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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
Number of round trips for van:	261
Number of Veterans provided Sandusky Transit System trans- port to VA Clinic at the Ohio Veterans Home:	63
Number of trips for STS:	1,245
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
Total miles driven by Veterans Service van while trans- porting Veterans to the Cleveland and Brecksville VA Medical Centers:	43,888

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