

ANNUAL REPORT

**MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT
OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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The attached Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs summarizes our activities during fiscal year 1989. While fiscal year 1989 saw some dramatic positive changes in veterans issues in Minnesota, especially with the addition of authorized veterans health care beds in Silver Bay and Luverne, much still remains to be done.

In an effort to better serve the veterans of Minnesota, the Department will seek legislative authority during the 1991 Session to pursue innovative programs to assist veterans and their families:

Veterans Legal Education Program. This initiative is intended to provide education and training to Minnesota's County Veterans Service Officers, as well as other interested veterans. With the creation of the Veterans Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., and the potential accreditation of County Veterans Service Officers by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, education and training will play an increasingly important function. It is important that Minnesota's veterans receive the best, most informed opinions and advice available, to ensure that they receive the full measure of the federal veterans benefits to which they are entitled.

Veterans and their dependents in Minnesota received more than \$600 million dollars in federal payments during fiscal year 1989; the majority of this was due directly to the efforts of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Minnesota County Veterans Service Officers. We hope to be able to continue this rate and perhaps to better it in the current fiscal year.

William J. Gregg
Commissioner

Jeffrey L. Olson
Deputy Commissioner

DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT

The Department of Veterans Affairs is actively involved in numerous activities with other State and Federal agencies, as well as on the County level.

The Commissioner is active in the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the governing body for all similar agencies nationwide. This association sets policy matters and pursues legislation pertaining to veterans on the national level.

The Department is actively cooperating with the Commanders Task Force, composed of the Commanders of the congressionally chartered veterans organizations active in the State of Minnesota. Each year the Department hosts a training session for the incoming Commanders, to orient them to certain veteran issues which might arise during the Commanders term in office.

Certification of County Veterans Service Officers. The Commissioner is charged with the responsibility of certifying each County Veterans Service Officer in Minnesota. To meet this requirement, the Commissioner works closely with the Certification Committee of the County Veterans Service Officers Association to plan a course of instruction which must be accomplished each year.

Instruction is provided by personnel from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and Regional Offices, as well as associated agencies, such as the Social Security Administration and the National Personnel Records Center.

County Veteran Service Officers who successfully complete the required training programs are certified as to their courses of instruction completed each year. This certification is provided to the County Veterans Service Officer and is available to the appropriate appointing authority.

The Department works very closely with the County Veterans Service Officer Association, which is comprised of all Minnesota County Veteran Service Officers statewide. In addition to sponsoring annual training sessions for all County Veterans Service Officers, the Department also participates in the CVSO annual conferences.

The Department also maintains close working relationships with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; Regional Offices and Medical Centers which serve Minnesota Veterans. The Department not only works hand in hand with these federal agencies to ensure that Minnesota veterans and their dependents receive all benefits to which they are entitled, we also participate in joint training operations.

VETERANS BENEFITS DIVISION

The Veterans Benefits Division is charged with the primary responsibility of operating three programs to aid Minnesota veterans and their families. These three programs are: Financial and Medical assistance, the maintenance of military discharge and bonus records and the War Orphans and Veterans Educational Assistance programs.

Financial and Medical Assistance

Funds appropriated for the second year of the biennium (FY 89) totalled \$988,100.00. This funding is used to provide specialized, temporary financial assistance to needy, disabled veterans and their families. It is also used to provide limited emergency medical assistance for hospitalizations, as well as a limited amount of basic dental and optical care for veterans and their families.

This assistance is available to veterans and their families who reside in every county of Minnesota, on the same budgetary basis so as to provide an adequate, fair budget for all persons who meet the eligibility requirements. In every case, the Department grants financial assistance to clients which is tailored to the applicants specific needs, within allowable budgetary restrictions. Applicants are not restricted by limitations on the amount of equity in real or personal property they might possess.

Assistance is granted on the basis of need only, without discrimination due to age, sex, race, religious affiliation, in accordance to state mandated affirmative action guidelines.

Financial assistance is provided for shelter, utilities, food, personal needs, as well as a limited program to provide payment of emergent medical needs, to include basic oral health care and basic optometric services. All expenditures under these programs conform to the State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services Fee Schedules.

The intent of these programs is to assist a veteran and his family to maintain a minimal level of resources to assist them over a temporary situation. The majority of veterans and their families receive assistance for two to three months; normally assistance is limited to a maximum of six months duration.

