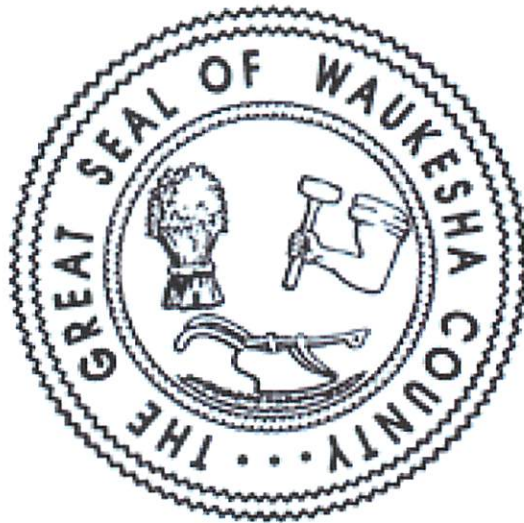


# Waukesha County

## Veterans Service Office



Annual Report  
2011

WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPT. OF VETERANS SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

June 4, 2012

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of December 31, 2011, per VA figures was 29,025. This does not include the number of dependents of veterans which when added with the veteran population can easily be 60,000 to 70,000 Waukesha County residents.

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Veterans have special needs that resulted from their service to their country. Some of these needs are compensation and medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and help in making adjustments in their lives. They also might need assistance in obtaining an education to enable them to find and maintain gainful employment.

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In 2011, there were 7,617 incoming phone calls, 4,102 e-mails and 3,745 client visits to the office. A total of 85 referrals to other federal, state, and county providers for additional services were made during the year. A total of 65 appearances on behalf of veterans were made during the year.

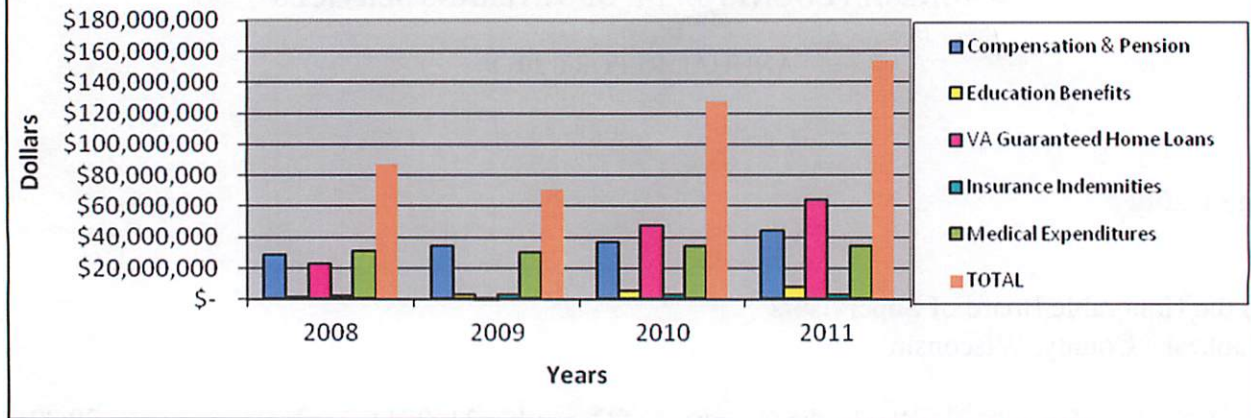
The degree of economic impact that veterans' programs have on our county may be revealed by the following totals of state and federal benefits paid to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents or survivors. The economic impact does not include any multiplier factor when these dollars are used to purchase goods and services in the county time and time again.

Veterans Administration (VA) payments for the last fiscal year are as follows:

Compensation and Pension	\$ 44,352,000
Education Benefits	8,110,000
VA Guaranteed Home Loans	63,733,604
Insurance and Indemnities	3,107,000
Medical Expenditures*	<u>34,456,000</u>
Total Federal Benefits:	<u>\$ 153,758,604</u>

\* Medical expenditures are federal VA dollars expended to provide care for Waukesha County veterans at VA facilities.

