 410
111 W. Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

WALTER J. RICE
Special Agent
646-1551 (Ext. 111)

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September 26, 1990

MEMORANDUM TO: Department Service Officers/Rehabilitation Directors
Department Rehabilitation Chairmen
Members of the National Veterans Affairs and
Rehabilitation Commission

SUBJECT: Change in VA Regulations 38 CFR 14.629(a)(2) - Requirements for Accreditation of Representatives, Agents, and Attorneys

On September 17, 1990, a notice of final rulemaking was published in the Federal Register issuing regulations amending current procedures and requirements regarding the accreditation of certain individuals as representatives of claimants for VA benefits.

38 CFR Part 14, Legal Services, General Counsel, section 14.629(a)(2) is revised to read as follows:

"14.629-Requirements for accreditation of representatives, agents, and attorneys

(a)(2) Is either a member in good standing or a paid employee of such organization working for it not less than 1,000 hours annually; is accredited and functioning as a representative of another recognized organization; or, in the case of a county veteran's service officer recommended by a recognized State organization, meets the following criteria:

(i) Is a paid employee of the county working for it not less than 1,000 hours annually;

(ii) Has successfully completed a course of training and examination which have been approved by a VA District Counsel within the State; and

(iii) Will receive either regular supervision and monitoring or annual training to assure continued qualification as a representative in the claims process; and ----."

As stated, "These amendments are designed to improve VA's ability to assure the availability of high-quality representation for claimants", and become effective October 17, 1990.

A VETERAN OF ANY WAR

a. The term "veteran" means a person (including women), who served in the active military, naval, or air service, during a period of war and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

The term "veteran" also includes a person who died in active military, naval or air service.

b. The term "Spanish-American War" (A) means the period beginning on April 21, 1898, and ending on July 4, 1902; (B) includes the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion; and (C) in the case of a veteran who served with the United States military forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro Province, means the period beginning on April 21, 1898, and ending on July 15, 1908.

c. The term "World War I" (A) means the period beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on November 11, 1918, and (B) in the case of a veteran who served with the United States military forces in Russia, means the period beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on April 1, 1920. Service after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, is considered World War I service if the veteran served in the active military, naval, or air service after April 5, 1917, and before November 12, 1918, for compensation or pension purposes.

d. The term "World War II" means (except for purposes of Loans and Vocational Rehabilitation) the period beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, (July 25, 1947, for certain benefits), except for those enlisting under the Volunteer Recruitment Act of 1945 between the dates of October 6, 1945, and October 5, 1946, in which event the end of such enlistment is the terminating date.

e. The term "Korean Conflict" means the period between June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, for all benefits except that those in active service on January 31, 1955, continue to accrue educational benefits under Chapter 33, Title 38, U.S.C., until date of their first discharge or release from such service after January 31, 1955.

f. The term "Vietnam" means service on or after August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975.

g. Civil War and Confederate Veterans who served between April 12, 1861, and May 26, 1865.

h. Future Dates — The period beginning on the date of any future declaration of war by the Congress and ending on a date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress. (Title U.S.C. 101)

i. Mexican Border Period — May 9, 1916, through April 5, 1917, in Mexico, on the borders thereof or in the waters adjacent thereto.

NOTE: Veterans serving in more than one period of war service may combine their active duty days of service to make the 90 days required for most V.A. benefits.

ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES

The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized by law to recognize certain representatives of veterans' organizations for the purpose of assisting veterans and dependents in the presentation of their claims for benefits before the various boards and adjudication officials of the Veterans Administration.

Individuals so recognized are referred to as "accredited representatives" of their organizations. They are generally full time employees and devote all or a major portion of their time to the preparation or presentation of claims, at a particular VA office.

Most Post Service Officers are volunteers and do not need to be officially recognized by the VA as a representative of a veteran's organization. Department Service Officers and other officials or employees of such organization actively engaged in prosecuting claims on behalf of beneficiaries must be approved by the VA.

ACCREDITATION — Recognized organizations shall file with the VA on the

**PERIODS OF WAR AND CONFLICT RECONGNIZED BY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSIONS FOR
RELIEF ELIGIBILITY**

Spanish American War	4/21/98	7/4/02
Philippine Insurrection	4/21/98	7/15/03
Box Uprising	4/21/98	7/15/03
Puerto Rican Occupation	1898	5/1/1900
Philippine Campaign	4/21/98	7/15/03
Cuban Occupation	12/10/98	5/20/02
Nicaraguan Campaign	1912	1917
Nicaraguan Campaign-Under Vargus	1917	1925
Haitian Campaign	7/27/15	8/7/34
Dominican Campaign	4/1916	4/1924
World War I	4/16/17	11/11/18
World War I - Russian Service	4/16/17	4/1/20
Mexican Service Hiatian Campaign	4/1/19	6/15/20
Yangtze Campaign In China	9/3/26	10/21/27
Second Nicaraguan Campaign	8/27/26	1/2/33
World War II	12/7/41	12/31/46
Korean Conflict	6/27/50	1/31/55
Vietnam Conflict	1/1/61	5/7/75

and other dates approved in the future

Merchant Marine - is not a branch of service

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

As applicable as set forth in the Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 23, Paragraph 3082. Note: Six (6) months training with the Reserves, the National Guard or six (6) months schooling is non-qualifying. It is required that all applicants must supply a copy of their separation papers when applying for assistance.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must show proof of residency within the county.

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of August 8, 1990.

Chairman John Cawley opened the meeting in due form. The roll call of officers showed all officers were present.

The minutes of the July 13, 1990 meeting were read. Motion by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: Delegates were concerned pertaining to the newspaper articles which stated that the LaSalle Veterans Care Facility would not be opened until the latter part of November 1990. Supt. Rue stated that due to budgetary cutbacks by our legislators effective July 1, 1990, a delay has incurred on hiring personnel to start training at our sight. Our Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Illinois has suffered a greater than nine percent budgetary cutback this fiscal year. What this means is that we have a six and a half million dollar building completed and vacant. It is too bad that our staff is not on board being trained for this facility. It will take 40 to 50 days of training before they will be able to totally run the facility. As a result of all of the above obstacles, a guard firm will have to be contacted to secure the place to alleviate vandalism and someone will have to be contracted to make sure all power equipment is operating properly. This is a needless waste of thousands and thousands of taxpayer dollars.

New Business: Mr. Rue said he is going to submit the budget next meeting and they will probably revue it in September.

Mr. Soberri then gave the VAC report. Motion was made by Bob Anderson and seconded by Nick Pacetti to accept the VAC report. Motion carried.

Nick Pacetti asked about 800 numbers for our VA hospitals, Mr. Soberri said he would check on it for the committee.

Supt. Rue advised the delegates to tell their membership who have VA identification cards not to surrender them to the VA medical facilities. If they report to a VA facility and are asked for their VA card for identification, permit the VA staff to make a copy of the card if necessary, but do not leave that facility without your card. Many of our veterans have had their cards taken away and we cannot get them reissued.

Supt. Rue then explained more about the Nov. 10 USO type ball that will be held at the IV Banquet Center in LaSalle to show our appreciation for receiving our Veterans Care Facility. He encouraged all veterans posts to get actively involved in their fund raiser so that should we have to purchase items needed at the facility we would have monies available. Lets remember that all of our VA facilities have suffered grave budgetary cutbacks due to lack of funding by our legislators. Lets not let our facility be lacking in needed necessities. Lets make this facility the model which the State should follow. Your help is needed in this endeavor.

Motion by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio for adjournment. Motion carried.

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Member present: Delegates Robert Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4996; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, VFW Post 1229; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; and John R. Cawley, American Legion Post 237
Alternate James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235

Superintendent Martin Rue and Service Officer James Soberri

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of July 11, 1990.

Chairman John Cawley opened the meeting in due form. The roll call of officers showed all officers were present.

The minutes of our meeting on July 11, 1990 were read. Motion by Sam Maggio and seconded by Bob Anderson to accept those minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: On the question of outside employees being brought in from outside the LaSalle County Area, Mr. Rue said the state will try to fill the positions from eligible applicants. A Group from Quincy will come in to train the new employees at the new care facility.

New Business: Jim Cappellini said he had four boxes of magazines that are to be donated to the facility in LaSalle.

Bob Renz wanted to know if the USO committee had started to distribute the raffle tickets for the ball. Mr. Rue said our office will be sending the tickets out to the posts.

Ron Cummings said Sept. 21, 1990, will be designated as P.O.W. Day. A 99 hr. vigal will be held on the south side of the downtown courthouse. The vigal will start at noon on Wednesday the 19th and continue until 3 PM on Sunday.

Mr. Soberri gave the VAC report of new cases and the number of transports to VA facilities.

Mr. Rue then went over the proposed budget for the fiscal year of 1991. Each line item was read. The Committee made their suggestions for changes in the new budget. When Mr. Rue had finished, it was motioned by Bob Anderson and seconded by Ralph Adler that the VAC commission accept the proposed 1991 Budget.

The Vote carried as follows:

	YEA VOTE	NEA VOTE
Sam Maggio	X	
Nick Pacetti	X	
Ralph Adler	X	
Bob Renz	X	
Al Strozewski	X	
John Cawley	X	
Bob Anderson	X	
Ron Cummings	X	
James Cappellini	X	

The Motion carried.

There was no other new business.

Motion was made by Sam Maggio and seconded by Bob Anderson for adjournment.
Motion carried.

Members Present: Delegates Sam Maggio, Marine Corps League; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237; Robert Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Ron Cummings, Nam Vets; Alternates Bob Renz CWV Post 1229; James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235.

Superintendent Martin Rue
Service Officer James Soberri

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of June 13, 1990.

Chairman John Cawley opened the meeting in due form, roll call of officers was taken. Absent were Sam Maggio, Ralph Adler, and Martin Rue (on vacation).

A motion was made by Al Strozewski, seconded by Bob Anderson to dispense with the opening formalities, due to the fact that not enough members showed for the meeting. The VAC conducted an informal meeting, motion carried.

Old Business: Bob Anderson mentioned that there was a good turn out for the Concerned Veterans meeting.

Joseph Iwaszek of the Catholic War Veterans Post 1229 stated that a breakfast was given for the Lost Patrol on May 29, 1990.

New Business: Jim Cappellini and Nick Pacetti heard rumors of personnel being shipped from Chicago to work at the Care Facility in LaSalle, also questions were asked about who will have priority in admittance to the Care Facility. Mr. Soberri stated that Mr. Rue could answer those questions next meeting.

Mr. Soberri then gave the VAC status report of new cases and the number of transports to VA facilities.

Everyone was in support of the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution in regards to the American Flag burning issue.

Announcements: There will be a Concerned Veterans meeting at the VFW Post in Ottawa on August 30, 1990.

A motion was made by Bob Anderson and seconded by Joseph Iwaszek to adjourn, motion carried.

Members present: Delegates Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; and Alternate Jim Cappellini, American Legion Post 235.

VAC Service Officer James Soberri.

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of May 9, 1990.

Chairman John R. Cawley opened the meeting in due form, roll call of officers showed all officers present.

The minutes of our meeting on April 11, 1990 were read. Motion by Bob Anderson and seconded by Bob Renz to accept those minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: The National Cemetery sited for Fort Sheridan was discussed by Superintendent Rue. The original proposed site at Fort Sheridan does not seem likely and it seems that the site may be located in one of Chicago's suburbs. Mr. Rue questioned the idea on why not locate it at the Marseilles Training Center.

Mr. Rue then talked again about the VA budget cutbacks. To substantiate this topic, a letter that was sent to Amvets was handed out which was submitted to the State Executive Committee regarding the effects of the budget cutbacks and how it is effecting VA benefits. Mr. Rue then emphasized the importance of the needed support from our organization at the national level.

Ron Cummings talked on the resolution now being proposed for flying the POW Flag over government buildings. Mr. Cummings then mentioned about the last patrol. On May 29, 1990 marchers will be in Tonica and he asked if the Catholic War Veterans could provide them supper or breakfast. Joseph Iwaszek and Bob Renz said they will try and make arrangements.

Superintendent Rue explained the hiring process for the LaSalle Veterans Care facility and the F-100 forms used. He explained that the F-100 forms should be changed to read that all veterans receive the preference in regards to hiring.

Mr. Soberrri gave the VAC status report of new cases and the number of transports to VA facilities.

The was no new business.

Motion by Bob Anderson and seconded by Sam Maggio for adjournment. Motion carried.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Carl Kirar, CWV Post 883; and Ron Cummings, Nam Vets

Alternates Bob Renz, CWV Post 1229 and John Sadowski, CWV Post 883

Superintendent Martin J. Rue and James Soberrri, Service Officer

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of April 11, 1990.

Chairman John R. Cawley opened the meeting in due form.
Roll call of Officers showed all officers present.

The minutes of our meeting on 14 March, 1990 were read.
Motion by John Cawley and seconded by Bob Anderson to accept those minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business: None was brought up for discussion.

New Business: Motion was made by Ralph Adler and seconded by Bob Anderson, that the Service Officer be added to the roll call of officers. Motion carried.

Service Officer James Soberrri then gave the V.A.C. status report of new cases and the number of transports to VA facilities. Al Strozewski asked about the two appeals cases, which were denied by the VA. Superintendent Martin Rue explained in dept, the reasons for the denials and the current processing being done by the VAC office for resubmittal.

Mr. Rue then spoke on the proposed National Cemetary, that is currently targeted for the Fort Sheridan area. He then talked on the proposal of the cemetery being located at the National Guard Training Site in Marseilles.

The Superintendent, then reported on the future changes being proposed in the VA Medical Benefits. It was requested that copies of the Legion Bulletin (What Every Veteran Should Know), be sent out to all Delegates and Alternates. Mr. Soberrri affirmed that the material would be out in tommorrows mail.

There was no other new business.

Motion by Bob Anderson and seconded by Jim Soberrri for adjournment.
~~Motion~~ carried.

Members Present: Delegates Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229, Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426, Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668, John Cawley, American Legion Post 237, Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235.
Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33.

Alternate: Jim Cappellini, American Legion Post 235.

Superintendent Martin J. Rue and Service Officer James S. Soberrri

April 4, 1990

Dear Commander Schulte:

I believe it was a year ago at our State S.E.C. when we stood in awe at the word that our VA budget would be short by practically \$1 billion. As I recall, this brought horror to the hearts of our veteran community. The result of such a devastating shortage of funds brought about the following:

1. Category C patients would be denied medical treatment for non-service connected disabilities.
2. A reduction in the number of in-patient and out-patient visits to VA care facilities as a result of discretionary workload cutbacks.
3. A reduction of available hospital beds due to the reduction of medical staff personnel.
4. Many service connected and non-service connected veterans would be required to wait additional months in order to receive prosthetic devices due to budget shortfalls.
5. Non-service connected disabled veterans would be denied medication to sustain life because the VA was no longer involved in maintenance of care. This, we fought hard to turn around because we did not feel that our people should have to die in the streets in this great nation. As a result of our fights, Congress gave the VA a few additional dollars that year.

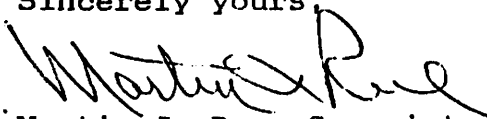
Today I regret to announce that this years projected shortfall in VA funding could be as high as \$2.5 billion. I need not tell you how devastating that will be to our veteran community. I am sure our service officers will tell you of the numerous denied admissions to our VA care facilities as a result of our shortfalls. Let us take a look at what this \$2.5 billion shortfall means to our VA.

1. Category B veterans are being denied treatment. Some of our service connected disabled veterans who are rated less than 50 percent can also be denied for non-service connected disabilities.
2. There will be two fold the number of denied admissions due to non-acceptance of Category B veterans. Does this mean that Category A veterans will be denied mid-year?

3. It appears as though more staff personnel will have to be let go in order to save costs in the total fiscal operation in the VA hospitals.
4. In many instances the VA is denying needed medication and revoking Out Patient Fee Basis Cards to veterans in order to save costs for medication. Some of our comrades are being told that they must seek other means of procuring life sustaining medications.

I could go on for hours, but it would accomplish nothing. Time and time again I have told you that the "MEANS TEST" was geared to destroy the veteran entitlement programs. I hope at this time you, will agree and demandingly tell your legislators to rescind, once and for all, that anti-veteran piece of legislation. We have elected them to represent us, not to destroy our comrades. If we don't take immediate action, it would not surprise me to see our VA facilities fold. I can assure you that our VA staff personnel and our doctors are sickened when they do not have the right to treat those in need of help. They need our help now.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
4th Division Junior Vice

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of March 14, 1990.

Chairman John R. Cawley opened meeting in due form. Roll call of officers showed all officers present.

The minutes of our meeting of 1/10/90 were mailed to all the alternates and delegates in the month of February 1990. Motion by J. Cawley, seconded by Bob Anderson, to accept those minutes as printed. Motion carried.

There was no meeting in February due to the inclement weather.

Old Business: Supt. Rue answered all questions pertaining to our old business.

New Business: Jim Cappellini mentioned that LaSalle County disabled veterans may be eligible to apply for financial assistance through a trust in which Joe Lanuti is acting as executor. Mr. Sobberri further explained the criteria that must be met in order to be eligible. He indicated that quarterly decisions are made on those applications.

Mr. Sobberri then gave a report on the number of requests made for assistance through our office. There were 20 new cases opened.

Our Superintendent explained that the LaSalle Zonta Club was in the process of organizing a fund raiser in appreciation of the opening of our new Veterans Care Facility. The organizational committee has representatives from the Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley area, Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Labor, and units of governments. As more develops on this subject matter, we will share it with you. As it now stands a dinner dance with entertainment will be scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 1990 at the Illinois Valley Banquet Center.

Good and Welfare: Bob Anderson requested the Commission to stand in a moment of silent reverence for Ed Robinson who was a member of the Ottawa American Legion Post 33 and a past delegate.

Members Present: Delegates Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1224; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Nick Pacetti VFW Post 883; Ron Cummings, Nam Vets; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237

Alternates: Bob Renz, CWV Post 1224; John Sadowski, CWV Post 883; and James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235

Superintendent Martin J. Rue and Service Officer James S. Sobberri

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TYPE of CASES For FEB & 1st HALF OF MARCH

Aid & ATTENDANCE 6

PENSION 1

disABILITY COMPENSATION 1

DEATH BENEFITS 4

VOCATIONAL REHAB 1

discharge Upgrade 1

disABILITY APPEALS CASES 2

FBI EXPUNGEMENT 2

EMERGENCY ADMITTANCE 1
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF
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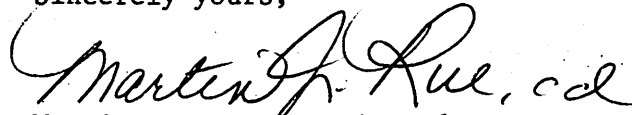
February 21, 1990

**TO: LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Delegates and Alternates
FROM: Martin J. Rue, Superintendent, LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission**

Dear Comrades:

Find enclosed copies of minutes of our previous VAC meeting and special VAC meetings. Due to the inclement weather, February meeting had to be canceled. Looking forward to meeting with you in March.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes from 1/10/90.

Chairman John Cawley opened meeting in due form. Roll call of officers was then taken, all officers were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Carl Kirar, seconded by John Sadowski, to accept minutes as read. Motion passed.

Old business was then discussed. The Superintendent answered all questions pertaining to old business.

New business: It was mentioned at the January 14, 1990 County Board meeting that all elected and appointed department heads who did not have their salaries increased to \$32,000 prior to the last election were increased 12/1/89 to \$32,000. It appears that the VAC Superintendent, whether an elected or appointed department head, will remain at \$28,000. This department head is being paid \$4,000 less than any other elected or appointed official.

We then discussed the applicants for our Service Officer position. After reviewing the resume's, discharge papers, educational backgrounds, it was felt that a special meeting was needed to screen the applicants. The Commission appointed a special committee consisting of the following delegates:

1. Ralph Adler
2. Len Laws
3. Bob Anderson
4. Al Strozewski
5. John Cawley

They will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Courthouse. This special Committee is empowered to screen the applicants who will appear for interviews before the full commission at a special meeting on 1/24/90 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Courthouse. Our Superintendent is instructed to send a letter to each of the Committee men announcing the special meeting for screening purposes. He is further required to send a letter to each delegate at least 10 days prior to the special meeting of the selection of a Service Officer on 1/24/90.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Sam Maggio, we adjourn.

Members present:

Delegates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Lenard Laws, Amvets Post 78; Ed Wroblewski, VFW Post 8232; Carl Kirar, C.W.V. Post 883; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; James Seaton, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman John Cawley, American Legion Post 237

Alternates John Sadowski, CWV Post 883; Jim Cappellini, American Legion Post 235; Bob Renz, CWV Post 1229; and Harold Olsen, American Legion Post 549

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VAC of LaSalle County special meeting of 1/16/90.

John Cawley opened meeting in due form. Roll call of Committee men showed all appointed to the special committee was present.

The Superintendent shared with those present the information that he had gathered from personal interviews that he had with the applicants at the Ottawa and LaSalle Job Service Offices. We then continued to review the files of each of the 15 applicants, after a lengthy discussion the Committee narrowed the applicants to seven. Two individuals had master's degrees and five possessed bachelor degrees. The Committee strongly deserved the right to be interviewed by the full Commission of Delegates from our VAC.

The Committee felt in all fairness to the applicants that each would be asked five questions. They should be allowed fifteen minutes to respond. There will be no additional questions asked by the Delegates in order to be fair to each one involved. The Committee then drafted the questions that would be asked by our Superintendent.

Motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Lenard Law, that the special meeting adjourn.

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LaSalle County VAC special meeting 1/24/90.

John Cawley opened meeting in due form.

A motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Al Strozewski, that Jim Cappallini be appointed as acting Sgt.-at-Arms to bring in each applicant to be interviewed by the Delegates. The remaining applicants would be seated in the hall until their time of interview. Motion passed.

Our Superintendent then told the Delegates of the feelings of the Special Committee on screening as to asking each individual the same questions. He further stipulates the importance of being fair to all applicants. The five questions were then read to the Delegates. They concurred that there were no other questions that needed to be asked. They further concurred that the Superintendent should ask the questions to the applicants. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Sam Maggio, that we adopt the above procedure. Motion passed unanimously.

We then interviewed all seven applicants. One chose not to be interviewed due to the low salary. We then sent all applicants home. After a lengthy discussion of past notes and reviewing of current applicants files, each Delegate was polled as to their selection and their reasoning for the selection.

Motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Bob Anderson, that Jim Soberri be our first selection. Should he not be able to comply with the medical requirements, Lorry Barnes would be our second choice. Motion passed unanimously.

Our Superintendent was then required to send a letter to each applicant who was not selected. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn.

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CARE FACILITY REQUESTS FOR PATIENT Admission

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RECORDS REQUEST

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VOCATIONAL REHAB application

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TRIPS TO VA FACILITIES

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CASE	TYPE	NAME
#1	VOL. REHAB	MARSHALL KELLEY ✓
#2	Aid & ATTENDANCE	BERNARD PAYNE SR. ✓
#3	Aid & ATTENDANCE	TIMOTHY PEACOCK ✓
* #4	Application For LaSalle County NURSING HOME	CHUCK MARTIN
#5	MILITARY Records REQUEST	(180)
#6	NURSING HOME REQUEST	HARRY BOULDER
#7	" " "	BENJAMIN DANNER ✓
#8	Aid & ATTENDANCE	BENJAMIN DANNER ✓
#9	NURSING HOME REQUEST	HERBERT PIERCY
#10	" " "	RUTH ZIMMERMAN ✓
#11	" " "	MRS FURRETT BRADLEY ✓
#12	" " "	MRS. UGENE KEYS
#13	" " "	CEIL DOPKUS
#14	" " "	NORMA RICKETS ✓
#15	" " "	RICHARD SPENCER ✓
#16	" " "	MRS. ALOYSIUS PIERSKI
#17	" " "	LEONARD ZIMMERMAN ✓

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19	CARE Facility Applications	Ralph McDiarmid ✓
20	Records Request	Raymond Kolanoski ✓
20	Records CARE Facility Appl.	Raymond Kolanoski ✓
20	480 Records Request	CHARLES Fairchild
22	CARE Facility Application	CURTIS OGIWIE ✓
23	" " "	CLARA Rosinski ✓
28	" " "	MRS MARY Benbee ✓
24	" " "	STANFORD HANRATHAN ✓
25	" " "	EILEEN HICKS ✓
27	" " "	SANDRA VOWELS ✓
28	180 Records Request	Jim OMAHIA ✓
28	CARE Facility Application	GEORGE Zipay ✓
30	" " "	MRS LILIAN CAMPBELL ✓

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	TYPE		
1	NURSING HOME REQUEST	✓ CHARLIE FALETTI	105 MARQUETTE LA SALLE, IL
2	" " "	✓ CHARLES CLARK	APT 302 300 S. MAIN ST PRINCETON IL 61356
3	180 RECORDS REQUEST	✓ GARY ETHERIDGE ✓	
4	NURSING HOME REQUEST	✓ CAROL VAN DOON	1714 POLASKI LA SALLE IL
5	180 REQUEST OF RECORDS	✓ JIM O'CONNOR	
6	G/A APPLICATION	✓ MICHAEL DUCHUNA	
7	G/A APPLICATION	✓ ARTHUR STIKE	
8	G/A APPLICATIONS	✓ CHARLES WASHINGTON	
9	ADMITTED TO VA FACILITY	✓ NATHAN BARNHART	
10	NURSING CARE APPLICATION	✓ MARK HEMENWAY	
11	G/A APPLICATION	✓ GREGORY MICHAEL	
12	NURSING CARE APPLICATION	✓ WARNER FISCHER	
13	APPLICATION FOR PENSION	✓ CARL HARDING	
14	HARRY RODDA APPLICATION FOR CARE FACILITY	✓ HARRY RODDA ✓	

15. APPLICATION FOR BURIAL BENEFITS
AND GRAVE MARKER.

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#10	" " "	RUTH ZIMMERMAN
#11	" " "	MRS EVERETT BRADLEY
#12	" " "	MRS. UGENE <u>KEYS</u> (EUGENE) ✓
#13	" " "	CEIL DOPKUS
#14	" " "	NORMA RICKES
#15	" " "	RICHARD SPENCER
#16	" " "	MRS. ALOYSIUS <u>PIERSKI</u> (ALDOYSIUS) ✓
#17	" " "	LEONARD ZIMMERMAN ✓
#18	" " "	unknown ROBERT ZANT

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23	" " "	CLARA ROSINSKI
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28	CARE Facility Application	GEORGE ZIPAY
30	" " "	MRS LILIAN CAMPBELL
31	" " "	DANIEL GAYON ✓

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				1 Finance 1:00 rm 242	2 County Development 10:00 rm 245	3
4	5 Coroner & School Service 10:00 rm 245 <u>Fee & Salary</u> 1:00 rm 245	6 ^{Election Day} Finance 1:00 rm 242	7 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	8 Co. Clerk & Supt of School 2:00 rm 245	9 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	10
11 ^{Veteran's Day}	12 HOLIDAY	13 Detention <u>Home 10:00 -DH-</u> ESDA & Leg & Rules 3:00 rm 245	14 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	15 Circuit Clk Judiciary & PD <u>1:00 rm 245</u> Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	16 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	17
18	19 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 <u>rm 245</u> Finance 1:00 rm 242	20 Insurance 1:30 rm 242	21 Bridge & Twp <u>Rds 9:30 -Hwy-</u> Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	22 ^{Thanksgiving Day} HOLIDAY	23 HOLIDAY	24
25	26 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	27 Sheriff & Co <u>Radio 2:30 rm 245</u> Animal Control & Pakrs 10:00 <u>rm 245</u> Solid Waste 10:00	28 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	29 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	30 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	

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3 Finance
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4 County Clk
& Supt of School
2:00 rm 245

5 County
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8 Columbus Day
HOLIDAY

9 Nursing Home
9:30 -NH-

10 Fee &
Salary 1:00
rm 245

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12 Courthouse
& Jail 10:00
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15 BOARD
SESSION
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Home 10:00 -DH-

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Rules 3:00
rm 245

18 Judiciary,
Circuit Clk & PD
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3 Finance 1:00
 rm 242

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 rm 245
5 County Development 10:00
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 Finance 1:00
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9 Fee & Salary 1:00
 rm 245

10 Nursing Home 9:30 - NH-

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12 Courthouse & Jail 10:00
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 Animal Control & Parks 10:00
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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9	10 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250 <u>Finance 12:30</u> rm 245	11 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH- <u>ESDA & Leg & Rules 3:00</u> rm 245	12 Finance 1:00 rm 242	13 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	14 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	15
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23 30	24 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	25 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245 <u>Animal Control & Parks 10:00</u> rm 245 <u>Solid Waste</u> 10:00	26 Bridge & Imp Rds 9:30 -Hwy- <u>Auditor & Recorder 1:00</u> rm 245	27 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	28 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	29 Yom Kippur

