

COUNTY ACTIVITY REPORT 2009
ERIE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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GENERAL BUDGET INFORMATION

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| 1. Total Commission's Budget Requested: | \$ 1,086,875.07 |
| 2. Total Budget Appropriation: | \$ 1,086,875.07 |
| 3. Total Budget Spent: | \$ 549,470.39 |
| 4. Total Value of .5 mills: | \$ 1,115,278.00 |

DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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| 1. Financial Assistance Budget Requested: | \$ <u>250,000.00</u> |
| 2. Financial Assistance Appropriation: | \$ <u>250,000.00</u> |
| 3. Financial Assistance Expenditures: | \$ <u>200,299.11</u> |

4. (a) Total Assisted:239 + (b) Total Denied:1 + (c) Total Incomplete: 59 = (d) Total Applicants 299

5. Total Unique (Non-Repeating) Veterans Assisted: 131

OTHER FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES

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| 1. Amount paid out by County to help in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day (307.66 ORC) | \$<u>7,200</u> |
| 2. Total amount paid out by County for veteran's burials and funerals (5901.16 to 5901.26) | \$<u>1,000</u> |
| 3. Total amount paid out by County for the setting of government markers/headstones | \$<u>0</u> |
| 4. Total amount paid out by County for flags and their holders | \$<u>4,532</u> |
| 5. Total cost of transporting veterans for medical services | \$55,702 |
| 6. Total veterans transported to DVA Medical Facilities (count each time vet went as one) | <u>2,025</u> |
| 7. How does your county transport veterans for medical appointments? (Check All That Apply) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POV/Gas Reimburse <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Transport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission Van <input type="checkbox"/> DAV Vans | |
| 8. Does your County transport wheel chair bound vets with the above resources? | X Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No |
| 9. Does your County transport wheel chair bound vets using outside sources? | X Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No |
| 10. Training Expenses for Veterans Service Commissioner's for year | \$<u>2,229</u> |

11. Training expenses for office staff not shown above \$1,832

12. Dollar amount expended on veterans' OUTREACH \$8,709

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. Do you have Internet access? Yes No

2. County Veteran Service Office's Web Address: www.erie-county-ohio.net/veterans

3. Do you have access to the Department of Veterans Affairs' computer system? No

4. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, do you use it? If "No," why not? [REDACTED]

5. What version of Microsoft Operating System do you have? Windows Vista & XP

6. What Software do you use to file veterans' claims (VETREX, VIMS, VSOF, VIRTUAL VETERAN, or something else)? Please specify which one(s); if none, "NONE". None

ANNUAL REPORT INSTRUCTIONS:

Please list your county name in the blank at the top of the page, and make sure to list a contact phone number for the individual preparing the report in the appropriate space.

GENERAL BUDGET INFORMATION

1-3. Show the total amount you requested (1), received (2), and spent (3) to operate the CVSC and the CVSO. Include the financial assistance appropriation in these numbers as well.

4. Please show the amount of money that one-half mill would generate in your county; that is the maximum amount your office could be entitled to under the law. Ask your county auditor for this figure.

DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1-3. Show the actual dollar amount you requested, the actual amount the county officials appropriated, and the actual amount the VSC spent **specifically on direct financial aid**.

4. Indicate from the **complete** applications received the **total number** the commission **assisted**, and **denied**. Applicants may from time to time come to your office and seek information on applying for financial assistance, begin the application process, and never complete it for one reason or another. Indicate these veterans in the **Total Incomplete** box. Together these numbers should equal the number given in "Total Applicants." *Note: For the above fields if you help an applicant three times during the year, count each time as an application.*

5. Count the number of individual veterans that your commission has assisted over the year. If a veteran comes in for help multiple times, he/she would still be counted only once for the purpose of this field. *Example: A widow applying for survivor benefits would be counted as the same unique individual as the veteran spouse. A veteran with dependents would also count as one unique individual.*

OTHER EXPENDITURES

1. Total amount paid out by **county for Memorial Day** (do your best for this total).

2. Total amount paid out for **veterans' burials**, by county; again do your best to provide a total amount. (We do understand that in some counties this money might not be in the VSC appropriation, but feel that you might know the amount of this assistance.)

3. Total paid for **setting government headstones/markers** (many counties pay a fee to help set government headstones or markers – look for this amount from your county to see if anything was paid out).

4. Total amount paid out for **flags/holders** – many counties purchase these items for the veterans' graves; show an amount.

5. Total cost of **transporting veterans** for medical services for the year. If possible show the cost of gasoline, wages for driver(s), cost of vehicle (if purchased during the year), oil, tires, maintenance, etc. We are looking for the cost of providing this service; do your best.

6. Show the **total number of veterans transported** (one veteran who makes 12 trips during the year should not be counted as one) or assisted with transportation to VA Medical Centers/Outpatient Clinics. Include those transported for compensation or pension physicals.

7. Check the boxes to indicate your county's method(s) of transporting veterans.

8. Self-explanatory.

9. In some counties wheel chair bound veterans are transported by outside contractors (e.g., an ambulance service); indicate this type of transportation her.

10. Show the total amount spent sending the veteran service commission to training. Show total spent on training: rooms, meals, transportation expenses, association dues and fees, etc., for all meetings/schooling sessions attended. This should include Ohio State Association meetings, district meetings, regional training, national meetings, etc. We are looking for a figure for each office category for attending training received during the calendar year.

11. Similar to the above question but for staff **other than Commissioners**.

12. For this number insert the dollar amount spent specifically on veterans outreach programs. Applicable expenses would include such items as advertising, fairground events, give-aways, public signs, etc.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. Self-explanatory.
2. List your CVSO's website. Please keep us updated to any changes to this information over the year.
3. If you have the ability to access the VA's systems via computer, check "yes."
4. Self-explanatory.
5. Example: Windows 95, Windows XP, Windows Vista, etc.
6. List **all** software used to file a veteran's claims **in your office**. We realize that not every service officer will use every system to which your office has access.

As a reminder, this report is due to the Ohio Department of Veterans Services by March 31. You can email it to jim.forster@dvs.ohio.gov or mail it to:

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Columbus, OH 43215-6117.
