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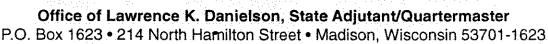
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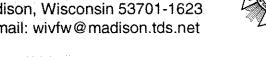
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES





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August 1, 1999

William Hustad, Chair Wisconsin Council on Veterans Programs W4489 Exeter Crossing Rd Monticello WI 53570

RE:

Council of Veterans Programs 7/31/97 to 8/1/99

1989 Wisconsin Act 36 - Activities and Membership Report

NAME:

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Wisconsin 214 North Hamilton Street

PO Box 1623

Madison, WI 53701-1623

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The objects of this association are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

<u>POSTS AND</u> MEMBERSHIP The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, was instituted on the 6th day of June, 1921 with a membership of constant growth every year up to 1993. In the State of Wisconsin, the VFW was comprised of 11 District, 6 Counties and 348 Posts with a total membership of 48,321 as of July 1, 1999. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has a membership of 18,128 with 241 units.

PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITIES

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin is very active in Community Services throughout the State. The following is a list of programs carried on.

Beautification, renovation, health care and environmental concerns. Cooperation includes projects with schools, churches and other community organizations. Aid to others extends the helping hands of Post and Auxiliary members to local hospitals, the needy, the handicapped and the senior citizens. In addition to these there are programs devised by Posts and Auxiliaries to meet the needs of their particular communities.

The VFW promotes Safety programs which provides education and assistance in the areas of driver education, bicycle safety, fire prevention and home security, and hunter safety. It also recognizes outstanding contributions of firefighters, law enforcement personnel and emergency medical technicians through the Recognition and Public Commending Programs.

Americanism and Loyalty Day projects stress the understanding and appreciation of the American way of life, and celebrate its history and honor its heroes who have gone forth to defend the country. Under this program honor guards are provided for military funerals and for patriotic celebrations. Flags are presented to community organizations, and a flag appreciation program teaches people how to present and care for the American flag.

VFW, through all the echelons of the organization, promotes youth activities. Scouting, baseball, soccer, bowling and junior rifle teams are the areas served by this program. Realizing that the youth of the nation are the future of the nation, the VFW stresses programs, which develop an appreciation of the American way of life, a sense of individual accomplishment and fulfillment, team effort and patriotism.

We also have programs to honor America's teachers, firemen, policemen, EMS personnel along with other community officials who make worthwhile contributions to their communities.

SERVICE TO VETERANS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, continues to answer the clarion call "To Honor the Dead by Helping the Living" through it's commitment of service to Wisconsin Veterans, their dependents, and survivors. This mission is accomplished through the selfless dedication of the men and women who serve as Post Service Officers in

more than 348 VFW Posts statewide. As such, these individuals comprise the most important link in our service network, which includes the District, County Council, Department Service Officer, and the Support Staff at National Veterans Service in Washington, DC and Kansas City, Missouri

In addition, we have an excellent working relationship with all 72 County Veterans Service Officers throughout the State of Wisconsin.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program to help the homeless and needy veterans get services they need to obtain steady employment and affordable housing. Veterans who are not able to work because of physical or mental disabilities will get help in obtaining long-term housing and other services the need to re-enter the mainstream of society.

BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM

The Buddy Poppy Program is specifically designed to "assist worthy Comrades; to perpetuate the memory and History of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans..."

In the last year, 437,000 Buddy Poppies were ordered by Post and Auxiliaries to use for favor to hospital patients, nursing home residents and to sell for monies to help our Veterans.

LEGISLATION

Every year the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, researches and supports many worthy resolutions put on the State VFW Convention floor in June of every year. This legislative action is to support the Veterans and their families. Much time is devoted to attending public hearings on Veterans bills and resolutions.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

The Voice of Democracy program is conducted during the fall terms of each year. This allows high school students in grades 9 10, 11 and 12th the opportunity to win valuable scholarships and awards while expressing their ideas, thoughts and opinions. A total of \$125,500 in National scholarships are available plus many on the local and state levels.

YOUTH ESSAY **PROGRAM**

A scholarship program available to 7 and 8th graders. The VFW has made a longstanding commitment to foster patriotism, promote Americanism and support our national youth within our local communities. Top prize to the National Winner of the Youth Essay Contest is a \$10,000.00 savings bond.

WISCONSIN

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, is VETERANS HOME very excited about its relationship with the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. We plan a yearly picnic for the residents of the Home plus many other visitations and monetary donations.

VA MEDICAL **CENTERS**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has representation at all VA Medical Centers in Wisconsin. These representatives are responsible for volunteer work and planned activities.