Every effort is made to either enable the veteran to return to his or her regular employment or to achieve some type of long-term financial assistance, such as United States Department of Veterans Affairs Non-Service Connected Disability Pension, Disability Compensation, Social Security Disability Compensation, Social Security Retirement Benefits, or Worker's Compensation.

Attached is a report of expenditures for veterans relief, by County. In addition to this report, the following data is provided for Fiscal Year 1989:

1. Total number of families assisted-----1,920
2. Total number of persons assisted-----3,312
3. Total expenditures for programs-----\$1,018,000
4. Percent of funds expended; assistance 64.2%
5. Percent of funds expended; health 35.8%

Information Referral, Bonus Records.

Inquiries are received by mail, by telephone and in person; these inquiries typically concern requests for information regarding either federal or state veterans benefits. Requests for information beyond the scope of the Department are referred to the appropriate Federal, State or County source of information.

The Department is required to maintain copies of discharge records for veterans who have been discharged from military service since 1979. Permanent records are retained for future use by the veteran or outside agencies.

During Fiscal Year 1989, the Department received 1,200 requests for copies of veterans discharges. A certified copy of a discharge record is required by veterans making an initial request for veterans benefits, either from the State or the Federal governments.

In those instances wherein the Department does not maintain a copy of the veterans discharge, the Department assists the veteran in obtaining a copy, either from the veterans home state, or the sole federal repository, the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

War Orphan and Veteran Education.

Entitlement under this program has remained static since 1981, set at that time by the Legislature at \$350.00. Veterans are eligible for a one time grant in this amount, conditional on the veteran having exhausted through use, his or her entire federal educational benefit. Further, the veteran must still be within the federally imposed time limits for educational benefits. This \$350.00 stipend for veterans is restricted for payment of tuition only.

War Orphans are entitled by Minnesota Statute to tuition free status at state universities (excluding the University of Minnesota) and at community colleges. In addition to this free tuition, War Orphans are entitled to a yearly \$350.00 stipend to be used to pay for books, fees and supplies.

War Orphans are eligible for free tuition and yearly stipends until they achieve a bachelors degree or it's equivalent.

In Fiscal Year 1989, a total of \$18,723 was expended for Veterans and War Orphans educational programs.

Late Bonus Claims

Each year the Department accepts and processes claims for late bonus payments, which are submitted to the Joint Claims Committee of the Legislature. The Department reviews the applications, audits previous records to prevent duplicate claims and calculates the proper amount of the late bonus payment. Once a claim has been verified and certified, it is submitted for legislative consideration.

In Fiscal Year 1989, the Joint Claims Committee authorized late bonus payments for Minnesota veterans as follows:

<u>War Period</u>	<u>Number of Claims</u>	<u>Amount of Claims</u>
WW II	5	\$1,200.00
Korea	5	375.00
Vietnam	<u>26</u>	<u>8,160.00</u>
Total	36	\$9,735.00

Additionally, the Department maintains records on all veterans who have applied for an Adjusted Compensation Payment, or bonus. Current bonus discharge records date to World War I; earlier records have been transferred to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Veterans Preference Enforcement

Minnesota Statutes charge the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs with the responsibility of enforcing Minnesota's Veteran's Preference Statutes. The Commissioner may order such relief as he finds justified in cases where a veteran has been denied his or her veterans preference rights, as established by Minnesota Statutes 43A.11, 197.455, 197.46 and 197.48.

Veterans who feel that their veterans preference rights have been violated petition the Commissioner for relief, usually reinstatement to prior employment, with all pay and allowances due.

During Fiscal Year 1989, the Commissioner's office took the following actions on Veterans Preference petitions:

- 1) Inquiries received, no petition filed----- 250
- 2) Petitions received, certified----- 18
- 3) Prior cases disposed of in FY '89----- 16
- 4) Petitions for relief granted----- 10
- 5) Petitions for relief denied/dismissed----- 7
- 6) Cases appealed, Court of Appeals----- 3
- 7) Cases Appealed, Supreme Court----- 1
- 8) Cases settled in favor of petitioner----- 9
- 9) Cases pending, start of FY '90----- 8

CLAIMS DIVISION

The Claims Division exists to provide representation and advocacy services to Minnesota veterans and their dependents who have a claim against the United States government as a result of military service. These services are mandated by M.S. 196.05(1).

