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1997-1999 Biennial Report to the Wisconsin Legislature Membership and Activities of the Council on Veterans Programs

September 30, 1999

The Wisconsin Council on Veterans Programs is composed of twenty-three veterans organizations.

Council officers for 1997-98 were: Bill Hustad, Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Chairman; Tom Wynn, American Red Cross, Vice Chairman; John Margowski, CVSO Association, Secretary.

Council officers for 1998-99 were: Bill Hustad, Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Chairman; Joe Guido, Disabled American Veterans, Vice Chairman until his resignation in April of 1999 when John Schurrer, American Legion, was elected Vice Chairman; and Paul Fine, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Secretary.

Attachment A of this report is a list of the members of the Council and the organizations which they represented during this reporting period.

Attachment B of this report are organizational reports of membership and activities.

Reports have not been received from the following organizations: American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, National Association of Black Veterans, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and the Federation for Culturally Diverse Veterans.

Organizations with no representation this reporting period are: Veterans of World War I and Federation for Culturally Diverse Veterans.

During this past biennium, the Council on Veterans Programs has continued to advise the Board of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs on matters of concern to Wisconsin Veterans and to make recommendations on a range of veterans issues. The Council will continue to act proactively on behalf of Wisconsin veterans.

Minutes of the Council on Veterans Programs meetings are on file at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 30 West Mifflin Street, Madison.

Respectfully submitted,
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS

William F. Hustad

William Hustad, Chairman

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09/69	Jerome Host, ARC--Judge Roang, VFW
09/70	Robert Steben, AMVETS--Mitchell Uhren, ANU
10/71	Joseph F. Klein, CVSO--Carl Krouse, CWV
10/72	Carl Krouse, CWV--Robert Petzold, DVA
10/73	Al Hannah, DAV--Leonard Brody, JWV
10/74	Leonard Brody, JWV--Albert Hanna, DAV
10/75	Harvey Hinkley, MOPH--Jim Copeland, NABV
11/76	Jim Copeland, NABV--Ron Schultz, NACV
10/77	Ron Schultz, NACV--Harry Helgerson, Navy Club
11/78	Ron Schultz, NACV--Chuck Arndt, VFW
11/79	Chuck Arndt, VFW--Paul Bialk, MCL
10/80	Paul Bialk, MCL--Robert Frautschy, AL
10/81	Robert Frautschy, AL--Italo Bensoni, ANU
10/82	Italo Bensoni, ANU--Vern Christianson, MOPH
10/83	Anthony Vrana, PLAV--John Ruud, AMVETS
10/84	Anthony Vrana, PLAV--John Ruud, AMVETS
10/85	Anthony Vrana, PLAV--John Ruud, AMVETS
10/86	Chauncey Dunday, DAV--Marvin Freedman, VVAW
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10/88	Chauncey Dunday, DAV--Marvin Freedman, VVAW
10/89	Chauncey Dunday, DAV--Marvin Freedman, VVAW
10/90	Marvin Freedman, VVAW--Ron Schultz, WACVO
10/91	John Ruud, AMVETS--Ron Schultz, WACVO
10/92	Chauncey Dunday, DAV--Phyllis Perk, UWV
10/93	Chauncey Dunday, DAV--Phyllis Perk, UWV
10/94	Marvin Freedman, VVA--Jess Jespersen, VVAW
10/95	Marvin Freedman, VVA--Jess Jespersen, VVAW
10/96	Phyllis Perk, UWV--Bill Hustad, WV
10/97	Bill Hustad, WV--Tom Wynn, ARC—John Margowski, CVSO
10/98	Bill Hustad, WV—Joe Guido, DAV—Paul Fine MOPH, Sec.
4/99	Guido resigned—Schurrer, AL, elected Vice Chair
10/99	

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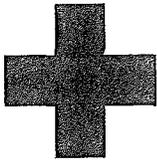
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September 29, 1999

Ms. Julie Van Metre
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
30 W. Mifflin St.
Madison, WI., 53707-7843

Subj: Red Cross support of Veterans Services

Dear Ms. Van Metre:

The people of the State of Wisconsin are currently served by 42 state-wide Red Cross Chapters located in most counties. All Chapters provide disaster aid, emergency military communications and First Aid training. These and other services are available to all veterans as needed.

Specifically, the Greater Milwaukee Chapter serves homeless and mentally ill veterans through its Homeless Outreach Nursing Center. We work with Vets Place Central in providing mental health assessment and crisis intervention services and also provide Respite Care to homeless veterans with medical needs. Additionally, we collaborate with the Center on Veterans Issues in advocating for the needs of veterans, particularly those in need of acute care services.

Our mandate also includes long standing support of active and reserve duty military personnel and the National Guard. This includes emergency communications and emergency financial assistance.

The Greater Milwaukee Chapter's local service provision network operates through the efforts of approximately 40 employees and over 3,000 Red Cross volunteers. It is financially supported by 46,000 donors in the Greater Milwaukee area.