OPERATION UPLINK

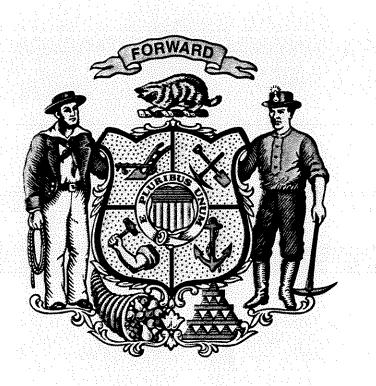
VFW makes connections that count by providing thousands of free phone time available to hospitalized veterans and active duty veterans overseas.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, is extremely proud to have a voice on the council of Veterans Programs. We thank the Department of Veterans Affairs and the State of Wisconsin for providing this opportunity to serve on the Council of Veterans Affairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence K. Danielson State Adj./Quartermaster

VFW Representative



1225 Langlade Road, Antigo, WI 54409-2795 Telephone 715-627-6248

John C. Schnabel, CVSO Kathleen Schultz, Deputy

TO:

Bill Hustad, Chairman

Council on Veterans Programs

FROM:

John Schnabel, COVP Representative

CVSO Association of Wisconsin

SUBJECT:

Biennial Report to the Legislature

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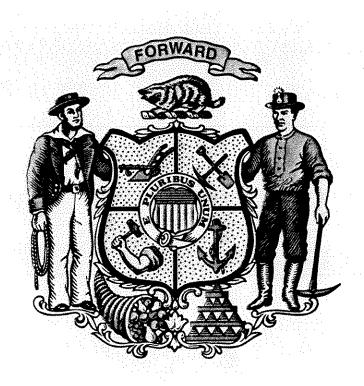
August 3, 1999

The County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) Association of Wisconsin's membership is comprised of 71 CVSOs and two assistant CVSOs. The association meets twice yearly to conduct business and conduct workshops regarding benefits available to the veterans and dependents we serve. For this reporting period, the association met in Superior in September 1997, Wisconsin Rapids in May 1998, Ladysmith in September 1998 and Hurley in May 1999.

Because CVSOs deal directly with veterans and their dependents on virtually every segment of state and federal benefits, we are well versed with the programs to identify and recognize inequities and needed changes. Through our state association, within the five regional associations, and using the CVSO Advisory Council, regular suggested changes and improvements are given to the regulatory agencies which may effect such changes/improvements to veterans programs.

Unlike the veterans' organizations which comprise the other membership of the Council on Veterans Programs, our members exist to better serve all Wisconsin veterans and their dependents seeking benefits rather than specializing in benevolent programs. CC:

Mr. James Hannah, President, CVSO Assn of WI Mr. Tom Taber, Sec-Treas, CVSO Assn of WI



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- HEADQUARTERS -



Mr. Bill Hustad, Chairman

August 5, 1999

In compliance with the provisions of the 1989 Wisconsin Act 36, you will find the necessary information required concerning our organization's activities for the past 2 years.

We have a total of 12 Veterans Posts in the State of Wisconsin with a membership numbering 777.

We service three VA Medical Centers in Wisconsin and 1 in Michigan.

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"Unity with Heritage"

Mr. Bill Hustad, Chairman

Once a year we hold our State Department Meeting at King, WI. Both the Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary donate \$200 each to the King General Fund. After our meeting, we have a bingo game and dessert social for the residents

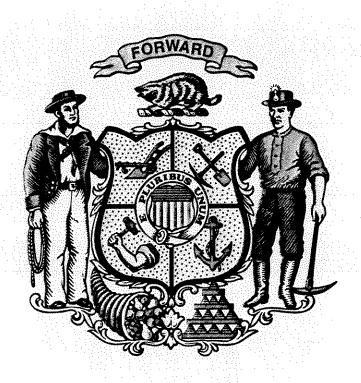
We also have representation and make monetary donations at the following VA Medical Centers: Muskogee, Oklahoma; Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Alabama.

Respectively submitted,

Ralph Chrapkowski

Legislative Officer State Department of Wisconsin

Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



OF THE UNITED STATES

To: Department Commander

2ND NOTICE

Department Americanism Chairman

cc: Department Adjutant

Department Ladies Auxiliary President

Department Ladies Auxiliary Americanism Chairman

From: Mike Gormalley, Director

Citizenship Education and Community Service Subject:

"Operation Recognition" WWII Veterans - Nationwide Promotion Date: August 6, 1999

Do you know a man or woman who left high school during WWII to serve in the armed forces? Many of them came back from the war and for various reasons were not able to finish high school, but led very productive lives and contributed to their communities.

"Operation Recognition," started in Massachusetts by Robert McKean from the Department of Veterans' Services, is working with states, individual cities and towns to award full high school diplomas to qualifying WWII veterans around the country.

acluded with this memo is the following background information about the program. 1. General program information and application example.