As the World War II veterans age, there has been a corresponding realignment of the nature of claims the Department's Claims Office is receiving from these older veterans. Veterans and their dependents are applying for more benefits relating to hospital and nursing home care; fewer applications for original compensation claims are being received from World War II Veterans. As Vietnam era veterans age, The Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Office is receiving an increased number of applications for pension benefits by this group.

The Department's Claims Office continues to receive in excess of two thousand new Power of Attorney applications yearly. The majority of these applications are from claimants who had not applied for benefits previously.

Currently the Departments' Claims Office receives more than seven thousand claims annually by mail. These claims for benefits are sought by veterans and their dependents for whom the Department's Claims Office currently acts as Power of Attorney. At any given time there are about two thousand claims for benefits pending further action.

With the creation of the Court of Veterans Appeals, the Departments' Claims Office anticipates changing the nature of this program operation. The Court of Veterans Appeals is a federal appeals court which will hear cases still being contested after exhausting the present system of administrative decisions and reviews by the Board of Veterans appeals.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Office will have to determine how best to, and to what extent it will represent veterans before this Court. As the Court of Veterans Appeals has only been recently created by Congress, the Court has not had sufficient opportunity to develop substantive rules of evidence, operation and practice. Until such rules are adopted and published, the Department cannot make an informed determination of representative techniques.

The Departments' Claims Office is in the process of revising its' written submissions to the Board of Veterans Appeals, adopting the standard legal brief format commonly used by the legal profession. Prior to the creation of the Court of Veterans Appeals only a short summary of the key issues was required.

With the creation of the new Court of Veterans Appeals, more extensive preparation of the legal brief will be required as every case has the potential to be appealed to the Court of Veterans Appeals. Consequently; the amount of time necessary to adequately prepare submittals will dramatically increase as the Court of Veterans Appeals becomes fully operational.

Overall, the total number of appeal requests received by the Departments' Claims Office is increasing; however, at this juncture, it is impossible to determine if this is an anomaly or an indication that the creation of another level of administrative review by the Court of Veterans Appeals is prompting more veterans to appeal unfavorable decisions.

Branch Office Operations

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates two branch offices in greater Minnesota; located in Duluth and Moorhead. The mission of these offices is to serve the needs of veterans and their dependents, who are beyond the jurisdiction of the St. Paul Regional Office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Moorhead office is co-located within the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Fargo. Federal regulations authorize the USDVA to provide this space rent free to organizations, such as our Claims Office, so long as we continue to represent veterans without charge.

The Moorhead Office is staffed by one Veterans Claims Branch Officer, Supervisor and one clerical staff person, who provide representation to veterans in pursuing claims for federal veterans benefits, as well as representation at social security hearings in certain instances. Currently this office handles claims for 26,000 Minnesota veterans.

The Duluth Office is located in the Duluth Vets Center, which is operated by the USDVA Medical Center; this arrangement also allows the Department rent free space. One Veterans Claims Representative manages this office.

This office serves the veterans and County Veterans Service Officers in Northeastern Minnesota. The Department is currently studying the possibility of re-locating this office to the Twin Ports USDVA Medical Center Clinic, which will serve veterans from Northeastern Minnesota.

This co-location will enable direct contact with, and service to, the estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 Minnesota veterans that are projected to visit the clinic annually.

GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION

The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs is the financial guardian or conservator of some 150 veterans and/or their dependents. These guardianships are established whenever the Probate Court deems it necessary to protect the estate of a ward or to assist the individual in meeting their daily activities of living.

The Guardianship Division is staffed by two full time financial guardianship advisors who provide financial management services and assistance with placement of individual wards in appropriate living environments. One clerical support staff is responsible for the preparation of annual accounts, required legal notices, reports and supporting documents, which are submitted to the appropriate Court of competent jurisdiction.

In addition to the complete control of the wards assets the division is responsible for ensuring that goods and services required and purchased by each ward meet budgetary limits. Financial obligations incurred by the ward must have division approval or Probate Court approval to ensure payment.