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9	10 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250 <hr/> Finance 12:30 rm 245	11 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	12 Finance 1:00 rm 242	13 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	14 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	15
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5	6 School Serv. & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	7	8 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	9 Finance 2:00 rm 242	10 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	11
12	13 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	14 ESDA & Leg & Rules 3:00 rm 245 <i>Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-</i>	15 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	16 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245 <i>Circuit Wide Prob 10:00 rm 245</i>	17 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	18
19	20 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	21 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245 <i>Detention Home 10:00 -DH-</i>	22 Bridge & Twp Road 9:30 -Hwy-	23 Insurance 1:30 rm 242	24 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	25
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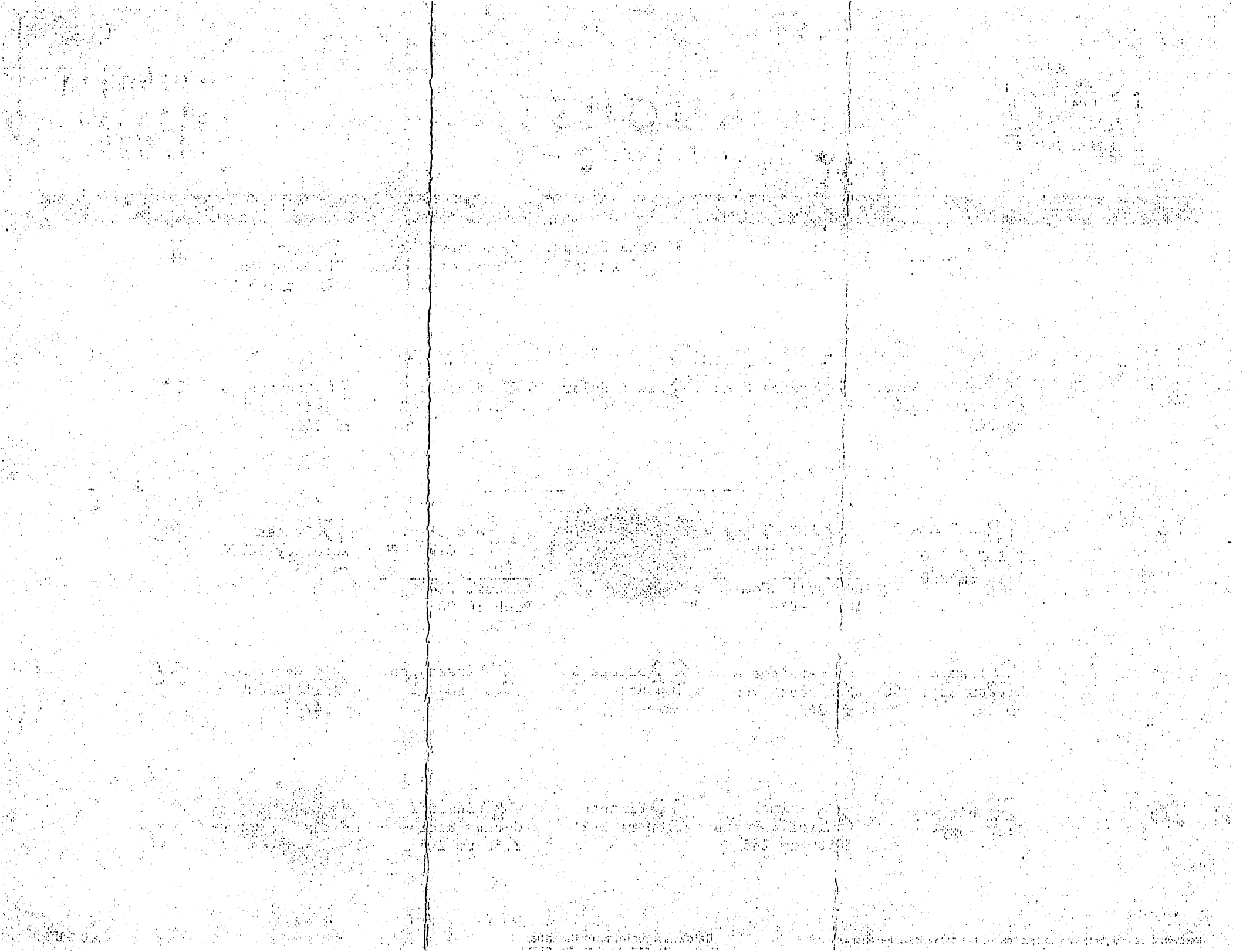
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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2 School Serv. & Coroner 10:00
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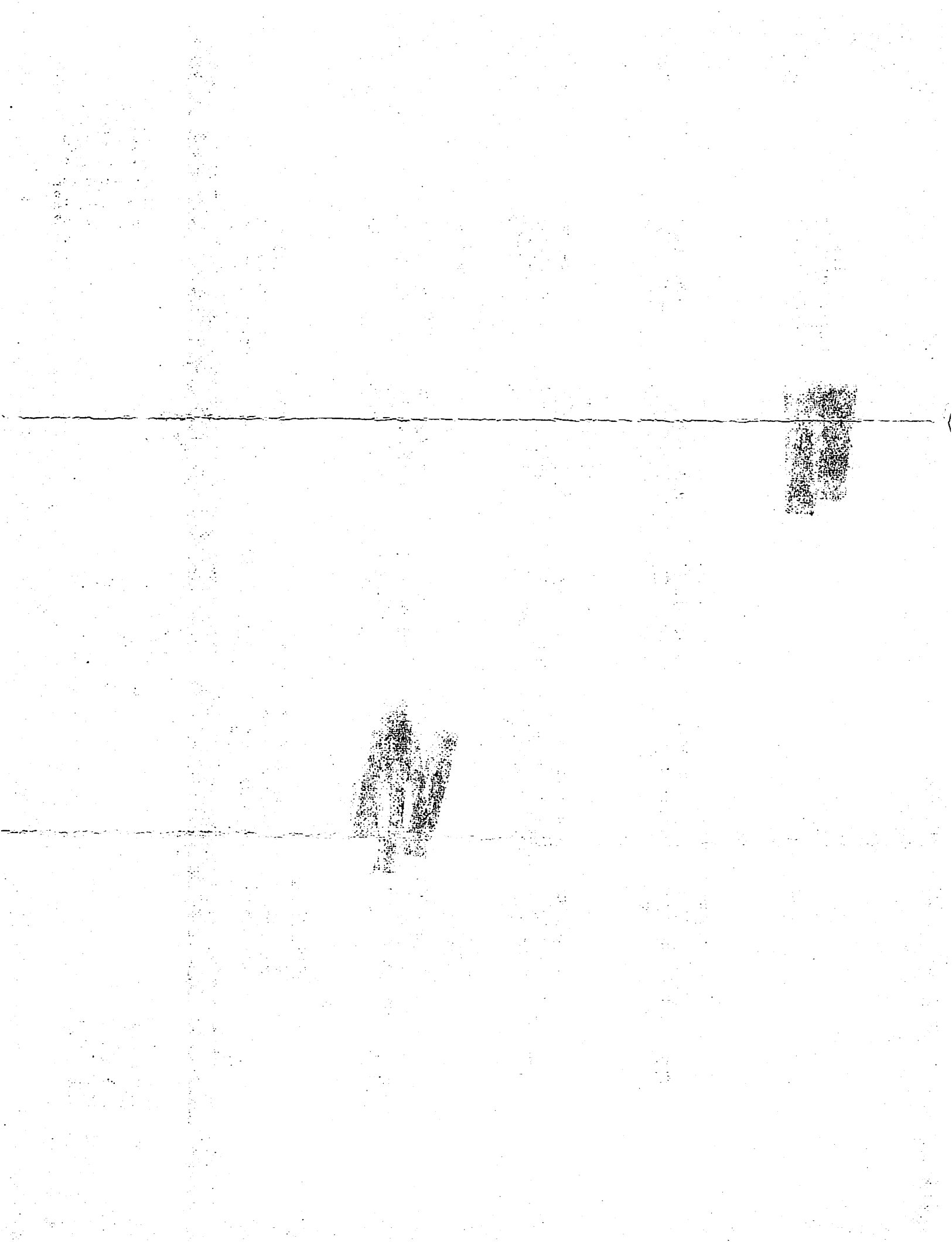
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3 Pentecost Sunday

4 School Serv. & Coroner 10:00
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5 Finance
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Insurance
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6 Fee & Salary
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7 Nursing Home
9:30 -NH-

8 Co. Clerk & Supt of School
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13 Courthouse & Jail 10:00
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14 VAC & Data Processing 2:00
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15 States Attorney 10:00
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17 Father's Day

18 Tax & Treasurer 10:00
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Circuit Wide Probation 10:00
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19 Animal Cont. & Parks 10:00
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Public Meeting
Firearm 7:30
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20 Auditor & Recorder 1:00
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21 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD
1:00 rm 245

22 Courthouse & Jail 10:00
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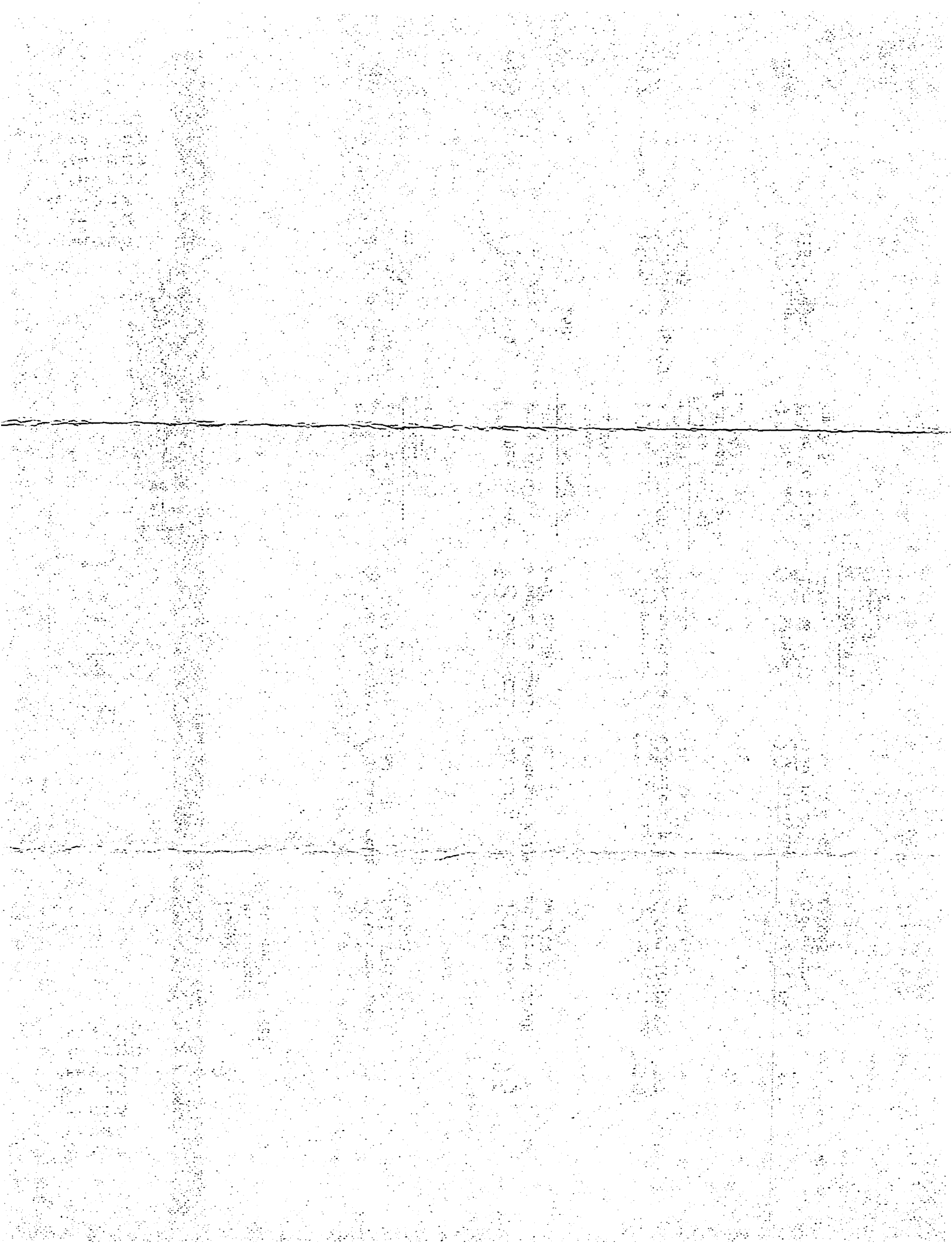
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17 Father's Day	18 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	19 Animal Cont. & Parks 10:00 rm 245 <hr/> Public Meeting Firearm 7:30 rm 242	20 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	21 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245	22 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	23
24	25 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	26 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	27 Bridge & Twp Rd 9:30 -Hwy- <hr/> Recordbook & Printing 1:00 rm 245	28 Insurance 1:30 rm 242	29 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	30



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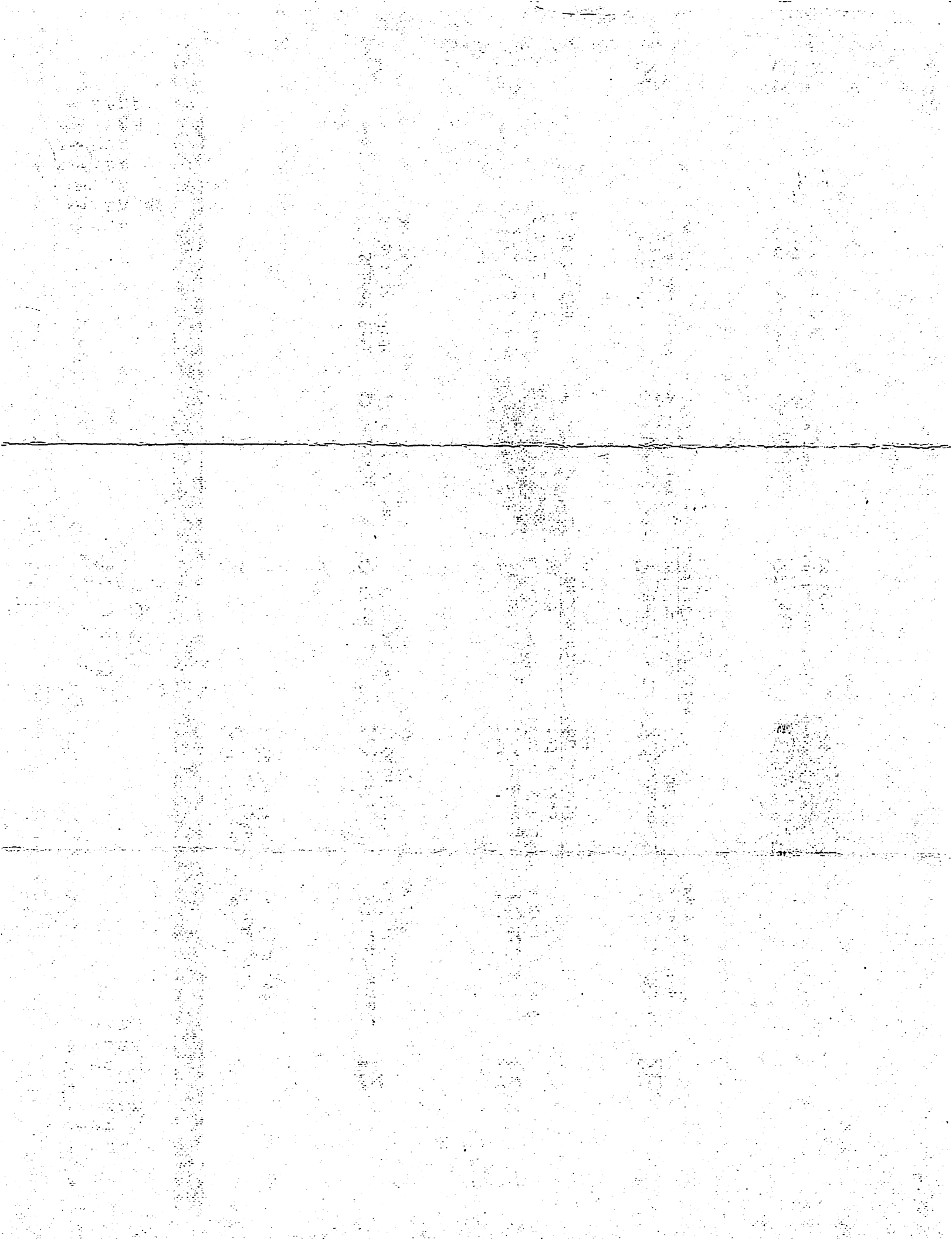
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13 Mother's Day	14 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	15 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	16 ESDA & Leg & Rules 3:00 rm 245 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	17 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245 Circuit Wide Probation 10:00 rm 245	18 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	19
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15 Easter Sunday	16 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	17 ESDA & Leg. & Rules 3:00 rm 245 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	18 Animal Cont. & Parks 10:00 rm 245	19 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245	20 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	21
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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of November 26, 1991

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman John Cawley.

The Roll Call of officers was taken:

Chairman Cawley - present
Vice-Chairman Maggio - present
Chaplain Pacetti - present
Sgt. at Arms Adler - present

Minutes of the September meeting were read. Due to no quorum at our October 23, 1991 meeting a motion was made by Bob Anderson, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the September 1991 minutes stand as read. Motion passed.

Old Business: Superintendent Rue addressed delegates concerns and answered all questions.

New Business: A letter of resignation was received from James Sobberi, Service Officer of our V.A.C. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Nick Pacetti that James Sobberi's resignation be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

V.A.C. delegates and alternates then motioned to find a service officer immediately. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Richard Foltynewicz, that the Superintendent start the procedures immediately to fill the service officer's position.

A discussion then ensued pertaining to a time table for a completion of interviewing for hiring a service officer. It was the decision of the delegates and alternates that public notification of the open position be started immediately, with a deadline of accepting applications for December 13, 1991. That will be followed with a special meeting of the LaSalle County V.A.C. on Tuesday, December 17, 1991. The Superintendent will notify all applicants who passed the original screening of the above mentioned time frame and their required presence at that special meeting. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Richard Foltynewicz, that application for service officer process start immediately with a December 13, 1991 deadline be set to receive applications and a December 17, 1991 special meeting of the LaSalle County V.A.C. be held to have those chosen applicants appear before us. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Cummings reported that the Plano Vietnow Chapter had called him announcing that they would be putting on a program at the LaSalle Veterans Home. To date they have raised \$500 for their activities and are asking for additional veterans groups to assist them with that endeavor. They need additional volunteers as well as cash donations for prizes. Any group that can help can call John Walters at 815-496-2210.

Ron then shared with us the letter from Senator Paul Simon pertaining to lifting of the economic embargo with Vietnam. Senator Simon feels that this will help resolve numerous problems that our nation is enduring. They are as follows:

- 1) It will resolve the MIA/POW issue.
- 2) It would prevent millions of Vietnamese from fleeing in boats from Vietnam which is forcing the free nations of the world to endure additional costs in order to provide for those peoples needs.
- 3) It would help our American investors because other nations of the world are already trading with Vietnam and are exploring the natural resources that Vietnam has to offer. This could help our nation economically. It is no longer to our advantage to continue with our sanctions.

Senate Bill 1348, "The Vietnam Access Act of 1991", will permit us to lift the imposed embargos. Motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Bob Anderson, that our veterans groups do not support S.B. 1438. Motion passed unanimously.

Our annual election of officers for 1992 was duly held. Through the electoral process the new officers for 1992 are as follows:

Chairman - John R. Cawley
Vice-Chairman - Joe Iwasek
Chaplain - Nick Pacetti
Sgt. at Arms - Ralph Adler

Up and coming events that were announced are as follows:

- 1) LaSalle Christmas Parade on November 30, 1991. All veterans posts welcome.
- 2) Peru Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration on December 7, 1991. It will be held on Water Street in Peru, Illinois with 11:30 A.M. kickoff. All veterans and color guards asked to participate. Will kick off at 2 P.M.
- 3) Ottawa Pearl Harbor Day Parade on December 7, 1991. The parade will kick off at 2 P.M. All veterans and color guards are asked to participate. Contact Richard Foltyniewicz at 434-5318 for additional information.

Superintendent Rue stated that the V.A.C. corporate papers must be submitted for renewal. This year they are requesting 6 personnel to be listed as officers and directors. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Nick Pacetti, to add the names of Howard Minnick and Al Strozewski as directors and list as elected officers our V.A.C. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Ron Cummings, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Nick Pacetti, American Legion Post 237; Howard Minnick, Amvets Post 120; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 237; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Richard Foltyniewicz, V.F.W. Post 5506; Robert Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Ron Cummings, Nam Vets.

Alternate James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235.

Chairman John Cawley, American Legion Post 237 and Superintendent Martin J. Rue.

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of October 23, 1991

Chairman John Cawley opened the meeting in due form.

The roll call of officers was taken.

Chairman Cawley - present
Vice Chairman Maggio - excused
Chaplain Pacetti - present
Sgt. at Arms Adler - excused

Delegates present announced their posts selection for V.A.C. delegates for 1992.
They are as follows:

Ottawa Legion Post 33 - Bob Anderson
Oglesby Legion Post 237 - John R. Cawley
Marseilles V.F.W. Post 5506 - William Ballard
LaSalle V.F.W. Post 4668 - Bill Mueller
Streator Amvets Post 120 - Howard Minnick

Old Business: Superintendent Rue addressed delegates concerns and answered all questions.

New Business: Ron Cummings discussed the current attempts of normalization with Vietnam. He stated that there was a signed agreement for peace in Paris pertaining to Vietnam withdrawal from Cambodia. He then stated that Senator Murkowski introduced Senate Bill 1438 which was co-sponsored by Senator Kerry of Massachusetts and Senator Simon of Illinois. This bill would lift sanctions with Vietnam. The lifting of sanctions may be completed by the end of 1992. We must push through our veterans organizations for no normalization with Vietnam until there is a full accounting of our MIA/POW's. It is our obligation to have our chartered veterans organizations notify our Congress and our President of our feelings on this issue.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Foltyniewicz that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Robert Anderson, American Legion Post 33; Howard Minnick, Amvets Post 120; Richard Foltyniewicz, V.F.W. Post 5506; Bill Mueller, V.F.W. Post 4668; and Ron Cummings, Nam Vets.

Alternates William Ballard, V.F.W. Post 5506; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668.

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of September 26, 1991.

Meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Cawley. Roll Call of officers showed all officers were present or accounted for.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Ron Cummings, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Old Business: Delegates and Alternates asked the Superintendent about their budget he had submitted to the County Board. Superintendent Rue explained some of the County Veterans Assistance Commission Board members proposed cuts. This upset many of the delegates and alternates. A heated discussion of options available to the Commission was discussed.

The possibility of obtaining a National Veterans Cemetery in our Illinois Valley was discussed. Delegates and Alternates were advised to ask our representatives and senators to help us in this endeavor.

New Business: Cases that our Veterans Assistance Commission has been handling and our Commission's activities were presented by our Superintendent.

Superintendent Rue explained the Veterans Administration's Home Improvement Instructural Alterations Program. This is available to some service connected veterans as well as some non-service connected veterans.

Our Superintendent was asked how to encourage more veterans posts to attend our Commission meetings.

Ron Cummings stated that the Daniel Borah family was at the Veterans Reunion in Kokomo, Indiana. He stated that while there he spoke with the family members, who attested that there was no doubt in their minds that the picture of Daniel Borah was authentic. He further talked about Major Carr and that he had been sighted by many in a specific area in Southeast Asia. He stated that U.S. officials announced to the national media that they will send people to those sighting areas in the next few weeks. Ron asked the question of why would you let the enemy know you were coming? They would obviously relocate him knowing that they were coming to those areas to look for him. Ron further announced that on October 6, 1991, family members of our Prisoners of War that were recently shown in our state and national newspapers, will be in Peoria, Illinois at the VFW Post 814 hall. Ron and Marcia will be attending that event.

Motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Bob Anderson, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

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Members present:

Delegates Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426, Bob Renz, Catholic War Vets Post 1224, Richard Foltynewicz, VFW Post 5586, Dutch Mueller, VFW Post 4668, Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235, Ron Cummings, Nam Vets of Illinois, Robert Anderson, American Legion Post 33.

Alternates Nick Pacetti, VFW Post 4668, James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235.

Chairman John Cawley, American Legion Post 237 and Superintendent Martin Rue.

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of August 28, 1991.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman John Cawley. Roll Call of officers showed all officers present and accounted for.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Carl Kirar, seconded by Ed Wroblewski, that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Motion by Joseph Iwaszek, seconded by Richard Foltynewicz, that a letter be sent to Cindy Decker thanking her for her service to the veteran community. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Ron Cummings, to draft a letter to Pete Ferracuti letting him know of our intent to hire a part-time Service Officer. Motion passed.

Insurance for our VAC office was discussed. Delegates and Alternates received a detailed explanation of our VAC office and employees insurance status.

Superintendent Rue announced the progress being made by Marcia Cummings, our newly selected Administrative Assistant. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Richard Foltynewicz, to accept Marcia Cummings as our VAC Administrative Assistant. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Ralph Adler, to change our VAC Commission meetings to the 4th Wednesday of each month. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that there will be a Concerned Vets meeting on August 29, 1991 at the Ottawa American Legion hall.

Ron Cummings read a letter from the National American Legion to the Department of Defense. He explained the American Legion's support for the POW issue. He briefly discussed POW Borah case in which our government alleged that they had no fingerprints, palmprints or heelprints of this veteran. These prints were regularly taken of military personnel for identification purposes. The reason this became an issue was that Mr. Borah's sister had her brother's pictures and negatives sent to her, along with his fingerprints, palmprints, and heelprints. When she notified the government of this they stated they could not find any fingerprints of his in order to compare with the ones that were sent to her to see if they were legitimate. The government apparently lost theirs.

The Delegates and Alternates reviewed and finalized the 1991 VAC budget.

Motion by Foltynewicz, seconded by Anderson, to raise the transportation line item to \$25,000. Motion passed.

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Motion by Adler, seconded by Foltynewicz, to raise the New Equipment line item to \$8,500, requesting that our VAC office have a copier and a computer with an external modem, narrow printer and communication package. Motion passed.

Motion by Adler, seconded by Anderson, that the Superintendent's salary be set at \$35,000. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Wroblewski, seconded by Ralph Adler, that our Administrative Assistant's salary be set at \$20,000. Motion passed.

Motion by Adler, seconded by Foltynewicz, that the extra help line item be set at \$1,000. Motion passed.

Motion by Foltynewicz, seconded by Bob Anderson, that the Service Officer's salary be set at \$25,000. Motion passed.

Motion by Adler, seconded by Anderson, that an insurance line item be added to our budget for all our office insurance needs, including errors and omissions and \$13,000 be added to that line item. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Ralph Adler, that a line item be added to our 1991 budget for attorney fees and \$15,000 be placed in that line item. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Leonard Laws that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present:

Delegates Richard Foltynewicz, V.F.W. Post 5506; Robert Venturi, Amvets Post 78; Joseph Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Ed Wroblewski, Peru V.F.W. Post 8232; Ron Cummings, Nam Vets; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33.

Alternates Leonard Laws, Amvets Post 78; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235; Carl Kirar, C.W.V. Post 883;

Chairman John Cawley, American Legion Post 237 and Superintendent, Martin Rue

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of July 10, 1991.

Meeting was called to order in due form by Chairman Cawley.

Current officers of the Veterans Assistance Commission were called.

Chairman Cawley - present
Vice Chairman Maggio - excused
Chaplain Pacetti - present
Sgt. At Arms Adler - excused

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by delegates and alternates. Motion by Ed Wroblewski, seconded by Bob Anderson, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

New Business: Superintendent Rue was asked to explain our VAC office insurance status. After a lengthy discussion motion was made by Bob Anderson, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that our VAC office, superintendent, and employees, should have the same insurance coverage that all other county offices, department heads, and employees have. Superintendent Rue should see that this needed insurance coverage is purchased and that he request a line item for insurance be added to our 1991 VAC budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue emotionally read a letter of resignation from his administrative assistant, Cindy Decker. He further expressed what a great loss she will be to our veteran community. Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Rich Foltyniewicz, to accept Cindy's resignation with regret. Motion passed.

Ron Cummings discussed H.R. 1730 and H.R. 1147. Members present mentioned that both bills were supported by Amvets, State of Illinois, we believe the American Legion, State of Illinois, and we believe the VFW, State of Illinois. Ron expounded on the Truth Bill and stated that what has passed the House was a watered down version. It was attached to an Intelligence Bill which was assured to pass. He will update us at our next VAC meeting. Ron further read excerpts from the letter of resignation of Col. Peck. He stated we should pay particular attention to Page 4.

July 31 at 7 P.M. will be the Ottawa Salute to Service Men and Women. It will be in conjunction with the Ottawa Riverfest and will be held at Washington Park, across from the Ottawa American Legion. All veterans, families, and friends, are asked to be present.

Motion by Strozewski, seconded by Anderson, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

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Minutes from the May 8, 1991 Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

The meeting opened in due form by Chairman Cawley. Roll call of officers showed all officers present. Motion by Sam Maggio, seconded by Lenard Laws that we dispense from our normal procedures and permit Gary Garretson to address our Commission. Motion passed.

Gary spoke at length pertaining to our current position with the LaSalle County Board members. He further outlined the steps that must be followed in order to arrive at a decision by the court. He answered all delegates questions. He was then thanked by the Commission for his assistance in our litigation. He was then dismissed so that we could continue with our committee meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Ron Cummings, seconded by Joe Iwasek, to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Once again the delegates entered into a lengthy discussion pertaining to our current litigation with the County Board. Superintendent Rue answered their questions pertaining to our current position. Motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Bob Anderson, to continue with our litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

The delegates then discussed the cost that the Commission will have to incur as a result of litigation. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Richard Foltyniewicz, that Superintendent Rue request the VAC for the county add a line item to our VAC 1991 budget for legal fees and request that \$10,000 be transferred to that line item immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue then advised the delegates of the VAC Commission that County Board member Charles Klever asked that a copy of our minutes be made available to the County Board members who are appointed to the VAC Committee for the county. A spirited discussion ensued by the delegates at the Commission meeting. It was the consensus of the Commission that if any County Board member wished to read the minutes of our Commission meeting, that they are on file at our VAC office and they could read them there at anytime. Motion by Ron Cummings, seconded by Lenard Laws, that Supt. Rue advise the County Board members of this service that is available to them. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegate Ron Cummings reported on his meeting before the Ottawa City Council asking approval for a sign to be placed in Washington Park to recognize those from Ottawa who honorably served in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. The sign will have printed the names of all who have served from the Ottawa High School District.

The Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley will be holding the meeting at the Marseilles American Legion Post on Thursday, May 30, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

There will be a parade held in LaSalle on May 18, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. honoring those who have served in the Persian Gulf and all other veterans who have served their nation honorably. Any veterans whose Color Guard plans on attending should contact the City of LaSalle immediately.

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On June 22, 1991 the City of Oglesby will be hosting a parade honoring all veterans who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States. They will also pay special tribute to those who served in the Persian Gulf. They are asking all Color Guard who are planning to participate to notify the City of Oglesby as soon as possible.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Sam Maggio, to adjourn.