- 2. News articles from the Boston Herald and CNN about the program. 3. Example letter and application of how the Nebraska Department of Education and

s is an important and long overdue recognition for our WWII Veterans. Contact your Department ducation and Veterans Affairs top officials and request their support to implement this program on ound Veterans Day, 1999. Show them the enclosed materials and work with them on promoting

need further information, contact Robert McKean, Massachusetts Director of State Veterans' eries, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, (w) 617-727-3578, ext.

"Operation Recognition" for WWII Veterans

About the Program	During the 1040% the second of
	During the 1940's, thousands of young men and women across this country left high school and the comforts of home and hearth to serve gallantly in the armed forces during WWII. Their sacrifice ensured our freedom, built our country into a superpower, and shaped the entire course of history throughout the world. After the war, many of these veterans were not able to finish high school for various reasons, but led productive lives and built our communities over their lifetime.
	In recognition of their outstanding contribution, The Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, through a program called "Operation Recognition" for WWII Veterans, is working with individual cities and towns to award full high school diplomas to qualifying WWII veterans. This is a small, overdue, gesture of our society's gratitude for the sacrifice these individuals made in the name of freedom.
Eligibility	 All "honorably" discharged veterans who served in WWII between September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 who did not graduate from high school are eligible. Attendance in high school ranging from 1937-1946 with graduation class (range) years of 1941-1950 is required. Those who have earned a GED are also eligible and urged to apply. Diplomas can also be awarded posthumously.
Required Paperwork	 Application for "WWII Veterans" High School Diploma Copy of "Honorable" Discharge papers attached to application Discharge papers available through Military Records, 239 Causeway St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)-727-2964
Participating High Schools	The list of Massachusetts cities/towns high schools participating in this program grows daily. Currently this list includes, but is not limited to: • Agawam, Athol, Boston, Cambridge, Chicopee, Fitchburg, Gardner, Hudson, Leominster, Ludlow, Marlborough, Templeton, Palmer, Reading, Springfield, Turners Falls, Winchendon, and Worcester. If your city/town high school is not on this list, contact Robert McKean (see below) to determine whether your school has been added to the list, is currently considering the program, or if you want the school to be petitioned to consider the program. The information required is the name and address of the school superintendent, town officials, and veteran agent.
Contact	For additional information, contact: Robert McKean, Director of State Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services 239 Causeway St Suite 100 Boston, MA 02114 Phone: (617)-727-3578 Extension 108 Fax: (617)-727-5903 E-Mail: Robert.McKean@state.ma.us



APPLICATION FOR <u>"OPERATION RECOGNITION"</u> WWII VETERANS GARDNER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Mail to: Bob McKean 102 Eastwood Circle Gardner, MA 01440 (978)-632-7804



****Diploma can be posthumously applied for by next of kin****

(MILITARY SERVICE DATES: September 16, 1940—December 31, 1946)

This application is used to establish the eligibility of a WW II service veteran for the receipt of a high school diploma from

GARDNER HIGH SCHOOL

COPY OF "HONORABLE" DISCHARGE PAPERS REQUIRED AND MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

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Her school horops 39 vets with diplomas

By AZELL MURPHY CAVAAN

For these high school graduates, biology lessons were learned at the side of wounded comrades.

Travels to distant and strange lands taught lessons in geography. And all they needed to know about psychology they learned the hard-

"It was war," said Thaddeus S. Kulczyk, who served as a technician in the Army during World War II. "You didn't think about what you had to do, you just did it. And you didn't think about what you were missing out on back home."

But yesterday, as their children, grandchildren and present-day students at Gardner High School looked on, 39 World War II veterans finally received a piece of the past which they forfeited by leaving high school to go fight the war their high school diplomas.

"These men experienced a crash course in academic subjects," said the state's Department of Veteran Affairs Director Robert McKean, who is spearheading a movement to confer high school diplomas on World War II veterans across the nation who quit school to serve their country.

"They've earned an incredible amount of credits in life experience. Other students only study history, these veterans forged history," McKean said.

Yesterday's graduates, nine of whom were honored posthumously, were presented official high school diplomas from Gardner High School, the school they left to do their part in the war.

Against the backdrop of a large suspended American flag flanked by eight gold stars, the graduates donned red carnations as they sat center stage in the Gardner High

School auditorium.

The Gardner High School chorus serenaded the honorees with patriotic tunes including "God Bless America," while the school band performed a military salute that

brought the veterans to their feet.

Stacev Kazinskas, a senior class



VETERAN'S DAY: Thaddeus S. Kulczyuk left Gardner High School to serve as an Army technician during World War II. Yesterday, he was rewarded with a high school diploma.

representative, told the veterans the student body would be thinking of them and the sacrifices they made as they receive their diplo-

mas June 5.
"Because you sacrificed your dreams, we are able to achieve

ours," Kazinskas said.
Class representative Christopher
Hancock read a statement prepared for the veterans by Bob Dole,
national chairman of the World
War II Memorial Campaign.