Sincerely,

Norman E. McKonly Jr. / m.

Norman E. McKonly Jr.
Chapter Manager

*Edward O'Connor, Chairman Linda Cutler, Vice Chairman Steve Tews, Vice Chairman
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NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER

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To: Chief Clerk, State of Wisconsin,
Senate/House of Representatives.

September 10, 1999

Fr: AMVETS, Department of Wisconsin, and Council Member
of Veterans Programs Committee.

RE: Activities and Membership report for AMVETS, a member
of the Council on Veterans Programs.

In complying with 1989 Wisconsin Act 36, the following report is
submitted outlining the current AMVET membership and activities.

In 1998 our membership was 3221 members.
In 1999 our membership was 3258 members.

We have one full time and one part time National Service Officers
located in the V.A. Regional Office at the Zablocki Center in
Milwaukee to handle claims for the veterans and their families.
The resultant activities are reported on a quarterly basis to
the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

We have V.A.V.S. personnel at the Zablocki, Madison, Tomah,
Minneapolis, Iron Mountain V.A. Hospitals and the State Veterans
Home at King, Wisconsin.
At these facilities, we provide weekly Bingo/Card parties as well
as picnics, bowling parties, casino nights and other numerous
seasonal activities.
At the King Veterans Home, we also maintain and furnish the
"Lincoln Lodge" building, and share in the costs and labor
in the wheelchair repair facility.
Personal kits are given out to new admissions, as well as
Greeting and Christmas cards at appropriate times of the year.

The organization has contributed approximately \$63,000 in cash
contributions and approximately 22250 hours of volunteer time to
all of the above mentioned VAMC's.

AMVETS is also the proud sponsor of one of the few Nationally
recognized Veterans Day Parades in the country, sanctioned by
both the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans
Affairs in the month of November of each year.



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Community Service projects such as; Blood/Organ Donarship, Girl and Boy Scout programs, Drug and Alcohol abuse programs, R.O.T.C. Award programs at nine sepearte colleges, College Scholarship programs at both State and National levels, Americanism Essay contests for both Junior and Senior High Schools, and the Americanism Poster contest for Grades 1 through 6. There are also various projects taken on by members of the organization to support special activities such as the WW II Memorial in Washington D.C., The Bell Carillon at the State Veterans Cemetary in Union Grove as well as a proposal for another at the Northwest Cemetary in Spooner. All Posts within the organization also support a Flag presentation program for individuals as well as businesses within their communities.

This report is a true, though abbreviated, statement of our organizations activities and aims.

Submitted by;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack A. Molnar".

Jack A. Molnar
National Service Officer

State Commander:

George Basgall

State Executive Director:

Dean Marsolek

State of Wisconsin, Department of Veterans Affairs
30 West Mifflin Street, P.O. Box 7843
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7843

Date: August 16, 1998

From: Paul L. Fergot, Ex POW
Member, Council on Veterans Programs

Re: Activities and Membership Report

The Department of Wisconsin, American Ex-Prisoners of War has a current membership of 1045 total members of which 336 are spouse members, 159 are widow members, and 550 are ex-prisoners. Of the total number of members, 590 belong to one of eight Wisconsin Chapters.

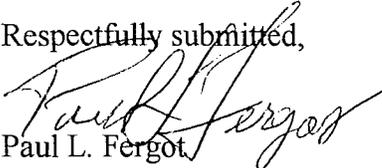
Like all veterans organizations whose members are primarily from WW II, our ranks are rapidly dwindling. During the memorial portion of our most recent convention, August 10-12, fifty nine members in attendance recognized twenty five members deceased in the past year. Along with the aging comes difficulty in traveling, some loss of leadership skills, and some changes in priorities.

Nevertheless in the 1997-98 and 1998-99 years the Department made equal donations of \$100 to each of the following organizations: High Ground, Zablocki VA, Middleton VA, Minneapolis VA, Tomah VA, Iron Mountain VA, Wisconsin King, and Med-search, a total of \$800 per year. The eight chapters have made similar contributions.

The Department continues to sponsor a statewide Essay Contest for middle school students.

In 1999 the Department voted to eliminate its traditional Mid-Winter Conference, leaving only the August Convention as a state get-together.