Members present: Delegates Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Lenard Laws, Amvets Post 78; Joe Iwaszek, CWV Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Richard Foltynewiez, V.F.W. Post 5506; John Cawley, American Legion Post 237 Chairman; Bob Anderson, American Legion Post 33; and Ron Cummings, Nam Vets

Two have pay raise rebuffed

But good news for indigent veterans

By PAT HARRISON
City Editor

Veterans statewide got good news Wednesday when the Illinois House passed legislation that makes peacetime veterans eligible for indigent assistance from the county. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Current law allows only those in the armed services during hostilities to be eligible.

But a La Salle County veteran who was wounded in Vietnam was unhappy an amendment to the bill was struck.

Martin Rue, head of the Veterans Assistance Commission, was lobbying for legislation that would have led to a pay raise for him and other VAC chairmen.

Rue has been seeking a salary of \$35,000 since 1984. He is now asking the county board to raise his salary from \$28,000 to \$32,000.

Rue sought to take away the county board's authority to approve his salary. He wanted the Veterans Assistance Commission to have that authority.

The amendment was eliminated because of objections from the Urban County Councils, to which the La Salle County Board belongs.

"County boards levy the tax for the VAC and they should have control over who sets the salary," said Novak, D-Kankakee.

Rue contends the VAC is no different from the 708 Board or the La Salle County Health Board, which sets the salary for its employees.

Moreover, he said, the current bill's sponsor, Rep. John Novak, D-Kankakee.

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practice allows the county board to control VAC employees through the purse strings.

Another county employee seeking legislation to get a pay increase was also rebuffed.

Tom Setchell, along with other county auditors, wanted his salary adjusted to reflect the state stipends county treasurers and clerks receive. Treasurers receive \$5,000 for collecting tax revenue. County clerks receive \$3,500 for election work.

The auditors wanted their pay to be equal to the higher salary of the clerk or treasurer.

Setchell, County Treasurer John Toynon and County Clerk Mary Jane Wilkinson all earn \$32,000 yearly. With the stipend, Toynon's salary, \$37,000, is higher.

Legislation was introduced but

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failed to get out of committee. Former Rep. Peg Breslin, D-Ottawa, was lobbying on behalf of the auditors.

"I think my salary is fine, but fairness is an issue across the state," Setchell said. "Across the state, auditors are unsuccessful in convincing county boards of their relative worth.

"Although this was unsuccessful, it sets the stage for further debate."

A bill giving county recorders and auditors a \$3,500 stipend lacked support to get out of committee.

BLISS-McKNIGHT

July 3, 1991

Mr. James Bailey
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RE: County of LaSalle
Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC)
Policy ILCM1853 (7/1/91 - 7/1/92) - Governmental Interinsurance
Exchange

Dear Jim:

We have received the copy of correspondence from Martin J. Rue, Superintendent, Veteran's Assistance Commission of LaSalle County, to Mr. Joe Panzia, Chairman of the LaSalle County (Board) Veteran's Assistance Commission Committee, which you sent to us by Fax transmission on June 28, 1991. Mr. Rue makes reference to a court decision which states that the LaSalle County VAC is "unquestionably a unit of government, totally separate from the County Board" and that "the Superintendent of the VAC and additional employees are employees of the Commission and not the County Board." As a result of this the LaSalle County States's Attorney has apparently determined that his office has no obligation to prosecute for or defend the VAC or its Superintendent or employees.

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April 24, 1991

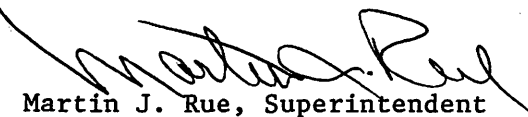
At the request of Charles Klever (LaSalle County Board member and a member of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Committee), I am providing information from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting of April 10, 1991 with the request that Cindy Decker's salary be increased to \$18,000 a year for additional services provided to our office.

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VAC of LaSalle County

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Applications filed since January 1, 1991

Pension - 2
Widow's Pension - 3
Compensation - 3
LaSalle Veterans Home - 3
Quincy Veterans Homes - 3
Appeals - 2
Military Records Request - 6
Income Verification Reports - 5
Overpayment Waivers - 3
Financial Statements - 2
Social Security - 3
VA Loans - 1

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Agencies Contacted (since April 16, 1991)

Department of Public Aid - 14
Veterans Administration - 3
Social Security - 2
Department of Veterans Affairs - 4
Amvets Service Office - Chicago, IL - 5
American Legion Service Office - Chicago, IL - 1
Iowa City VA - 2
Knoxville VA - 1
Peoria VA - 1
Hines - 1
West Side - 1
St. Mary's Hospital - 2
Illinois Power - 3
Congressman Dennis Hastert's Office - 1
Military Insurance - 1
Macon County Recorder - 1
LaSalle County Recorder - 3
American Red Cross (Streator) - 1
Airlines (cost of ticket to Seattle, WA for emergency)
Veterans Voice - 2
Resolutions - 4
American Red Cross - upgrade of discharge - 1
Job Service, Ottawa - 4
Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley - 1
Veterans Assistance Commission Delegates and Alternates - 3

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of April 8, 1991.

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of January 9, 1991.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Cawley. Roll call showed all present. Motion by Adler, seconded by Strozewski, that we suspend with normal procedures in order to discuss the previous meeting with States Attorney Joe Navarro. Motion passed.

Motion by Adler, seconded by Foltznewicz, that Supt. Rue draft a letter to States Attorney Navarro stipulating which statutes the LaSalle County Board was in violation of pertaining to the VAC office salaries. The letter should indicate that the LaSalle County VAC wants a written response stipulating that normally the St. Attorney Office would represent our Department in most litigation, but under the current circumstances in which the litigations involves the VAC and the County Board that he would not be able to represent us due to State Statutes. The State Attorney Office would further be in a direct conflict of interest should they try and represent two separate units of government. We need this letter to further the litigation in order for us to petition the court to appoint a special attorney to represent our interest. Motion passed.

Motion by Maggio, seconded by Anderson, that we resume our normal meeting procedures. Motion passed.

Motion by Pacetti, seconded by Shelton, that we accept minutes as read. Motion passed.

Supt. Rue gave a lengthy report pertaining to the office procedures. He noted that there has been a large influx of people having problems with state and federal government agencies. He further discussed legislation pertaining to needs for a national cemetery, Spousal Impoverishment Act, and State Veteran Preference in Hiring Statutes.

Motion by Adler, seconded by Strozewski, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

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Alternates: Mike Shelton, V.F.W. Post 5506; James Cappellini, American Legion Post 235

Chairman John Cawley, American Legion Post 237 and Superintendent, Martin Rue

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: back in October of 1988 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs announced that the State of Illinois was in dire need of a Veterans National Cemetery, and

WHEREAS: there was a requirement of three hundred acres of land needed to be considered eligible to bid on that public works project and the counties considered are five in number of which LaSalle County was one of the five, and

WHEREAS: the United States Department of Veterans Affairs primary concern was to centrally locate this National Cemetery to most judiciously provide the most equitable service to the greatest percentage of the Illinois veteran community, and

WHEREAS: where ever there is a Veteran Home Program in a state there is to be either a State or National Veterans Cemetery in close proximity, and

WHEREAS: there are two Veterans Home Programs in north central Illinois, one in the City of LaSalle and the other in the City of Mantino, which would place the town of Marseilles in LaSalle County central to servicing the needs of ninety percent of our Illinois veteran community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we go back to the originally requested 300 acres of land and permit LaSalle County to bid on this Public Works Project and provide the location to suffice the needs of the greater percentage of the veterans in the State of Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be sent to V.A. Secretary Edward Derwinski, Congressman Dennis Hastert, Senator Paul Simon, Senator Alan Dixon, Governor James Edgar, and Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Bob Pochard.

Sincerely yours,

Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley

R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS: on January 12, 1991 the United States Congress voted to permit our President to do whatever must be done to invoke the United Nations resolutions and liberate Kuwait. This for all practical reasons is a declaration of war against Iraq.

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Minutes from the May 8, 1991 Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

The meeting opened in due form by Chairman Cawley. Roll call of officers showed all officers present. Motion by Sam Maggio, seconded by Lenard Laws that we dispense from our normal procedures and permit Gary Garretson to address our Commission. Motion passed.

Gary spoke at length pertaining to our current position with the LaSalle County Board members. He further outlined the steps that must be followed in order to arrive at a decision by the court. He answered all delegates questions. He was then thanked by the Commission for his assistance in our litigation. He was then dismissed so that we could continue with our committee meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Ron Cummings, seconded by Joe Iwasek, to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Once again the delegates entered into a lengthy discussion pertaining to our current litigation with the County Board. Superintendent Rue answered their questions pertaining to our current position. Motion by Ralph Adler, seconded by Bob Anderson, to continue with our litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

The delegates then discussed the cost that the Commission will have to incur as a result of litigation. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Richard Foltyniewicz, that Superintendent Rue request the VAC for the county add a line item to our VAC 1991 budget for legal fees and request that \$10,000 be transferred to that line item immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Rue then advised the delegates of the VAC Commission that County Board member Charles Klever asked that a copy of our minutes be made available to the County Board members who are appointed to the VAC Committee for the county. A spirited discussion ensued by the delegates at the Commission meeting. It was the consensus of the Commission that if any County Board member wished to read the minutes of our Commission meeting, that they are on file at our VAC office and they could read them there at anytime. Motion by Ron Cummings, seconded by Lenard Laws, that Supt. Rue advise the County Board members of this service that is available to them. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegate Ron Cummings reported on his meeting before the Ottawa City Council asking approval for a sign to be placed in Washington Park to recognize those from Ottawa who honorably served in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. The sign will have printed the names of all who have served from the Ottawa High School District.

The Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley will be holding the meeting at the Marseilles American Legion Post on Thursday, May 30, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

There will be a parade held in LaSalle on May 18, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. honoring those who have served in the Persian Gulf and all other veterans who have served their nation honorably. Any veterans whose Color Guard plans on attending should contact the City of LaSalle immediately.

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On June 22, 1991 the City of Oglesby will be hosting a parade honoring all veterans who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States. They will also pay special tribute to those who served in the Persian Gulf. They are asking all Color Guard who are planning to participate to notify the City of Oglesby as soon as possible.

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Sam Maggio, to adjourn.

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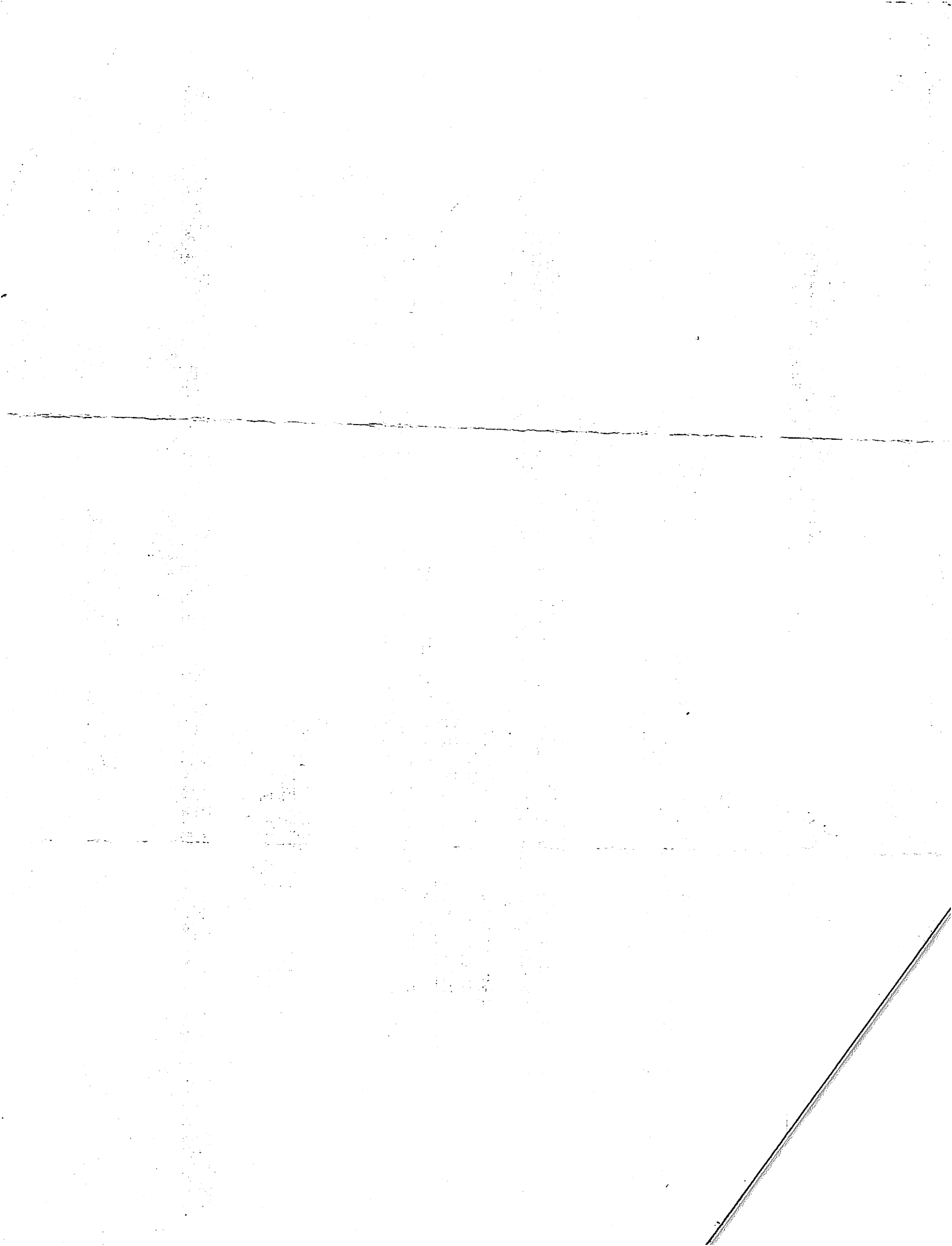
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17	18 <hr/> Finance 1:00 rm 242	19 Detention Home 10:00 -DH- <hr/> Animal Cont & Parks 10:00 rm 245	20 ESDA & Leg & Rules 2:30 <hr/> rm 245 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	21 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 <hr/> rm 242 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	22 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250	23 County License 6:00 rm 245
24	25 Highway 1:30 -Hwy- <hr/> Insurance 2:00 rm 242	26 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30 rm 245	27 Bridge & Twp Rd 9:30 -Hwy-	28 ^{Thanksgiving Day} H O L I D A Y	29 H O L I D A Y	30

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 County Development 2
10:00 rm 245

3 4 School Serv & Coroner 10:00
 5 ^{Election Day} Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245
 Nursing Home 9:30 NH
 6 Co. Clerk & Supt of School 10:00 rm 245
 Finance 1:00 rm 242
 7 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250
 8 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242
 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245
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10 11 ^{Veteran's Day} H O L I D A Y
 12 13 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245
 14 Circuit Clk & Judiciary & PD 1:00 rm 245
 15 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245
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17 18 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245
 19 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-
 Animal Cont & Parks 10:00 rm 245
 20 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245
 21 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242
 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245
 22 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250
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24 25 Highway 1:30 -Hwy- Insurance 2:00 rm 242
 26 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30 rm 245
 27 Bridge & Twp Rd 9:30 -Hwy-
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1 County Development 10:00 rm 245	2
3	4 School Serv & Coroner 10:00	5 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245 <small>Election Day</small>	6 Co. Clerk & Supt of School 10:00 rm 245 Finance 1:00 rm 242	7 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250	8 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	9
10	11 H O L I D A Y <small>Veteron's Day</small>	12 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	13 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	14 Circuit Clk & Judiciary & PD 1:00 rm 245	15 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	16
17	18 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	19 Detention Home 10:00 -DH- Animal Cont & Parks 10:00 rm 245	20 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	21 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	22 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250	23
24	25 Highway 1:30 -Hwy- Insurance 2:00 rm 242	26 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30 rm 245	27 Bridge & Twp Rd 9:30 -Hwy-	28 Thanksgiving Day H O L I D A Y	29 H O L I D A Y	30

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Health Serv. & Coroner 10:00
rm 245

2 Fee & Salary 1:00
rm 245

3 Co Clerk & Supt of Schools 10:00
rm 245

4 County Development 10:00
rm 245

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7 BOARD SESSION
1:00 rm 250

8 Finance 1:30
rm 242

9 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00
rm 245

10 VAC & Data Processing 2:00
rm 245

Public Aid
9:00 rm 245

11 Courthouse & Jail 1:30
rm 242

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14 ^{Columbus Day}
HOLIDAY

15 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-

16 Auditor & Recorder 1:00
rm 245

Finance 1:30
rm 242

Circuit Wide
10:00

17 Circuit Clk Judiciary & PD 1:00
rm 245

18 States Attorney 10:00
rm 245

Finance 1:30
rm 242

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21 Tax & Treasurer 10:00
rm 245

22 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-
Animal Cont. & Parks 10:00
rm 245

23 Bridge & Twp Rds 9:30-Hwy-
Finance 1:30
rm 242

24 Insurance 1:00
rm 242

25 Courthouse & Jail 1:30
rm 242

26 County License

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28 County Highway 1:30
-Hwy-
Solid Waste 10:00

29 Finance 1:00
rm 242

30 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30
rm 245

31 VAC & Data Processing 2:00
rm 245

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		1 Health Serv. & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	2 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	3 Co Clerk & Supt of Schools 10:00 rm 245	4 County Development 10:00 rm 245	5
6	7 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	8 Finance 1:30 rm 242	9 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	10 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	11 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	12
13	14 Columbus Day HOLIDAY	15 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	16 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245 <hr/> Finance 1:30 rm 242	17 Circuit Clk Judiciary & PD 1:00 rm 245	18 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245 <hr/> Finance 1:30 rm 242	19
20	21 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	22 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	23 Bridge & Twp Rds 9:30-Hwy- Finance 1:30 rm 242	24 Insurance 1:00 rm 242	25 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	26
27	28 County Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	29 Animal Cont. & County Parks 10:00 rm 245 <hr/> Finance 1:00 rm 242	30 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30 rm 245	31 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245		

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day HOLIDAY	3 Health Serv & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	4 Finance 1:30 rm 242	5 Co. Clerk & Supt of Schools 10:00 rm 245	6 County Development 10:00 rm 245	7
8	9 Rosh Hashana BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	10 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	11 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	12 Circuit Clk Judiciary & PD 1:00 rm 245 VAC & Data 10 AM Processing 2:00 rm 245	13 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	14
15	16 County Highway 9:00 -Hwy- -FT-	17 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	18 ESDA ^{Yom Kippur} & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	19 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	20 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245 Finance 1:30 rm 242	21
22	23 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	24 Printing 2:00 rm 245 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30 rm 242	25 Bridge & Twp Roads 9:30 -Hwy- Finance 1:30 rm 242	26 Insurance 2:00 rm 242 Animal Control & Parks 10:00 rm 245	27 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	28
29	30 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245					

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2 Labor Day H O L I D A Y	3 Health Serv & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	4 Finance 1:30 rm 242	5 Co. Clerk & Supt of Schools 10:00 rm 245	6 County Development 10:00 rm 245	7
8	9 Rosh Hashana B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250	10 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	11 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	12 Circuit Clk Judiciary & PD 1:00 rm 245 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 242	13 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	14
15	16 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	17 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	18 ESDA ^{Yom Kippur} & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	19 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	20 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245 Finance 1:30 rm 242	21
22	23 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	24 Printing 2:00 rm 245 Sheriff & Co Radio 1:30 rm 242	25 Bridge & Twp Roads 9:30 -Hwy- Finance 1:30 rm 242	26 Insurance 2:00 rm 242 Animal Control & Parks 10:00 rm 245	27 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	28
29	30 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245					

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1	2 County Development 10:00 rm 245	3
4	5 Coroner & Health Service 10:00 rm 245	6 Finance 2:00 rm 242 <u>Co Clerk & Supt of Schools</u> 10:00 rm 245	7 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	8	9 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	10
11	12 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	13 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH- Auditor & Record 1:00 rm 245	14 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	15 Circuit Clk & PD & Judiciary 1:00 rm 245 <u>Finance</u> 2:00 rm 242	16 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	17
18	19 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	20 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	21 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	22 Insurance 2:00 rm 242 <u>Solid Waste</u> 7:00	23 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	24
25	26 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	27 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	28 Bridge & Twp Roads 9:30 -Hwy- <u>Finance</u> 2:00 rm 242	29 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	30 Animal Cont. & Co Parks 10:00 rm 245	31

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4	5 Coroner & Health Service 10:00 rm 245	6 Finance 2:00 rm 242	7 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	8 Co Clerk & Supt of Schools 10:00 rm 245	9 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	10
11	12 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	13 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH- Auditor & Record 1:00 rm 245	14 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	15 Circuit Clk & PD & Judiciary 1:00 rm 245 Finance 2:00 rm 242	16 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	17
18	19 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	20 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	21 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	22 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	23 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	24
25	26 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	27 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	28 Bridge & Twp Roads 9:30 -Hwy- Finance 2:00 rm 242	29 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	30 Animal Cont. & Co Parks 10:00 rm 245	31

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 Dominion Day (Canada) School Service & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	2 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	3	4 Independence Day (USA) H O L I D A Y	5 County Development 10:00 rm 245	6
7	8 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	9 Co Clerk & Supt of School 10:00 rm 245	10 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	11 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245 Finance 2:00 rm 242	12 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	13
14	15 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	16 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	17 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH- Animal Control & Parks 10:00 rm 245	18 ESDA & Leg & Rules 7:00 rm 245	19 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	20
21	22 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	23 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	24 Bridge & Twp Rds 9:30 -Hwy-	25 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	26 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	27
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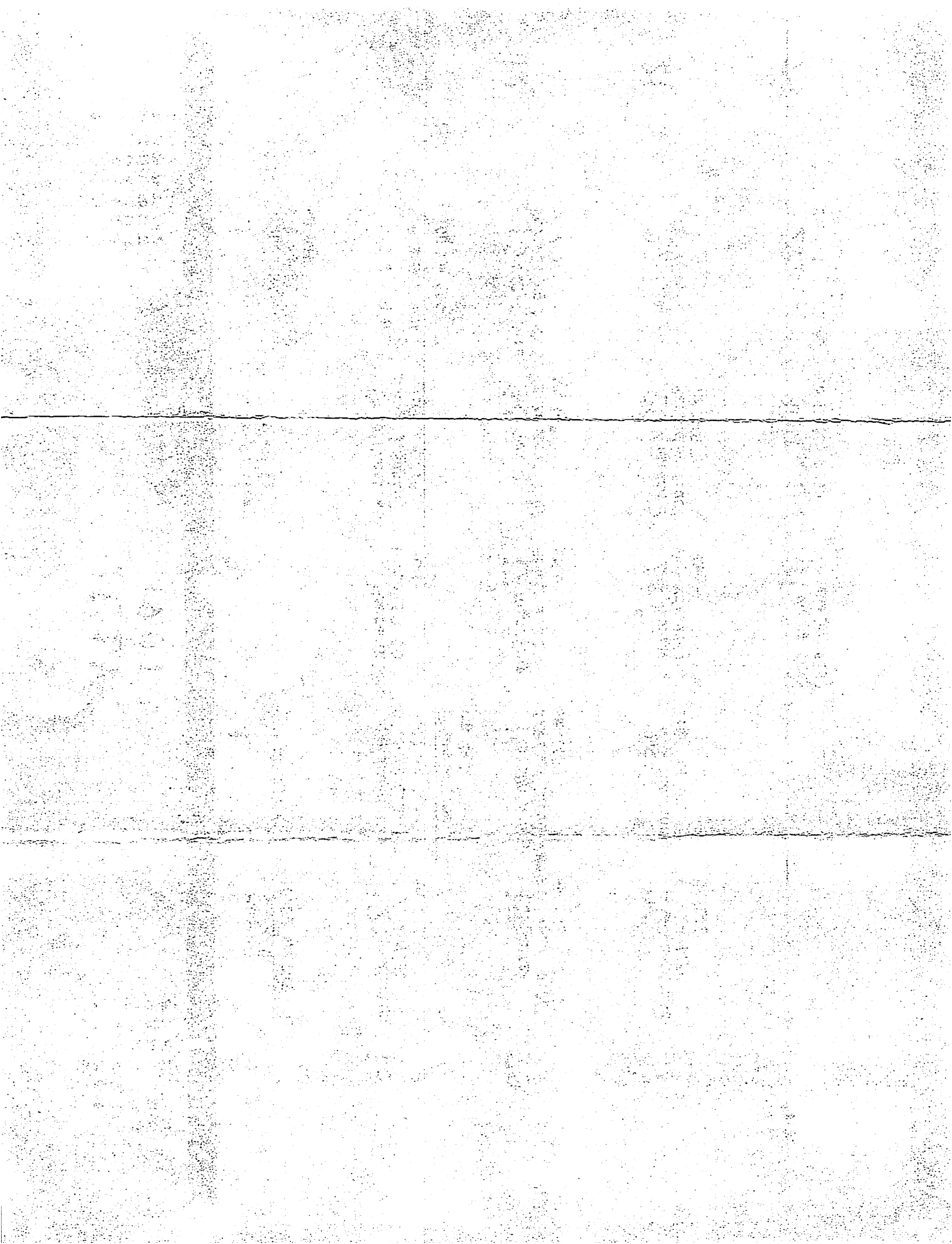
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Dominion Day (Canada) School Service & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	2 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	3	4 Independence Day (USA) H O L I D A Y	5 County Development 10:00 rm 245	6
7	8 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250	9 Co Clerk & Supt of School 10:00 rm 245	10 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	11 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245 Finance 2:00 rm 242	12 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	13
14	15 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	16 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	17 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	18 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	19 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	20
21	22 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	23 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	24 Bridge & Twp Rds 9:30 -Hwy-	25 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	26 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	27
28	29 Animal Cont & Co Parks 10:00 rm 245	30 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	31 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245			



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Dominion Day
(Canada)
School Service
& Coroner 10:00
rm 245

2 Fee & Salary
1:00 rm 245

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4 Independence Day
(USA)
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Development
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9 Co Clerk &
Supt of School
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Finance 2:00
rm 242

10 Detention
Home 10:00
-DH-

11 Judiciary,
Circuit Clk & PD
1:00 rm 245

12 Courthouse
& Jail 1:30
rm 242

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Processing 2:00
rm 245

16 Tax &
Treasurer 10:00
rm 245

17 Nursing
Home 9:30
-NH-

18 ESDA & Leg
& Rules 10:00
rm 245

19 States
Attorney 10:00
rm 245

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23 Auditor &
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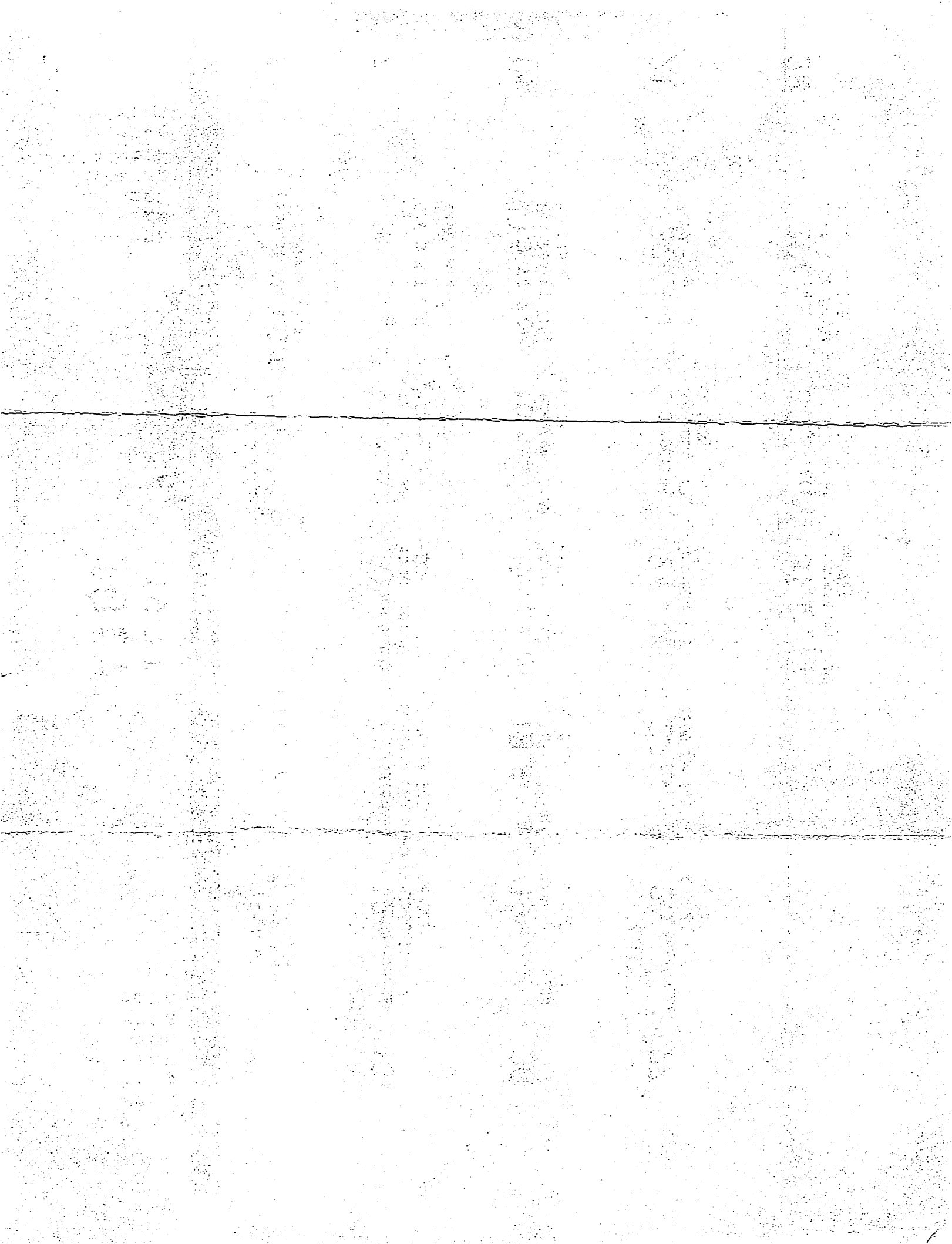
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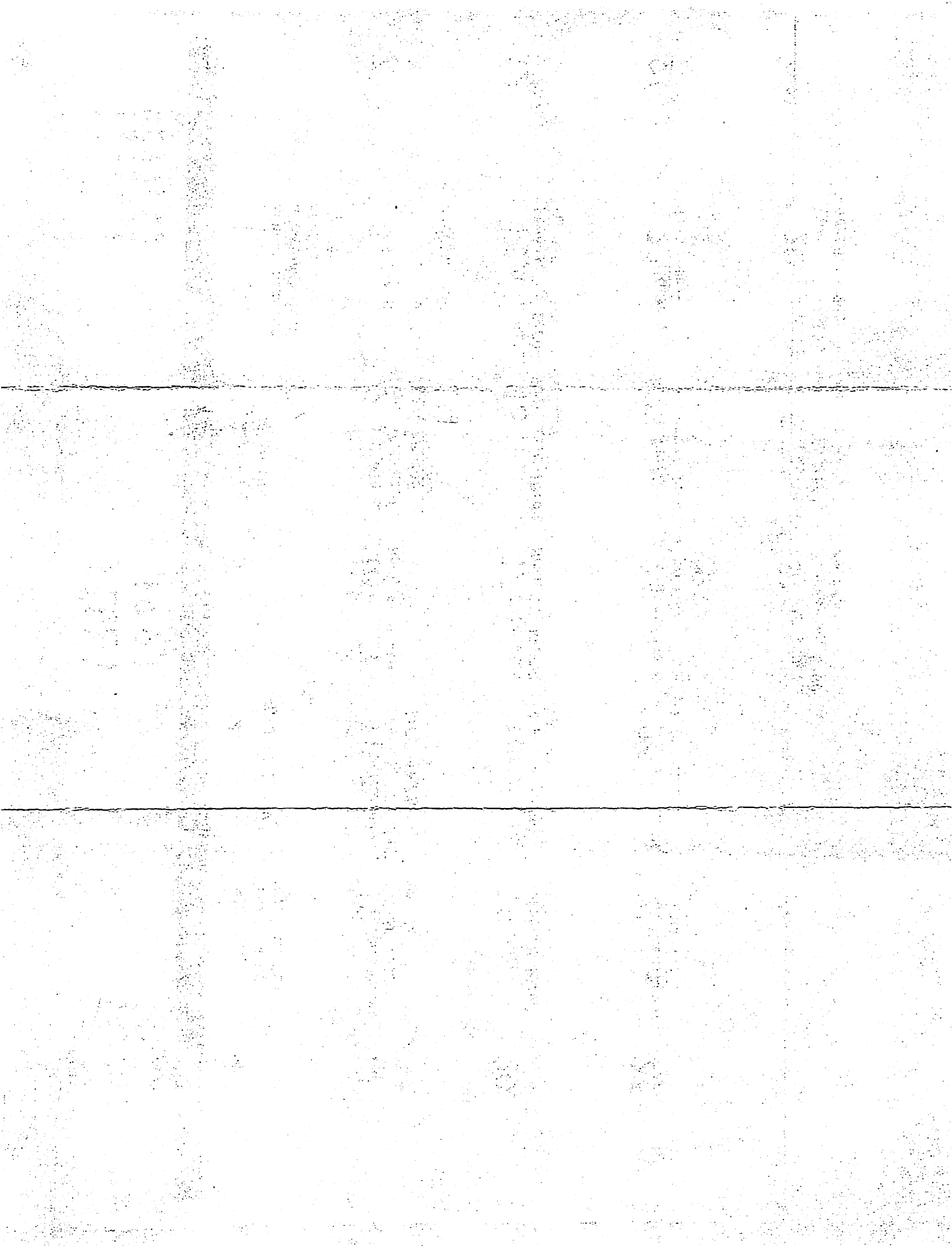
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	1 Dominion Day (Canada) School Service & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	2 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	3	4 Independence Day (USA) H O L I D A Y	5 County Development 10:00 rm 245	6
7	8 B O A R D S E S S I O N 1:00 rm 250	9 Co Clerk & Supt of School 10:00 rm 245 Finance 2:00 rm 242	10 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	11 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245	12 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	13
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21	22 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	23 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	24 Bridge & Twp Rds 9:30 -Hwy-	25 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	26 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	27
28	29 Animal Cont & Co Parks 10:00 rm 245	30 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	31 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245			