"(These diplomas are conferred as a way to) bear witness to the

young men who liberated whole continents from tyranny, armed with courage and stainless patriotism," Dole said in his statement.

Cradling a photograph of her deceased brother, Catherine Foley accepted a diploma in honor of Thomas E. Martin, who left school as a senior to join the United States Army in 1943.

"It made me feel like he was right here with me," said Foley, tears welling in her eyes. "It is such an honor to have this diploma. I'm going to put it on my wall next to my brother's nicture."

U.S. Marine Corps corporal clutched his brand new high schoo diploma and waved it proudly for all the audience to see.

"I waited 50 years and traveler 1,500 miles for this," said Gensie jewski, who is originally fron Gardner but now lives in Florida "This is a proud day."

"They ought to do this all ove the country," said Emilio R. Mag liacane, who was a freshman a Gardner High School when he le:

Gardner High School when he lest to join the Marine Corps in 1943. Left to serve my country and nor I'm honored that my hometown





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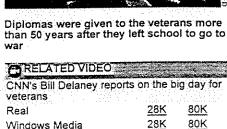
U.S. veterans who left school for war honored with diplomas

Web posted at: 10:14 p.m. EDT (0214 GMT)

GARDNER, Massachusetts (CNN) -- More than half a century ago, a generation went off to World War II, and millions of teen-agers -- including many underage boys who sneaked into the military to fight for their country -- never finished their high school educations.

A program has been launched to provide those old soldiers with the diplomas they missed out on while RELATED VIDEO defending democracy overseas.

"They learned geography by going to a foreign land. They learned a



foreign language from the people that they were with. They learned biology by helping to patch each other up when they were wounded," said Robert McKean of Operation Recognition, a program started by the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services.

The first ceremony took place Thursday in Gardner, Massachusetts, where 39 veterans were honored with diplomas before about 600 Gardner High School students, veterans' relatives and former teachers. Similar ceremonies are planned in six states.

Nine of the Gardner honorees were killed in combat and received diplomas posthumously.

Among Thursday's new graduates was Donald Croff, who as a teen-ager was in the Pacific on the carrier USS Franklin, on which more than 900 men died.

"It's like a dream," Croff said. "I never expected to come out of the war alive."

Emilio Magliacane, a Marine wounded in the Pacific, recalled that during wartime, "you're in the presence of death all the time. In fact, that's all you see is death all around you."



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Bernard Riley, who left for the Army Air Corps in the first month of his senior year in 1944, said the awarding of his diploma carried a surprising significance.

"I didn't realize how much that diploma would mean to me until now," he said.

That significance wasn't lost on the younger generation also graduating.

"I couldn't have made it through what they did," said Chris Hancock, whose grandfather and great uncle were among the veterans honored Thursday.

Correspondent Bill Delaney and The Associated Press contributed to this report.



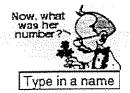
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DATE:

May 6, 1999

TO:

Nebraska School Superintendents

FROM:

Rentlymen Doug Christensen, Commissioner of Education

Keith Fickenscher, Director of Department of Veterans' Affairs

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RE:

OPERATION RECOGNITION, a joint program honoring World War II Veterans

The Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs has asked the Department of Education to join in a program to honor World War II veterans next fall. We are asking all Nebraska schools to participate by encouraging students to identify relatives, neighbors, or acquaintances in their community who served in World Ward II but were unable to complete their high school education. All veterans who left school during the 1940s to serve their country and, for whatever personal reasons, did not return to school and complete their education after the war are eligible.

OPERATION RECOGNITION would be an excellent way for us to thank those veterans who had their education interrupted by the war.

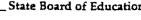
We hope each school will hold a school assembly on or around Veterans' Day 1999 to recognize these veterans and present them with a diploma provided by the State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs. The recognition ceremony would be an excellent learning opportunity for students to talk about the cost of freedom and the sacrifices these honored veterans made to ensure freedom for posterity.

Please notify your local media about the search for honorably discharged World War II veterans who did not receive a high school diploma. On the Eve of a new millennium, OPERATION RECOGNITION is an excellent opportunity to honor veterans from World War II who willingly sacrificed their youth and innocence for our freedom.

