

LINCOLN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Honorable Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Department Mission: The mission of the Veterans Service Office is to inform, advice, and assist veterans, their spouses and dependents in securing entitlements and other benefits from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office provided information and assistance to veterans and their families in applying for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), State of Wisconsin (WDVA), and Lincoln County. The information for 2008 is listed in each of these areas.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA): VA Benefits total \$8,190,770.00

1. Compensation for service connected disabilities, pensions for non-service connected disabilities, dental care, education, insurance, housing loans, medical care and burial benefits.
2. The figures below represent the approximate amount of funds received by Lincoln County veterans and their dependents during the Fiscal Year 2007. (The most recent statistics from the VA as of Apr. 2008)

COMPENSATION & PENSION	EDUCATION	INSURANCE & INDEMNITIES	MEDICAL	TOTAL BENEFITS
\$4,998,000.00	\$221,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$3,742,000	\$9,113,00

STATE OF WISCONSIN: State of Wisconsin Benefits total \$184,286.00

1. GRANTS: Paid in Calendar Year 2008
 - a. EDUCATION, SUBSISTENCE AID, AND HEALTH CARE AID GRANTS are made to eligible veterans to assist them in paying for education, temporary living expenses, and health care. \$18,286.00 was paid for 6 claims.
2. LOANS: Estimates provided by Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - a. PERSONAL LOAN PROGRAM: Maximum loan of \$25,000.00 at 5-7% interest, for education expenses, debt consolidation, purchase of a business or business property, purchase of a mobile home, or medical and funeral expenses. \$29,600.00 was loaned to 3 veterans.
 - b. PRIMARY MORTGAGE LOAN PROGRAM: \$134,900.00 was loaned to 1 veterans.
3. WISCONSIN VETERANS HOMES – KING, WI AND UNION GROVE, WI: Provides extensive personal maintenance and medical care for disabled veterans and their spouses. Currently, 15 veterans, wives or widows from Lincoln County reside at King and Union Grove Veteran Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Wolf
Veterans Service Officer

LINCOLN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

We, the undersigned members of the Lincoln County Veterans Service Commission, hereby submit our report for the year 2008.

Assistance was provided to veterans and their dependents, on a temporary basis, to prevent want and distress.

1. Number of approved applications of assistance: 12

2. Type of assistance granted:

Food	\$ 500.00
Medical	\$ 0.00
Rent	\$ 300.00
Transportation	\$ 0.00
Fuel & Utilities	\$ 389.80
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
	\$4101.00

3. Fuel Assistant for National Guard and Reservists: \$ 0.00

4. Administrative costs:

Mike Van Lieshout, Chairman	\$ 125.31
Bruce Gerdes, Member	\$ 149.66
Claude Willet, Member	\$ 59.57
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 000.00</u>
	\$ 334.54

Total: \$4435.54

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Van Lieshout, Chairman
Bruce Gerdes, Member
Claude Willet, Member
Richard J. Wolf, Secretary