

# ANTRIM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## 2014 Annual Report

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Submitted by Deborah Peters, Director

**County Expenditures for 2014** Please refer to the attached document, *Analysis of Veterans Relief Fund Applications*. This document gives a breakdown of all monies expended by the Antrim County Veterans' Affairs Committee for the last nine years. In 2014 we received 20 less emergency relief applications than were received in 2013. Monies spent for emergency relief assistance decreased by \$6779.52 from that spent in 2013. The monies expended for county burial benefit applications increased by \$1200 over 2013's figure. The Relief Fund came in at \$9526.46 under budget for FY 2014.

**Outreach** I continue to meet with veterans at the Elk Rapids AMVETS Post the third Wednesday of each month when appointments are arranged in advance.

**State Expenditures for FY 2013/2014** The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund approved emergency relief applications in the amount of \$7957.71.

**Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office Report** The report from the VA outlining expenditures to individual Michigan counties for the year of 2014 is unavailable at this time. As soon as the report is made public I will provide each commissioner with a copy.

**Training** As always, I maintain my accreditation as a county veterans' counselor through the National Association of County Veterans Services Officers (NACVSO) by attending the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) spring training conference each year. That enables me to earn my continuing education units (CEU's) necessary to maintain accreditation. Training for 2014 was a bit different. MACVC was honored to host the NACVSO conference in Grand Rapids. It was a huge success and because it was a National conference held locally, we benefited from top notch presenters.

I currently hold accreditation with the following veterans' service organizations: The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and

NACVSO. I just recently became cross accredited with the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA). Holding accreditation with the service organizations places me in the same category as the service officers who work in the Detroit VA building. When the veteran appoints a service organization to assist with his/her claim I then have access to their VA health records and VA computer records. It also allows VA employees to speak freely with me, enabling me to better advocate on the veterans' behalf.

Tim Cary, Veterans Service Officer (VSO) was hired on 12/10/2013. He attended NACVSO training in June 2014, passed the test and became accredited by NACVSO. He has since applied for and received cross accreditation from the Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. He is currently in the process of obtaining remote access to VA's computer system. He attended the 2015 MACVC spring training conference in order to earn his CEU's and maintain his accreditation.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to stop in. Thank you.

## ANALYSIS OF VETERANS RELIEF FUND APPLICATIONS 2014

ASST. TYPE	AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
Auto Repair	0.00	Bellaire	2914.53
Auto Ins./Reg.	0.00	Boyne City	149.22
Auto Payments	0.00	Central Lake	550.00
Dental	1400.00	Charlevoix	0.00
Groceries	1348.40	East Jordan	934.82
Heating Fuel	4654.56	Eastport	0.00
Home Repair	4301.00	Elk Rapids	3101.04
Property Taxes	905.51	Ellsworth	2595.68
Rent/Mortgage	3697.40	Elmira	576.26
Utilities	3966.67	Homeless	0.00
Furnace	2250.00	Kewadin	2250.00
TOTAL	22523.54	Mancelona	8614.04
		Rapid City	837.95
		TOTAL	22523.54

42 applications

34 approved

8 denied

# ANTRIM COUNTY DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS STATISTICS

## Office Visits

2007 = 292  
2008 = 285  
2009 = 362  
2010 = 494  
2011 = 516  
2012 = 507  
2013 = 686  
2014 = 600

## VA Distributions to Antrim County Veterans Compensation and Pension

2006 = \$2,885,000  
2007 = \$3,043,000  
2008 = \$3,489,000  
2009 = \$4,026,000  
2010 = \$4,339,000  
2011 = \$5,716,000  
2012 = \$5,054,000  
2013 = \$6,191,000  
2014 = currently not available

## County Burial Benefit Applications

2006 = 48  
2007 = 40  
2008 = 53  
2009 = 51  
2010 = 64  
2011 = 58  
2012 = 33  
2013 = 37  
2014 = 41

## Emergency Relief Fund Applications

2006 = 25  
2007 = 56  
2008 = 72  
2009 = 52  
2010 = 53  
2011 = 43  
2012 = 53  
2013 = 62  
2014 = 42

## RELIEF FUND YEARLY EXPENDITURES

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
MVTF	151.79	49.12	32.54	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Burials	12900.00	9600.00	14400.00	14400.00	18300.00	17400.00	9300.00	10500.00	11700.00
Marker Settings	6890.00	6170.00	9980.00	5340.00	2850.00	1200.00	2700.00	1300.00	1000.00
National Archives	1360.00	4960.50	1506.00	278.00	805.00	100.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Emergency Assistance	5731.02	18011.48	27942.59	22987.26	17387.02	34092.62	17823.90	29303.06	22523.54
Transportation Allowance	1131.43	14523.72	8903.79	1467.00	1681.00	507.55	1829.00	480.00	0.00
Gas Cards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	200.00	400.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>28164.24</b>	<b>53314.82</b>	<b>62764.92</b>	<b>44472.26</b>	<b>41023.02</b>	<b>53650.17</b>	<b>31877.90</b>	<b>41983.06</b>	<b>35473.54</b>

2007 budget \$45,000

2008 budget \$49,000

2009 budget \$62,000

2010 budget \$60,500

2011 budget \$55,000

2012 budget \$55,000

2013 budget \$55,000

2014 budget \$45,000

**BURIAL REPORT 2006**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	Peacetime	Amount Pd
48	38	10	5	43	19	6	11	2	\$12,900

**BURIAL REPORT 2007**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	Peacetime	Amount Pd
40	31	9	8	32	18	2	8	3	\$9,600

**BURIAL REPORT 2008**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	Peacetime	Amount Pd
53	39	14	5	48	18	14	6	1	\$14,400

**BURIAL REPORT 2009**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	Peacetime	Amount Pd
51	36	15	3	48	23	6	5	2	\$14,400

**BURIAL REPORT 2010**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	Peacetime	Amount Pd
64	46	18	3	61	31	7	7	1	\$18,300

**BURIAL REPORT 2011**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	OIF/OEF	Peacetime	Amount Pd
58	40	18	0	58	20	11	8	1	0	\$17,400

**BURIAL REPORT 2012**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	OIF/OEF	Peacetime	Amount Pd
33	19	14	2	31	7	4	6	0	2	\$9,300

**BURIAL REPORT 2013**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	OIF/OEF	Peacetime	Amount Pd
37	30	7	2	35	15	6	8	0	1	\$10,500

**BURIAL REPORT 2014**

Applications	Veterans	Spouses	Denied	Approved	WWII	KW	VN	OIF/OEF	Peacetime	Amount Pd
41	30	11	2	39	17	6	15	1	1	\$11,700