An application for World War II veterans is attached. The completed applications should be mailed to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, Keith Fickenscher, Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95083, Lincoln, NE 68509-5083

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA APPLICATION FOR NEBRASKA WORLD WAR II VETERANS

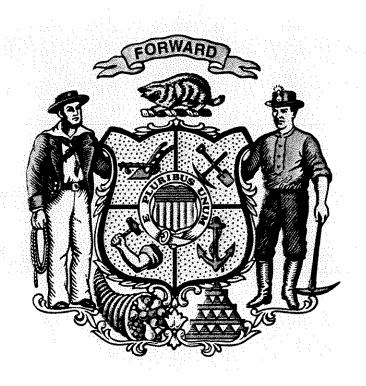
QUALIFYING DATES OF ACTIVE SERVICE: September 16, 1940 - December 31, 1946

Please provide a copy of veteran's discharge papers if available

This form will be used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish eligibility for any Honorably Discharged WWII veteran who does not have a high school diploma. Veterans with a GED may apply. Please return application form to: Department of Veterans' Affairs, P.O. Box 95083, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

30 West Mifflin Street, P. O. Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843 Tommy G. Thompson, Governor Raymond G. Boland, Secretary

TO:

Legislative Offices

FROM: John A

DATE:

August 10, 1999

RE:

Veteran Population by County

Enclosed is a copy of the most current estimate of Wisconsin Veterans population by county and age of July 5, 1999.

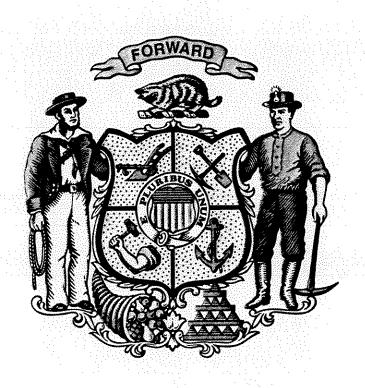
If you require any further information or assistance, please contact me at (608) 266-3081.

ESTIMATED VETERAN POPULATION BY COUNTY AND AGE AS OF JULY 1, 1999

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August 17, 1999

To: Chief Clerk, State Assembly/Senate & Sec. of State Office Marine Corps League, Dept. of Wisconsin Re: Activities of Marine Corps League and Membership Report

This report is in referance to Sec. 2 of 45.35 of Wis. Stats for the year 1999. The MCL has been active for over 76 years after receiving its National Charter from Congress. Headquarters is in Merrifield, Va. near the nations Capitol. Membership is restricted to former Marines who have served honorably for 90 days or more. Active Marines are eligible to join.

The objectives of the MCL is to assist other Marines and former Marines who are in need of counselling, finances and brotherhood. We have over seventy Service officers in 40 states who assist ALL veterans in procuring VA benefits. Another objective is to preserve the history and honor of the Corps. We have a special MEMORIAL PROGRAM for the deceased on the Sunday before Memorial Day. November 10th each year is set aside for all Marines to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. We participate in patriotic and Civic programs on other National and State Holidays.

The MCL is active as volunteers at VA hospitals and State Veterans homes. Many of our Detachments march in local parades and participate in Veterans funerals, usually with full uniformed firing teams. Our interest in the future is borne out by Americanism contests for the youth, assists with the Boy Scouts or our own YOUNG MARINE PROGRAM for 8 to 18 year old girls and boys. This program stresses physical health, obedience and patriotism. Many of our 'graduates' enter the Armed Services after High School. Scholarships are offered locally and Nationally for the better students who will need financial aid. We offer five State awards and over 500 National awards each year, with our Honor Society, the DEVIL DOGS, ADDING SEVERAL MORE. The Devil Dogs and the ladies auxiliary give thousands of volunteer hours each year at the VA, nursing homes and State Veterans homes.

We service ALL VETERANS in our volunteer programs and encourage participation in their programs. Our members generally are 'dual members' with the VFW, AMVETS, LEGION and DAV. We assist at Stand Downs and other Homeless Veterans programs, distributing food, toilet articles and creature comforts to them.

The twenty-two Detachments scattered through-out the State also are involved in their local civic projects and special events as needed. Membership is at 2100.

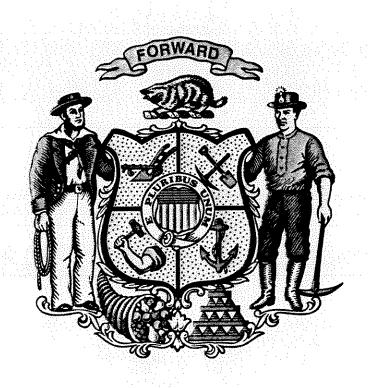
As Submitted by,

And approved by,

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Gene Stocks, Commandant 501 Maple Crest, N. Watertown, Wi.,53094

Legislative Officer



MEMORANDUM

TO: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

FROM: Phyllis Perk, Representative

from United Women Veterans to Council On Veterans Programs

DATE: August 20, 1999

RE: 1997-1999 Biennial Report to the Wisconsin Legislature on Membership and Activities

In compliance with Section 45.35(3d)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, as created by the 1989 Wisconsin Act 36, the following report is submitted:

United Women Veterans is a non-profit organization founded in 1986 to provide outreach and education to women veterans, along with benefit information and referral. We also work toward public recognition and support of the contributions made by women in the military. Our organizational strength lies in its comradeship among its members.