We anticipate that as our membership continues to get smaller some of the chapters will have to disband or merge, and that eventually we may have only the Department. We are sad to see our members leave us, but glad that conditions are such that we do not anticipate an increase in numbers of those who are eligible to join our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Fergot

**ARMY AND NAVY UNION
Wm. McKinley Garrison no 114
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

July 6, 1999

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Secretary : RAYMOND BOLAND

30 West Mifflin Street, P.O.Box 7843

Madison, Wisconsin 53707 - 7843

Dear Sir;

As in-coming Commander of Army and Navy Union, I am submitting the following information as of 1989 Wisconsin Act 36. Our Mission in our organization is to help all Veterans within the State of Wisconsin and the County of Milwaukee. We have a delegate in Madison, Wisconsin for Veterans Affairs. We take part in The State Fair, with our County Representative. Active members volunteer their time in the community and at Zablocki veterans Hospital, and King Veteran's home. Our Special programs at Zablocki, are :Memorial Day Program which is all Volunteers, Flag Day, Veterans Day and Bingo for patients at Zablocki and King. Our finances are raised by donations at our Poppy sales and Special Programs in which we help our fellow Veterans. I, myself teach Veterans and hospital nurses Computer Education. We have Patient Education which is among our top priority to keep Patients healthy. Our Thanks and appreciation to you and your staff and our Governor for giving Wisconsin Veterans a higher Quality Program in the United States.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Ott
Commander

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CATHOLIC WAR
VETERANS REPORT ON VETERANS PROGRAMS

The Catholic War Veterans organization was chartered by an Act of Congress on August 17, 1984. At the time of being chartered its organization totalled nearly 20,000 members but has been reduced over the years by illness, deaths, and handicapped by illness, veterans for one reason or other lose interest and drop out of the organization.

Today the National Catholic War Veterans organization has approximately 17,000 members.

The Wisconsin State Department of Catholic War Veterans has averaged for the fiscal year 1997-98 a total of 382 members. For the fiscal year 1998-99 which ended on October 1st, 1999 averaged a total of 306 members.

In fiscal year 1997-98, the Wisconsin State Department of Catholic War organization had a total of 12 posts. In fiscal 1998-99 the Wisconsin State Department of Catholic War Veterans lost two posts by disbanding, but several of its members joined other existing posts. The 1998-99 number of posts totalled ten.

The Wisconsin Department of Catholic War Veterans hold quarterly meetings of the Board of Officers usually in Milwaukee, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin and one of its meetings in the city in which the State Catholic War Veterans convention will be held just prior to its annual convention.

Volunteers working at the Veterans Hospitals throughout the U.S. are picked by the National Department of Catholic War Veterans, and usually put in thousands of hours in helping hospitalized veterans in bingo games, social and Christmas parties with gifts to those hospitalized. Also for those able to leave short periods of time on bus tours to various locations.

The Wisconsin State Department of Catholic War Veterans holds a yearly Bingo Party at King, Wisconsin at the Veterans home there which is one of the highlights during the year. Funds generated from the bingo party are earmarked for hospitalized veterans.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CATHOLIC WAR
VETERANS REPORT ON VETERANS PROGRAMS

Bingo parties and other fund raising events are also held by several of the State posts to aid delegates going to its annual State and National Department conventions.

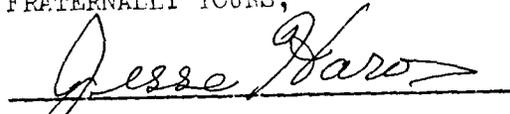
Through the years the one outstanding fund raiser has been the sale of Shamrocks. Volunteers stand at church entrances, shopping centers and also at the V.A. hospitals prior to St. Patrick's Day in March.

The other fund raiser is the Cross of Peace sales held in the month of December. These fund raisers are held for contributions to V.A. hospitals and also helps volunteers purchase needed items for hospitalized veterans.

The most important program for our organization presently is to enroll Catholic veterans from the more recent wars in which they were engaged in and to help them however possible and let them know that "We" care about their place in life and the comradeship it brings to all.

One unique program of the Catholic War Veterans is the annual Spiritual Bouquet to the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II in celebrating masses and prayers for peace. It's nationwide with the Catholic War Veterans.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,



JESSE HARO, DEPT. CMDR. WISC.

DEPT. OF CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

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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

DATE: 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

September 20, 1999

The Honorable Legislature
State of Wisconsin
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

To the Honorable State Legislature:

In compliance with the provisions of Wisconsin Act 36, 1989, the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Wisconsin, submits the following report (General Summary) of activities and membership of our organization for the periods of July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 and July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

DAV SERVICE PROGRAM

A DAV National Service Office is staffed and maintained at its location in the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Milwaukee, WI Regional Office, Building 6, Room C-231. The office is under the supervision of Scott P. Trimarchi and is currently staffed by three National Service Officers (NSO's), including Mr. Trimarchi, in addition to two full time secretaries and one part time receptionist/clerk.

	1997-1998	1998-1999
Program Costs:.....	\$240,081	\$228,128

The following statistics provided only reflect the number of cases and monetary amounts for each category listed. The figures do not reflect the countless hours of time spent reviewing claims folders, interviews conducted or other work related activities. The figures also do not reflect the many hours and miles contributed by volunteer Service Officers in our Chapters throughout the State of Wisconsin. There is no way to put a dollar amount on their work and travel. Each year, at our Fall Conference, we hold a "service school" for these volunteers to help keep them updated on veterans benefits and they typically attend this school at their own expense.