The Guardianship Division has received increased requests to act as financial guardian and representative payee during this fiscal year, primarily from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. In an effort to meet increased demand, one additional staff position was approved and assigned to meet the accounting requirements. Expanded usage of computer programs has added to the efficiency and ability to meet the increased work load and responsibilities. The Department fully expects that the number of assignments for guardianship services by the Probate Court system will continue to increase.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Administrative Services unit is composed of six basic areas of responsibility: Personnel Services, Purchasing and Inventory, Accounts Payable, Information Systems, Fiscal Reporting (Guardianship Program), and Budget and Reports. These six areas of responsibility managed by five staff. This point becomes significant when the recommendation for separation of duties for audit purposes meets the recommendation for staff and budget cuts (or "Base-Level" cuts).

Budgets and Reports

Fiscal year 1989 is also known as the "Base Year" for development of the 1990-1991 Biennial Budget. A great deal of time and effort by the Administrative Services staff went into the development of the Department's budget proposal. Budget history from FY'89 was organized and distributed to management and supervisors for development of new legislative initiatives and additional support for existing programs and funding.

All of the "numbers" were loaded and reconciled into the State's main frame computer and the result (in terms of dollars) reflected a requested budget increase of 21%.

In addition to the development of the Biennial Budget, another function of the unit is the implementation of the annual spending plan. The annual plan usually follows the legislative intent of the appropriation except in cases where there is a change in organization or funding alternatives.

At fiscal year end close out, less than one-tenth of 1% of the operating budget was returned to the Finance Department (General Fund).

Personnel Division

The Department of Veterans Affairs, over the past two years, has shown a marked decrease in staff turnover. Only four staff have left the Department since July 1987, and only one in the last year. Increased awareness of and need for staff development (both voluntary and job-assigned) led to the creation of a Staff Development Committee, coordinated by Personnel. All bi-weekly payroll reports, time sheets, and associated reports flow are prepared by the Personnel division.

As a result, there has not been one request for an "imprest cash check" from the Department of Finance (an imprest cash check is usually requested when there has been an error in the payroll and no payment was issued).

New assignments for the Personnel unit involve the audit of leave requests and balances; verification of performance reviews on file; current job descriptions on file; and advisory training for managers and supervisors on bargaining unit agreements.

In fiscal year 1989, the Personnel Division was responsible for the establishment of a strong training component within the Department. As a result of a strong commitment to the training needs of the Department, from the Commissioner's level, all Department staff completed required training in "Preventing Sexual Harassment". Further staff training was conducted in numerous areas, such as Health and Wellness Promotion, all with the intent of strengthening and expanding the capabilities of the Department.

Information Systems Division

Fiscal year 1989, marked the first full year that the Benefits and Services Division operated using its' own IBM System 36 computer (at the time when the veterans homes were reorganized (the division "shared" computer time with the homes). The transitional phase of office automation gained momentum after a very intensive training program for staff. The fear of the computer was replaced with requests to remove typewriters. Future projects involve improvements to the Claims Diary System and the development of a program to automate the Benefits Program.

Purchasing and Inventory Division

During Fiscal Year 1989, the Department of Veterans Affairs was once again recognized for its' achievements in meeting State goals for purchasing. The Department of Veterans Affairs has been granted "local purchase authority" by the Department of Finance, and whenever possible, utilizes contracts set-aside for the Socially, Economic & Disadvantaged vendors (SED Program). While the total dollar amounts of purchases are made by the Department, the importance of maintaining an efficient purchasing procedure is demonstrated by the acceptance of and adherence to these procedures by management and staff.

Fiscal year 1989 also marked the year of reconciliation between the Departments' inventory records for equipment and the Statewide Fixed Asset Record Managements System (FARMS).

Accounts Payable Division

Fiscal year 1989 marks the fifth straight year that the Department of Veterans Affairs payments under the Benefits and Services Division has exceeded the goal of 97% prompt payment. For fiscal year 1989, the Department missed the monthly rating of 100% only once (May was 98.9%). Annually, the Benefits and Services Division processes approximately 8,000 payments. The total budget for the division for FY'89 was \$2.6 million.

Fiscal Reporting; Guardianship Division

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for recording and reconciliation of all Guardianship Division accounts. This entails the correct recording of nearly \$2 million in receipts and a similar amount for expenditures. Each month, the account earns approximately \$16,000 in interest based on an average balance of \$2.5 million. Monthly reconciliations are performed independently on the Guardianship Division ledger and balance sheet, the Statewide Accounting System's balance sheet, and on the imprest cash account (the Guardianship Checkbook).