Our organization holds a state charter. We are not affiliated with any national group. Women veterans with war or peacetime service are eligible to join. All branches of service are represented in our organization. Many of our members are also affiliated with other veteran groups.

United Women Veterans holds regular monthly meetings. We encourage women veterans to join together for increased public visibility and the sharing of service experiences. We keep an historical record of what members did in service, our motivations, strengths and dedication to the service of our country. Current membership is 79. Our newsletter is quarterly and is sent to members state-wide.

Volunteerism is a key word for members.

We have made donations of money and time to various veteran causes.

Several members have donated their time serving on the Dane County Veterans Commission

We have also donated time and money to the Homeless Stand Down held in Madison, since its inception six years ago.

A luncheon for women veterans at King Veterans Home is given once a year.

Clothing has been donated to the VAP program at King.

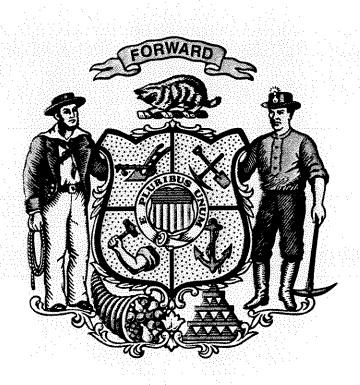
More than a thousand flags have been put on veterans graves both at Resurrection Cemetery and Forest Hill for the observance of Memorial Day.

Participation in the Madison Veterans Council observance of Veterans Day and Memorial Day have continued each year.

In addition, we participate in the Monona Memorial Day Parade.

We also enjoy being a part of the flag ceremony at Camp Randall's Veterans Day.

United Women Veterans is proud to have a voice on the Council On Veterans Programs.





WISCONSIN VIETNAM VETERANS CHAPTER III

P.O. Box 14, New Glarus, WI 53574

Date:

August 20,1999

To:

Council on Veterans Programs

From:

William F. Hustad

President of Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Inc

Subject:

Activities and Membership Report

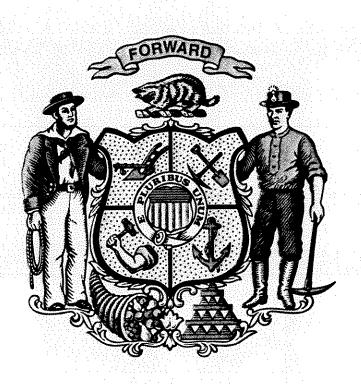
Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Inc was formed by several Vietnam veterans in Milwaukee in 1984. The organization was formed to address the needs of the Vietnam veteran that were not being met by existing veteran groups. A veteran must have earned a Vietnam Service ribbon to be eligible to join, most members are combat veterans.

Currently there are six chapters throughout the State of Wisconsin. Chapter One is in Milwaukee; Chapter Three is in Green, Rock, and Southern Dane County; Chapter Four is in Western Dane and Iowa County; Chapter Five is in the Madison Area; Chapter Seven is in the Richland County area; Chapter Eight is the Ho-Chunk Nation based in Wisconsin Dells. number of government officials and legislators are members. Our total membership is approximately 500.

Our mission is to keep the POW - MIA issue alive in the general community, explain the Vietnam experience to school age children and to the general population, assist fellow veterans, participate in community activities, and provide a social outlet for Vietnam veterans to gather.

Events that we support, and / or participate in are:

- annual Christmas dinner for homeless families
- annual Homeless Standdowns in Madison and Milwaukee
- volunteer in VA Hospitals
- support various veteran memorials/projects such as
 - Washington DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial
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 - Wisconsin Veterans Park in Neillsville
 - Green County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Monticello
 - Milwaukee's War Memorial Museum and Park
 - Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
 - Wisconsin Veterans Museum
- offer speakers to elementary and high school classes on
 - patriotism
 - proper care of the flag
 - Vietnam experience
- participate in many local parades with Color Guards and Marching Units
- give support to families and servicemen during military call-ups
- sponsor Veterans Rally such as Winterfest in New Glarus



DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

Military Order of the Purple Heart

(CHARTERED BY CONGRESS)

August 23, 1999

Activities and Membership Report



Membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart is limited to any Veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for Wounds received as a result of military, naval or air combat against an Armed Enemy of the United States. At the present time the Department of Wisconsin numbers about 600 members, and an Auxiliary of approximately 200 members.

Purple Heart, Department of Wisconsin, supports a National Service Officer and one (1) assistant on a part time basis at the Milwaukee V A Regional Center. This done through our National Service Office Program. Except for that we are a completely volunteer organization that serves the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Milwaukee, Madison, Tomah, Iron Mountain, Mi, Minneapolis, Mn and State of Wisconsin Home for Veterans at both King and Southern Veterans Center.

