

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget Highlights and Goals

Veterans Assistance Commission

FY2009 Highlights

- Hiring of new Veterans Service Officer Trainee.
- Doubled service to North Chicago VA Medical Center while reducing transportation costs.
- PT Veterans Service Officer successfully developed and found grant funds for a veterans eye care program.
- Successfully converted to a near paperless office two years ahead of schedule.
- No longer needing the space to store client files, our storage room was converted to a small office for our outreach service officer so we can assist with the increased client traffic.
- Successfully exceeded 2008 goal of \$350,000 in new VA Compensation & Pension Claims for McHenry County Vets.
- The Commission has revised its By-Laws and submitted them to the County Board for Approval.
- The Office reviewed its Rules and Eligibility Standards' (Financial Assistance) and submitted them to the County Board for approval.
- The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs invited Superintendent Iwanicki to sit as a voting member on the Illinois Veterans Lottery Grant Committee.

FY2010 Goals

- Service Officer Trainee to successfully complete VAC Veterans Service Officer Training.
- Exceed \$400,000 in new claims dollars for McHenry County Veterans.
- Establish off site service at townships which are densely populated.
- Attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Conference and training in Minneapolis, MN.
- Continue to establish working relationships with social service agencies.
- Superintendent recertify in the VA's TRIP Program.