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ERIE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

Board Meetings convened: 24

Applicants appearing before the Board: 178

Financial assistance expenditures: \$208,948.81

Vouchers were issued for the following assistance:

Fuel Oil:	2	Water/Sewer:	38
Mortgages:	46	Prescriptions:	0
Rent/Deposit:	102	Taxes:	14
Food:	88	Propane:	6
Electric:	101	Gasoline:	39
Gas:	74		

APPLICANTS ASSISTED:	201
CASES DENIED:	1
TOTAL APPLICANTS:	202

Periods of service for financial assistance applicants:

Service Period	Veterans	Dependents
WWI	0	0
WWII	4	6
Korean	11	4
Vietnam	58	14
Persian Gulf	39	4
OEF/OIF	3	0
Peacetime	50	8
Active Duty	0	0

TRANSPORTATION TO:
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER

The Erie County Veterans Service Commission provides transportation for Veterans to the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, which includes Wade Park Unit and the facility at Brecksville, Ohio. The Wade Park Unit, located in Cleveland, is a full-service hospital. Also, local transportation is provided to Veterans for medical appointments at the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic located at the Ohio Veterans Home. In many cases our van service provides the only means of transport for Veterans who need and are qualified to receive VA medical care.

Number of Veterans transported by the Veterans Service van:	1,025
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Number of round trips for van:	261
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Number of Veterans provided Sandusky Transit System trans- port to VA Clinic at the Ohio Veterans Home:	63
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Number of trips for STS:	1,245
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Number of Veterans provided North Central EMS transport	
-To VA Outpatient Clinic:	1
-To VAMC Wade Park, Cleveland:	21
-To VAMC Brecksville	1

Total trips for EMS:	23
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Total miles driven by Veterans Service van while trans- porting Veterans to the Cleveland and Brecksville VA Medical Centers:	43,888
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DECEASED VETERANS

Obituaries published in local newspapers are reviewed on a daily basis, and as a result, condolence letters are mailed to spouse's of deceased Veterans or next of kin. These letters also extend an invitation to visit the Veterans Service Office to discuss and apply for benefits that are applicable.

Condolence letters mailed:	228
Flag Holders issued:	108
Burial assistance:	0
Free Grave Spaces:	0

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TOTAL
EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 IN**

ERIE COUNTY:

\$24,413,000.00

The expenditure amount above for FY 2007 is the most recent available figure. A large majority of these VA funds goes directly to Veterans and dependents who reside in Erie County in the form of monthly pension or compensation checks, education and vocational rehabilitation, and insurance and indemnities benefits. These figures also include the value of medical care received from the Veterans Administration by Veterans in the county.

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Salary-Officials	30,920
Salary-Employees	178,377
Contract-Repairs	1,831
Financial Assistance	208,948
Other Materials & Supplies	17,562
Equipment/Capital	22,278
Rent	13,912
Travel	4,288
P.E.R.S.	29,301
Workers Compensation	2,669
Unemployment Compensation	0
Other Expenses (Outreach)	13,785
Dues	250
Health Insurance	52,032
Medicare	2,976
Memorial Day Expenses	6,700
Grave Markers (Flag Holders)	4,772
Burials	0

APPLICATIONS FILED
FOR VA BENEFITS

	VETERAN	DEPENDENT
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS	0	0
POA	51	10
COMPENSATION/DIC	66	6
PENSION	16	17
MEDICAL	69	6
APPEALS	12	2
EVR	9	3
FINANCIAL	1,994	341
EDUCATION	12	0
HOME LOAN	26	1
INSURANCE	3	2
MILITARY DISCHARGES	133	27
BURIAL MARKERS	49	0
BURIAL BENEFITS	25	0
OHIO VETERANS HOME APPLICATIONS	7	0
MISCELLANEOUS/LETTERS	7,149	833
REFERRALS	1,318	1,017
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTACTS:		2,335
TOTAL VA CLIENT CONTACTS:		8,295
TOTAL CONTACTS:		10,630

COUNTY ACTIVITY REPORT 2008

ERIE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director or Senior CVSO Susan M. Howey		VSO/VSC District 2
Address:	247 Columbus Ave.	Phone# 419-627-7651/7650/7579
	Sandusky, Ohio 44870	Fax# 419-627-6660
Total Years as County Veterans Service Officer: 14		
Office Hours (M-F):8:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.		
Annual Report Prepared By(Name and Title):Susan M. Howey, Executive Director/CVSO		

DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW

Financial Assistance Budget Request: \$ 220,000.00

Financial Assistance Appropriation: \$ 220,000.00

Financial Assistance Expenditures: \$ 208,948.81

(Note: Above is just for financial only, not total office operation)

Total Assisted:201 Total Denied: 1 Total Incomplete: 51 = Total Applicants 253

Amount paid out by County to help in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day (307.66 ORC) \$6,700.00

Total amount paid out by County for veteran's burials and funerals (5901.16 to 5901.26) \$0.00

Total amount paid out by County for the setting of government markers/headstones \$0.00

Total amount paid out by County for flags and their holders \$4,772.99

Total cost of transporting veterans for medical services \$91,399.37

Total veterans transported to DVA Medical Facilities (Count each time vet went as one): 2,293

Service Period of Applicants (Financial Assistance):

Period	Veteran	Dependent	Period	Veteran	Dependent
<i>WWI</i>	0	0	<i>Persian Gulf</i>	39	4
<i>WWII</i>	4	6	<i>OEF/OIF</i>	3	0
<i>Korean</i>	11	4	<i>Peacetime</i>	50	8
<i>Vietnam</i>	58	14	<i>Active Duty</i>	0	0

Main E-mail Address where ODVS Info should be sent: SHowey@VeteranServicesErieCounty.org

Do you have the Internet? Yes No

Do you use TRIP? Yes No

Commission's Web Address:www.erie-county-ohio.net/veterans

SHOW FORMS USED

	Veterans	Dependents
H.S. Diploma	0	*0
POA	51	10
COMP/DIC	66	6
Pension	16	17
Medical	69	6
Appeals	12	2
EVR	9	3
Financial	1994	341
Education	12	0

***HB 71-126 GA Woman HS Diplomas only.**

	Veterans	Dependents
Home Loan	26	1
Insurance	3	2
Discharge	133	27
Marker	49	XX
Burial	25	XX
Misc. & Letters	7149	833
Ohio Veterans Home	7	XX
Referrals	1318	1017

Total VSC Client Contacts:.....2,335

Total VSO Client Contacts:..... 8,295

Total Client Contacts: 10,630

Training Expenses for Veterans Service Commissioner's for year:\$2,594.58

Training Expenses for Office Staff not shown above: \$1,701.72

Total Budget Request (CVSC and CVSO)	<u>\$1,069,659.31</u>
Total Budget Appropriation (CVSC and CVSO)	<u>\$1,069,659.31</u>
Total Budget Spent (CVSC and CVSO)	<u>\$584,751.60</u>
Total .5 mills	<u>\$1,027,310.00</u>

**2008 COUNTY ACTIVITY REPORT
ERIE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

President's Name George J. Danilla III	V.V.A.	1/14/14	Vietnam
<i>Date Appointed (m/d/y) 1/14/2009</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Term Exp (m/d/y)</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>Commissioner's Home Phone Number →</i>	419-588-2275		
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	gjd173@verizon.net		

VP's Name John Wasyluk	V.F.W.	1/12/11	Korea
<i>Date Appointed (m/d/y) 1/12/06</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Term Exp (m/d/y)</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>Commissioner's Home Phone Number →</i>	419-625-4558		
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	johnwasyluk@yahoo.com		

Sec Name Todd P. Christman	D.A.V.	1/15/12	Vietnam
<i>Date Appointed (m/d/y) 1/15/07</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Term Exp (m/d/y)</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>Commissioner's Home Phone Number →</i>	419-625-6529		
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	tchris2214@aol.com		

Member Name Donald A. Lautzenheiser	American Legion	1/14/10	WWII
<i>Date Appointed (m/d/y) 1/14/05</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Term Exp (m/d/y)</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>Commissioner's Home Phone Number →</i>	419-588-2069		
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	del_mar_clocks@yahoo.com		

Member Name James L. Singler Sr.	AMVETS	12/27/12	Korean
<i>Date Appointed (m/d/y) 12/27/2007</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Term Exp (m/d/y)</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>Commissioner's Home Phone Number →</i>	419-626-6314		
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	jlspsc@aol.com		