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9	10 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	11 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH-	12 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	13 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 242	14 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	15
16 Father's Day	17 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	18 Animal Cont & Parks 10:00 rm 245	19 Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	20 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	21 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	22
23	24 Highway 1:30 -Hwy-	25 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	26 Bridge & Twp Roads 9:30 -Hwy-	27 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	28 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	29
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			1	2 County Clerk & Supt. of Schools 10:00 rm 245	3 County Development 10:00 rm 245 Data Processing & Treasurer 2:00 rm 242	4
5	6 Health Service & Coroner 10:00 rm 245 Finance 2:00 rm 242	7	8 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	9 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH- <small>Ascension Day</small>	10 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	11
12 <small>Mother's Day</small>	13 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	14 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	15 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	16 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245	17 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	18
19 <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	20 <small>Victoria Day (Canada)</small> Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245	21 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	22 Bridge & Top Roads 9:30 -Hwy-	23 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	24 Courthouse & Jail 1:30 rm 242	25
26	27 <small>Memorial Day</small> HOLIDAY	28 Highway 1:30 -Hwy- Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	29 Animal Cont. & Parks 10:00 rm 245	30 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	31 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	

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5	6 Health Service & Coroner 10:00 rm 245	7 Finance 2:00 rm 242	8 Fee & Salary 1:00 rm 245	9 Nursing Home 9:30 -NH- <small>Ascension Day</small>	10 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	11
12 <small>Mother's Day</small>	13 BOARD SESSION 1:00 rm 250	14 ESDA & Leg & Rules 10:00 rm 245	15 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	16 Judiciary, Circuit Clk & PD 1:00 rm 245	17 States Attorney 10:00 rm 245	18
19 <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	20 Tax & Treasurer 10:00 rm 245 <small>Victoria Day (Canada)</small>	21 Detention Home 10:00 -DH-	22 Bridge & Top Roads 9:30 -Hwy-	23 Insurance 2:00 rm 242	24 Courthouse & Jail 10:00 rm 242	25
26	27 HOLIDAY <small>Memorial Day</small>	28 Highway 1:30 -Hwy- Auditor & Recorder 1:00 rm 245	29 Animal Cont. & Parks 10:00 rm 245	30 Sheriff & Co Radio 2:30 rm 245	31 VAC & Data Processing 2:00 rm 245	

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1 Health Service
& Coroner 10:00
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**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

Since December of 1996 our office has been awarded claims filed on behalf of our clients in the following amounts.

Social Security	15
Supplemental Security Income	4
Veterans Compensation	28
VA Pension	11
Burial Benefits	3
Widow's Pension/DIC	4
TOTAL SSA AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$272,292.00
VA AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	275,606.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	547,898.00
State or Federal Entitlements	234 active cases
Financial Assistance	116 active cases

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
AUGUST 1997

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 25 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 6 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 3 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 15 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 25 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 4 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 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 1 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 3 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 0 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veterans.
22. Sent 8 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 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 Records Center for 0 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 9 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 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 4 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
36. Sent 1 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 3 veteran.
40. Sent 0 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded Social Security disability benefits 4/97-8/97, \$5725.00; 9/97-9/98, \$13,740.00 (TOTAL \$19465.00)
2. Veteran awarded Plot and Burial Allowance for Non Service-Connected death, \$450.00
3. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, effective 5/97-11/97, \$926 monthly, \$6482.00; 12/97-5/98, \$5556.00 (TOTAL \$12,038.00)
4. Veteran awarded increase in Service Connected Compensation (10% to 30%) \$200 increase per month, 7/97-11/97, \$1000.00; 12/97-7/98, \$1400.00 (TOTAL \$2400.00)

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5. Veteran awarded Non service Connected Pension increase, 5/96-11/96, \$177 monthly, \$1239.00; 12/96, \$215.00;\$207 monthly, \$2277.00 (TOTAL \$3731.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 19,465.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	321,919.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 18,619.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 356,653.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 678,527.00

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)

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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

Minutes of September 24, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting was opened in due form by Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Chairman Ralph Adler and Chaplain Jim Kirby who were excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek stated that the minutes will be 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 by Bob Westman, seconded by Nick Nekrosius, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Delegate Jack Leininger reported to the Commission about his meeting with the LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary Committee on September 15, 1997. He further shared with those present a copy of the minutes of that meeting. He read the motion made by Mr. Stockley and seconded by Mr. Jordan, "that Martin Rue getting a one year contract and a raise to \$37,840 for 12/1/97 through 11/30/98, the Committee feels this is a just and equitable raise. Carried." After a discussion by the Commission pertaining to the Superintendent's contract, a motion was made by Bob Renz, seconded by Ed Braatz, to accept the LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary Committee's contract proposal of one year at the salary \$37,840 from 12/1/97 through 11/30/98 and to have our Vice Chairman write a letter of acceptance by the Commission to Mr. Hettel, LaSalle County Board Chairman and cc that letter to LaSalle County Board's Fee and Salary Committee. The letter should let them know that we accept the salary proposal and our Superintendent's 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.

A recommendation was made by those present that all our Commission handouts be copied on 8 1/2" by 11" paper. Paper larger than this causes a problem with the Delegates trying to file those reports.

Numerous handouts were submitted to those present. Each handout was discussed in its entirety.

Nick Pacetti announced that the Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley will be held on October 30, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the LaSalle V.F.W. Hall.

A motion by George Watts, seconded by Jack Leininger, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; George Watts, American Legion Post 237; and Alternate Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
OCTOBER 1997

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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 28 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 30 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
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AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded 10% service connected Compensation, effective, 2/97-11/97, \$752;12/97-2/98, \$376, (TOTAL\$1128.00)
2. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment, \$871.00
3. Widow of veteran awarded waiver of overpayment by DMC, \$46.00
4. Veteran awarded Non service connected pension, effective 1/97-11/97, \$434, (TOTAL \$5208.00)
5. Veteran awarded 100% service connected compensation for convalescent period due to surgery on s/c knee, 7/97 through 9/97, (TOTAL\$3490.00)
6. Veteran awarded non service connected pension effective, 4/97-11/97, \$4242.00;12/97-5/98, \$4242.00, (TOTAL \$8484.00)

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7. Veteran's widow awarded Burial and Plot Allowance, \$450.00
8. Veteran awarded 40% service connected Compensation combined for multiple disabilities, effective, 7/96-11/96, \$2490.00;12/96-11/97, \$513 monthly, 6156.00 (TOTAL \$8646.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 000000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 321,919.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 28,323.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 384,976.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 706,895.00

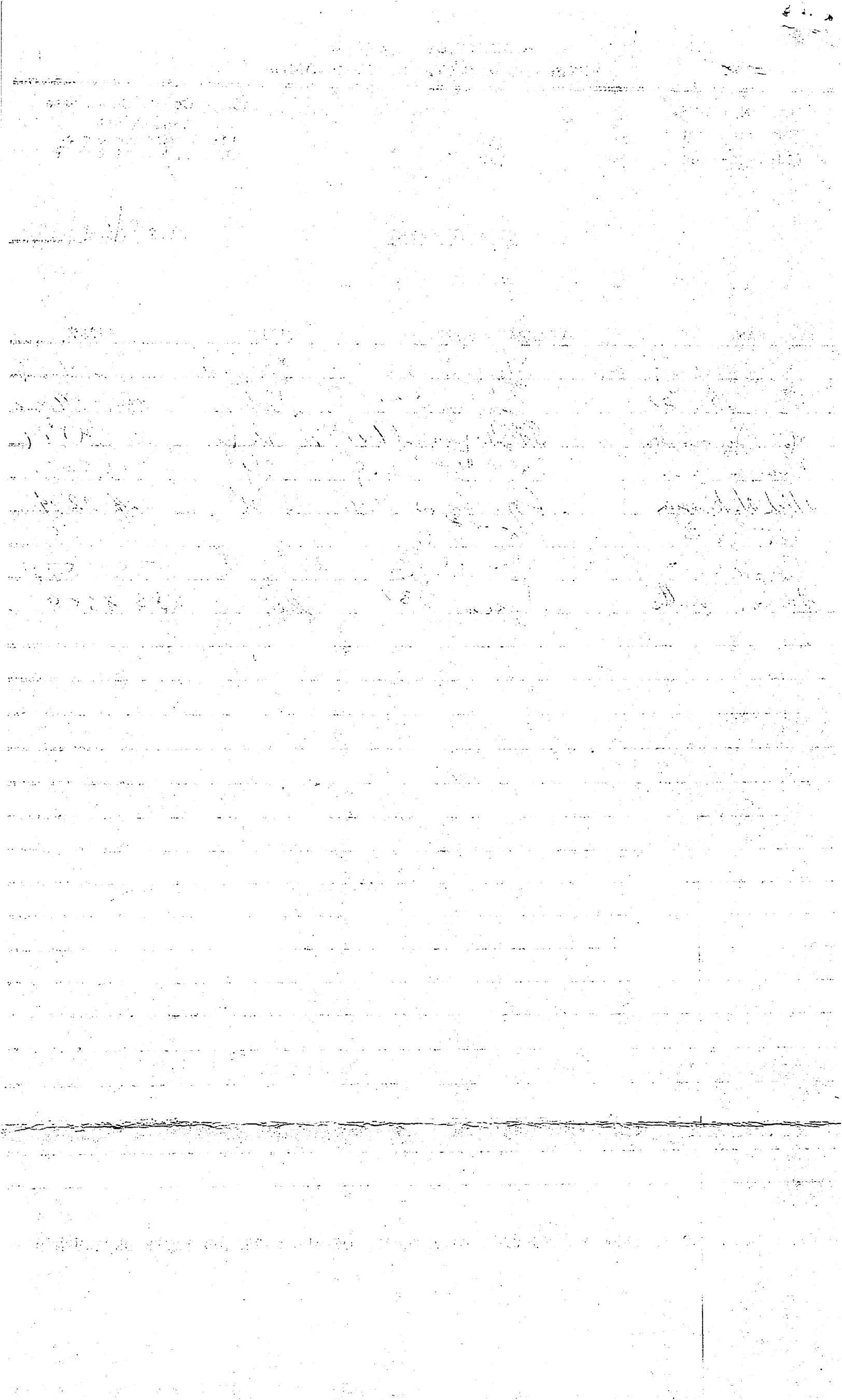
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Minutes of September 24, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting was opened in due form by Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Chairman Ralph Adler and Chaplain Jim Kirby who were excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek stated that the minutes will be 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 by Bob Westman, seconded by Nick Nekrosius, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Delegate Jack Leininger reported to the Commission about his meeting with the LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary Committee on September 15, 1997. He further shared with those present a copy of the minutes of that meeting. He read the motion made by Mr. Stockley and seconded by Mr. Jordan, "that Martin Rue getting a one year contract and a raise to \$37,840 for 12/1/97 through 11/30/98, the Committee feels this is a just and equitable raise. Carried." After a discussion by the Commission pertaining to the Superintendent's contract, a motion was made by Bob Renz, seconded by Ed Braatz, to accept the LaSalle County Board Fee and Salary Committee's contract proposal of one year at the salary \$37,840 from 12/1/97 through 11/30/98 and to have our Vice Chairman write a letter of acceptance by the Commission to Mr. Hettel, LaSalle County Board Chairman and cc that letter to LaSalle County Board's Fee and Salary Committee. The letter should let them know that we accept the salary proposal and our Superintendent's 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.

A recommendation was made by those present that all our Commission handouts be copied on 8 ½" by 11" paper. Paper larger than this causes a problem with the Delegates trying to file those reports.

Numerous handouts were submitted to those present. Each handout was discussed in its entirety.

Nick Pacetti announced that the Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley will be held on October 30, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the LaSalle V.F.W. Hall .

A motion by George Watts, seconded by Jack Leininger, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; George Watts, American Legion Post 237; and Alternate Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229.

Minutes of October 22, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except George Watts, who was excused.

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

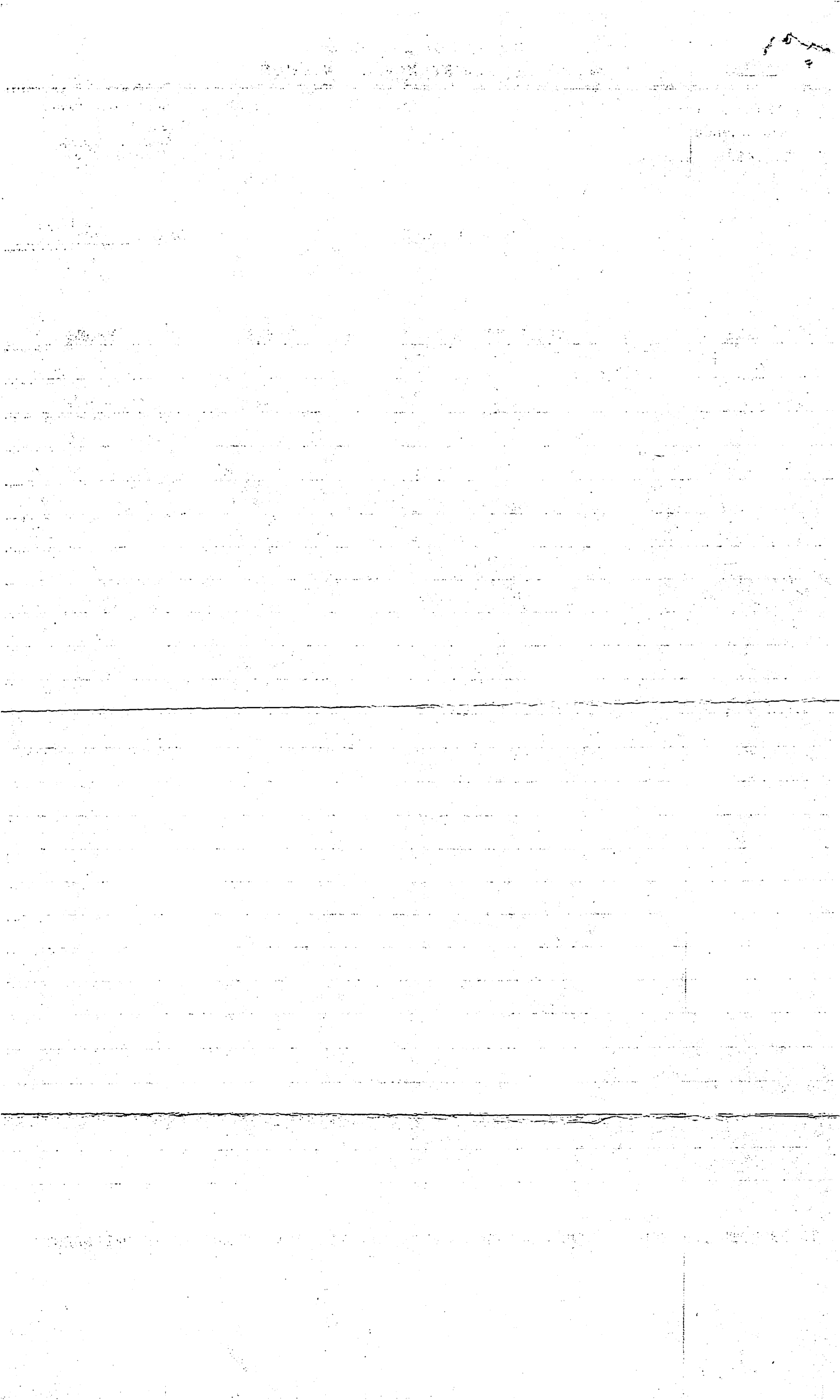
Old business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered.

New business. The Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. Motion by Robert Westman, seconded by Ed Braatz, to accept the Service Officer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Delegate Jack Leininger asked a letter be sent to all Delegates and Alternates reminding them that their post must confirm the Delegate and Alternate of that post for the 1998 fiscal year. Ask them to submit the Delegates and Alternate's name, address, and phone number prior to our November annual meeting.

Motion by Ed Braatz, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, to adjourn the meeting.

DELEGATES PRESENT: Robert Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Chairman Ralph Alder, American Legion Post 235; and Alternates Jerry Stevenson, American Legion Post 235; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549



VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
OCTOBER 1997

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 27 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 11 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 13 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 36 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
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9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
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AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 7/95-11/97, \$24,993.00
2. Veteran awarded increased Service-Connected Compensation, from 50% to 100%, effective 10/97, \$1900 monthly, 10/97-12/97, \$3800.00;1/98-11/98, \$22,800 (Total \$26600.00)
3. Widow awarded waiver of overpayment, debt reduced \$1269.00;Hardship awarded \$2084.00(Total \$3353.00)
4. Widow has Widow Pension reinstated, effective 1/96-11/96, \$137 monthly, \$1507.00;12/96, \$140 monthly; 1/97-11/97, \$141.00 monthly, \$1692.00 (Total \$3339.00)
5. Widow awarded Widow Pension, \$55.00 monthly, (Total \$660.00)
6. Veteran awarded increase in Service Connected Compensation, from 10%-50%, effective 5/95-11/97, \$484 monthly, \$14,252.00;12/97-11/98, \$5,808.00 (Total \$20,060.00)

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7. Veteran awarded increase in Service Connected Compensation from 10%-20%, effective 2/96-11/96, \$174 monthly; 12/97-11/98, \$179, \$2148.00 (Total \$3,828.00)
8. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, effective 7/97, \$1039.00; 8/97-10/97, \$474, \$1422.00; 11/97-6/98, \$74.00, \$666.00 (Total \$3127.00)
9. Veteran awarded yearly Clothing Allowance for service connected disabilities, \$518.00
10. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 10/97-11/97, \$651 monthly, \$1302.00; 12/97-11/98, \$7812.00 (Total \$9114.00)
11. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, retroactive pay, \$5388.00, effective 5/97-11/97, 12/97-11/98, \$10,776.00 (Total \$16,164.00)
12. Veteran awarded Service Connected Compensation, effective 6/97-11/97, 20%, \$179 monthly, \$1074.00; 12/97-11/98, \$2148.00 (Total \$3,222.00)
13. Widow awarded Aid & Attendance, effective 8/97-11/97, \$254.00 monthly \$762.00; 12.97-11/98, \$3072.00, (Total \$3840.00)
14. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, \$791 monthly, effective 8/97-11/97, \$2373.00; 12/97-11/98, \$9492.00 (Total \$11,865.00)
15. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, \$707 monthly, effective 2/97-11/97, \$6363.00; 12/97-11/98, \$8484.00 (Total \$14,847.00)
16. Veteran awarded Service Connected Compensation, 30% effective 7/94-11/94, \$260 monthly, \$1300.00; 12/94-11/95, \$3120.00; 12/95-11/96, \$3192.00; 12/96-11/97, \$3288.00; 12/97-11/98, \$3288.00, (Total \$14,278.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 34,107.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 366,026.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 125,701.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 510,677.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 876,703.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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Minutes of June 25, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. A roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present. Minutes of previous meeting was read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated 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 made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue presented numerous handouts to the Alternates and Delegates present. Questions asked pertaining to those handouts were answered.

Delegates and Alternates reviewed the 1998 Budget Recommendation Form dated June 9, 1997. The budget form was reviewed in its entirety by line item and each line item was discussed viewing the appropriation balances as of June 24, 1997. The Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County entered their budget recommendations for each line item on the 1998 budget recommendation form. A motion by Robert Renz, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the 1998 budget requests be adopted by the Commission. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Ralph Adler signed the original 1998 Budget Recommendation Form for submission to the LaSalle County Board.

All Delegates and Alternates were reminded of the June 30, 1997 meeting to be held at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post pertaining to the update of veterans outpatient medical care. Congressman Jerry Weller and Dr. Joan E. Cummings will be there to answer all our questions.

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; George Watts, American Legion Post 237; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Dave Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; and Superintendent Martin Rue

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

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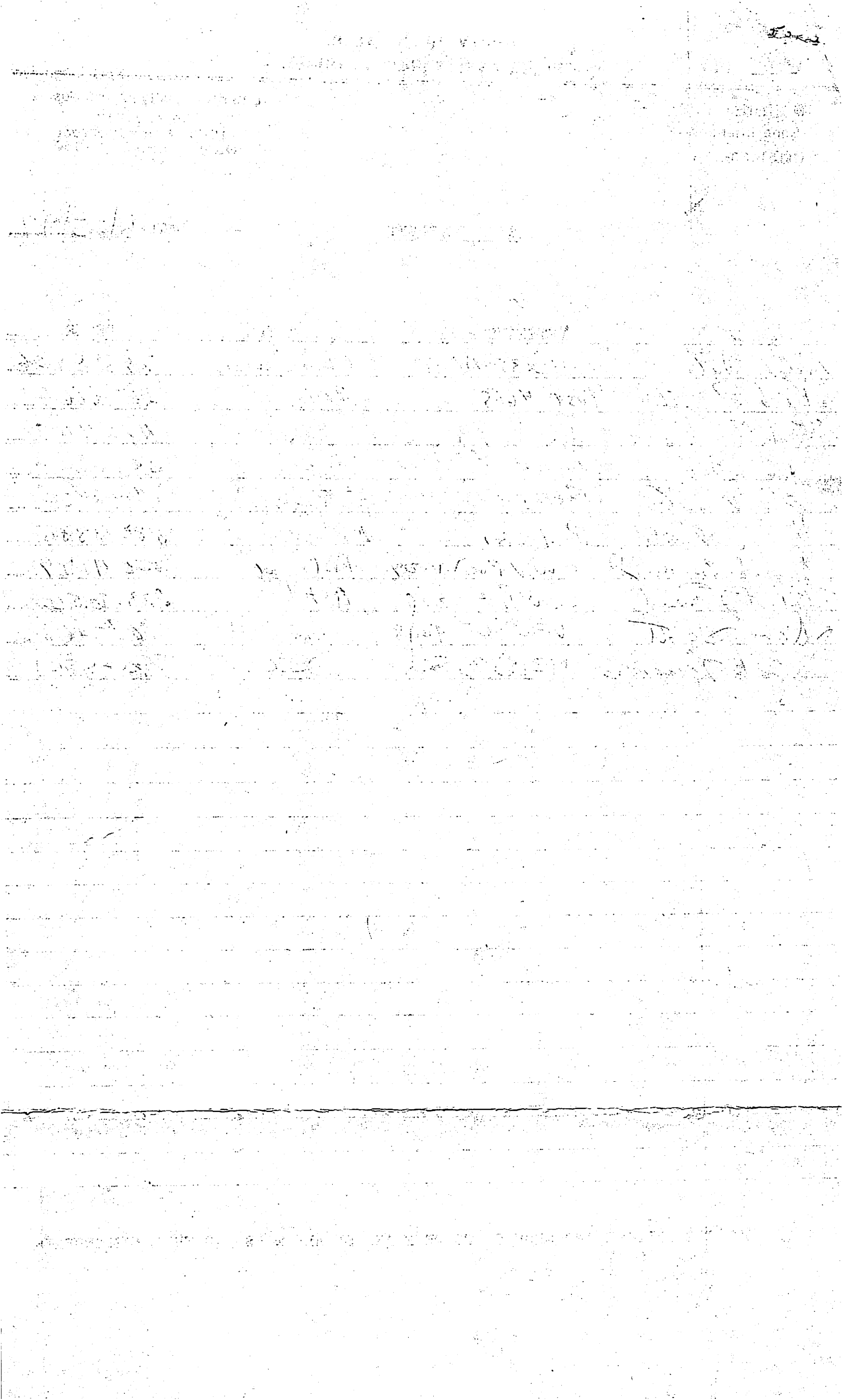
LaSalle County Courthouse
Room A103
119 W. Madison Street
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

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DATE: 6/25/97

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
Ralph Allen	Post 235 AL	Chairman	795-5436
Nick Pautta	Post 4668	DEL.	223-6665
Bob Weckman	Post 33	Del	433-4119
Jim Kirby	Post 549	Del	246-9740
Edna Brady	Post 549	Trans.	246-9480
George Watts	Post 237	Delegate	888-8380
Joseph Swartz	CWV Post 1229	Delegate	223 4179
Robert J. Benz	CWV Post 1229	Alt.	223-7056
Dave Scott	VFW Post 4668	Alt	667-4636
Jack Jennings	VFW 5500	DEL	795-5701

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



VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
JUNE 1997

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4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 12 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 25 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
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AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability retroactive 6/93-6/97, \$57,600.00; 7/97-6/98, \$1200 monthly, \$14,400. (TOTAL 72,000.00)
2. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 20%-40%, effective 11/96-6/97, \$212 monthly, \$1484; 7/97-6/98, \$2544.00 (TOTAL \$4028.00)
3. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 10%-70% effective 11/96, increase of \$844.00; 12/96-11/97, \$10128.00 (TOTAL \$10,972.00)
4. Veteran awarded NSDC Pension effective 1/97-12/97, \$1046.00 monthly, (TOTAL \$12,552.00)
5. Veteran awarded unreimbursed medical expenses, \$4700
6. Veteran awarded one month 100% service connected compensation payment due to hospitalization for service connected disability, \$1979.00

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7. Veteran, Category "C" veteran, granted continued medical treatment and prescriptions for kidney transplant by Iowa City VA Medical Assistance with assistance from our office. (Savings of approximately \$1200 per month)
8. Widow received reinstatement of Widow Pension, effective 5/97-4/98, \$178 monthly (TOTAL \$2136.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 72,000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	272,292.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 36,367.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 275,606.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 547,898.00

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LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes from November 27, 1997.

The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission annual meeting was opened in due form by Chairman Adler. Roll call of officers were taken showing all were present except Chaplain Howard Minick who was excused.

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

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

New business: The Service Officers report was read. Numerous questions were asked pertaining to the awards, all questions were answered. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Robert Anderson, that the Service Officers report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

The Delegates and Alternates were given a report pertaining to Howard Minick's health. It was noted that he will not be able to attend anymore of our Commission meetings due to health reasons. A motion was made by George Watts, seconded by James Kirby, that Superintendent Rue send a letter to Howard Minick thanking him for his years of service to the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. motion passed.