The Department is justifiably proud of the fact that since the program was automated in 1987 there has been a variance of only 20 cents in these accounts.

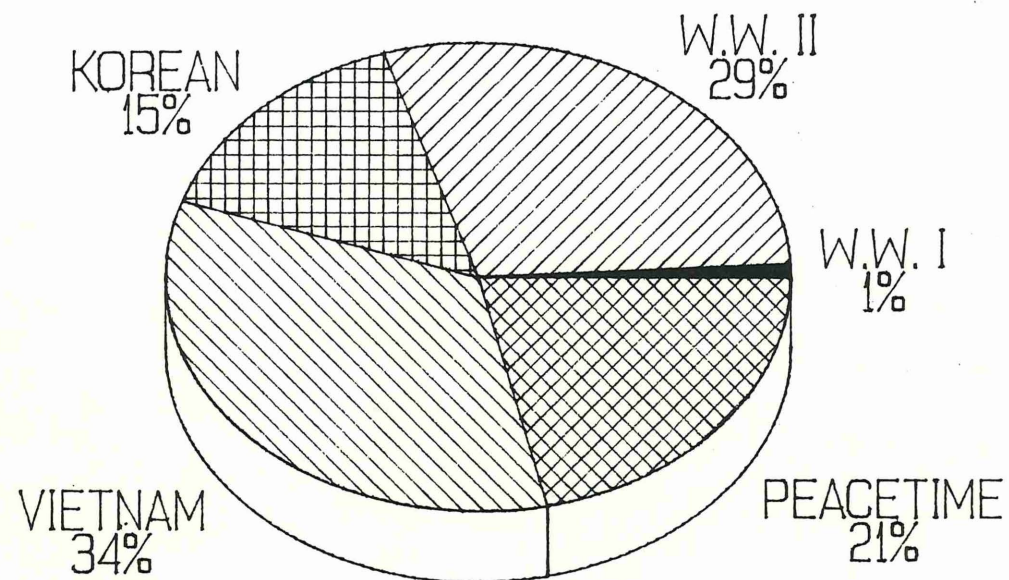
Future goals to be implemented in fiscal year 1990 include the expanded training and usage of an automated computer system involving the Benefits Program and the Guardianship Division the creation of a detailed filing system for the Department's personnel, financial, and administrative records, and continuation of the performance measures established in FY89.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
VETERANS RELIEF EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1989 - BY MONTH