Susan M. Howey	Executive Director/ CVSO	12-Jun-95	Peace Time
<i>Name</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Date Hired</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	SHowey@VeteranServicesErieCounty.org		

Vernon D. Chiow	CVSO	12-Oct-99	Persian Gulf
<i>Name</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Date Hired</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	VChiow@VeteranServicesErieCounty.org		

Monty E. Lemmons	CVSO	3-Jun-02	Vietnam
<i>Name</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Date Hired</i>	<i>Military Period</i>
<i>E-Mail Address →</i>	MLemmons@VeteranServicesErieCounty.org		

Rodney R. Ramsey	Van Driver	22-Aug-93	Vietnam
<i>Name</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Date Hired</i>	<i>Military Period</i>

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Annual Report Instructions:
(Please put your County Name in the blank at the top of the page)

CURRENT CVSO – self-explanatory:

Please provide the mailing and e-mail addresses where you would want outside correspondence/mail and or email messages to officially come to. Please also provide the phone number and fax numbers where ODVS and the public through our website can contact your office with official correspondence, faxes and telephone calls; remember to update us if this changes during the year.

DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Show the actual amount you requested, the actual amount the county officials appropriated, and the actual amount the VSC spent on direct financial aid. Indicate from the **complete** applications received the **total number** the commission **assisted**, and **denied**; sometimes applicants come to your offices and seek information on how to apply for financial assistance, they begin the process but never complete it for one reason or another; effort is expended dispensing forms and explaining requirements. Indicate these veterans in the **Total Incomplete** box. Together these numbers should equal the total applicants acted upon. Note: if you help an applicant three times during the year, count each time as an application.

OTHER EXPENDITURES

- *Total amount paid out by **county** for **Memorial Day** (do your best for this total).
- *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.)
- *Total paid for **setting government headstones/markers** (many counties pay a fee to help set govt. headstones or markers – look for this amount from your county to see if anything was paid out).
- *Total amount paid out for **flags/holders** – many counties purchase these items for the veterans' graves; show an amount.
- *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.
- *Last question, show the **total number of veterans transported** (one veteran who makes 12 trips during the year shouldn't be counted as one!) or assisted with transportation to VA Medical Centers/Outpatient Clinics. Include those transported for compensation or pension physicals.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE WORK APPLICATIONS

Show the total number of complete applications taken for each applicant status category. If you help an applicant three times during the year, count each time assistance is provided as an application.

APPLICATIONS FILED (please show the forms as completed)

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA applications acted upon where the veterans' information was verified (under Ohio Law), OR WOMEN who left school to support war effort.

POA (done this year appointing a Veterans Service Organization)

COMPENSATION/DIC forms completed.

PENSION

MEDICAL: 10-10EZ, 10-10EZ, 21-2600, office medical forms, etc.

APPEALS: Form 9, statements of disagreement EVR

FINANCIAL

EDUCATION: 22-1990, 22-1995, 22-1999c, 21-674, 28-1900, 22-5490, Ohio War Orphans Scholarship, etc.

HOME LOAN: 26-1880

INSURANCE: List applications submitted to obtain insurance, change beneficiary, dividend options, policy loans, and death claims.

DISCHARGE: List all methods of obtaining lost or destroyed discharge (DD Form 214); SF 180, obtained from Records Office, request to out of county or state source, Ohio Department of Veterans Services.

MARKER: 40-1330 for government marker or headstone.

BURIAL: 21-530, and 21-2008.

MISCELLANEOUS: If it doesn't fit in any other category, list it here; this includes all correspondence, letters, faxes & 21-4130.

OHIO VETERANS HOME: show all applications for admission submitted.

REFERRALS: List referrals made to all other agencies.

TOTAL VSC CLIENT CONTACTS

Show total contacts made for the year by your office in regard to VSC financial assistance. If you contact (in person, by correspondence, email or telephone) four other people or agencies on behalf of a client, show these contacts. This provides a better picture of what you are doing with your time. Include people who apply for assistance and those who don't.

TOTAL VSO CLIENT CONTACTS

Ditto, but for other than VSC financial assistance purposes and include veterans transported to VAMC as well.

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Show the total amount spent sending the veteran service commission to training; this is separated for commissioners and office staff workers.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF .5 MILLS WOULD GENERATE

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