Purple Heart income is in the form of Monthly Grants from our National Foundation, this past year amounting in excess of \$120,000.00. In addition, the Annual Membership Dues are set at \$20.00 per member, as well as small donations by individuals. Our Budget for the various Centers range \$25.000.00 at King to \$10,000.00 each at Zablocki and Middelton, with smaller amounts to the other Centers.

In addition to the direct services we provide, Purple Heart contributes to and supports many civic and local organizations such as the United Service Organization (USO) in Milwaukee, Peace Officer Awards to Police Officers and Firemen injured in the Line of Duty, Marquette University Army and Navy ROTC, two High School Jr> Air Force ROTC Programs, Holiday Baskets to the Needy Families, a Scholarship Program in excess of \$25,000.00 per year to aid and assist in the education of qualified students in higher education, Boys and Girls State Programs at Ripon Collage where High School Students learn what Government is all about, Veteran Stand Downs in both Madison and Milwaukee as well as many other programs on a local level that are too numerous to mention. All of this is accomplished by VOLUNTEERS!

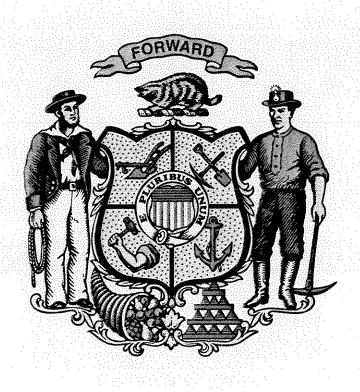
Our local Chapters and Auxiliaries maintain and support various programs and activities for the Aged and Infirm from the Wisconsin/Illinois state line to Iron Mountain, Mi V.A., from Lake Michigan to Minneapolis, Mn V.A. and the Northwest of Wisconsin. Purple Heart Volunteers contribute much time and effort on a strictly volunteer basis. Compared to some of the other organizations our membership is small, but our Accomplishments large and many, for a full or real sense of Satisfaction.

Paul R. Fine

M.O.P.H. Representative

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Council on Veterans Programs



Navy Club of the United States of America



Wisconsin State Squadron

25 August 1999

Raymond G. Boland, Secretary State of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs P.O. Box7843 30 West Mifflin Street Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7843

Dear Secretary Boland,

Activities and Membership report for 1997-1999 Biennial report

The Squadron meets during the months of March-July-October Election of officers takes place at the March meeting. Each Ship meets monthly.

Our goals remain the same, to increase membership and number of ships in the State of Wisconsin. At present we have four (4) ships plus the squadron, with a total membership of 290. We are always promoting the State of Wisconsin and the Navy Club.

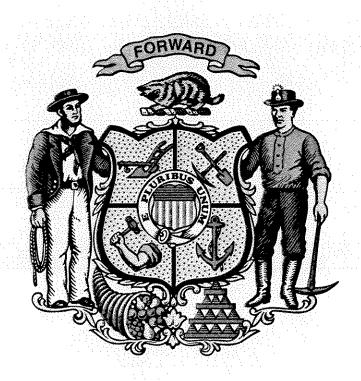
Each year we participate in the Pearl harbor Observance at the War Memorial in Milwaukee, the graduation of recruits at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and give awards to Navy and Marine Corps recruiters, and outstanding Coast Guardsmen. We participate with other groups at functions at the V.A. hospitals and King Veterans home. We also join in community events and do what we can do to help the Veteran.

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Charles R. Sanders

Assembly Chief Clerk

DATE:

August 25, 1999

TO:

All Assembly

FROM:

Charlie Sanders, Ass

SUBJECT:

A Few Things To Remember When Attending Committee Meetings

Chief Clerk

Outside Madison

The Committee Chairperson is responsible for submitting committee travel request forms to the Assembly Chief Clerk's office for approval. This request will cover the committee members, committee staff person and a messenger. It is not necessary for committee members to submit individual travel forms for their attendance at committee meetings.

Lodging reimbursement while attending committee meetings requires PRIOR approval from the Assembly Chief Clerk. The Committee Chairperson will decide whether an overnight stay for committee members is necessary.

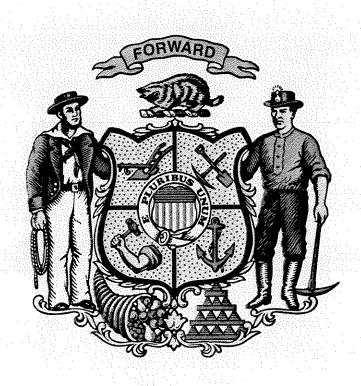
REMEMBER, PER DIEM IS REIMBURSEMENT FOR YOUR LODGING AND MEALS WHILE WORKING IN YOUR MADISON OFFICE.