## VA Payments for the Last Four Fiscal Years



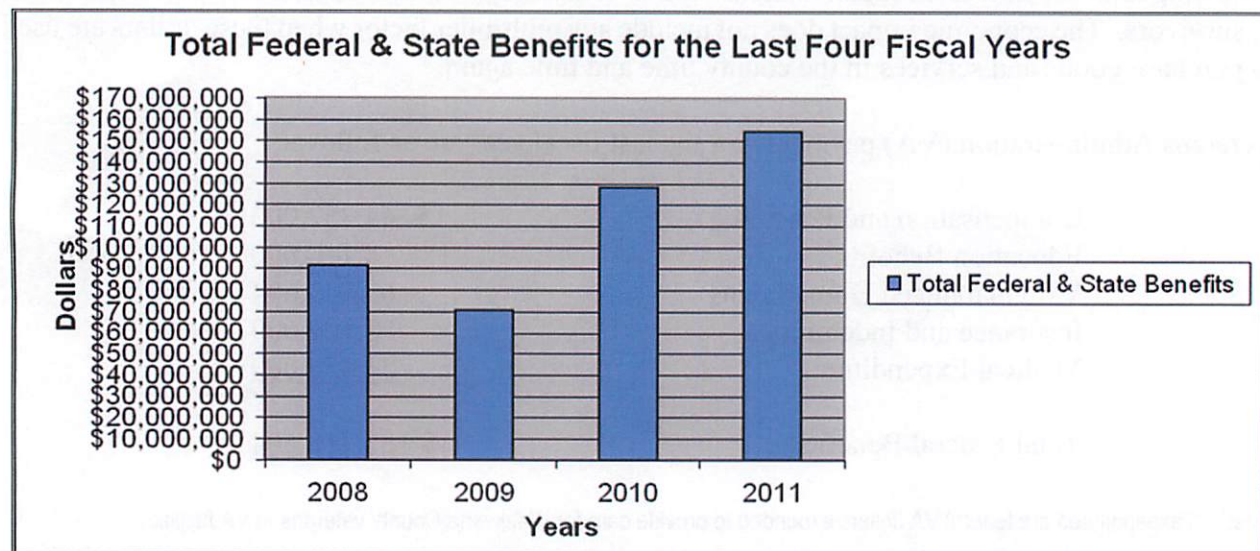
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Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) payments are as follows:

Personal Loans (2)	\$ 32,000
Primary Home Loans (0) [no funding available]	0
Property Tax Credit (212) **	810,193
Home Improvement Loans (0)	0
Education Grants (38)	92,895
Retraining Grants (0)	0
Health Care Grant (0)	0
Subsistence Aid Grants/ANV (1)	3,000
Total State Benefits:	\$ 938,088

\*\* Property Tax Credit became available for veterans or their widows in 2009. Statistics for this benefit was not distributed in 2009.

TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS: \$ 154,696,692



(Note: The above graph does not depict the amount for Federal Home Loans for 2009 due to the fact that the Federal Government did not distribute loan expenditures data at the state, county and congressional district levels).

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The amount of expenditures by the Veterans Service Commission in 2011 was \$5,500 for Veterans Relief, and administrative expenditures for the Veterans Service Commissioners were \$1,001. The Commission met three times in 2011. Funding from other Veterans Service Organizations provided an additional \$6,200 in financial assistance.

## WISCONSIN VETERAN'S HOMES

The numbers of veterans, spouses and/or widow/widowers from Waukesha County residing at the Wisconsin Veteran's Homes are:

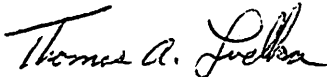
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## VETERANS INDIGENT BURIALS

There were no inquiries for Indigent Veteran Burials in 2011.

The Veteran Service Office is a very cost effective operation of county government. The 2011 Budget of \$293,847, which \$280,847 was from the Tax Levy, resulted in a return of \$154,696,692 federal and state dollars to Waukesha County veterans and their dependents. This equates to \$550.82 return for every Levy dollar invested.

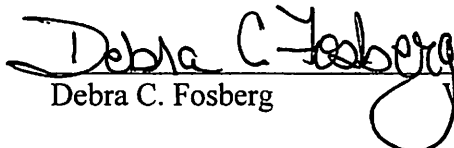
Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Ludka  
Veterans Service Officer

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
4th day of June, 2012

 Notary Public  
Debra C. Fosberg Waukesha County, WI

My Commission expires July 21, 2013