1997-1998 Benefits acquired and dollar amounts:

	Number	Retro & Annual
1. New Service Connections (SC)	495	\$ 4,995,542
2. Compensation Increases (IR)	1437	14,418,769
3. Compensation Maintained (C&C)	1809	22,118,693
4. Pension (NSC)	407	1,932,028
5. Pension Maintained (NSC-C&C)	221	1,114,748
6. Social Security (DIB)	7	165,161
7. Educational Benefits (EDUC)	820	1,388,411
8. Miscellaneous	115	344,170
9. Death Compensation (DIC)	139	994,813
10. Death Pension (NSC-DB)	233	199,929
11. Insurance (INS)	0	-----
12. Burial Allowances (BA)	349	225,335
Totals	6,032	\$ 47,897,599

	1997-1998	1998-1999
Program Costs:.....	\$126,307	\$148,956

Program Statistics:

Milwaukee VAMC		
Veterans Transported	8,340	8,641
Miles Driven	249,994	281,899
Volunteer Hours	12,725	14,133
Fox Valley VA-OPC		
Veterans Transported	2,731	2,750
Miles Driven	106,844	103,552
Volunteer Hours	6,980	6,822
Madison VAMC		
Veterans Transported	893	1,135
Miles Driven	90,671	86,615
Volunteer Hours	4,350	4,008
Tomah VAMC		
Veterans Transported	1,169	845
Miles Driven	61,385	55,027
Volunteer Hours	2,653	2,336
Twin Ports VASOPC		
Veterans Transported	2,439	2,354
Miles Driven	92,316	87,318
Volunteer Hours	3,668	3,479
TOTALS:		
Veterans Transported	15,572	15,725
Miles Driven	601,210	614,411
Volunteer Hours	30,376	30,778

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY
SERVICE PROGRAM (VAVS)**

The Disabled American Veterans and their Auxiliary maintain offices at the VA Medical Centers at Milwaukee, Madison and Tomah, as well as the Satillite Outpatient Clinics at Appleton and Superior. The combined number of volunteers at these offices totals approximately 180. The number of hours volunteered by these members is approximately 30,000 on an annual basis, and we expend in the neighborhood of \$57,000.00 per year to fund the programs they carry out. These volunteers visit the members who are admitted to the hospital, and follow their progress while hospitalized. They are offered both financial and moral assistance, and there are any number of programs put on for them to participate in for rehabilitation and recreation. Assistance is also provided for the family members, particularly those from out of town and find themselves making unexpected stays in these cities.

The DAV and DAV Auxiliary operate a Christmas Store for the patients of the VA Psychiatric Hospital at Tomah. In this program we supply gifts, wrapping and shipping for each patient in the medical center. This allows all patients an

opportunity to send Christmas presents to their loved ones at home. The annual cost to the Department is about \$5,000.00 per year.

WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME

The DAV has an active volunteer program in place at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, Wisconsin. Our representatives and volunteers are deeply involved in recreation and member care. The DAV's commitment to the home is clearly shown by the amount of time and money given to this facility. We annually provide about 4,500-5,000 hours of volunteer time, and our budget stays at about \$18,000.00 for our many projects at King. We began a Wheelchair Repair Shop for the home which has grown considerably, and while there are no real estimates of how much the savings are to the Home, it is well known that it goes high into the thousands of dollars.

Monies for the programs at King are from the Department's Thrift Store operation, as well as the Chapters from around the state.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The Department of Wisconsin, Disabled American Veterans, holds an Annual State Convention each year in June, a Fall Conference and Service School in October, and each District holds a District Conference in the Spring. Our Chapters hold monthly meetings, and we participate in DAV's National Convention and its Mid-Winter Conference.

MEMBERSHIP

The DAV has 60 chapters throughout the State of Wisconsin. Each Chapter has a Commander who, along with their elected and appointed leadership, determine the programs of their respective unit, in compliance with the National and State bylaws and guidelines. Each chapter has a Chapter Service Officer who works with our National Service Office in Milwaukee, and the local County Veterans Service Officer to assist veterans and their families in establishing both State and Federal claims.

The membership of the DAV in Wisconsin maintains a level of approximately 20,000.

MISSION STATEMENT

Made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is dedicated to one, single purpose: building better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families. This mission is carried forward by:

- ◆ Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government;
- ◆ Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House, and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government.