COUNTY NAME	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
AITKIN	261	390	393	338	504	288	608	0	120	0	825	0	3,727
ANOKA	2,307	2,339	3,181	1,864	2,010	526	855	635	2,170	527	1,030	1,608	19,052
BECKER	1,663	3,322	2,106	1,856	1,251	433	1,478	2,696	2,122	2,393	1,516	918	21,754
BELTRAMI	3,514	1,463	2,488	2,657	3,165	3,223	2,209	828	883	1,551	1,220	1,400	24,601
BENTON	708	1,476	820	728	83	92	1,075	263	0	305	235	247	6,032
BIG STONE	0	698	1,021	270	587	1,534	252	235	259	1,685	122	66	6,729
BLUE EARTH	1,266	1,142	664	870	537	689	1,227	824	797	0	371	437	8,824
BROWN	0	204	169	232	14	127	254	0	0	0	236	1,242	2,478
CARLTON	(76)	208	782	709	593	950	658	345	259	122	666	1,329	6,545
CARVER	437	0	0	685	450	263	163	0	0	0	0	278	2,276
CASS	5,090	4,635	6,692	6,508	5,101	9,818	9,501	7,594	9,282	6,063	2,903	3,977	77,164
CHIPPEWA	1,256	911	1,228	941	1,696	343	69	422	632	430	526	217	8,671
CHISAGO	600	335	92	569	1,174	524	600	2,089	812	679	390	526	8,390
CLAY	1,101	111	178	575	266	238	422	211	211	0	200	122	3,635
CLEARWATER	0	0	0	0	514	748	0	0	243	0	224	508	2,237
COOK	38	0	0	30	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	822	1,390
COTTONWOOD	0	397	204	0	0	389	0	0	512	1,314	588	566	3,970
CROW WING	37	1,186	894	308	905	1,768	2,445	1,890	1,457	253	775	898	12,816
DAKOTA	1,521	3,003	4,284	2,864	2,142	4,270	4,729	3,989	5,723	4,065	2,669	3,594	42,853
DODGE	0	472	348	236	0	44	92	0	610	539	305	0	2,646
DOUGLAS	850	1,746	370	1,454	2,114	1,640	1,120	1,834	1,456	3,676	540	3,737	20,537
FARIBAULT	263	763	526	263	0	710	650	430	887	1,607	1,055	51	7,205
FILLMORE	0	0	463	1,064	510	403	650	0	1,302	495	976	420	6,283
FREEBORN	286	41	0	390	245	863	526	403	1,856	579	601	888	6,678
GOODHUE	0	0	0	109	0	40	899	0	453	2,095	967	1,163	5,726
GRANT	48	0	0	0	0	0	73	176	30	170	0	0	497
HENNEPIN	7,211	10,964	8,557	8,713	9,236	8,604	7,191	9,058	7,725	10,905	8,446	6,321	102,931
HOUSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	0	0	0	0	0	144
HUBBARD	863	1,535	165	127	165	243	1,476	500	(227)	1,408	1,172	0	7,427
ISANTI	43	43	543	263	677	450	1,424	1,043	834	902	761	516	7,499
ITASCA	803	1,913	1,513	1,497	2,863	1,857	3,874	2,233	4,127	1,848	2,214	1,257	25,999
JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	650	176	231	60	0	365	0	1,482
KANABEC	714	2,006	1,463	1,169	1,982	1,200	503	1,822	1,700	1,959	969	1,201	16,688
KANDIYOHI	0	0	1,000	0	650	140	77	44	30	913	921	676	4,451
KITTSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KOOCHICING	186	650	0	0	512	286	312	239	1,338	1,019	541	0	5,083
LAC QUI PARLE	0	0	109	0	0	140	0	0	0	0	111	111	471
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	449	0	542	401	1,696
LAKE O' WOODS	0	0	0	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
LESUER	73	147	0	263	69	263	319	263	64	0	0	0	1,461
LINCOLN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LYON	431	615	291	300	0	0	122	500	418	650	0	111	3,438
MCLUD	0	231	0	0	0	319	640	140	316	204	0	350	2,200
MAHANOMEN	106	0	0	365	179	0	0	0	105	371	215	970	2,311
MARSHALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	122	0	417	661
MARTIN	0	0	0	192	192	192	192	192	0	0	0	263	1,223
MEeker	2,192	3,362	2,250	1,907	1,997	2,623	2,866	2,251	2,655	2,871	2,757	835	28,566
MILLE LACS	434	326	607	1,551	880	2,407	917	883	745	462	1,096	656	10,964
MORRISON	1,664	1,003	2,528	964	2,168	797	2,687	3,242	3,085	2,438	1,645	3,521	25,742