Below are some examples of when reimbursement may or may not be claimed for Committee travel:

- While in Madison: You may claim per diem AND mileage from Madison to the city where the committee meeting will be held, BUT YOU MAY NOT CLAIM MEALS OR LODGING.
- While in District: You may not claim per diem when you travel to and from committee hearings from your home, BUT YOU MAY CLAIM MILEAGE, MEALS AND LODGING.
- <u>In District Reimbursement</u>: No in-district mileage will be allowed on a day for which per diem is claimed.

Also, if you are working in Madison for the day and travel from Madison to a conference or meeting later that day, you may either claim per diem for your day in Madison OR the lodging/meal expenses that night. You may not claim both.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chief Clerk's office.



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August 27, 1999

Mr. Joseph E. Padilla, Chief Youth Programs Division National Guard Bureau Army National Guard Readiness Center 111 S. George Mason Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Mr. Padilla:

With this letter, I am certifying the availability of state funds to support the renewal of the cooperative agreement between the State of Wisconsin, Department of Military Affairs and the National Guard Bureau for the Youth Challenge program. We understand that the matching requirement for the new agreement increases from 75%/25% to 70%/30%, which increases the state share of the program from \$700,000 to \$840,000.

The 1999-01 biennial budget bill appropriates \$840,000 to the Department of Military Affairs specifically for this purpose. Funding for the program has been endorsed by the Governor, the Joint Committee on Finance, and both the Assembly and the Senate of the Wisconsin Legislature. While the budget bill has not passed and been signed by the Governor, the delay is over disagreements between the two houses over issues unrelated to this program. I am confident that the funding provided for the state share of the Youth Challenge program will remain intact and unchanged.

Until such time as the budget is signed, §20.002 (1), Wisconsin Statutes provides, "If the legislature does not amend or eliminate any existing appropriations on or before July 1 of the odd numbered years, such existing appropriations provided for the previous fiscal year shall be in effect in the new fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years until amended or eliminated by the legislature." Thus, the \$700,000 level appropriated for 1998-99 continues until the budget is actually signed into law. As a result, funding is currently available for the Department of Military Affairs to enter into a renewed cooperative agreement with a 30% match requirement, with the incremental funding provided by the bill appropriated to the department at such time as the bill is enacted into law.

Mr. Joseph E. Padilla Page 2 August 27, 1999

If I or my staff can provide additional information related to this matter, please feel free to call our office at 608-266-1736.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Chandler State Budget Director

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cc Adjutant General James G. Blaney

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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133

February 16, 1999 – Introduced by Joint committee on Finance, by request of Governor Tommy G.

Thompson. Referred to Joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions.

AN ACT relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 1999 legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

INTRODUCTION

This bill is the "executive budget bill" under section 16.47 (1) of the statutes. It contains the governor's recommendations for appropriations for the 1999–2001 fiscal biennium. The bill repeals and recreates the appropriation schedule in chapter 20 of the statutes, thereby setting the appropriation levels for the 1999–2001 fiscal biennium.

The descriptions that follow relate to the most significant changes in the law that are proposed in the bill. In most cases, changes in the amounts of existing spending authority and changes in the amounts of bonding authority under existing bonding programs are not discussed.

For additional information concerning this bill, see the department of administration's publication *Budget in Brief* and the executive budget books, the legislative fiscal bureau's summary document and the legislative reference bureau's drafting files, which contain separate drafts on each policy item. In most cases, the policy item drafts contain a more detailed analysis than is printed with this bill.

ASSEMBLY BILL 133

	STATI	UTE, AGENCY AND PURPOSE	Source	TYPE	1999-00	2000-01
1	(n)	Federal aid, local assistance	PR-F	C	7,387,000	7,387,000
2	(0)	Federal aid, individuals and				
3		organizations	PR-F	С	1,348,600	1,348,600
4	(r)	Division of emergency			• .	
5		management; petroleum inspectio	n			
6		fund	SEG	A	465,700	465,700
7	(t)	Emergency response training -				.*.
8		environmental fund	SEG	В	1,700	10,500
9	(4)	GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES PROGRAM REVENUE FEDERAL OTHER SEGREGATED FUNDS OTHER TOTAL-ALL SOURCES NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH PROGRAMS			3,908,600 12,596,100 (10,036,200) (2,559,900) 467,400 (467,400) 16,972,100	3,731,200 12,558,300 (10,005,400) (2,552,900) 476,200 (476,200) 16,765,700
10	(c)	Youth challenge program	GPR	A	843,700	983,700
11	(g)	Program fees	PR	С	-0-	-0-
12	(h)	Gifts, grants and contributions	PR	С	-0-	- 0
13	(k)	Interagency assistance; badger				
14		challenge program	PR-S	С	332,700	332,700
15	(m)	Federal aid - youth programs	PR-F	С	1,971,000	1,831,000
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