- ◆ Extending the DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level departments and local chapters; and
- ◆ Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

"Building Better Lives for America's Disabled Veterans"

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Kuehnl, Jr.
Council on Veterans Programs
Disabled American Veterans
Department of Wisconsin



FEDVET

FEDERATION FOR CULTURALLY DIVERSE VETERANS, INC.
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Activities and Membership Report **July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1999**

- ☆ extended advocacy for justice to the survivors and deceased service members of the "Port Chicago Mutiny;"
- ☆ partnership development with the:
 - ☆ National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (NABVETS) to establish a collaborative veterans services partnership;
 - ☆ Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. (CVI) for administrative and technical support;
 - ☆ Indo-Chinese America Veterans of the Vietnam War Era Organization, Inc. to support their efforts of services to its members;
 - ☆ Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association and the North American Iroquois Veterans Association to meet the needs of Native American veterans;
- ☆ began incarcerated veterans strategic planning sessions, with NABVETS and CVI, to focus on pre-lease support services to veterans;
- ☆ joined the NABVETS-CVI Veterans/Community Working Group to address veterans issues and guidance to Veterans United for Community Services (VUCS) Projects;
- ☆ received representative seat on the Wisconsin Council on Veterans Programs, Friends of the Wisconsin War Memorial Center, Inc. Board of Directors;

Mr. M. Jesse Torres, a Vietnam combat veteran, member of the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association and the North American Iroquois Veterans Association and a certified veterans service officer, has been appointed as representative on the Wisconsin Council on Veterans Programs.

Signed: _____



Thomas H. Wynn, Sr., Vice-President
FEDVET

Date: _____

30 Sept 99



JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN



The Oldest Active War Veterans Organization in the United States

July 21, 1999

To: Paul Weprinsky, PDC
JWV Representative to the Council on Veterans Programs

From: Fred Chester
Department Commander

Dear Paul,

In accordance with the 1989 Wisconsin Act 36, I am submitting the following information to the Council on Veterans Programs:

The Department of Wisconsin, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. is made up of approximately 375 to 410 members.

The Department Office and three posts are located in the City of Milwaukee. One post is located in Appleton.

These are the activities of the Organization locally:

Sponsoring of visits, bingo, special events and weekly Jewish Services at the Zablocki VA Medical Center.

Programs and donations to the State Veterans Home at King.

Active members of the Milwaukee County Allied Veterans Council, Veterans Board of Directors at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, Delegate participation on the Council on Veterans Programs and the King Committee.

Active participation on the Milwaukee Jewish Council.

A weekly discussion group at the Milwaukee Jewish Home & Care Center.

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Participation in the Boy Scouts of America & Eagle Scout Certificates to
Scouts in Milwaukee County Council and Potawatomi Area Council.

JWV Scholarship Program.

Donations have been made to the Ronald McDonald House, Chaim Sheba
Medical Center in Israel, Ezra Fund at Temple Menorah, VA Hospital, Girl
Scouts, Boy Scouts, Jewish National Fund, Milwaukee Jewish Home & Care
Center, Milwaukee Jewish Community Center, American Heart Association,
National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, DC &
the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

Funds are raised through membership dues, Pancake Breakfasts, Poppy Sales,
Rummage Sales, etc.

I hope this will cover the information requested in this Bill.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred A. Chester".

Fred Chester,
Commander

cc: Leonard C. Brody, PDC, Department Adjutant
File



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

~~1999 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE MILWAUKEE~~ WISCONSIN

August 17, 1999

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

This report is in reference 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,

Paul A. Bialk. Service &
Legislative Officer

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

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 Middleton, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul R. Fine".

Paul R. Fine

M.O.P.H. Representative

Council on Veterans Programs



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**Activities and Membership Report
July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1999**

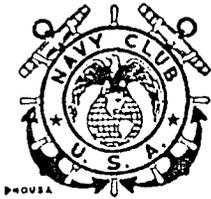
- received recognition for the purpose of preparation, presentation and prosecution of claims under laws administered by US DVA pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 5902 and 38 C.F.R. § 14.628;
- worked with veterans, and its collaborative partners, to provided over 72,000 units of community services, through its *Veterans United for Community Services (VUCS) Projects*;
- worked with homeless veterans partners to address the housing needs of homeless veterans with families through the Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. US HUD Safe Haven Program;
- co-sponsored **Basic Training Course in Veterans Benefits** for 26 homeless veterans;
- co-sponsored **Advanced Course in Veterans Benefits** for local and state veterans service staff;
- provided readjustment counseling (PTSD) services to 45 veterans;
- opened its Project WHERE Veterans/Community Resource Service Center;
- co-sponsored the registration, transportation and meals for 22 homeless veterans to attend the VA Homeless Veterans Training Conference in Chicago;
- provided over 3,200 units of transportation services to the Milwaukee VAP members;
- established partnership with the Indochina veterans of the Vietnam War and the Association of Culturally Diversified Veterans, in partnership with the Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. (CVI);
- represented on the board of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans;
- completed the **Parents Assuming Responsibility (PAR)** Program design, in partnership with CVI, for funding consideration under the Wisconsin Welfare to Work (WtW) Program for non-custodial parents - veterans focus;
- developed the **Youth Empowerment and Services (YES) Corps** Program model linking service strategies with community resources;
- began dialogue with local and state veterans organization, in three of the five targeted sites, for development and implementation of an economic development initiative serving low-income veterans and youth;
- established communication with community agencies to initiate client-based service partnership coalition in the Milwaukee Harambee community;
- developing resources to replicate the Milwaukee-based, WDVA funded, learning-based Computer Center at **VETS Place Central**;
- submitted application to US DVA to support funding of a Mental/Behavioral Health Clinic to address the needs of non-residential homeless veterans and their families, and 25% targeted services to non-veterans and families (**NOTE:** Initiative in partnership with WDVA and the CR-Social Development Commission. US DVA approval received 9/22/99);
- received representative seat on the National Veterans Legal Services Program Advisory Board (Washington DC), US DoL Advisory Board, Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, Inc. Veterans Board of Directors, Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, Inc. Board of Trustees, Wisconsin Veterans War Memorial Center, Inc./Milwaukee Inc. Board of Directors, Friends of the Wisconsin War Memorial Center, Inc. Board of Directors, and Milwaukee County Veteran Service Commissioners Board of Directors.

