

Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget Highlights and Goals

VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

FY2007 Highlights

- VSO Trainee successfully completed an accreditation course and was recommended for certification by NACVSO.
- With some guidance from the Public Health Department, the VAC established an agreement with the McHenry County Dental Society to provide restorative and emergency dental care to eligible uninsured veterans.
- The VAC received a \$25,000 Veterans Lottery Grant to start a pilot program which will provide restorative and emergency dental care to uninsured veterans.
- Established a sharing agreement with the American Legion with regard to their Hero's to Hometown program. The program assists wounded military being discharged from military hospitals with the transition home.
- Support is being provided from Congressman Manzullo's office for returning veterans McHenry County Information and Resource Guide.
- The VAC Office applied for and received a Veterans Lottery Grant to replace the aging 7 passenger Van with a High Top Wheelchair Access van.
- Exceeded \$2,000,000 in total VA Claims developed by the VAC, also, went over \$1,000,000 in annual reoccurring benefits.
- The VAC did not require supplemental requests for its 2008 Budget.

FY2008 Goals

- Continue VSO Training with the goal of completing all training requirements by late summer.
- Fully implement new software which will help office become near paperless
- Working with the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Social Security Administration, present \$25,000 in new SSI claims
- Continue to coordinate meaningful services and assistance to better serve the veterans and their families so they may quickly get back on the road to independence.