Larry Shehorn stated that our December Commission meeting would fall on December 25, 1996. In discussing whether or not to meet prior to Christmas or after Christmas, the Delegates and Alternates present felt that we should cancel our December meeting. Motion by Joe Iwaszek, seconded by Bob Venturi, that the December meeting for the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission be cancelled. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Kirby explained to the Alternates and Delegates about a cost savings plan that is being offered to eligible veterans by many eye clinics. Anyone wishing further information should contact James Kirby from the Earlville American Legion Post.

Chairman Adler requested that a copy of our annual report to Governor James Edgar be shared with our veteran posts. He asked Superintendent Rue to write a letter telling those posts to pay particular attention to page 2 and 3, which asks for an additional 80 beds to be added to our LaSalle Veterans Home and ask them to ask their relatives and friends to write letters to Governor Edgar, State Representative Frank Mautino and State Representative Patrick Welch requesting that 80 additional beds be added to our LaSalle Veterans Home.

The annual election of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission officers and the four year position of Superintendent for the Commission were held. The 1997 officers who were elected to the LaSalle County VAC are as follows:

Chairman	-	Ralph Adler
Vice Chairman	-	Joe Iwaszek
Chaplain	-	James Kirby
Sgt. at Arms	-	George Watts
Superintendent	-	Martin J. Rue, for the next four years.

Members present:

Delegates Larry Shehorn, VFW Post 5506; Robert Anderson, American Legion Post 33; George Watts, American Legion Post 237; Robert Venturi, Amvets Post 78; David Scott, VFW Post 4668; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; James Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229 - Alternates Lenard Laws, Amvets Post 78; and Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235 and Howard Gast, Commander American Legion Post 549

**COUNTY OF LA SALLE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

MARTIN J. RUE
Superintendent
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Annual Meeting

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

SIGN IN SHEET

DATE: Nov 27, 1996

NAME	VETERANS POST	TITLE	PHONE
LARRY SHEPHERD	VFW 5506	ADJ	795 4869
Robert Anderson	ah 33	ADJ	433 0336
George Watts	Legion 237	Delegates	883-8380
Ralph Hill	Legion Post 235	Chairman	795-5436
Donald Green	# 111011 7d	ALT	212-1600

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
COMBINED NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability effective 12/96-11/97, \$558 monthly, (Total \$6696.00)
2. Veteran awarded service connected compensation, 10%, \$91 monthly effective 9/96-11/96, \$273; 12/96-11/97 \$1092 (Total \$1365)
3. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, retroactive benefits 9/94-11/96, \$23,132.00; 12/96-11/97, \$840 monthly, \$1032.00 (Total \$33, 452.00)
4. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment of benefits by the Veterans Administration, \$8076.00
5. Veteran awarded 20% service connected compensation, effective 12/94-12/96 \$2160; 12/96-11/97, \$1116 (Total \$3276.00)

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6. Veteran awarded 20% service connected compensation, effective 3/96-11/96, \$174 monthly, \$1342; 12/96-11/97 \$179 monthly \$2148 (Total \$3580.00)
7. Veteran Non Service Connected Pension reinstated effective 1/95-6/95, \$858.00; 2/96-12/96, \$2650; 1/97-12/97, \$2808.00 (Total \$6316)
8. Veteran awarded 10% service connected compensation effective 8/96-11/96, \$364.00; 12/96-11/97, \$1128.00 (Total \$1492.00)
9. Veteran awarded retroactive benefits of Non service connected pension, \$1298.00
10. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 6/96-11/96, \$1098 monthly \$5490; 12/96-11/97, \$14,176.00 (Total \$19,666.00)
11. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 10/96-12/96, \$2356.00; 1/97-11/97, \$14,136.00 (Total \$16,492.00)
12. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension effective 11/96-12.96, \$704 monthly, \$1408.00; 1/97-11/97 \$8448.00 (Total \$9856.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH \$76,206.00

TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH \$35,250.00

MONTH TOTAL \$111,456.00

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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

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
JANUARY 1997

*No minutes
from Jan meeting*

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 46 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 7 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 29 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 56 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 3 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 23 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 3 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 4 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 14 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 3 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 3 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 4 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 10 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veterans.
22. Sent 34 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 5 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 23 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 Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 3 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 24 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 16 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
36. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 2 veteran.
40. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 2 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded unreimbursed medical expenses, \$380
2. Veteran awarded 100% service connected compensation, effective 10/95-11/96, \$29,779.00; 12/96-11/97, \$20988.00 (TOTAL \$50,767.00)
3. Veteran awarded 100% service connected compensation, 10/96-12/97, \$26,488.00; 1/98-11/98, \$435 monthly, \$5220.00 (TOTAL \$31,688.00)
4. Veteran repaid VAC General Assistance, \$160.00
5. Veteran received \$940.00 payment for last Social Security payment.
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension adjustment \$90, effective 9/96-12/96, \$360.00; 1/97-11/97, \$990.00 (\$1350.00)

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7. Veteran awarded service connected compensation 20%, effective 8/96-11/96 \$380.00; 12/96-11/97, \$1020.00 (TOTAL \$1400.00)
8. Veteran awarded non service connected pension 1/96-12/96, \$2279.00;
9. Veteran widow awarded DIC benefits, effective 8/96-11/96, \$810 monthly, \$3240;12/96-11/97, \$9270 (TOTAL \$12,960.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	940.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		77,146.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	100,984.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	136,234.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	213,380.00

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24. VA FORM 5281-APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
25. VA FORM 4125-REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT

Veterans Assistance Commission minutes from February 27, 1997.

Meeting opened in due form by Acting Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing all were present except Chairman Ralph Adler and Chaplain Jim Kirby, who were excused.

New Business: A discussion ensued pertaining to a question pertaining to our bylaws. Many of the newer Alternates and Delegates were not familiar with our bylaws and asked if we could have a copy available for them. Superintendent Rue assured them that he would have extra sets of our bylaws at our next meeting.

The Service Officer's report was read. A detailed discussion ensued pertaining to the different types of awards and what had to be done in order to prove those entitlements for those clients. Motion was made by Nick Nekrosius, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Once again Delegates and Alternates were reminded to get their neighbors, friends and relatives to write to their State Senator, State Representative and Governor James Edgar pertaining to the need for an additional 80 beds at the LaSalle Veterans Home. To date, no legislation has been introduced for this project.

Motion by George Watts, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates George Watts, American Legion Post 237; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Joseph Iwaszek, C.W.V. Post 1229; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Delegate David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
FEBRUARY 1997

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 23 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 10 veterans.
5. Sent out 45 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 9 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 3 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 4 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 3 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran
14. Sent Representative forms for Social Security for 2 veterans
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17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 1 veterans.
22. Sent 4 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5635 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 7 to VA for 5 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 22 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 Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 2 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 10 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 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 4 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
36. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 2 veteran.
40. Sent 3 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 1 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran's widow awarded Burial Allowance, \$1050.00 plus \$456.00 accrued benefits due deceased husband (\$1506.00)
2. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension effective 5/96-11/96, \$687 monthly, (\$4809) 12/96-11/97, \$8484.00 (Total \$13,293.00)
3. Veteran awarded dependency allowance addition, 11/95-12/96, \$2400.00
4. Veteran awarded SSI for disability, effective 12/96-1/96 only; \$477.00 per month. Veteran receiving \$707 for NSC Pension which he chose to stay with the VA.
5. Veteran repaid General Assistance received from LaSalle VAC, \$529.00
6. Veteran awarded increase in service connected disability from 10%-20%, effective 8/96-11/96, \$332.00; 12/96-11/97 \$1056.00 (Total \$1388.00)

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7. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension from the Veterans Administration, effective 2/97-2/98, \$1046.00 monthly (Total \$12,552.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 954.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 78,000.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 31,568.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 167,802.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 245,802.00

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Veterans Assistance Commission minutes from March 26, 1997.

Meeting was called to order in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers were present.

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 Bob Anderson, that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue handed out copies of our bylaws and stated that any reported changes should be submitted to his office a week before the next Commission meeting.

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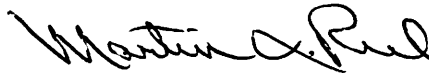
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May 28, 1997

Congressman Jerry Weller has arranged to have Dr. Joan E. Cummings, M.D. appear at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post on June 30, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. She is the Veterans Integrated Service Network 12 (V.I.S.N.12) Director. In April of 1996 she had testified at the Official Congressional Hearing which was held at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post as to the need for legislation so that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs could provide outpatient medical services to veterans in geographically remote areas. She now will advise us as to the current status of our areas request for outpatient medical services for our veterans.

This meeting is open to the public and presents us with an opportunity to express our concerns to Congressman Jerry Weller and Dr. Joan E. Cummings, M.D.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

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VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
COMBINED MARCH-APRIL 1997

CASEWORK;

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3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 7 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 30 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 56 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 18 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 61 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
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9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
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22. Sent 14 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
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40. Sent 3 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation by Board Veterans Appeals(BVA) effective 7/93 at 10%;7/93-11/93, \$85 monthly, \$425;12/93-11/94, \$87 monthly, \$1044;12/94-11/95, \$89 monthly, \$1068; 12/95-11/96, \$91 monthly \$1092;12/96-11/97, \$94 monthly, \$1128 (Total \$4757.00)
2. Widow awarded \$1018 for reimbursed medical expenses.
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 10/96-11/96, \$152 monthly, \$304;12/96-11/97, \$1932.00, \$161 monthly (Total \$2236.00)
4. Veteran awarded \$968.00 in Social Security Disability Benefits.
5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 6/96-3/97, \$313 monthly \$3076;4/97-3/98, \$3756 (Total \$6832.00)
6. Veteran awarded increase in service connected Compensation to 40% effective 7/71 \$1052;50% from 11/81 \$1064;60% from 10/82, \$1200; 70% from 10/94, \$1648; Individual Unemployability(IUE) effective 11/94 (Amount affected by military retirement pay received by veteran) 4/97-11/97, \$15372.00 (Total \$20,356.00)

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7. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 11/96-12/96, \$996.00 monthly, \$1992; 1/97-12/97, \$11,952 (Total \$13,944)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 5/95-3/97, \$29,111; 4/97-11/97 \$9142 (Total \$38,253.00)
9. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 9/96-11/96, \$923 monthly \$2769; 12/96-11/97 \$11,076 (Total \$13,845.00)
10. Veteran awarded \$222 in reimbursed medical expenses
11. Veteran awarded retroactive Supplemental Security Income payment 6/96-1/97 \$3525.00
12. Veteran awarded Supplemental Security Income (SSI) retroactive payment \$2590.00
13. Veteran awarded last payment from Social Security Disability \$74.37 (Veteran terminated as basis for disability was revoked)
14. Veteran awarded NSC Pension of \$62 monthly (Total \$744)
15. Obtained waiver of overpayment on behalf of veteran in amount of \$3321.00
16. Veteran awarded 100% service connected Compensation \$1998 monthly, effective 2/97-11/97, \$19980.00; 12/97-11/98, \$23,976; \$74 special monthly compensation for deafness, \$2/97-12/98 \$1702 (Total \$45,658.00)
17. Widow awarded \$450.00 for Burial and Plot Allowance from VA concerning death of spouse
18. Veteran awarded \$1914 in reimbursed medical expenses.
19. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits \$699 monthly, effective 5/97-11/97, \$4894; 12/97-11/98 \$8388 (Total \$13,281.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 93,312.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 171,312.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 110,577.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 167,802.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 339,114.00

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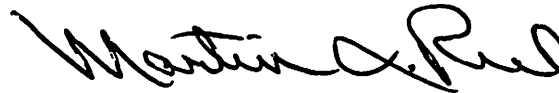
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May 28, 1997

Congressman Jerry Weller has arranged to have Dr. Joan E. Cummings, M.D. appear at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post on June 30, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. She is the Veterans Integrated Service Network 12 (V.I.S.N.12) Director. In April of 1996 she had testified at the Official Congressional Hearing which was held at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post as to the need for legislation so that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs could provide outpatient medical services to veterans in geographically remote areas. She now will advise us as to the current status of our areas request for outpatient medical services for our veterans.

This meeting is open to the public and presents us with an opportunity to express our concerns to Congressman Jerry Weller and Dr. Joan E. Cummings, M.D.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

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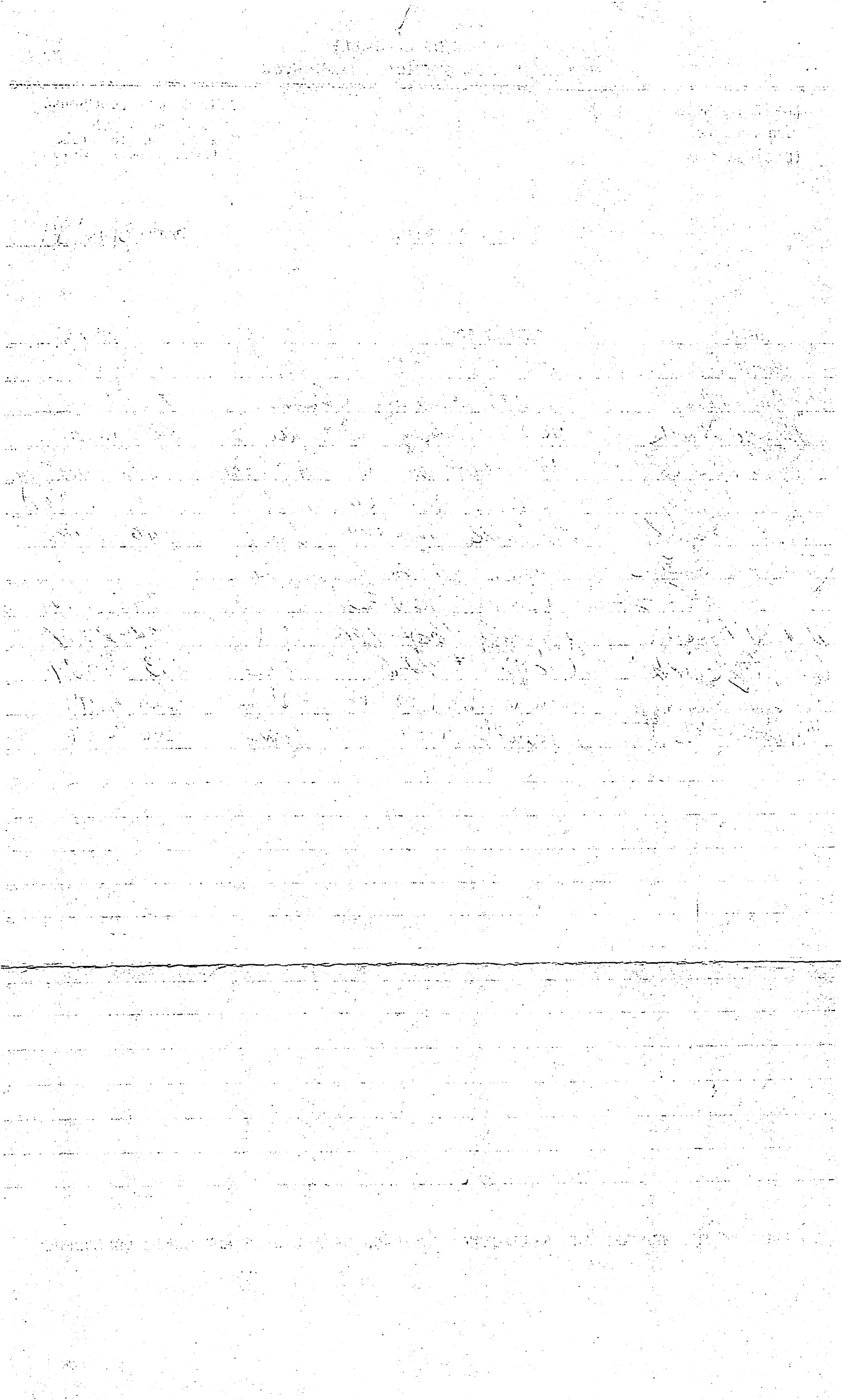
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Edw Braatz	Earlville Post 549	Trn.	246-9480
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Joseph Swaszek	CWV Post 1229	Del	223 4179
Howard Host	Earlville 549	Comm	246 9689

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



April 9, 1997

TO: LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Delegates
and Alternates

Dear Mr. Braatz:

I write you to announce that our April 23, 1997 VAC meeting will have to be canceled. Richard Fogarty and myself will be attending the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers annual certification training from April 23 through April 25. At our last meeting everyone was given a copy of our bylaws which they were to review and suggest any recommended changes. Please review those and send the changes to our office so we may list them.

Every delegate and alternate received a notice listing why the LaSalle Veterans Home should add an additional 80 beds. You were asked to contact your state representative and senator requesting that they introduce the needed legislation to provide the needed funding for that project. I hope that you will have the state representative's and state senator's response to share with us at our next meeting.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting which is scheduled for 5/28/97.

Sincerely yours,

Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

enclosure

On March 10, 1997 the LaSalle County Board voted to reaffirm its original resolution and extend that resolution of March 12, 1996 to emphasize to our Governor James Edgar and our elected State of Illinois General Assembly Representatives of the dire shortage of nursing care beds at our State of Illinois Veterans Home located in LaSalle, Illinois. This was done as a result of the completion of an Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs survey which indicated that the State of Illinois should add an additional 330 nursing care beds immediately to their state veterans homes. It further states that an additional 600 beds must be added to maintain the ability to serve only 12% of the wartime veterans needs in our state. We must remember that there are other areas in the State of Illinois that are requesting these nursing care beds be added to their area. We must write to our elected State of Illinois Representatives and Senators now or we will be left out of these quality jobs.

WHY SHOULD THE LASALLE VETERANS HOME ADD AN ADDITIONAL 80 NURSING CARE BEDS?

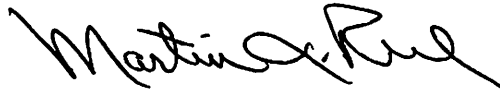
- 1.) There are always 70 to 90 honorably discharged eligible veterans on the admission waiting list for a bed at our LaSalle Veterans Home.
- 2.) The LaSalle Veterans Home is located in north central Illinois, which is central to the veteran populous it was built to serve. Within a 100 mile radius from the LaSalle Veterans Home resides approximately 90% of our state of Illinois eligible veteran community.
- 3.) There is easy highway access to the LaSalle Veterans Home utilizing Interstate 80 and Interstate Route 39. We are only an hour and a half from Chicago and ninety minutes from Rockford and Aurora. There is no highway congestion and our home is easy to get to.
- 4.) We have an airport within minutes of the City of LaSalle, which is useable year round. Its concrete runways can handle all business planes.
- 5.) Illinois Valley Community College has one of the state of Illinois best nursing programs. This junior college is within miles of our LaSalle Veterans Home and is always ready to provide other training programs that are needed.
- 6.) We have a highly trained work force in our immediate area. We also have many skilled businesses that are available for possible contracting of needed services.

7.) We have many high quality inexpensive motels within five miles of our LaSalle Veterans Home. There are also many very fine inexpensive restaurants and cuisines in which to dine in our LaSalle-Peru area.

8.) Our LaSalle Veterans home is located in a geographically remote rural area of the state of Illinois. As a result, our cost of services are considerably less that they are in metro/urban areas. We can still walk on our streets at night.

I ask that you write our State of Illinois Governor, Representatives and Senators requesting that they introduce the needed legislation providing the funds necessary to meet the federal requirements in order to receive the 65% federal reimbursement for construction of 80 additional beds at our LaSalle Veterans Home. Time is of the essence. Our success or failure depends on everyone writing now. Insist that the powers to be must be fiscally responsible and locate central to the populous they are to serve.

Sincerely yours,



Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

Minutes of the May 28, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

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 Al Strozewski, seconded by Jim Kirby that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue presented numerous handouts to the Alternates and Delegates present. Questions asked pertaining to those handouts were answered.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by George Watts, that the meeting adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; George Watts, American Legion Post 237; Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Joseph Iwaszek, C.W.V. Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; and Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; and Superintendent Martin Rue

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
MAY 1997

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 21 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 10 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 5 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 7 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 39 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
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25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 17 veterans.
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29. Sent various SSA forms for 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 15 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 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 7 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
36. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 2 veteran.
40. Sent 2 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 1 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation FROM 10%-50%, effective 9/95-11/96 (difference of \$451 per month), \$5412; 12/96-11/97 \$464, \$464, \$5568 (TOTAL \$10,980)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 12/96-11/97, \$5292
3. Veteran awarded increase in service connected Compensation from 20%-50% (\$174@20%) \$420, @/95-11/95 \$3780; 12/95-12/96, \$5136; 1/97-12/07, \$5831 (TOTAL \$14,268)
4. Widow awarded DIC retroactive payment, \$2499 2/97-4/97; \$833 monthly 5/97-12/97 \$5831 (TOTAL \$8330.00)
5. Veteran awarded increase in service-connected Compensation 10%-30% effective 9/91-11/97, \$8100; 12/97-11/98 \$180 monthly, \$2160 (TOTAL \$10,260)
6. Veteran received retroactive payment for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), \$990
7. Veteran received \$2900 retroactive payment from Veterans Administration

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8. Widow awarded Burial Allowance from Veterans Administration for death of service connected spouse, \$1081
9. Veteran granted Individual Unemployability from Veterans Administration, effective 2/97-1/98, \$2115 monthly, (TOTAL \$23,265)
10. Veteran awarded non service connected Pension effective, 3/97-11/97, \$430 monthly, \$3870; 12/97-11/98, \$5160, (TOTAL \$9030)
11. Veteran awarded 10% service connected compensation, effective 7/96-11/96, \$455; 12/96-11/97, \$94, \$1128 (TOTAL \$1583)
12. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability retroactive payment \$10,244; 6/97-6/98, \$1037 monthly, \$12,444 (TOTAL \$22,698)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 28,980.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	200,292.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FRO MONTH:	\$ 71,437.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 239,239.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 439,521.00

EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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New business: Service Officer's report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. Motion was made by George Watts, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that the Service Officer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue presented numerous handouts to the Alternates and Delegates present. Questions asked pertaining to those handouts were answered.

Chairman Adler explained to the Delegates and Alternates present that at the July 14, 1997 VAC and Data Processing Committee meeting a question was asked by a LaSalle County Board member as to the selection process of the LaSalle County VAC Superintendent. As a result of the question asked, Chairman Adler felt the need to write a letter to all County Board members explaining the selection process of our VAC Superintendent. He then had the letter mailed to all County Board members.

The Delegates and Alternates present reviewed the amending of our VAC Bylaws. A motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Bob Westman, that the amendment be added to our Bylaws changing our VAC monthly meeting time. The doors of the Courthouse will be opened by 6:30 p.m. for all Alternates and Delegates with the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by David Scott, seconded by George Watts, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion 235; Delegates

Robert Westman, American Legion Post 33; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668;
George Watts, American Legion Post 237; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans
Post 1229; and Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
JULY 1997

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3. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment from Social Security Administration, \$4218.00
4. Veteran awarded service-connected Compensation increase from 30%-50%, 9/95-11/95, \$828.00; 12/95-11/96, \$3312;12/96-11/97, \$3408 (TOTAL \$7548.00)
5. Widow of veteran awarded Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, effective 5/97-11/97, \$833 monthly, \$5831.00;12/97-11/98, \$9996.00 (TOTAL \$15,827.00)

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6. Veteran received reinstatement of Social Security Disability benefits, \$794 monthly, 1/97-8/97, \$6354.00; 9/97-11/98, \$11,116.00 (TOTAL \$17,470.00)
7. Veteran's spouse awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 2/97-8/97, \$487 monthly, \$2922.00; 9/97-9/98, \$5844.00 (TOTAL \$8766.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 30,454.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 302,454.00
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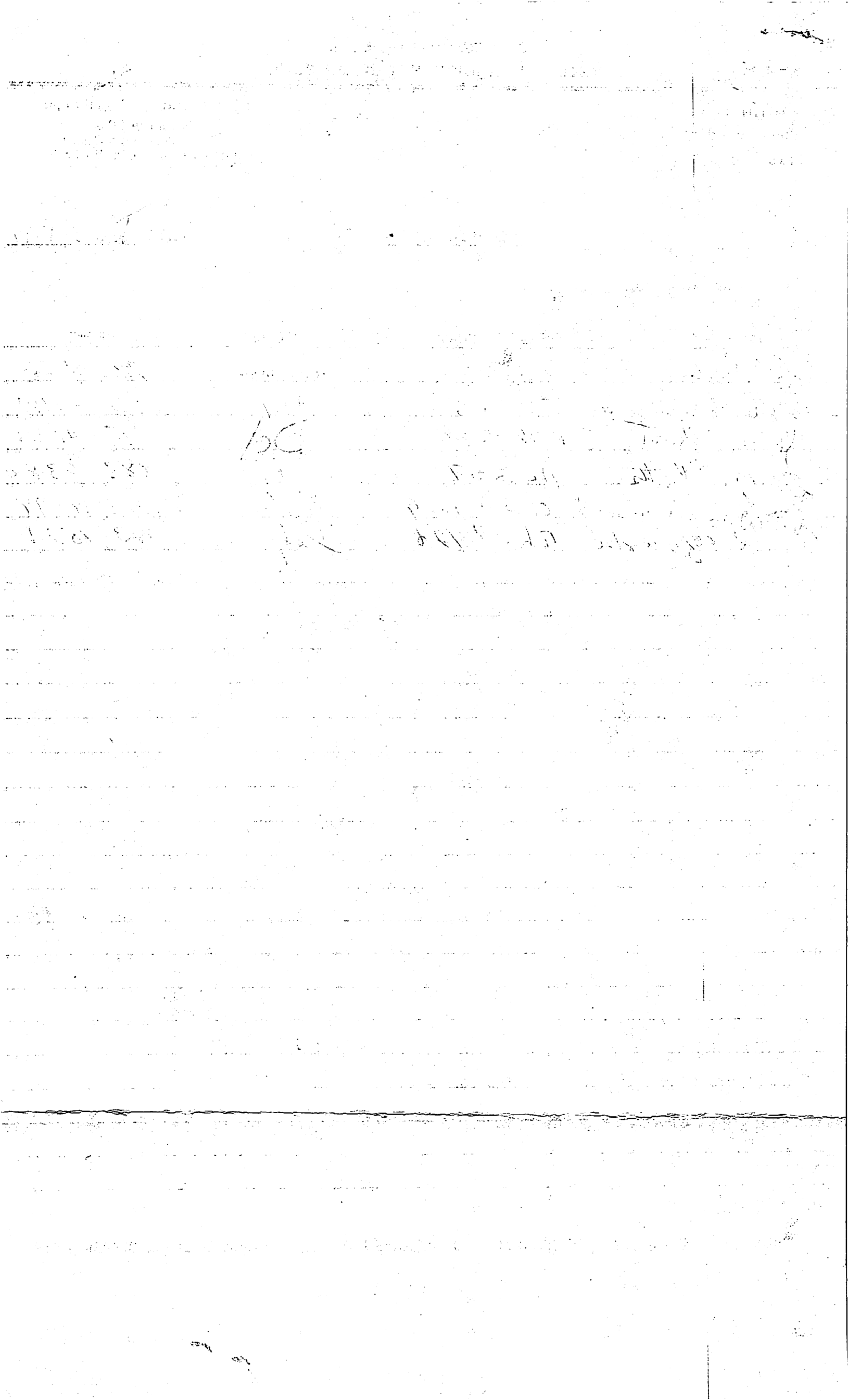
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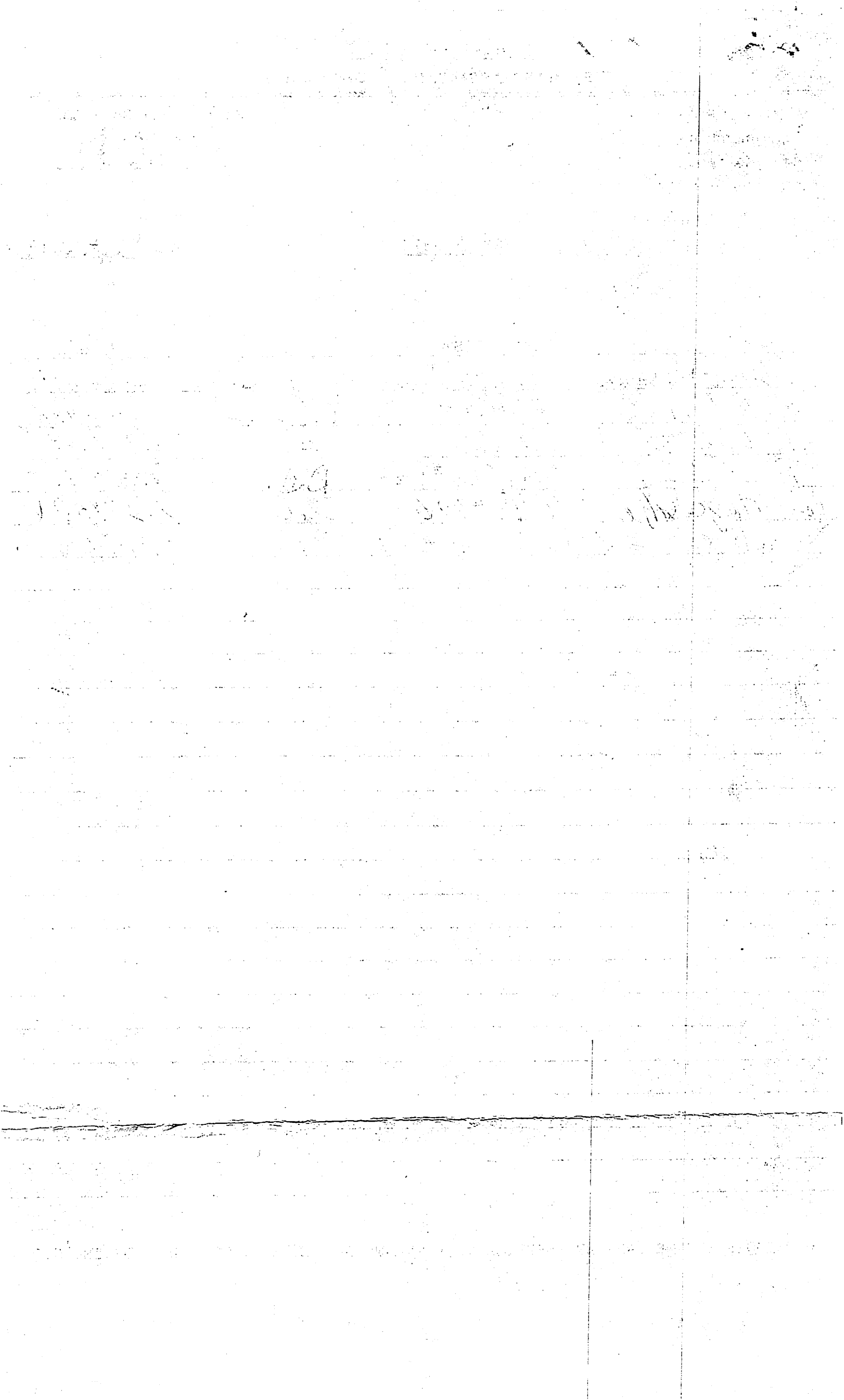
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A. Staszewski	A. Le #426	Del	223-9521
Jimmy	VFW 5506	DEL	795-4242

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June 25, 1998

Dear Commander:

I want to thank you for granting me permission to serve our people. One of ~~the~~ happiest events this year was a special announcement which was made on Friday, June 12, 1998 at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post. Congressman Jerry Weller and Dr. Joan Cummings, Director of the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs Vision 12, stated that, "The U.S.D.V.A. will be opening the LaSalle County Veterans Outpatient Clinic to better serve our area veterans. The community based outpatient clinic will provide general medical care and services." As State of Illinois Amvets Commander Jerry Foster and Illinois Division IV Senior Vice Commander Cheryl Weglewski can attest, hundreds of happy Illinois Valley residents showed up for this event. I would like to personally thank them and all the others who had taken the time to show our area that they cared. You see, our people reside in a geographically remote rural area that is over 60 miles away from any U.S.D.V.A. Outpatient Clinic and over 100 miles away from any U.S.D.V.A. Hospital. We have no direct bus service nor do we have any mode of mass transit service to get us to the U.S.D.V.A. Health service providers. As a result, we had no access to U.S.D.V.A. health services even though we were entitled to the earned benefit. It is our hope that our U.S.D.V.A. hospitals will order all the primary services that our LaSalle County Health Services can provide, which will alleviate the need for our Illinois valley area veterans having to travel over 100 miles 3 to 5 times a month to our U.S.D.V.A. hospitals. I personally find this activity to be physically hard on our veteran populous and very cost prohibited to our LaSalle County taxpayers. I would think that if an individual has a need to see a doctor 3 to 4 times a month every year, then their health situation would probably be better served by them being admitted to the hospital.