"Creating a Positive Lifestyle for Veterans, Their Families and the Community."

Navy Club of the United States of America

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS 1940

Wisconsin State Squadron



25 August 1999

Raymond G. Boland, Secretary
State of Wisconsin
Department of Veterans Affairs
P.O. Box 7843
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.

sincerely

Delmar Griebel

Wis. Squadron Commander
Wis. State Commander

Stan Valentine
Council Representative

Polish Legion of American Veterans

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

- 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.

	Total Hours	Total Miles	Cash Donations	Total Cash/ Material Donation
Madison	30	512	\$ 850	\$ 885
Milwaukee	10	105	375	375
Tomah	9	950	525	550
Iron Mountain, MI	32	995	950	1000
Totals Oct 1, 1998-Mar. 31, 1999	81	2562	\$2690	\$2810
Madison	9	175	\$ 505	\$ 505
Milwaukee	302	210	405	550
Tomah	12	392	540	815
Iron Mountain, MI	40	780	775	830
Totals Apr. 1, 1998-Sept. 30, 1998	363	1557	\$2225	\$2700

"Unity with Heritage"

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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

**ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT
U.S.SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II
WISCONSIN CHAPTER
REPORT FOR JULY 1,1997 TO JUNE 30, 1999**

We presently have members in three Wisconsin State Chapters. The Manitowoc, Central, and Southeast Chapters and each host a Wisconsin State Meeting during the course of a year. The Ladies Auxiliary (Wives of Submarine Veterans of World War II) meet separately and work cooperatively with us. We have a State Commander, a Vice Commander, Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers hold their office for one year. Our membership, as of June 30, 1999, was 147 Qualified Veteran Submariners from World War II and 65 Associate Members for a total of 212 members.

Beside three State meetings the Southeast Chapter holds the Annual Christmas Party. Our fund raisers during our various meetings are for state veterans activities, Boy Scouts, contributions to the Zablocki Medical Center (Christmas Party), and also volunteer in the pharmacy. We hold fund raisers for King Veterans Home (holding one of our state meetings at King) and have volunteers working at the home, especially in the wheelchair repair program. Our Central Chapter is very active here. Our environs are involved with the Manitowoc Maritime Museum where one of our members is a trustee. We commit ourselves to guiding on the submarine Cobia and have work parties and fund raisers to help clean and renovate the "boat". One of our future projects is to encourage Scout Troops to become crew members by spending overnights as "crew" members. We also hold our Lagarto State Boat Memorial each year on the Cobia (Mr. Boland participated at our last Memorial).

Our Wisconsin Veterans Museum is very near and dear to us. We have committed one dollar per member per year toward the museum. The Southeast Wisconsin Veterans' Memorial Cemetery activities are very important to us for participation and when contributions are needed. The Transitional Center (Homeless Center) includes one of our members on an in-house committee and we usually visit the center with donations or kringle and "good will" every month.

We also participate on Racine and Kenosha Veterans Councils, and one of our members (Stan Valentine) was instrumental in building Navy Park in Kenosha. We are also part of an effort to build a Veterans' Center in Racine. There are sixteen veterans groups in this endeavor. Our group has participated in the Zablocki Memorial Day Ceremony for many years plus our local parades and memorials each year. We have participated in the Flag Day Ceremony at Waubeka, WI. the past two years and all of the 4th of July Parades. We have a presence at Great Lakes at the Boot-camp Graduation in the Spring. We are directly involved in assisting Boy Scout Troop 400 as committeemen and contributing towards camp activities, Salmon-A-Rama fund raising.

An effort was made to contact our legislators whenever needed regarding the state budget and individual legislation that we deemed important by the WDVA, and a review is made by our newsletter, telephone calls, or E-mail. We have a monthly newsletter that attempts to inform our members about the information given our representative about our WDVA meetings, activities and a copy is also sent to our

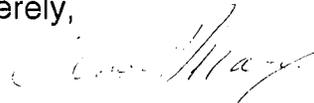
Chapter Commanders after each meeting. This is also a part of our agenda at all Chapter and State Meetings, and is an agenda item reported to all members. Council on Veterans Programs and Long Term Care Committee information is vital for an informed membership.

