

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Green Lake County, Wisconsin

We herewith submit our Annual Report for the Veterans Service Office for the time period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

During the past year, 2011, this office has continued to experience a high level of activity across many different functions. We look at this as a positive sign that indicates we are continuing to meet our goal of making the veteran population of this county aware of the services we provide and have them take advantage of the programs that are of benefit to them and to our county.

Following is a summary of the activities of our office for the past year.

During the past year, this office handled **5268** personal and telephonic contacts and processed a total of **5882** pieces of correspondence in the course of providing aid and assistance to the veterans, their dependents and their survivors in this county.

Providing transportation to the veterans of this county to various VA Hospitals and clinics has been an important service of this office and is vital in securing cost-effective health care for these veterans. Transportation was provided to VA facilities at Appleton, Madison, Milwaukee and Tomah. A total of **209** veterans were transported to the VA facilities for outpatient and hospital appointments expending **1223** volunteer driver hours. The veterans' contribution to the county for reimbursement for transportation was **\$7,348.89**.

This office also provides veterans, their dependents and their survivors with assistance regarding Social Security, SSI, Medicare, insurance forms, TRICARE, CHAMPVA, Social Service programs, Retirement Benefits, Nursing Home applications and many other services when the need arises in conjunction with information needed to obtain veteran's benefits.

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The following Federal benefits were received by the Green Lake County veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

Compensation Payments (for service connected disabilities), Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Disability Pension (non-service connected causes), Death Pension (non-service connected causes). Servicemen's Government Life Insurance, Education benefits and Vocational Training and/or Rehabilitation benefits.

(Does not include Survivor Benefit Plan Payments and Burial Benefits Reimbursement)
Total = \$3,185,000.00

Federal Department of Veteran Affairs guaranteed & insured home loans.
Total = \$687,828.00

Veterans Administration Hospital benefits, which include inpatient and outpatient appointments at VA Hospitals and Clinics and prescriptions for Green Lake County veterans.
Total = \$2,660,000.00

STATE BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The following State benefits were received by the Green Lake County veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

Housing Loans, Home Improvement Loans, Personal Loans, Aid to Needy Veterans Grants, Education Grants, claims processing assistance, Appeals counsel, Discharge Reviews and other various benefits, programs and services. (This does not include services/benefits received through cooperating agencies or service organizations or any educational benefits provided by UW or Technical School Systems through the WI GI Bill.)

Total = \$7,280.60

Eligible County veterans and/or their spouses also received refunds of their property taxes from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Total = \$67,839.00

The Veterans Service Office received the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs County Veterans Service Office Grant in the amount of **\$8,500.00**, for the purpose of extending and strengthening service to the veterans of this county.

The Veterans Service Office also received a grant in the amount of **\$1,981.57** from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to assist in the transportation program for veterans utilizing the VA for health care appointments.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home provides a retirement community and nursing home care for veterans and their spouses. Green Lake County currently has **1** member residing at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, WI.

COUNTY BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The County Veterans Service Commission consists of Victor Shrock, Chairman; Susan Streholski and Anthony Soda, members; and Gerald Beuthin, Secretary. Quarterly meetings were held to review grant applications and policy. The annual Veterans Service Commission Conference held in King, WI, was attended by commission members. The Veterans Service Commission provided **10** Emergency Aid Grants to veterans and/or their dependents.

Total Service Commission Grants and Expenses = \$3,007.99

No funds were expended to cover burial of indigent veterans in the past year. Care of veterans' graves (including providing of flag holders).

Total = \$1,198.01

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald R. Beuthin
Veterans Service Officer