On the darker side, I must sadly announce that our LaSalle Veterans Home was not granted the 80 additional beds that was requested by many of our nationally chartered veteran organizations. As you know, legislation was introduced in our General Assembly this past year to provide for the 80 beds that were requested and to provide for the startup money needed. You further know that many veteran chartered organization members attended a hearing on this issue before the Veterans Affairs Committee of our Illinois House of Representatives and signed in as proponents. Representative Frank Mautino, who sponsored the legislation for our

80 beds, Amvets Vickie Campbell, and myself testified in support of this legislation. We also submitted petitions in support with practically 6000 signatures. We further provided for the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House an Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs' survey that was completed in 1995 and the U.S.D.V.A. formula for determining the number of skill care beds needed by a state based on its veteran populous. They showed a dire shortage in Illinois of over 930 beds through the year 2030. Much to our dismay the only opposition came from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs who had no documentation to support their opposition. After questioning of the Department of Veterans Affairs by the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, I am pleased to announce that the Veterans Affairs Committee for the House of Representatives voted unanimously to support the legislation to add the 80 beds to the LaSalle Veterans Home and place the remaining skill care beds throughout our state where needed. This bill then passed the House of Representatives by an unanimous vote. It was then picked up in the Senate by Carl E. Hawkinson and sent to the Rules Committee which was chaired by Senator Stanley B. Weaver of Champlain County. I can literally tell you that many of our Illinois veterans, friends, and family members contacted Senator Weaver and Senate President Pate Phillips begging them to release this bill from Committee. They chose not to listen to our plea, holding it hostage and leaving it in Committee. As a result, our state Senators did not get to vote their conscience and our LaSalle Veterans home has over 140 veterans on its waiting list for admission. The powers that be in Illinois are attempting to brush aside our Illinois veterans' needs for long term care beds. In fact, there are those who will try and convince you that we should utilize the vacated beds in our U.S.D.V.A. hospitals. I remind you that these hospitals are not in residential areas but what would be looked at as industrialized site. I recall very vividly those ten months in which I was hospitalized at Great Lakes Naval Hospitals healing from multiple gunshot wounds which I received in Vietnam. I remember the difficulty I had trying to catch elevators and getting to where I had to go in that multistory facility. I ask you, how can we institutionalize our veterans hundreds of miles from their home with no way for their loved ones to get to them? Why are we ostracizing them from our society? Is it out of site out of mind? Are we gong to let happen to our aging veterans what we did with our veteran's orphaned children in our Bloomington Soldier and Sailor Home? I say, hell no!!! Tell them to put our state veterans in our state owned veteran homes where they can get quality care in very clean confines and in a residential area so they know they are part of a community. Our LaSalle Veterans Home wants them. We owe it to them. Lets not sell out our veterans. Our legacy should never read, "We sold out our people." Lets tell the powers that be that we will not sell out our veterans and their family. Contact your Illinois Senator and Governor candidates

and make them pledge to add the 80 needed beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home and our other veterans homes. If the State of Illinois can spend multi-multi millions for bricks and mortar for our prisoners, then the least they can do is provide a bed and a pillow for our aging veterans in their hour of need.

Martin J. Rue, Committeeman

Minutes of the May 27, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek. A roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Adler, Chaplin Jim Kirby, and Sgt. At Arms Nick Nekrosius excused, Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek was present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Iwaszek stated 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 presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's report were answered. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Robert Renz, the Service Officer's report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to those present. Questions pertaining to the handouts were answered.

Superintendent Rue explained to those present that our budget for fiscal year 1999 at our June meeting.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Ed Braatz, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1279; Alternates Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Tom Przybyln V.F.W. Post 5506

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR MAY 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 38 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 11 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 14 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 9 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 24 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 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 6 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 1 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 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 24 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 Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 16 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 3 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 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 49 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 49 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) 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 2 claims to Court of Veterans Appeals(COVA) for their consideration and review.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded 10% service connected compensation, effective 7/97-11/97, difference from 50%-60%, \$148 monthly, \$592;12/97-11/98, \$1924 (Total \$2516)
2. Veteran awarded dependency allowance for 30%, effective 8/94-11/98 at \$53 monthly, \$2703
3. Veteran awarded service connected compensation 10% effective 8/95-11/95, \$89, \$356;12/95-11/96, \$91, \$1092;12/96-11/97, \$95, \$1140;12/97-1/98, \$95, \$180; 2/98-11/98, increase 30%, \$279 , \$3069 (Total\$5837)
4. Spouse awarded \$450 Burial and Plot Allowance
5. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension with Aid & Attendance, \$260 monthly, effective 4/98-11/98 \$2080; 12/98-11/99, \$3120 (Total\$5200)

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6. Veteran awarded increase in Service Connected Compensation, effective 5/97-11/97, from 30%-50%, \$290 monthly, \$290, \$2030;12/97-11/98, \$3480 (Total \$5510)
7. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 7/97-5/98, \$996 monthly, \$10,851;6/98-11/98, \$5976; 12/98-11/99, \$11,952 (Total \$28,779)
8. Veteran awarded temporary 100% service connection due to two month hospitalization, \$3472
9. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, effective 1/98-11/98, \$490 monthly, (Total \$5880)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 28,779.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 107,813.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 31,568.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 436,408.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 544,221.00

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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

Minutes from November 26, 1997 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. at Arms George Watts, who were excused.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrects to those minutes 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 Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read.

A discussion ensued pertaining to our regular Commission meetings that are held in the months of November and December. The Delegates present felt that with Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve falling on or close to our regular monthly meetings those two meetings should be held on the third Wednesday of those months. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that our bylaws be amended reflecting the above mentioned meeting date change for November and December. Motion passed.

The Commission dually held its annual election for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chaplain and Sgt.at Arms. Those elected at our annual meeting are as follows:

Chairman	-	Ralph Adler
Vice Chairman	-	Joe Iwaszek
Chaplain	-	Jim Kirby
Sgt.at Arms	-	Nick Nekrosius

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternates Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Jerry Stevenson, American Legion Post 235.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
COMBINED NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1997

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 63 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 10 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 1 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 23 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 56 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 13 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 34 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 5 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 11 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 7 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 4 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 4 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 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 5 veterans.
22. Sent 16 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 10 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 30 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 46 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 21 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 3 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
36. Sent request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 2 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 0 veteran.
40. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 2/97-11/97, retroactive payments, \$5016.00; \$627 monthly 12/97-11/98, \$7524.00 (Total \$12,540.00)
2. Veteran awarded Service Connected Compensation 30% for PTSD, effective 2/97-11/97. Total rating now 60% \$429 difference monthly, \$3861.00; 12/97-11/98, \$5148 (Total \$9009.00)
3. Veteran's spouse awarded Supplemental Security Income effective 7/97-11/97, \$1552.00; 12/97, \$484.00; 1/98-11/98, \$494 monthly \$5928.00 (Total \$7964.00)
4. Veteran widow awarded Widow Pension 9/97, \$94 monthly; 10/97-9/98, \$132.00 yearly; awarded Burial/Plot allowance, \$450 (Total \$676.00)
5. Veteran received retroactive payment from VA, \$7620.00
6. Veteran awarded dependency allowance for children due to award of 30% service connection award, effective 7/95 to present. (\$13,631.00)

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7. Veteran awarded Aid&Attendance benefits retroactive payment from 1/94 to present, \$7043.00
8. Veteran awarded Non Service Connected Pension, effective 12/97-11/98, \$722 monthly (Total \$8664.00)
9. Veteran awarded increase in s/c compensation from 30-40% 8/96-11/96, \$318;one month convalescent leave, \$1870.00; 12/96-11/97, \$1404; (Total 3592.00) 12/97-11/98, \$500 (Total \$5092.00)
10. Veteran awarded \$31,018.00 retroactive pay for increase to 80% service connected compensation from 1/92-11/97; 12/97-11/98, \$582 monthly difference from 40% to 80%, \$6984.00 (Total \$38,002.00)
11. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 8/97-11/97, \$707.00 monthly \$2121.00;12/97-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$8664.00 (total \$10,785.00)
12. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 8/97-11/97, \$45 monthly, \$180;12/97-11/98 \$46 monthly; \$552.00 (Total \$732.00)
13. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 7/97-11/97, \$707 monthly, \$3535;12/97-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$8664.00 (Total \$12,199.00)
14. Veteran awarded increase in s/c compensation from 50%-70%, effective 6/97-11/97, \$2305.00;12/97-11/98, \$5784.00 (Total \$8089.00)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 20,504.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 20,504.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 121,552.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 121,552.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 152,056.00

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

Minutes from January 28, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Ralph Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present except Sgt. At Arms Nick Nekrosius, who was excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated 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 Jack Leininger, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Superintendent Rue announced that Econo Foods would be displaying the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall May 10, 1998 thru May 16, 1998 at the Peru Econo Food location. Edna Daugherty is in charge of coordinating this display. She can be reached at 223-3322. We need many veteran organizations and their friends to help guard this wall to alleviate any vandalism. It must be guarded 24 hours a day while it is here. Please get groups of five or six and volunteer for a shift or two. Call Edna and help her fill those time slots.

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

Members present: Delegates 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; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235. Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549.

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JANUARY 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 22 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 4 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 8 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 20 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 20 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 1 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 3 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 8 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 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 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 3 veterans.
22. Sent 3 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 0 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 3 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 Records Center for 0 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 3 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 7 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 0 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10 to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
36. Sent 0 request for waiver of overpayment to the Social Security Administration.
37. Sent 0 requests for review of ALJ decision denying claim for benefits.
38. Sent 0 VA Form 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
39. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) for 1 veteran.
40. Sent 1 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
41. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 10/95-11/95, \$897, \$1794;12/95-11/96, \$923, \$11,076;12/97-11/97, \$939, \$11,268;12/97-11/98, \$711, \$8532 (Total \$32,670)
2. Veteran awarded NSC Pension 10/97-11/97, \$278, \$556; 12/97-11/98 \$284, \$3408 (Total \$3964)
3. Veteran awarded reinstatement of 10% S/C Compensation 9/94-11/96, \$261;12/94-11/95, \$1068; 12/96-11/97, \$1092;12/97-11/98, \$1128 (Total \$4508)
4. Veteran awarded retroactive Dependency Allowance at 100% service connected, \$3000
5. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment ref NSC Pension, \$140
6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with Aid&Attendance, effective 12/97-11/98, \$674 monthly, (Total \$8088)

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7. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation due to convalescent period after surgery on S/C knee, effective 7/97-9/97, \$1924, (Total \$3848.00)
8. Veteran awarded 40% S/C Compensation, effective 7/97-11/97, \$391 monthly, \$1955; 12/97-11/98, \$399 monthly \$4788 (Total \$6743)
9. Veteran awarded Dependency Allowance for permanent and total 100%, difference of \$530 monthly, 7/97-11/97, \$2650;12/97-11/98, \$6360 (Total \$9010)
10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension 10/97-11/97, \$1350 monthly, \$2700;12/97-11/98, \$1378 per month, \$16536 (Total \$19, 236)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 000000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	20,504.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 90,757.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 121,552.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 212,309.00

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.
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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 Bob Westman, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Discussion issued about the Vietnam "Moving Wall" that will be here May 10, 1998 through May 16, 1998. It will be located east of Econo Foods in Peru, Illinois. Let us remember that our Illinois Valley had hundreds of our soldiers injured and less than one hundred killed in that War. We have an opportunity to thank those that made the supreme sacrifice for our nation and those that served in that War. The "Walls" success depends upon your enrollment. We must provide helpers there twenty four hours a day. We need volunteers to work. Many days have no one working. Lets get those days filled. Call Edna Daugherty at 815-223-3322 and let her know which day your people will take. We need your help now. Ask family, members, neighbors, or friends to volunteer with you. Please fill these slots.

Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Bob Westman, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegate Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Alternate David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

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3. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation from 9/96-11/96, \$2159 monthly, \$6477;12/96-11/97, \$25,908; 12/97-11/98, \$25908 (TOTAL \$53,975.00)
4. Veteran awarded 10% service connected Compensation effective 6/97-11/97, \$470;12/97-11/98, \$1140 (TOTAL \$1610.00)
5. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation, effective 8/97-11/97, \$2036 monthly, \$8144;12/97-11/98, \$2078, \$24,936.00 (TOTAL \$33080.00)
6. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation 10%, effective 9/97-11/97, \$94 monthly, \$282;12/97-11/98, \$95 monthly, \$1140 (TOTAL \$1422.00)

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7. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation retroactive pay, \$2319.00
8. Veteran awarded 50% S/C Compensation, effective 8/97-9/97, \$558; 9-97-11-97, \$1924.00, \$5772; 12/97-11/98, \$6828 (TOTAL \$13,158.00)
9. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation effective 11/96, \$1979; 12/96-11/97, \$2036.00 monthly, \$24432; 12/97-11/98, \$2078 monthly, \$24,936 (TOTAL \$51,347)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 000000.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 20,504.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 163,570.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 285,122.00
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Springfield, IL 62706

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SENATE BILL NO. 1414
90th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois

1997 and 1998

Introduced February 17, 1998, by Senator Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED

Appropriates \$8,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a grant to the LaSalle Veterans Home for the construction of additional beds. Effective July 1, 1998.

LRB9011322Mwpc

SB1414

LRB9011322Mwpc

1 AN ACT making appropriations. 59

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 63
3 represented in the General Assembly: 64

4 Section 5. The amount of \$8,000,000, or so much of that 67
5 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General 68
6 Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a 69
7 grant to the LaSalle Veterans Home for the construction of 70
8 additional beds.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on 73
10 July 1, 1998.

A BILL FOR

HOUSE BILL 2710

90th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

1997 and 1998

Introduced February 3, 1998, by Representative Mautino

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED

20 ILCS 2805/2d new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department shall increase by at least 80 beds the capacity of the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle and shall request and expend federal grants for this Veterans Home addition.

LRB9009378PTmb

HB2710

Fiscal Note Act LRB9009378PTmb
may be applicable

1 AN ACT to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Act by 69
2 adding Section 2d.

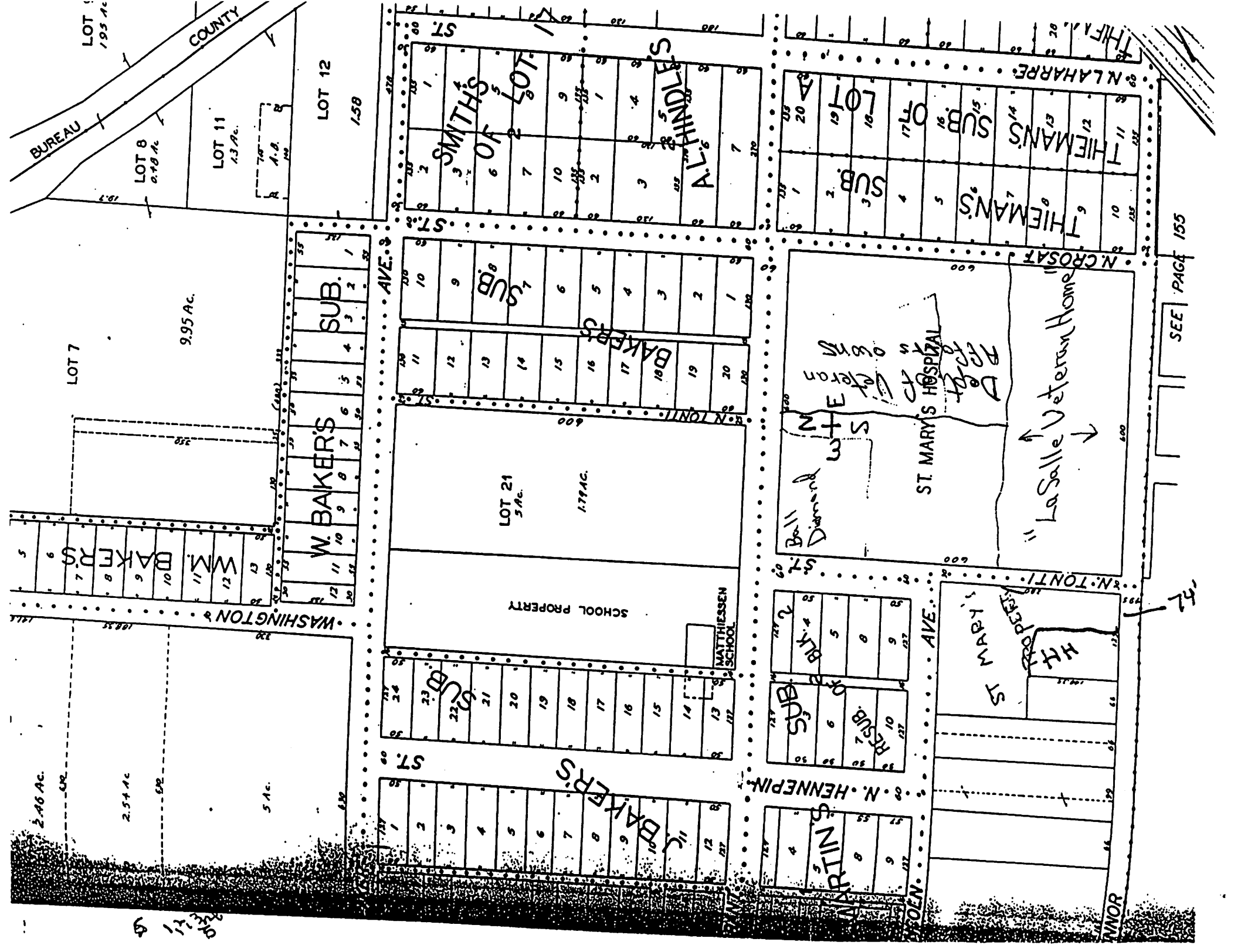
3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 73
4 represented in the General Assembly: 74

5 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is 77
6 amended by adding Section 2d as follows: 78

7 (20 ILCS 2805/2d new) 81
8 Sec. 2d. LaSalle Veterans Home capacity. 83
9 (a) The Department finds that the Illinois Veterans Home 85
10 at LaSalle requires an increase in capacity to better serve 86
11 the north central region of Illinois and to accommodate the 87
12 increasing number of Illinois veterans eligible for care.

13 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall 89
14 increase by at least 80 beds the capacity of the Illinois 90
15 Veterans Home at LaSalle and shall request and expend federal 91
16 grants for this Veterans Home addition.

A BILL FOR



LOT 1
1.95 AC.

COUNTY

LOT 8
0.18 AC.

LOT 11
1.3 AC.

LOT 12
1.58

LOT 7

9.95 AC.

W. BAKER'S
SUB.

AVE. B

SMITH'S
OF LOT 12

A. HANDLE'S

THIEMANS' SUB.
THIEMANS' SUB.
THIEMANS' SUB.

BAKER'S
SUB.

LOT 21
3 AC. 1.77 AC.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

MATTHIESSEN
SCHOOL

Ball Diamond White
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL
LaSalle Veteran Home

MARTIN'S
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AVE. C

ST. MARY'S
HOSPITAL

N. HENNEPIN

N. CROZAT

N. LA SALLE

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ORIENTED

LASALLE VETERANS HOME NEEDS ADDITIONAL 80 BED NOW!!

1. There are always over 100 veterans on admission list. Eighteen month wait for admission. Terminally ill cannot wait eighteen months for admission.
2. Our home is in north central Illinois, central to and within 100 miles of 90% of the veterans it will serve.
3. Easy highway access to our Homes utilizing Interstate 80 and 39
 - A. Time from large populous:
 1. Chicago--1 ½ hour
 2. Rockford--1 hour
 3. Rock Island--1 hour
 4. Peoria--1 hour
 5. Champaign--1 hour and 20 minutes
4. Year round airport open with concrete runways within minutes of our Home. Can land all business planes.
5. Illinois Valley Community College is four miles from our Home, has a great nurses training Program and is ready to provide other training programs that our community needs.
6. Our area has high quality inexpensive food and lodging within miles of our Home.
7. Our area has a highly trained work force and many businesses that are available to provide needed services.
8. Our home is located in a geographically remote rural area resulting in lower costs for service than we would have to pay in metro/urban areas.
9. Our LaSalle State Veterans Home is located in a residential area so our veterans feel as though they are part of our community and not an outcast from society. It is not a multi-story building because the Illinois Health Planning Board said that type of a structure is considered as archaic and represents institutionalization. Do note, our United States Department of Veterans' Affairs hospitals are either archaic structures or multi-story buildings.
10. Three thousand people signed petitions in support of expanding our LaSalle Veterans Home. We also have support from the following:
 - a. Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley
 - b. Area State and Federal Legislators
 - c. LaSalle County Board
 - d. City of LaSalle and surrounding cities
 - e. Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Local modes of news media
 - g. Area service organization
 - h. Grassroots people

Illinois House Bill 2710 and Senate Bill 1414 requests adding 80 additional beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home and partial funding. Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs paid study and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs formula prove our Homes are short over 1000 beds. Please support our Illinois veterans and our LaSalle Veterans Home.

Minutes from April 22, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

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

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

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

The Concerned Veterans of the Illinois Valley will be meeting on April 30, 1998 at the Marine Corp League in Jonesville, Illinois. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Adler, Chairman, American Legion Post 235; Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Alternates Jerry Stevenson, V.F.W. Post 235; Sam Maggio, V.F.W Post 4668; Ed Braatz, American Legion 549; Nick Nekrosius, American Legion 426; and Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR APRIL 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 27 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 3 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 14 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 45 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 8 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 22 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 3 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 5 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 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 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 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 5 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 17 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 Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 12 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 11 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 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 65 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 65 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (FS) 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

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded 10% service connected Compensation by the board of Veterans Appeals, effective 10/96-11/96, \$1082;12/96-11/97, \$1182;12/97-12/98, \$1140 (Total \$3350)
2. Veteran awarded retroactive payment for Social Security Disability 5/97-3/98, \$235 monthly, \$2485; 4/98-11/98, \$4418, (Total \$6903)
3. Veteran spouse awarded Social Security Disability \$535 monthly, 5/98-11/98, \$3745;12/98-11/99, \$6420 (Total \$10,165)
4. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, \$1145 monthly, 2/98-11/98, \$11450 (Total \$11,450)
5. Veteran awarded increase in service connected compensation for PTSD from 30%-50%, \$290 monthly difference, effective 2/96-11/96, \$3440;12/96-11/97, \$3480;12/97-11/98, \$3520, (Total \$10,440)

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6. Veteran awarded Aid&Attendance benefit retroactive pay \$3200;12/97-11/98, \$3253 (Total \$6452)
7. Veteran awarded 100% temporaryrating due to 90 days convalescence period for s/C surgery, effective 2/98-6/98, \$2214 monthly, (Total \$6642)
8. Veteran awarded 20% service connected Compensation effective 9/97-11/97 \$537;12/97-11/98, \$2814 (Total \$2721)
9. Veteran awarded 30% service connected compensation by Board of Veterans Appeals effective 4/93-5/94, \$3627; 20-30% difference \$97 monthly, 6/94-6/98, \$4656;7/98-11/98, \$97 difference, \$490 (Total \$8773)
10. Veteran awarded thirteen months convalescence leave 100%, effective 1/97-11/97, \$2036 monthly, \$24,432; 12/97-2/98, \$4156; 3/98-11/98, \$318 monthly difference between \$40%-60%, \$2544 (Total \$31,132)
11. Veteran awarded 100% rating due to convalescence leave due to s/c surgery, \$1964, effective 1/98-4/98 (Total \$5892)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	28,518.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		79,034.00
TOTAL VA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	74,502.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	404,840.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	479,342.00

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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
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6. VA Form 518-IMPROVED PENSION EVR (Surviving Spouse with no children)
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8. VA Form 535-APPLICATION FOR DIC(DISABILITY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION) BY PARENTS
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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

Minutes of the June 24, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance
Commission meeting.

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

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

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

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

Numerous handouts were presented to those present. All questions pertaining to handouts were answered.

All Delegates and Alternates present reviewed the 1999 budget line item by line item. A motion was made by Jim Kirby, seconded by Bob Westman, that the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission pass this budget proposed for the 1999 fiscal year for our VAC operations. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Members present: Delegates Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W Post 4668; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; and Alternates Nick Nekrosius, American Legion Post 426; and Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JUNE 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 for 23 veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 35 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 27 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 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 1 veteran
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23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
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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 2 claims to Court of Veterans Appeals(COVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 3 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded reinstatement of NSC Pension, 2/97-11/97, \$105 monthly, \$1155;12/97-11/98, \$107 monthly, \$1284 (Total \$2439)
2. Veteran awarded increase in service connected Compensation from 30%-60%, difference \$438 monthly, 2/98-11/98, \$3942;12/98-3/99, \$1314 (Total \$5256)
3. Veteran awarded increase in service connected Compensation from 20%-60%, \$535 difference monthly, 6/98-11/98, \$2675;12/98-11/99, \$6420 (Total \$9095)
4. Veteran awarded SSD effective 2/98-11/98, \$1196 monthly, \$11,960;12/98-2/99, \$3588 (Total \$15,548)
5. Veteran's daughter awarded Spina Bifida benefits at Level III, \$1200 monthly, effective 3/98-7/98, \$10800;8/98-7/99,\$14400 (Total \$25,200)

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6. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$97 monthly, 3/98-7/98, \$388;8/98-2/99, \$679 (Total \$1607)
7. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation, 40% effective 3/98-3/99, \$399 monthly, (Total \$4788)
8. Widow awarded Widow Pension, \$468 monthly, effective 4/98-11/98, \$3276;12/98-3/99, \$2340 (Total \$5616)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	15,548.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		123,361.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH	\$	53,461.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	489,869.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	613,230.00

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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 BIFADA BENEFITS.

The minutes of the July 29, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

The meeting opened in due form with Chairman Adler. A roll call of officers was taken showing Vice Chairman Joe Iwaszek and Sgt. at Arms Nick Nekrosius excused. All other officers were present.

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

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

New Business. The Service Officer's Report was presented. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. A motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report is accepted as read. Motion passed.

Handouts were presented to those present. All questions pertaining to the handout were answered.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Al Strozewski, that we adjourn.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549

September 22, 1998

ANNOUNCEMENT:

On October 1, 1998, we will be meeting at the LaSalle Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4668 in LaSalle. It is located at the following address:

LaSalle V.F.W. Post 4668
2325 Donahue Street
LaSalle, IL 61301

It is pertinent that we have a large turnout because this is the announcement of the grand opening of our LaSalle Veterans Out-Patient Clinic. I would ask all to be there by 8:30 a.m. so we can start the ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Be advised that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical personnel will be there to enroll veterans and also give flu and pneumonia shots to those who want them.

We have fought this battle since 1996 and are finally receiving the benefits of our endeavor. Let us show Congressman Weller and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs how appreciative we are, how much needed this clinic is, and that we, in the Illinois Valley and our collar area, truly care for our veteran entitlements.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on October 1, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. at the LaSalle V.F.W. Post. Let all of your friends know about this day and encourage them to show.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin J. Rue", written in a cursive style.