Our involvement is most worthwhile and most meaningful to our membership and community. We are not a "ship without a rudder" Our membership knows, questions, and participates on a state and local level because our Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs keeps us informed and gives us the tools to keep our membership "up to date."

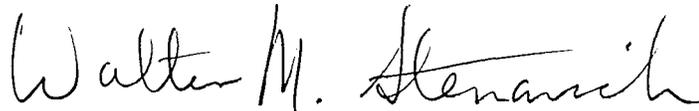
Volunteerism was the major part of our 1997-99 efforts. . It ranged to all VA Hospitals (Wis.), the Southern Center, school and library talk sessions regarding WWII and submarines, serving and preparing food for the poor, King projects from wheelchair repair to the fishing club and ice cream socials. We were volunteer speakers at all loyalty days or just invited to classrooms to speak to students about Americanism. Our wives were participants and so are our widows.

We are American Veterans Advocates.....showing our fellow citizens how to respect America by our example.

Sincerely,



Elmer Marx, Wisconsin Commander U.S. Submarine
Veterans World War II

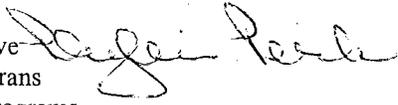


Walter M. Stenavich, Council on Veterans Programs
Representative.

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.

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
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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.

POSTS AND 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 they 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 VETERANS HOME

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin, is 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



Italo Bensoni
VFW Representative



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Wisconsin State Council

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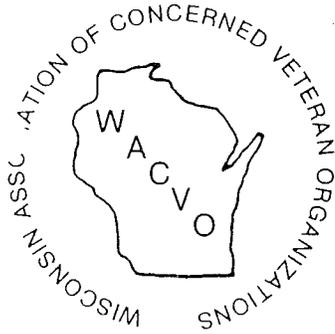
1997 – 1999 Biennial Report to The Wisconsin Legislature

Vietnam Veterans of America continues to be the largest Vietnam War veterans organization, comprised solely of veterans of that war, in both Wisconsin and the United States. During the biennium, VVA's membership was approximately 1,750 with 33 chapters throughout Wisconsin. VVA is Wisconsin's fifth largest veterans organization and has been represented on the Council of Veterans Programs since 1984.

The Wisconsin activities of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1999 have included:

- Legislative, Administrative and Executive branch advocacy at the local, state and federal levels. In Wisconsin, we were especially active in:
 - Implementing our advocacy program in a manner consistent with our organization's founding principle, "*Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another,*" by working for the betterment of the lives of all veterans regardless of when they served.
 - The development of and appropriate legislative and executive action on the Department of Veterans Affairs biennial budgets (The FY 1999-2001 budget's completion was still pending at the time of this report).
 - Continuing to take the lead in utilizing a team approach to veterans' legislative advocacy among state veteran organizations to maximize the effectiveness of each group's advocacy program.
 - Advancing a wide range of veterans issues affecting Wisconsin veterans in general, and Wisconsin Vietnam veterans in particular, including such areas as health care, education, employment, housing, disabled veterans, loan and grant programs and matters specifically pertaining to homeless veterans, women and minority veterans, post-traumatic stress disorders, Agent Orange/dioxin, Persian Gulf War Illnesses, POW-MIA concerns, incarcerated veterans and substance abuse.

- Addressing some of the needs of incarcerated veterans, including:
 - Continued support of the state's first incarcerated veterans' chapter. VVA established a chapter at Fox Lake with the approval of the Department of Corrections.
 - Outreach at Waupun with regard to veteran benefits.
 - Continuing to facilitate the twice monthly U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Post Traumatic Stress Disorder group sessions at Fox Lake at no expense to the State of Wisconsin.
- Maintaining the stability of the Veterans Trust Fund.
- Establishing peacetime veteran eligibility for Wisconsin veterans benefits.
- Expansion of Veterans' Tuition Reimbursement and Part-time Study program benefits.
- Maintaining the Wisconsin Veterans Museum administrative and operational costs as a non-Veterans Trust Fund expense.
- Assisting in the creation of the enhanced Wisconsin's Veterans Personal Loan Program.
- Continuing to support the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King and the creation of a new veterans' home in Union Grove.
- Supporting veteran cemeteries at Union Grove and in northwestern Wisconsin.
- VVA accredited service representatives are located at the Milwaukee VA Regional Office with additional service representatives situated throughout the state.
- State and local scholarship programs aimed at assisting with the education of the children of Vietnam War veterans.
- Publication of Wisconsin VVA Badger Veteran, our newsmagazine which has received two national recognition as one of the best veteran publications in the country. In addition to our membership, the newsmagazine is distributed to all Wisconsin veteran organizations, all Wisconsin public libraries, to members of the Wisconsin Legislature and Wisconsin Congressional delegation and to a wide spectrum of others in Wisconsin and throughout the United States.
- Recognition of veterans and non-veterans who have made significant contributions to Wisconsin veterans and to their communities, state and nation.
- Active community-level involvement to help improve the quality of life of all members of the community.



