

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 01, 2015-DECEMBER 31, 2015

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WAYNE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The mission of the Wayne County Veterans Service Agency is to provide quality service for the Wayne County Veterans, their dependents and survivors, and members of the armed forces, ensuring the receipt of benefits granted them by law for their service to the nation.

In 1945, the NYS Legislature enacted into law Article 17 Section 357 of the Executive Law which provides that each county establish a Veterans County Service Agency with sufficient personnel to service veterans and their dependents or survivors, and members of the armed forces in obtaining any benefits earned as a result of military service.

The Wayne County Veterans Service Agency is an independent agency responsible to the Board of Supervisors. Its operation is a local charged which receives limited Grant funding from the State of New York.

BUFFALO VA REGIONAL OFFICE ESTIMATES FOR 2014

TOTAL VETERANS POPULATION FOR WAYNE COUNTY 7,338

BENEFITS PAID TO WAYNE COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR 2014

| Comp & Pen | Medical Care* | Education | Additional | Total |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| \$18,563,000 | \$18,416,000 | \$2,427,000 | \$293,000 | \$39,696,000 |

- Only 2,117 veterans out of a population of 7,338 use VA Medical Facilities.

Veteran's population has increased 1.8% from 2013 to 2014 year.

Veterans' use of County funded transportation to both Canandaigua & Syracuse has declined by 10% over the past year.

Indigent burials has declined by 31% or \$15,546.93 over 2014.

Currently outstanding claims for benefits as of 12/31/15 were 364.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

- Advanced Training School run by American Legion for Continuing/Mandatory training of Accredited Service Officer.
- November 2015 applied for and received a State Aid Grant for Localities in the amount of \$8529.00.
- Began receiving reimbursement from VA for Indigent Burials.
- Attend, at their request, meetings at various Veterans Organizations.
- Attend Wayne County Veterans Advisory Committee.



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| VETERAN STATUS | | TYPE | | MODE | |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| WWI | 2 | VETERAN | 2559 | PERSONAL | 1181 |
| WWII | 488 | DEPENDENT/WIDOW | 584 | PHONE/MAIL | 2786 |
| KOREA | 583 | OTHER | 824 | | |
| VIETNAM | 1594 | | | | |
| PERSIAN GULF | 755 | | | | |
| PEACTIME/OTHER | 545 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 3967 | TOTAL | 3967 | TOTAL | 3967 |

COUNSELING SERVICES

3967

(Pension, Compensation, Educ/Voc Rehab., Burial-Contacts (595), Insurance, Legal, Loans, Tax Exemption, Medical, Employment, Etc.)

VETERANS TRANSPORTED TO:

WATS CANANDAIGUA VAMC 1187
 SYRACUSE VAMC 180
 MILES TRAVELED TO SYRACUSE VAMC 11,869

INDIGENT BURIALS

BURIALS 16
 COUNTY COST \$34,414.89
 STATE REIMBURSEMENT \$6,772.00 (For 26 Burials-1/12/14-12/30/2014)
 VA FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT \$1,170.00 (For 1 Burial)

Submitted By Patrick F. Skelly Date April 1, 2016
 Patrick F. Skelly
 Director