Martin J. Rue, Superintendent
VAC of LaSalle County

September 19, 1998

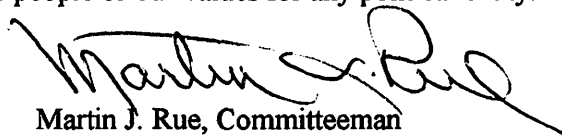
Dear Commander:

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs Greatlakes Health Care System (V.I.S.N.S. 12) Enrollment Task Force met at the Madison Wisconsin Veterans Affairs Hospital August 27 and 28, 1998. The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission requested that I attend because this task forces purpose was to develop a comprehensive network action plan to implement the new eligibility and enrollment process. The Task Force will develop a unified consistent approach in order to insure that veterans across the Network have identical access." Personnel attending this meeting came from the Chicago and Milwaukee Regional Offices, each United States Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in the V.I.S.N.12 area, and a County Veteran Service Officer from Wisconsin and Illinois. During the two days of meetings the "Task Force developed an Action Plan for Education and Communication to Employees, veterans and the public." They also developed a common network of definitions. "In order to provide standardization to veteran users, the Task Force identified several processes which need common definitions and applications in the Network. Under the new enrollment a veteran is to receive the same care at any facility." The common network definitions covered preferred facility, hardships, adjunct conditions, Means Testing, health fairs, continuation of care for compelling medical need, special care groups, catastrophically disabled and beneficiary travel. The Task Force also made recommendations for full implementations of the Uniform Benefits Package. They even discussed the appeal process of any administrative decision dealing with enrollment or eligibility. I found this meeting to be very educational and was wondering where our Nationally Chartered Veterans Organizations Representatives were? I would advise in the future, that we bridge the gap in communication between our governmental agencies responsible for veterans needs and our Nationally Chartered Veterans Organizations so that each side may exchange dialog when they are

involved in setting up policies or procedures that may have a direct or indirect effect on our veterans community.

Our LaSalle Veterans Home Care Facility has over a 160 veterans on its application list for admission. We are looking at two years before a veteran applicant may have a bed available at the LaSalle Veterans Home. Since 1993 we have been asking for an additional 80 beds to be added to that site. AMVETS, the American Legion, Catholic War Veterans and the Marine Corp League have passed resolutions in support of adding those beds to the LaSalle Veterans home. I beg you to go back to your communities and contact your State of Illinois Senators and Representatives and tell them to end this plight of our veterans in need and add those 80 beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home. Tell them to provide the monies that is needed to build those beds, purchase the equipment, and hire the staff to provide the quality of care our people deserve. Let us not forget that our state is short well over 600 nursing care beds. Be very leery of anyone offering a quick fix at a substantial savings to the taxpayers. We must make sure that our veterans are not herded to any federal facility to be used for experimental purposes. Let us not institutionalize these deserving souls and ostracize them from our society and their loved ones. Make those running for state office positions, such as Governor, commit themselves to supporting the additional 80 beds direly needed at our LaSalle Veterans Home. If they cannot back the needs of our people, then we must vote against them.

In conclusion, this year will be a frightful one for our veterans and their dependents. We must keep our eyes open and attend every meeting that is being held by those in government who have the power to develop policies and procedures that are detrimental to our people. I hope each and everyone of you are committed to the forth coming battles and have the intestinal fortitude to say let the battle begin. We must not compromise our people or our values for any political entity.



Martin J. Rue, Committeeman

Veterans Assistance Commission

ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME - LASALLE

William Franquist

Illinois Veterans' Advisory Council Meeting Summary
September 12, 1998

1. The thirteenth meeting of the Veteran Advisory Council of the Illinois Veterans' Home - LaSalle was convened at 10:00AM in Conference Room C on Saturday, September 12, 1998.

2. Representatives in Attendance:

Combined War Veterans - Mr. Eddie Butler
American Legion-Mr. Lloyd Henderson
Veterans of Foreign Wars- Mr. Joseph Gerace
American Legion- Mr. William London
Navy Club- Mr. Richard Corwin
Polish Legion of American Veterans - Mr. Richard Foltyniewicz
Disabled American Veterans- Mr. Elmo Ray Younger
Military Order of the Purple Heart- Mr. Paul Mons
Daughters of the American Revolution- Mrs. John E. Flahaven
Ex-Prisoners of War-Mr. Martin Parisot
Military Order of the Purple Heart-Mr. Robert Farrell
Congressman-Honorable Lane Evans-Ms. Ginny Shelton
American Legion-William Franquist
Disabled American Veterans- Mr. George M. Isdale Jr.

3.

Representatives Excused:

Catholic War Veterans- Mr. Joseph Iwaszek
Elks-Mr. Al Veverka
American Legion - Mr. Ronald Abel
Elks - Mr. Mike Scott
Korean War Veterans - Mr. Dan Koncelski
Paralyzed Veterans of America - Mr. Benjamin Lerma
Waves - Mrs. Jean Goretski
Jewish War Veterans- Ms. Goldie Lewis
AMVETS- Mr. Martin Rue
The Elks- Mr. Ronald Barnhart
Navy Club- Mr. Jeffrey Rose
Disabled American Veterans- Mr. George Brown
Catholic War Veterans- Mrs. Angie Panier
Marine Corps League-Mr. Norm Volk
US Submarine Veterans of WWII-Mr. Joseph Kovar

4. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Attendees:

IVH-L, Mr. Richard A. Cranford, Administrator
IVH-L, Mr. James L. Carlson, Adjutant
IVH-L, Mr. Ralph Koehler, President, Resident Council
IVH-L, Mrs. Karen Lukosus, Social Service Aide II

5. Mr. Elmo Younger, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ralph Koehler, President of the Home's Resident Council, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the opening prayer by Mr. Elmo Younger. The attendees introduced themselves and named their organization.
6. The written summary of the meeting held on March 14, 1998 was approved as written.
7. Mr. Dick Cranford welcomed the Veteran Advisory Council Representatives to the LaSalle Veterans' Home.
8. Mr. Jim Carlson introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Karen Lukosus, Social Service Aide II. She has been working in the Social Services Department for seven years. Karen spoke on the importance of Social Services in the facility. She said that both residents and staff have needed to talk to her and Tammy McManus, Social Service Aide II, for personal and family related problems. Mrs. Lukosus discussed resident's admission. Social Services meet with the family to help them adjust to the admission of the Veteran and to let them know that the Social Service team is always available to the family to discuss any problems that may arise. They invite the family to attend Care Plan meetings every 3 months to discuss the resident and help set goals and discuss any topics that the family may feel is important for the welfare of the resident. The Social Service office delivers mail, reads letters to many of the residents and writes letters for them. They have a shopper for the residents who comes to the facility every week to get the shopping orders and get needed items for the residents. The Veterans' Home has a Residents Council which meets once a month to discuss any problems the Veterans may feel are needed to be addressed for the betterment of the facility. Mrs. Lukosus said that the Veterans' Choice Meal is very popular because the veterans get to vote on exactly what is served for the meal. Social Services also helps the Veterans with absentee voting that can be done from the facility. If there is any room changes the Social Service department will contact the family to discuss the move and answer any questions the family may have. When Mrs. Lukosus and Mrs. McManus meet with the Veterans, they find it helpful to talk about problems the veterans may have with the adjustment of living in a Nursing Home. A new feature at the Home is the annual picnic which brings families together to share their ideas and their excellent baked goods. An upcoming event is a Family Drive in October to see the Fall colors.
9. Mr. Richard Cranford gave an update on the Illinois Veterans' Home. He stated that the Home is at full census with 120 Veterans. He stated that there would be not be an expansion of the existing building. The State has purchased the building behind the Home and this will be torn down and a new structure will be built. This new building will be for storage and office space, freeing-up space in the present building for better use of residents and their families. Mr. Cranford said that the VA Homes would, in the near future, come under the Illinois Department of Public Health. Mr. Paul Mons, Military Order of the Purple Heart, asked about staff shortages at the Home. Mr. Cranford said that there is a shortage of LPN'S. Mr. Joseph Gerace inquired about the new Veterans' clinic scheduled to open in LaSalle. Ms Ginny Shelton, office of Congressman Lane Evans, said she would look into this and let us know when it will be functional. (Note: The new target date for the clinic is 1 October 1998.)
10. Mr. Jim Carlson spoke on the Waiting List. He informed the council that the wait was approximately eighteen months for admission. He stated that all of the four Veterans' Home now have Waiting Lists.

I hope this is not built to prevent adding the 80 beds we need.

Ottawa Daily Times
Sept. 22, 1998

Candidates renew proposition to expand vets home

By PEGGY SCHNEIDER
City Editor

LA SALLE — U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Morris, and state senate hopeful Robert Studzinski are proposing to expand the La Salle Veterans Home by 80 beds.

Sound familiar?

State Rep. Frank Mautino, D-Spring Valley, and state Sen. Patrick Welch, D-Peru, have been proposing the same thing these last two years. The proposal passed the House but never got out of the state Senate and has never been backed by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, which operates the homes.

A \$15 million expansion of the home on 1015 O'Connor Ave. could be financed largely by federal dollars, Weller said. The federal government could take on \$10 million of the cost if the Legislature and the governor pledge to pitch in the rest, he said.

Weller and Studzinski say the long-term care facility has a waiting list of 150 people, which Weller calls the longest of any veterans home in the state.

As veterans of World War II and the Korean War age, more will be in need of long-term nursing care, Weller said.

Otto Fafoglia, deputy director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, agrees on the waiting list, but says some of those people on the waiting list might not come if a vacancy existed.

There are 1 million veterans from those two conflicts in Illinois, he said. The veterans home waiting list grows as those veterans age and become infirm, or as veterans become aware of the nursing home services, he said.

The department believes funds could better be spent, and veterans served quicker, by assigning them to empty beds in veterans hospitals, Fafoglia said.

"The Veterans Administration changed the way it delivers health care, to more outpatient services. We would like to explore the possibility of using existing beds," he said. Hospitals are operated by the federal veterans' agency.

The closest hospital is Hines in the Chicago area. Others are in Marion and Danville.

"We're not against having more beds for veterans," Fafoglia said,

"but it would be quicker to use existing facilities.

"An expansion in La Salle would not be completed before 2003. By that time, our need might have increased. By 2010, we expect the number of veterans to decline (as World War II and Korean veterans die). We think it would be more economic and quicker to be able to use the existing facility, then we wouldn't have to have buildings remaining when the need is not as great," Fafoglia said.

Leases of hospital facilities and staffing of those facilities could be tailored to need, he said.

The department instead is concentrating on developing veterans home units to deal with Alzheimer's patients, he said.

"That seems to be a great need at this juncture," he said.

Mautino maintains the expansion is necessary, and pledges to continue battling for it. He and Welch are seeking re-election.

"We're paying state dollars to take over what is a federal responsibility (at the hospitals), rather than expand facilities" that serve veterans in the area, Mautino said.

"It makes sense. We don't need more money to meet federal (building) guidelines, and our construction would be simpler (than at other, existing, older homes). Ours is the newest home (and meets code requirements) and other older structures would require more money (for renovation)," he said.

Mautino said he has sounded out Legislative leadership and both gubernatorial candidates on the issue.

Studzinski believes a "fresh face" in the Legislature will have more success at passing the bill. "Maybe there was something wrong with the previous senator's approach," Studzinski said.

Studzinski, Weller urge expansion at veterans home

By Tom Collins
NewsTribune Reporter

Sept. 22, 1998

Within the ranks of American veterans is a time bomb.

A sea of aging veterans is reaching the age for full-time nursing care — an explosion that will swamp state-run veterans homes.

One of the places that will feel the space crunch is the Illinois Veterans Home at La Salle.

Now, officials are trying to find the money to expand the La Salle home by 80 new beds.

"It's estimated there are 150 veterans who've expressed a desire to come to the La Salle Veterans Home," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller, a Morris Republican.

"Frankly, that list is longer than any other veterans home in Illinois. And, clearly, there's a need to expand the veterans home."

Weller and Robert Studzinski, Republican candidate for state senate, appeared at the facility Monday pledging to expand it for an aging veteran population.

"Being 62 years old myself, and a veteran of the Navy, I understand the plight of veterans," Studzinski said.

Studzinski pointed out that the veterans home enables institutionalized veterans — who vary in age from 40 to 102 and whose average age is about 80 — to be near their families.

The expansion carries a \$15 million price tag, of which Weller said the federal government will pick up about 65 percent of the

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NewsTribune photo/Kemp Smith
U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller (left), an Illinois Republican, talks to veterans Raymond Konieczny and Roy Giacomelli on Monday afternoon at the Illinois Veterans Home at La Salle. Weller toured the home with Republican state Senate candidate Bob Studzinski. After the tour, Weller and Studzinski met with the press and area veterans.

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costs, or \$10 million.

The state, however, must provide the remaining 35 percent, or \$5 million.

"But before we can begin this process," Weller said, "the state of Illinois must make a commitment that they will come up with its share before I can obtain the federal share."

Weller may get his wish, as officials have already attempted to secure state funding.

State Rep. Frank Mautino, a Spring Valley Democrat, sponsored legislation in the Illinois House that would obtain that funding. But Studzinski said a counterpart bill in the state senate failed. He pledged to take up the charge if elected.

Studzinski seeks to unseat state Sen. Patrick Welch, a Peru Democrat.

Weller seeks a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He faces challenger Gary Mueller, a New Lenox Democrat who grew up in La Salle.

"When I am elected state senator, an expansion of the veterans home will be one of my top legislative priorities," Studzinski said.

"Veterans who have given so much to their country deserve qual-

ity health care in their later years," he said. "It's the least we can do."

The majority of World War II and Korean War veterans have entered their 70s and 80s. Many need full-time nursing care — paid for by Uncle Sam — but right now, there isn't enough space.

The coming explosion has forced the government to rethink how to care for its veteran population.

VA hospitals, for example, are inconvenient for veterans who need simple medical services such as blood work and physical.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is gradually 'outsourcing' its services to public and private health care providers nearer to veterans' homes.

Weller successfully spearheaded an effort to open a veterans clinic in La Salle County. That clinic will be open shortly and will spare 45,000 veterans a cumbersome trip to Chicago.

"But we also need nursing home care," Weller emphasized. "And with a waiting list of over 150 veterans standing in line many of them do need nursing home care — now.

"That illustrates that this (facility) should be the No. 1 priority for expansion in the coming year."

"Can't deny anyone". Interesting

This is a follow-up to the HAS Conference Call on 9/16/98. The Under Secretary for Health has advised this office that VHA will treat priorities 1 through 7 during fiscal year 1999.

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As a result of this announcement, it is imperative that as veterans present with applications for enrollment that they are not turned away. All applications for enrollment/health benefits will be accepted & processed.

Health Administration Services will be compiling a quick reference manual for processing within the next business week (actually some of this work will be accomplished at the Health Administration FAB & ADPAC council meetings next week.

I realize that this announcement will present many changes to some of you regarding local operating policies. It is imperative that you review local operations to ensure they comply with the previously published VHA Directive on Uniform Benefits Package (no longer will you have the legal authority to restrict clinic access based on SC disabilities, etc.) and previous information on eligibility reform (e.g. the handbook & 10 minute video). An update to the hand book, veteran & employee eligibility reform brochures, etc. will arrive at your facilities at or around 10-1-98.

This will be an opportunity for those of you in the field to demonstrate your talent & expertise as patient benefits administrators & veteran advocates during this very important time. I think you can appreciate the significance of the today's announcement & implications for the future of the VA healthcare system.

We will continue to provide support as necessary from my program office in Washington. But it is you in the field that will be the key ingredient to our success or failure.

Good Luck!

Take care & keep in touch,

Kent

Minutes of the September 23, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Adler. A roll call of officers was taken showing Vice Chairman, Joe Iwaszek; Sgt. at Arms, Nick Nekrosius; and Chaplain Jim Kirby excused. All other officers were present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated 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 by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Handouts were presented. All questions pertaining to the handouts were answered.

A lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the October 5, 1998 opening of the new U.S.D.V.A. Out-Patient Clinic in LaSalle, Illinois. Delegates and Alternates present were very pleased of this announcement and were insistent that a resolution be drafted requiring LaSalle County veterans to fully utilize the new clinic. They should be informed that they should notify their doctors at the U.S.D.V.A. hospitals that they want all health care services that can be provided at the LaSalle Veterans Clinic to be ordered at the LaSalle Veterans Clinic. The new address is as follows:

LaSalle Veterans Clinic
2970 Chartres Street
LaSalle, IL 61301
815-223-9678

It was noted during the discussion that some of our veterans are traveling to U.S.D.V.A. clinics five times in two weeks, seven times in three weeks, and ten times in six weeks, etc. Many of the Commission members feel that this is a true abuse of our transportation reimbursement program and do not see the need to go more than twice a month. Our resolution must indicate that our superintendent has the ability to make exceptions in a life threatening situation only and should the veteran refuse to receive their medical treatment locally, then they will be determined ineligible for transportation reimbursement from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission.

Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Al Strozewski, that the above mentioned resolution be drafted and presented at our October 28, 1998 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegate Bob Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

Falbo - 5 apts in 2 weeks - Hines

Watts - 4 apts in 1 month - Hines

Chonowski - 7 apts in 3 weeks - Hines

Eikelberger - 5 apts in one month - Hines

Pyle - 3 apts in 3 days - Hines

Mayer - 4 apts in 1 month - I. City

V. Pittauer - 4 apts in 1 month - I. City

Payne - 7 apts in 1 month - I. City

Renkin - 10 trips in 6 weeks - I. City

Gredler - 5 trips to Hines in 3 weeks

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1998

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 4138 30 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 9 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 24 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 61 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 10 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 22 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 3 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 11 veterans to sign and return.
12. Sent VA Form 4142 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
13. Sent VA Form 534 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran
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20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 2 veteran.
22. Sent 11 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 1 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
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26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran
27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
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30. Sent 11 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
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33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 31 veterans.
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36. Sent VA Form 149 to Veterans Administration for 0 veterans.
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43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 1 veteran.
44. Sent 0 claims to Court of Veterans Appeals(COVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation 40% effective 4/97. Retroactive pay \$8143 effective 12/97-11/98, \$6300 (Total \$14,443)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 5/98-11/98, \$807 monthly, \$5649; 12/98-11/99, \$9684 (Total \$15,333)
3. Widow awarded Widow Pension effective 10/97-11/98, \$470 monthly, (Total \$5640)
4. Veteran awarded temporary 100% s/c compensation due to hospitalization for s/c illness in excess of 21 days. (\$1964)
5. Veteran awarded SSI benefits, \$494 monthly for 2 months.SSD replacs it on 5/98 (Total \$944)

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6. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 2/98-2/99, \$716 monthly, (Total \$8592)
7. Veteran repaid office General Assistance, \$188
8. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation, 10% effective 11/97-11/98, \$1140
9. Veteran awarded service connected Compensation, 20% effective 3/98-11/98, \$182 monthly, (\$2184)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$	24,869.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:		156,603.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH:	\$	25,559.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	660,562.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$	817,165.00

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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 BIFADA BENEFITS.

Minutes of October 28, 1998 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

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

Old Business was discussed. All questions pertaining to old business were answered. A resolution was presented to the Commission pertaining to our transportation reimbursement policy for trips made to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs health care service providers. Motion was made by Joe Iwaszek, seconded by Al Strozewski, that the resolution presented and discussed be adopted by the Commission and signed by Chairman Ralph Adler. Motion passed.

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

The Commission Delegates and Alternates discussed our meeting dates for the months of November and December. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Jim Kirby, that we change our by-laws to show that our November meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of each November and that we do not hold a December meeting at all. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented. All questions pertaining to the handouts were answered.

Superintendent Rue was asked by the Commission to send a letter to each U.S.D.V.A. Medical Director explaining our new transportation reimbursement policy and include a copy of the passed resolution pertaining to this transportation reimbursement program. He should further request that they order all health services that can be provided at our LaSalle U.S.D.V.A. Outpatient Clinic for our area veterans who are attending their facilities.

Motion by David Scott, seconded by James Fisk, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

Member present: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Alternates Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and James Fisk, American Legion Post 33; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1998

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AWARDS:

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2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective \$1158 monthly, 2/97-9/98, \$16,100;10/98-10/99, \$13,896 (Total \$29,996)
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension \$722 monthly, effective 6/97-6/98, \$8664 retroactive;7/98-11/98, \$3610 (Total \$12,274)
4. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation from 20%-50%, increase of \$387 monthly, effective 8/96-11/98, \$10,449; 12/98-11/99, \$4644 (Total \$15,093)

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6. Veteran awarded benefits for son suffering from Spina Bifada, \$205 monthly, 8/98-11/98, \$615; 12/98-11/99, \$2460 (Total \$3075)
7. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation to 40%, 5/98-6/98, \$1050; 100% S/C compensation 7/98-12/98, \$2279 monthly, \$11,395 (Total \$14,629)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefit, effective 8/96, \$830 monthly, 9/96-11/98, \$21,580; 12/98-11/99, \$9960 (Total \$31,540)
9. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 9/97-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$10,830 retroactive; 12/98-11/99, \$8664 (Total \$19,494)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH:	\$ 61,536.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	218,139.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH	\$ 79,853.00
YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 740,415.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:	\$ 958,554.00

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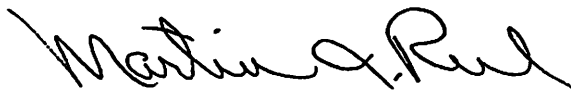
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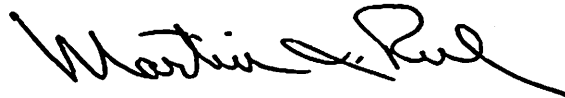
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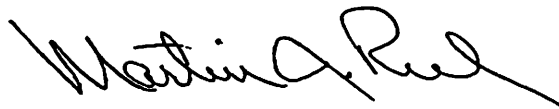
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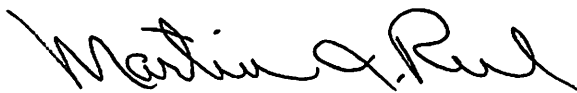
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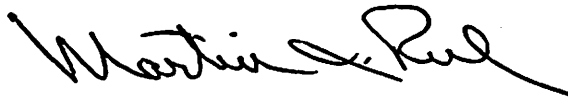
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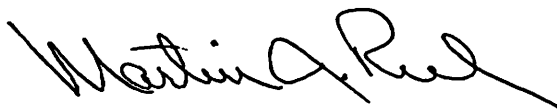
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27. Sent Request for Presidential Memorial Certificate to VA Regional Office for 0 veterans' widows.
28. Sent NA Form 13055 to National Personnel Records Center for 1 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 21 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 11 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
31. Sent VA Form 516 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 6860 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 3 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10E to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) for 4 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(COVA) for their consideration and review.
45. Sent 0 VA Form 0304 to Veterans Administration for spina bifida benefits for children.
46. Sent VA Form 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS:

1. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation, \$2078 monthly, continued 11/98-11/99, (Total\$24,936)
2. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation from 20%-40%, effective 6/97-11/98, \$217 monthly, \$3096; 12/98-11/99, \$2604 (Total \$6510)
3. Veteran awarded \$783 in unreimbursed medical expenses.
4. Veteran awarded 80% S/C compensation; 70% 5/97-11/97; 6/97-10/97, 100%; 11/97-11/98, 80%; \$17,200 retroactive payment; 12/98-11/99, \$1137 per month, \$13644 (Total \$30,844)

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5. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation, 10%-30%, effective retroactive to 1/96-2/99, \$7648; 2/99-11/99, \$404 monthly, \$4444 (Total \$12,092)
6. Veteran awarded 100% service connected compensation effective, 6/98-11/98, \$2074 monthly, \$12468; 12/98-11/99, \$2104 monthly, \$25,248 (Total \$37,716)
7. Veteran granted waiver of overpayment, \$6740
8. Veteran awarded 30% S/C compensation, effective 2/95-11/95, \$2600; 12/95-11/96, \$3192; 12/96-11/97, \$3288; 12/97-11/98, \$3348; 12/98-11/99, \$3384 (Total \$15,812)
9. Veteran awarded 100% S/C compensation, effective 2/99-11/99, \$2186 monthly, (Total \$21,860)
10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with A&A, effective 6/98-11/98, \$248 monthly \$1240; 11/98-11/99, \$300, \$3600 (Total \$4840)
11. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 9/97-2/99, \$14,505 retroactive benefits; 3/99-12/99, \$817 monthly, \$8170 (Total \$22,675)
12. Veteran repaid General Assistance to the VAC from SSD benefits, \$3327
13. Veteran awarded 10% S/C compensation, effective 4/98-11/98, \$95 monthly, \$760; 12/98-11/99 \$1152 (Total \$1912)
14. Veteran received retroactive payment from NSC Pension benefits, \$8585
15. Veteran awarded Dependency allowance in connection 30% rating, \$1773
16. Veteran repaid General Assistance to the VAC from SSD benefits, \$2720
17. Veteran granted waiver of SSA overpayment, \$5086; awarded \$1344 in benefits. (Total \$6430)

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TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 29,105.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 82,801.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 180,450.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 438,827.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 521,328.00

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 8804-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of March 24, 1999. Meeting opened in due form by Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek. Roll call of officers was taken showing Chairman Ralph Adler excused and all other officers present.

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

Old Business was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to get their neighbors, friends, and relatives to write letters to Governor George Ryan, Illinois Senate President Pate Philips, and other Illinois State Senators pertaining to H.B. 0307 which is currently in the Illinois Senate Rules Committee. The Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee is Stanley B. Weaver of Urbana, Illinois. We need this legislation passed in order to get the 80 beds for LaSalle.

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

Our travel reimbursement policy to VA health care providers was discussed. Those present were informed that the reason for setting up our reimbursement transportation policy was due to the fact the U.S.D.V.A. had stopped reimbursing veterans who had to travel from 60 to 100 miles in order to receive U.S.D.V.A. health services. As a result, our Commission drafted a resolution requesting that the County Board enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement allowing our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission to reimburse transportation costs of our eligible veterans who had less than \$10,000 a year of household income and needed U.S.D.V.A. medical services. We then contacted our United States Congressional personnel and insisted that they reinstate the transportation reimbursement policy that they had always had for those veterans who met the United States poverty level. That goal has been accomplished and the U.S.D.V.A. has further placed a U.S.D.V.A. Out-Patient Clinic in LaSalle, Illinois. Our LaSalle County veterans now have access to U.S.D.V.A. health services and transportation reimbursement from the U.S.D.V.A. should they elect not to utilize the out-patient clinic in LaSalle, Illinois. As a result, there is no longer a need to maintain our previously adopted Intergovernmental Agreement for transportation reimbursement. A motion was made by Bob Westman, seconded by Jim Kirby, that we abolish our Intergovernmental Agreement Transportation Policy which was originally adopted by the full County Board on the 11th day of April of 1988 and resume those operational procedures that were enforced prior to that change. Superintendent Rue is to send out a letter to all LaSalle County veterans who have been using our transportation policy explaining the abolishment of our Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Al Strozewski, we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Robert Westman, American Legion Post 33; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; and Richard Fogarty, Service Officer

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission minutes of April 28, 1999.

Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing Vice-Chairman Joe Iwaszek, Chaplin Jim Kirby, and Sgt. at Arms Jack Leininger excused and all other officers present.

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

Old business was discussed. Supt. Rue handed out an April 16, 1999 report that was presented to nationally chartered veterans organizations pertaining to the need for adding an additional 80 nursing care beds to our LaSalle Veterans' Home and the legislation introduced pertaining to that subject matter. He further handed out an April 28, 1999 press release that was sent to all modes of media telling everyone about H.B. 0307 and S.B. 1207 which must be passed in order for us to receive the additional 80 nursing care beds for our LaSalle Veterans' Home. A copy of those legislative bills were also included with the press release. All individuals were encouraged to write their Senator, Representative, the Governor, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The Delegates and Alternates requested that Supt. Rue also write a letter to the Governor and send that letter to the other above mentioned legislators. He was further asked to send a letter to the Concerned Veterans asking them to also write.

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

Supt. Rue handed out a Letter to the Editor from the Paralyzed Veterans of America expressing the veterans health care severe budget cuts that have been submitted in the President's budget for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Supt. Rue handed out a letter that we requested he write on March 25, 1999 pertaining to these disgraceful budgetary shortfalls. That letter was also sent to the Concerned Veterans mailing list. Everyone was advised to write their United States Congressman and United States Senators requesting the needed increase in the U.S.D.V.A. budget.

Supt. Rue was requested to attend a Veterans Advisory Committee meeting in Joliet on May 15, 1999 with Congressman Jerry Weller and the American Legion 12th District meeting in Plano, Illinois on May 16, 1999. He is to encourage all present at those meetings to write their state senators and representatives and other state of Illinois elected leaders pertaining to the need for the additional 80 beds at our LaSalle Veterans' Home.

Motion by Nick Pacetti, seconded by Sam Maggio, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Delegate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, and Alternate Dave Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR APRIL 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 21 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 7 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 19 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 46 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 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 3 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 4 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 4 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 1 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
22. Sent 7 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 4 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 15 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 Records Center for 0 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 22 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 4 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 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 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 2 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 0 veteran.
44. Sent 2 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 518 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded 10% s/c Compensation, effective 11/98, \$95; \$96 monthly, 1/99; 2/99, 100% convalescence leave, \$1989; 3/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$1056 (Total \$3236)
2. Veteran awarded month convalescence for s/c hospitalization, \$2219; 30%, 7/98-11/98, \$182, \$910; 12/98-11/99, \$184, \$2208 (Total \$5337)
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 9/98-11/98 \$250 monthly, \$750; 12/98-11/99, \$253 monthly, \$3036 (Total \$3786)
4. Veteran awarded \$544 retroactive payment for dependency allowance; 12/98-11/99, \$600 (Total \$1144)

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5. Veteran awarded \$3015 unreimbursed medical expenses.
6. Veteran awarded SSD retroactive payment \$10,596;
5/99-12/99, \$422 monthly, \$3376 (Total \$13,972)
7. Veteran awarded increase in s/c compensation from
20%-40%, \$251 monthly from 9/97-11/98, \$3765;
12/98-11/99, \$3012 (Total \$6777)
8. Veteran received retroactive payment for NSC Pension
with A/A, 6/98-1/99, \$5866; 2/99-11/99, \$613 monthly,
\$6743 (Total \$12,609)
9. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 12/98, \$790;
1/99-12/99, \$665, \$7980 (Total \$8770)
10. Veteran awarded s/c Compensation 70%, effective 4/98-
11/98, \$916 monthly, \$7328; 12/98-11/99, \$934, \$11,208
(Total \$18,636)
11. Veteran awarded increase in s/c Compensation 80%-
100%, difference, \$927 monthly, 10/98-11/98, \$1954;
12/98-11/99, \$11,124 (Total \$13,078)
12. Veteran's widow awarded DIC benefits 1/98-11/98,
\$850 monthly, \$10,200; 12/98-11/99, \$861 monthly
\$10,332 (Total \$20,532)
Also awarded Burial benefits for s/c death, \$1500
13. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 12/98-11/99
\$184 monthly, (Total \$2208)
14. Veteran awarded from BVA s/c increase from 10%-50%
difference \$480 monthly, effectived 4/94-11/99,
(Total \$31,160)
15. Veteran awarded SSD benefits 7/96-4/99, \$21,036;
5/99-11/99, \$728 monthly, \$4368 (Total \$25,504)
16. Veteran awarded 100% s/c increase of \$1073 per
month (70%-100%) effective 9/97-5/99, \$22,533;
6/99-11/99, \$6438 (Total \$28,971)
17. Veteran awarded SSD benefits effective 5/98-11/98
\$961 monthly, \$6727; 12/99-11/99, \$11,532
(Total \$18,259)

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TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 57,735.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 167,372.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 147,681.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 642,777.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 810,149.00

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 BIFADA BENEFITS.