P.O. Box 1523
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

WACVO Inc.

Wisconsin Association Concerned Veteran Organizations Inc.

Together Then - Together Now

WACVO Activities and Membership Report

(October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1999)

Since the last reporting period ending September 30, 1997, WACVO has held two Annual Membership Conventions and a Fall Symposium as well as a number of Executive Board Meetings. Many WACVO members and officers have attended both the 1998 and 1999 Salutes to the Legislature and have played a role in numerous other veterans activities and functions throughout the State.

Other activities include, a WACVO sponsored book signing at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in April 1998, WACVO members working with BVNEW members to help raise money for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, and WACVO members being involved with Homeless Veterans Issues and Veterans' Stand Downs around the state.

WACVO members were also involved with the dedication of the Clear Lake all Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day 1999. In addition to in kind donations, WACVO also made a substantial cash donation to this memorial project. Flag donations were made to the Chippewa Valley Veterans' Tribute in Cadott and other smaller cash donations were made to other organizations and projects over the last two years.

This biggest project over the last two years, and one of the highlights of WACVO's 32nd Annual Convention that was held in Madison, Wisconsin, April 24-26, 1998, was WACVO sponsoring and paying the expenses to bring Memories of Maggie author Noonie Fortin to Madison for a book signing at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Memories of Maggie is a book about Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Martha Raye's dedication to the GI's of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Ms. Raye made many trips overseas to entertain the troops from all three of these wars, which included more trips to Vietnam than any other performer. Most of these trips were at her own expense.

WACVO also flew Martha's daughter, Melodye Condos Raye, and Maggie's close friend and veterans' journalist, Susan Christianson, into Madison for the book signing. Melodye and Susan both wrote a section in the book Memories of Maggie. This was the first time Noonie, Melodye and Susan were all at the same book signing. The book signing was held at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in conjunction with one of the museum's present special exhibits, They also Served, which honors the Entertainers, Red Cross workers, Donut Dollies, etc. who were overseas in combat zones during war time.

WACVO, an organization with many "in country" combat veterans in our ranks, has had a long standing admiration for Martha Raye and was one of the original petitioners for the Presidential Medal of Freedom Ms. Raye was awarded shortly before her death. Furthermore, because of WACVO's relationship with Ms. Rayes' daughter, Meloyde, some of Ms. Raye's photographs were donated to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

After the book signing, Meloyde Condos Raye, picking up where her mother left off, went with WACVO members to visit patients in the Middleton VA Hospital. Also, as part of the convention, WACVO sponsored a public forum on Veterans Issues with Representatives of WDVA and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs present. We also had representatives of the VAMC-Middleton present to take blood pressure and assist veterans in filling out VA Hospital Enrollment Applications.

WACVO's 33rd Annual Convention held April 1999 in Green Bay also included a public forum on veteran's issues with both State and Federal Veterans' Officials present as speakers. One of the highlights of the 1999 convention was a slide presentation by Mr. Pat Carney, a Vietnam Veteran, who recently was part of the American and North Vietnamese Veterans' bicycle trip through South Vietnam. Other highlights included a trip to the Packer Hall of Fame and watching the Packers in Spring practice. WACVO's next annual convention will be held in Barron County in April 2000.

WACVO also held a Fall Symposium for the membership in Plover, Wisconsin during October 1998. It was a good chance to bring the membership up to date on many state and federal veterans issues and it was decided at the 1998 Symposium that this should become an annual event.

This years Fall Symposium is scheduled for October 9, 1999 and again will be held in Plover. Our topics of discussion will include VA Hospital Funding and Enrollment, and State and Federal Veterans' Legislation. We also will discuss fund raising and what we, as veterans' organizations, should offer to recently separated and younger veterans, and how we might attract them into organizations such as ours.

WACVO continues to put out a quarterly newsletter to the membership and recently changed it's headquarters mailing address to Green Bay where the newsletter is published. WACVO's current paid 1999 membership is around 100 members, including 39 life members. Our membership data base consisting of present and past members is over 700 and WACVO like most organizations today has to work harder to get those renewals and membership reinstatements in.

Since the last reporting period, WACVO has established our own web site on the internet and we are looking forward to the new millennium and our 35th year as a Veteran's Organization. Most of WACVO's membership also belong to other veterans' organizations and we will continue to work with and through those organizations to hopefully enhance the quality of life of our Wisconsin Veterans and their dependants.



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Date: August 20, 1999
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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. A 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
 - Washington DC Womens Vietnam Veterans Memorial
 - 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