Minutes of May 26, 1999 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

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

Old business was discussed. All Delegates and Alternates were informed that we must increase our letter writing campaign to the Governor and our senators and representatives in order to get our 80 beds at the LaSalle Veterans' Home.

New business. Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Sam Maggio, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to the Delegates and Alternates pertaining to the veterans issues. Those handouts were discussed.

A discussion ensued pertaining to a critical care issue that was suffered by Mervin Eastwold. Motion was made by Jack Leininger, seconded by Sam Maggio, that Superintendent Rue draft a letter pertaining to the discussion of Mr. Eastwold's plight. That letter will be signed by VAC Chairman Ralph Adler and Superintendent Rue. It is to be mailed to each post in LaSalle County that we have the address of in our office veterans listing. Motion passed unanimously.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Joe Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426, Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternates Robert Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

Minutes of the June 23, 1999 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

Old business: Old business was discussed and each question asked by the alternates and delegates were answered.

New business: Service Officers' Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. Motion by Jim Kirby, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that the Service Officers' Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to the delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Delegates Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League, Joseph Iwaszek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; and Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; and Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549 and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR JULY 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 31 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 10 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 5 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 20 veterans.
5. Sent out letters to 32 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 28 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 2 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 5 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 8 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 4 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 4 veteran.
22. Sent 10 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 2 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 21 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 Records Center for 0 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 24 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 2 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 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 149 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 293 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 0 veteran.
44. Sent 1 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 518 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded retroactive payment for NSC Pension of \$3655 for period effective 1-99 to 4-99, \$731 monthly;5/99-11/99, \$5117, (Total \$8772)
2. Veteran awarded IUE effective 1/99-12/99, \$1989 monthly, (Total \$23,868)
3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension 8/98-11/98, \$722 monthly \$2888;12/98-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$8772 (Total \$11,660)
4. Veteran awarded 13 month convalescence period @100% effective 4/99-11/99, \$2186 monthly, \$17,488; 12/99-3/99, \$8744.(Total \$26,232)

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5. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, effective 6/97-11/97, \$796, \$3980;12/97-12/98, \$825 monthly, \$9900; 1/99-11/99, \$825 monthly, \$9075; (Total \$22,955)
6. Veteran awarded SSD benefits, effective 6/99-11/99, \$1340 monthly, \$8040;12/99-11/2000, \$1680 (Total \$\$24,120)
7. Veteran awarded IUE, effective 7/98-11/98, \$5710; 12/98-11/99, \$13,928 (Total \$19,638)
8. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with A/A, effective 12/99 to 11/2000, \$530 monthly, (Total \$6360)
9. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$80 monthly, 4/99-11/99, \$640; 12/99-11/2000, \$960 (Total \$1600)
10. Widow awarded Widow Pension, Effective 1/99-11/99, \$490 monthly, \$5880; (Total \$5880)
11. Veteran awarded increase in S/C compensation from 10% to 70%, \$809 monthly difference, 3/97-11/97, \$6472; 12/97-11/98, \$809 monthly, \$9708;12/98-11/99, \$9840 (Total \$26,020)
12. Veteran awarded 50% S/C compensation, \$870 monthly, effective 11/98, \$870;12/98-11/99, \$880 monthly, \$10,560 (Total \$11,430)
13. Veteran Widow awarded Widow Pension, \$642 monthly, effective 1/99-11/99, \$7062 (Total \$7062)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 47,075.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: 217,673.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH \$ 148,522.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 864,465.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE:\$1,082,138.00

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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
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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.

Minutes of the July 28, 1999 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Old business was discussed and each question asked by 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 Joe Iwazek, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to the Alternates and Delegates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Chairman Adler then moved that we discuss the 2000 budget recommendations and new equipment needs. The Commission finalized their budget requests by line item for fiscal year 2000. They further requested two desk computers, one printer and accessories. They also requested a scanner for files and discs for the scanner. The total cost of all requested line items totaled \$171,531.00. A motion was made by Joe Iwazek, seconded by Nick Pacetti, that the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget recommendations be accepted as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Scott, seconded by Earl Mills, that the Commission adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235; Delegates Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Joseph Iwazek, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. 5506; and Alternates David Scott, V.F.W. Post 4668; and Earl Mills, American Legion Post 549

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR AUGUST 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 19 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 17 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 10 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 13 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 25 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 4 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 4 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 4 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 2 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 15 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 1 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 15 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 11 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 2 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 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 0 veteran.
44. Sent 1 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 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits Effective 12/98-12/99, \$957 monthly, (Total \$11,184)
2. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment, \$816
3. Veteran awarded continuance of Social Security Disability benefits, effective 7/99-7/2000, \$600 monthly, (Total \$7200)
4. Veteran Widow awarded DIC benefits, effective 3/99-11/99, \$1078 monthly, \$9702;12/99-3/2000, \$3234, (Total \$12,936)

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5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability Benefits, effective 2/99-12/99, \$711 monthly, \$7821;1/2000, \$711 monthly (Total \$8532)
6. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation by the BVA, effective 2/95-11/95, \$91 monthly, \$1092; 12/95-11/96, \$114 monthly \$1368;12/96-11/97, \$117 monthly, \$1404;12/97-11/98, \$120 monthly, \$1440; 12/98-11/99, \$122 monthly, \$1464 (Total \$6778)
7. Veteran awarded retroactive SSI payment \$1317
8. Veteran repaid office for General Assistance, \$211
9. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation 8/99-8/2000, \$2115, monthly (Total \$25,380)
10. Veteran awarded NSC Pension with Aid & Attendance, effective 7/99-7/2000, \$434 monthly (Total \$5208)
11. Veteran awarded 100% S/C Compensation by the BVA, effective 6/95-11/95, \$2375 monthly;12/95-11/96, \$2435 monthly;12/96-11/97, \$2505 monthly;12/97-11/98 \$2557 monthly;12/98-8/99, \$2589 monthly:(Total retroactive payment, \$77,174);9/99-9/2000, \$2589 monthly, \$31,068 (Total award \$108,242)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 28,533.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 246,206.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ \$159,571.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,024,036.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,270,242.00

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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
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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
27. VA FORM 0304-APPLICATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA BENEFITS.

Minutes of the August 25, 1999 LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting.

Meeting 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. Being no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Adler stated minutes should stand as presented.

Old Business: Old business was discussed and each questions asked by the alternates and delegates were answered.

New Business: Service Officer's Report was read, all questions pertaining to the Service Officers' Report were answered. Motion by Jack Leininger, seconded by Jim Kirby, that the Service Officers' Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Chairman Ralph Adler announced that the dedication ceremony of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois will be held Sunday, October 3, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. All veterans are cordually invited to attend this historic event.

A brochure was handed out covering the Bureau County Homestead Festival and Pork Days on September 10, 11, and 12, 1999. The Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall will be there having their opening ceremony Thursday, September 9, 1999 on South Euclid Avenue, Princeton, Illinois at 6:00 p.m. The Memorial Wall is available for viewing from Thursday at 3:00 p.m. through Sunday's closing ceremony at 4:00 p.m. It will be available for viewing 24 hours a day.

Numerous handouts were presented to delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Ottawa Amvets Post 30 had requested to join the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. Their delegate present was Lyn Kofoid. She was introduced to the delegates and alternates present.

Motion was made by Al Strozewski, seconded by Bob Renz, that we adjourn. Motion passed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DELEGATES Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Samuel Maggio, Marine Corp League, Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Al Strozewski, American Legion Post 426; Bob Renz, Catholic War Veterans Post 1229; Jack Leininger, V.F.W. Post 5506; Lyn Kofoid, AMVETS Post 30; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 18 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 9 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 41 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 3 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 28 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 5 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 2 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 2 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 3 veterans
15. Sent application for headstone to sexton for 1 veteran.
16. Sent application for headstone to Washington DC for 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 1 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 5 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 veteran.
22. Sent 13 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 4 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 1 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 18 veterans.
26. Sent VA form 1900 to Veterans Administration for 0 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 4 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 12 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 1 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10b to Veterans Medical Centers for 1 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 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 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 0 veteran.
44. Sent 1 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 518 to Veterans Administration for 2 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
48. Sent VA Form 4555 to Veterans administration for veteran.
49. Sent VA Form 8678 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.

AWARDS

1. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits effective 4/99-11/99, \$969 monthly, \$7652; 12/99-11/2000, \$11,628 (Total \$19,280)
2. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial Benefits, \$450.

3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension by BVA, 12/96-11/97, \$696 monthly, \$8352;12/97-11/98, \$707 monthly \$8484;12/98-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$8772. (Total \$25,608)
4. Veteran awarded increase S/C compensation from 40%-90%, difference \$679, 3/99-11/99 \$6111;12/99-11/2000, \$8148 (Total \$14,259)
5. Veteran awarded increased S/C compensation, 20%-40%, effective 1/92-7/99, retroactive pay, \$18,842;8/99-11/1999, \$1920 (Total \$20,762)
6. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation & 10% for left and right leg, 30% combined;effective 1/99-7/99, \$395 monthly;10/99-12/99 awarded 100% for convalescence period, \$2366 monthly (Total \$8682)
7. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial/Plot Allowance, \$450; awarded transportation expenses, \$260 (Total \$710)
8. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability benefits, effective 6/99-6/2000, \$1137 monthly (Total \$13,644)
9. Veteran awarded waiver of overpayment, \$253.00

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 32,924.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 279,130.00
TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 70,724.00
YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,094,760.00
TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,373,890.00

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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
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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 September 22, 1999 Veterans Assistance Commission of LaSalle County.

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

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

Old Business: Old business was discussed. Each question asked by the alternates and delegates were answered.

New Business: Service Officer's Report was read. All questions pertaining to the Service Officer's Report were answered. Motion by Sam Maggio and seconded by Lyn Kofoid that the Service Officer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Numerous handouts were presented to the delegates and alternates pertaining to veteran issues. Those handouts were discussed.

Chairman Adler discussed a Budget Warning 2000 alert dated September 15, 1999 from John Brieden, Chairman of the National Legislative Commission. We all must contact our congressionally elected representatives and ask them to adequately fund the U.S.D.V.A. 2000 Budget.

Chairman Adler asked that our V.A.C. office send out a letter to all delegates and alternates reminding them that each post must recertify their delegates and alternates by our October 1999 meeting. The letter should also tell them when our November and December meeting will take place.

The delegates and alternates felt that the VAC Superintendent should attend the V.I.S.N. 12 October 4, 1999 meeting at Hines VA Hospital.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delegates Lynn Kofoid, AMVETS 30; Nick Pacetti, V.F.W. Post 4668; Sam Maggio, Marine Corp League; Jim Kirby, American Legion Post 549; Alternate Ed Braatz, American Legion Post 549; and Chairman Ralph Adler, American Legion Post 235

WAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 23 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 5 veterans
3. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 526 for 2 veterans.
4. Sent out birth, death, DD214, and marriage certificates to service offices for 11 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 5 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 27 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 3 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 4 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 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
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19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 3 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 v.eteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 4 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 0 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 0 veterans.

29. Sent various SSA forms for 23 veterans to Hearing Office for Social Security Disability
30. Sent 3 memos to National Service Offices to check progress of clients claims.
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32. Sent VA Form 517 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 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 0 veteran.
41. Sent 2 requests for Aid & Attendance for veterans.
42. Sent 0 request for Outpatient Fee Basis Card for veteran to Westside VAMC
43. Sent VA Form 5490 for 0 veteran.
44. Sent 0 claim to 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 2 veteran.
47. Sent VA Form 4502 to Veterans Administration for 1 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 \$90 monthly for NSC Pension While in nursing home.
2. Veteran's mother awarded accrued benefits due to veterans death (Total \$16,511) .
3. Veteran's son awarded DIC effective 6/99-4/2000 \$526 monthly, \$5260;5/2000-11/2000, \$365 monthly, \$2190 (Total \$7450)

4. Veteran's son awarded DIC effective 7/99-11/99, \$365 monthly, \$1460;12/99-11/2000, \$4380 (Total \$5840)
5. Veteran awarded 20% S/C Compensation effective 6/99-11/99, \$184 monthly, \$1104;12/99-11/2000, \$2208 (Total \$3312)
6. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, retroactive pay from 40%-100%, effective 4/94-10/99, \$2308 monthly \$122,822;11/99-11/2000 \$27,696 (Total \$150,518)
7. Veteran's awarded Social Security Disability, Effective 10/98, \$349 monthly;11/98-12/98, \$698; 199-2/99, \$355 monthly, \$4970;3/99-11/99, \$500 monthly, \$4000 (total \$9670)
8. Veteran awarded 30% S/C Compensation, effective 3/99-11/99, \$282 monthly, \$2256;12/99-3/2000, \$1128 (Total \$3384)
9. Veteran awarded 10% S/C Compensation, effective 5/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$576;12/99-4/2000, \$576 (Total \$1152)
10. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation from 60%-100%, (diff.\$1378) effective 5/99-11/99, \$9646;12/99-11/2000, \$16,536 (Total \$26,182)

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 9,670.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 288,800.00
 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 223,283.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,318,043.00
 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,606,843.00

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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

Minutes from October 27, 1999 LaSalle County VAC meeting. Meeting opened in due form by Chairman Adler. Roll call of officers was taken showing all officers present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read being there were no additions or corrections those minutes stood as presented at the request of Chairman Adler.

Old business: The Delegates and Alternates were advised that the budget submitted for next fiscal year was approved by the County Board Veterans Assistance Commission/Data Processing Committee. Every line item in the budget submitted was approved by the County Board VAC/Data Processing Committee.

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

Supt. Rue shared with the Delegates and Alternates present a survey dated 5/14/99 which was prepared by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and submitted to Governor George Ryan and the Illinois General Assembly. In review of the 23 page report it was noted that it contained very many false statements and numbers. It appeared to be a feeble attempt to justify not adding the additional needed long-term beds to our LaSalle Veterans Home and entering into a contract with the U.S.D.V.A. to pay higher costs for the empty beds at Hines VA Hospital and Danville VA Hospital to meet the long-term care needs of Illinois veterans. Supt. Rue further stated that the Illinois Department of Public Health would be holding a meeting on 11/1/99 in Springfield at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs 5/14/99 report. Motion by Bob Westman, seconded by Joe Iwaszek, that Supt. Rue attend the meeting and any other meeting pertaining to long-term care needs of our Illinois veterans and the 80 additional beds for our LaSalle Veterans Home. His mileage and meals will be reimbursed from our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adler shared with the Commission that there will be a public meeting on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at the West Side VA Hospital. This public hearing will discuss the Veterans Administration option study recommendations and their impacts on the West Side VA Hospital. All veterans organizations and the public are invited to attend.

Motion by Al Strozewski, seconded by Nick Pacetti, to adjourn. Motion passed.

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

VAC SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT
SERVICE OFFICER REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1999

CASEWORK;

1. Sent to Service Offices 12 VA Form 4138 for veterans.
2. Sent to Service Offices VA Form 21-22 for 4 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 30 letters to veterans to discuss, explain or inquire as to the status of their case.
6. Sent out 2 Form 180 to St. Louis for veterans personnel records.
7. Sent out 21 requests for medical records to various doctors, hospitals, etc for various veterans.
8. Sent copy of veteran's records to 5 veteran
9. Sent medals received to 1 veteran.
10. Sent letter to 5 veterans placing their file on inactive status.
11. Sent out various VA forms to 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 1 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 2 veterans
17. Sent VA Form 530 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
18. Sent VA Form 8940 to Veterans Administration for 3 veterans.
19. Sent VA Form 8416 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
20. Sent VA Form 527 to Veterans Administration for 0 veteran.
21. Sent Request for Reconsideration to SSA reference denial of disability benefits for 3 veteran.
22. Sent 10 medical records for veterans to Social Security office.
23. Sent VA Form 5655 to VA for 0 veterans.
24. Sent VA Form 9 to VA for 5 veterans.
25. Sent medical records to various service organizations for 12 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 7 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 1 veteran.
32. Sent VA Form 517 to Veterans Administration for 1 veteran.
33. Sent VA Form 686c to Veterans Administration for 2 veterans.
34. Sent VA Form 10-10t to Veterans Medical Centers for 0 veterans.
35. Sent VA Form 10-10F to Veterans medical Centers for 0 veterans.
36. Sent VA Form 149 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 293 to veterans pertaining to upgrade of discharges.
40. Sent VA Form 10-10 (EZ) for 4 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 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 1 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, 9/99-12/99, \$724 monthly, \$2896; 1/2000-12/2000, \$8688 (Total \$11,584)
2. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, Effective 10/98-10/99, received retroactive Payment, \$13,104; 11/99-11/2000, \$11,342 (Total \$24,536)

3. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, effective 7/98-11/98, \$722 monthly, \$3610;12/98-11/99, \$8772 (Total\$12,382)
4. Veteran awarded S/C Compensation, effective 7/99-11/99, \$96 monthly, \$480;12/99-11/2000, \$1152 (Total \$1632)
5. Veteran awarded Social Security Disability, effective 5/99-11/99, \$1160 monthly, \$8120;12/99-11/2000, \$13,920 (Total \$22,040)
6. Veteran awarded increase in S/C Compensation, effective 5/99-11/99, (\$88 increase) \$616;12/99-11/2000, \$976 (Total \$1592)
7. Veteran awarded NSC Pension effective 6/99-11/99, \$731 monthly, \$5117;12/99-11/2000, \$8772 (Total \$13,889)
8. Veteran awarded NSC Pension, \$731 monthly, 6/99-11/99, \$4386;12/99-11/2000, \$8772 (Total \$13,581)
9. Veteran's Widow awarded Burial Benefits for a NSC death, \$450

TOTAL SSA AWARDS FOR MONTH: \$ 58,160.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$ 346,960.00
 TOTAL VA AWARDED FOR MONTH: \$ 43,103.00
 YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,361,146.00
 TOTAL AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,708,106.00

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EXPLANATION OF VA FORMS:

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

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Joseph Swasch	1289	Del	223-4179
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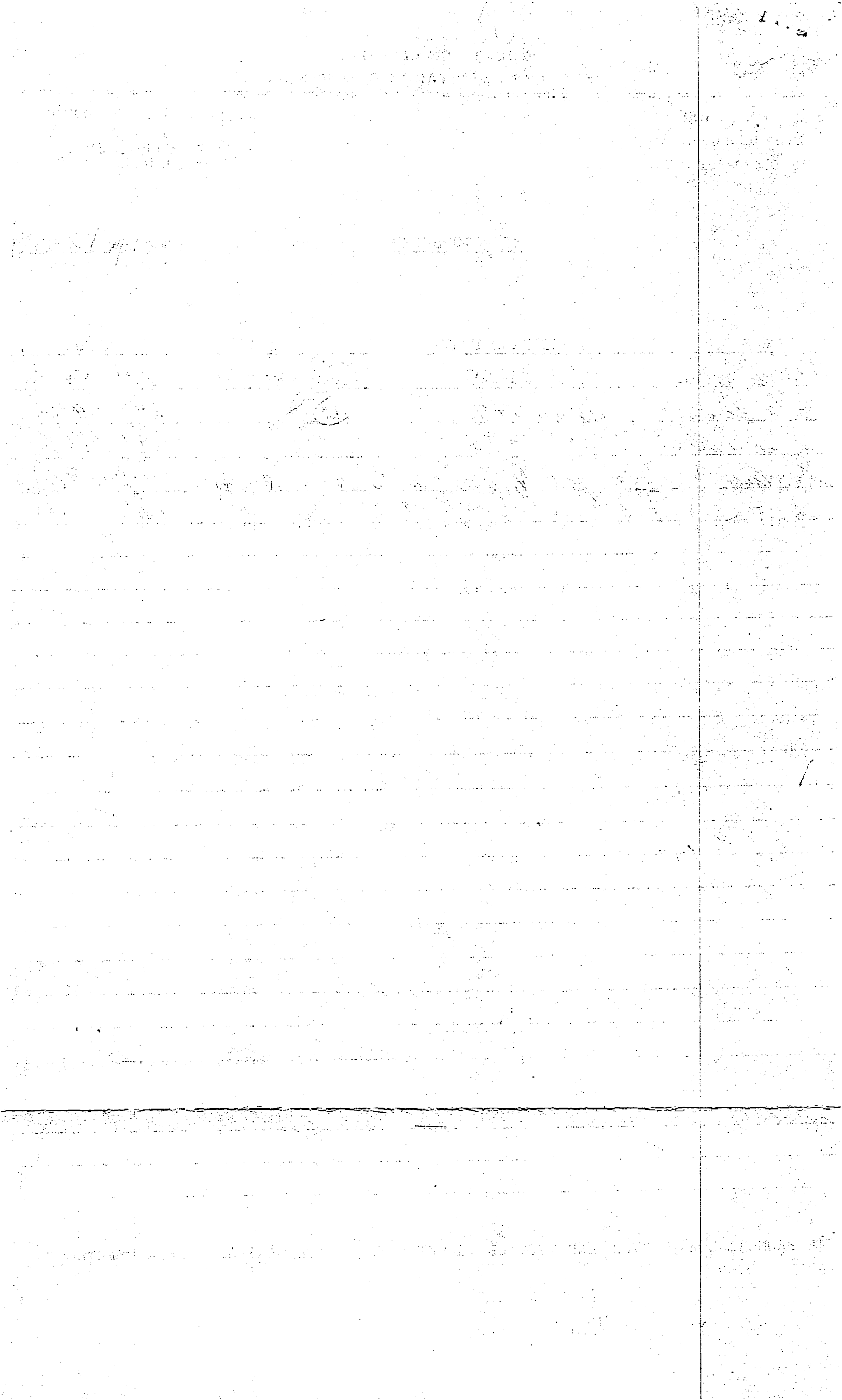
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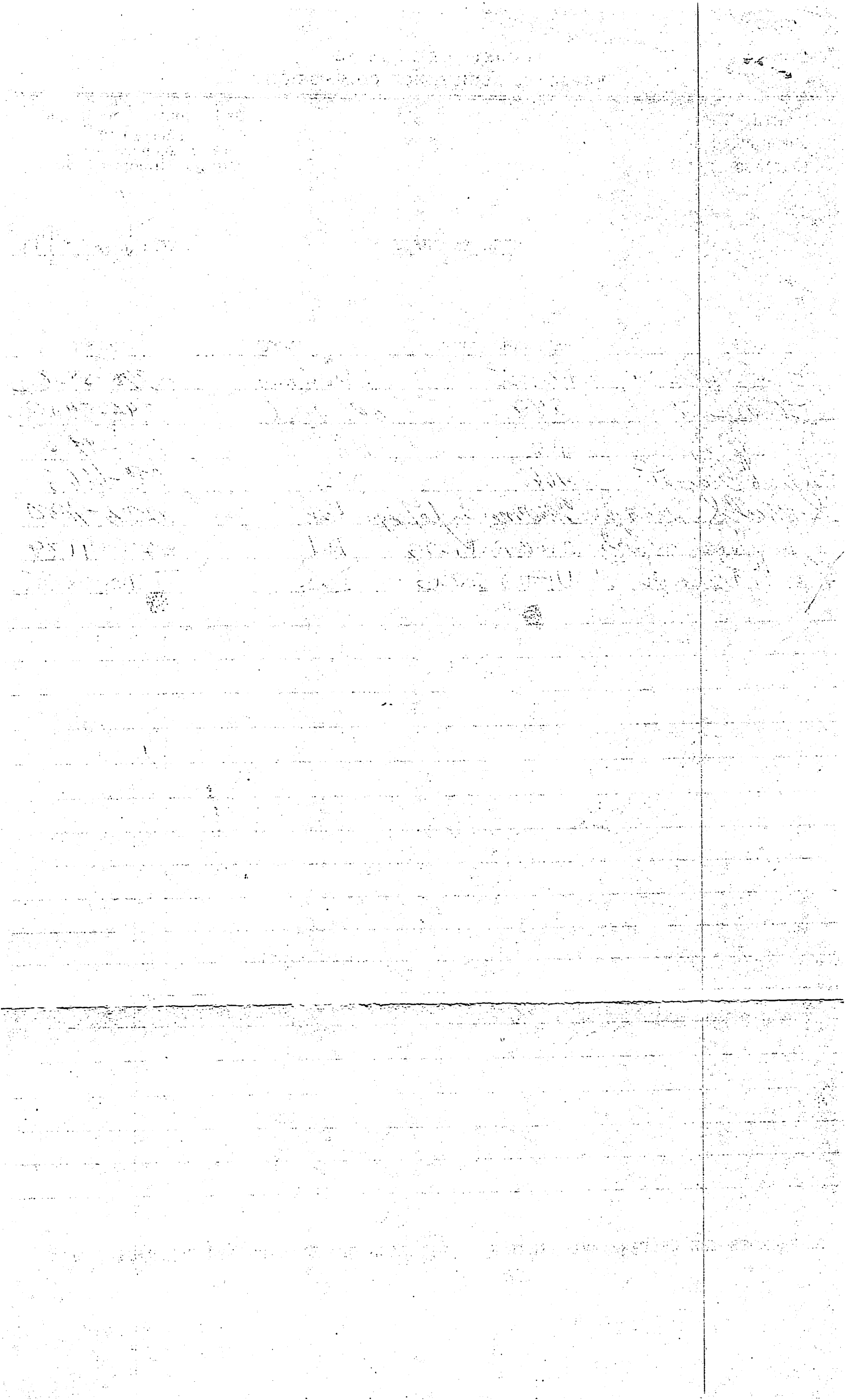
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Samuel S. Mapping	Del 4668		223-9080
Joseph Jewers	Del 1229		223 4178
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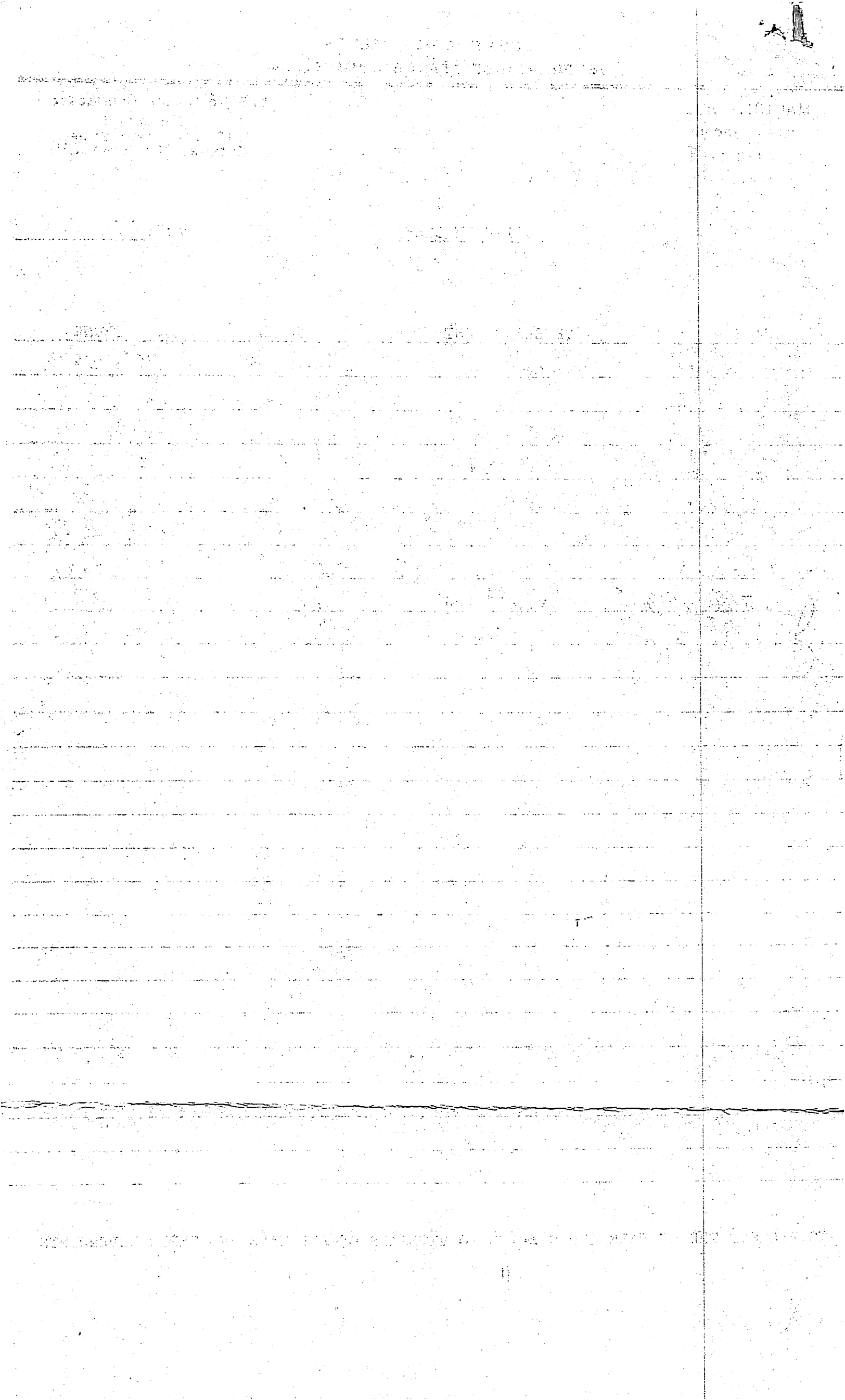
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Al Stronowski	H.H. #426	Del	223-9521
Joseph Swartzel	CWV Post 1229	Del	223 4179
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