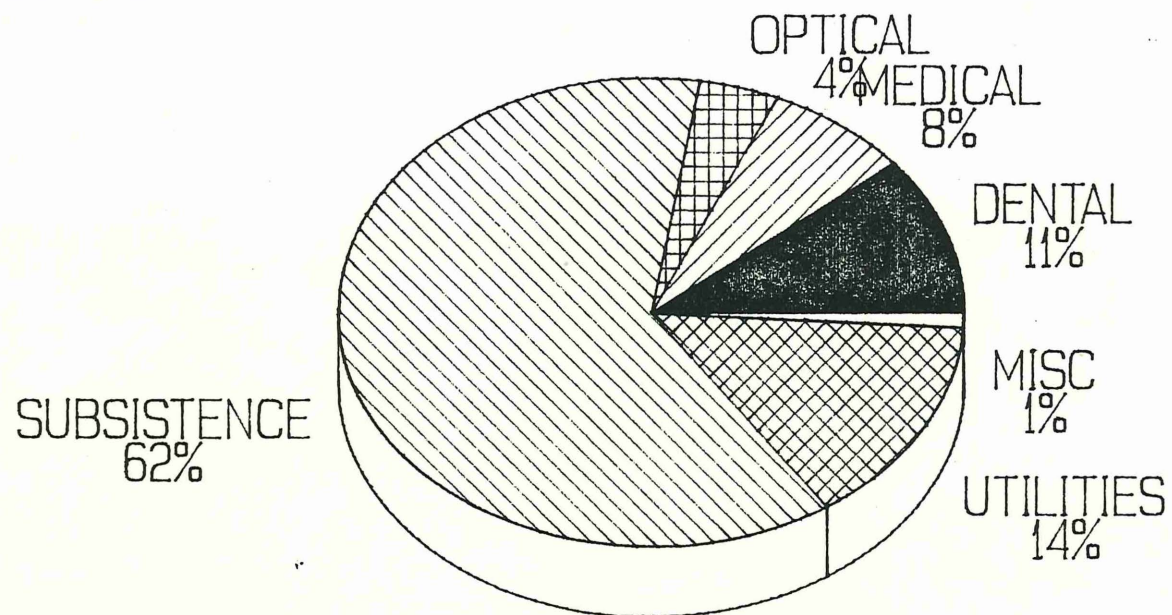
MOWER	0	370	412	1,035	732	292	388	389	282	710	634	1,378	6,622
MURRAY	0	546	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	546
NICOLLET	261	261	565	571	1,553	2,769	1,341	791	1,791	730	383	696	11,712
NOBLES	222	204	114	0	623	227	394	346	264	154	0	0	2,548
NORMAN	41	527	606	0	0	490	853	255	1,742	702	399	0	5,615
OLMSTED	122	140	263	562	965	402	825	125	299	500	883	616	5,702
OTTERTAIL	2,357	2,466	1,335	1,789	1,938	1,379	2,803	3,799	2,777	2,547	1,834	376	25,400
PENNINGTON	261	696	0	0	222	0	933	263	1,198	263	650	646	5,132
PINE	566	594	1,011	585	566	1,200	2,256	404	1,488	1,973	848	627	12,118
PIPESTONE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POLK	2,708	2,075	1,401	1,037	951	880	1,087	0	1,164	725	1,458	820	14,306
POPE	0	1,473	1,022	694	626	498	1,632	870	374	280	224	1,395	9,088
RAMSEY	10,463	11,850	14,345	9,533	10,017	9,851	10,875	8,326	11,312	12,990	8,052	13,197	130,811
RED LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	0	0	0	163
REDWOOD	0	0	263	0	0	0	0	0	263	263	675	957	2,421
RENVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	0	111
RICE	135	436	544	30	0	246	0	357	26	0	0	0	1,774
ROCK	0	111	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	222
ROSEAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAINT LOUIS	725	680	1,166	1,236	2,632	1,492	1,470	595	1,310	831	802	0	12,939
SCOTT	669	248	469	263	111	1,425	789	526	789	2,923	1,129	686	10,027
SHERBURNE	2,225	2,347	3,683	3,807	4,571	2,717	4,159	4,319	7,385	5,652	4,835	6,407	52,107
SIBLEY	0	0	0	0	370	262	0	0	0	0	0	0	632
STEARNS	3,297	4,469	4,911	4,251	2,988	5,223	3,386	4,085	2,155	4,179	1,679	2,563	43,186
STEELE	0	0	0	176	846	321	614	669	1,046	450	470	0	4,592
STEVENS	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	118
SWIFT	0	500	0	92	0	243	0	625	0	161	650	0	2,271
TODD	971	1,196	933	1,237	752	2,049	743	1,002	1,137	483	536	743	11,782
TRAVERSE	0	650	0	0	460	58	982	1,179	635	181	0	0	4,145
WABASHA	287	740	293	557	216	0	505	353	290	257	0	0	3,498
WADENA	0	0	0	0	0	0	560	454	569	290	1,791	213	3,877
WASECA	0	0	0	0	263	0	0	0	0	0	650	0	913
WASHINGTON	2,944	3,714	4,019	4,780	2,307	4,186	4,567	3,715	5,209	3,476	1,929	2,393	43,239
WATONWAN	349	648	0	556	0	0	0	1,413	698	772	701	621	5,758
WILKIN	0	135	0	0	0	453	310	0	0	600	0	0	1,498
WINONA	36	384	384	384	384	416	910	187	500	761	139	83	4,568
WRIGHT	785	744	749	610	793	345	1,459	2,208	2,043	0	526	111	10,373
YELLOW MED.	1,649	1,228	1,089	694	167	834	312	406	406	550	0	1,057	8,392
F.Y. 89 TOTAL	66,963	87,069	85,617	77,368	80,595	88,852	97,628	85,470	102,997	98,023	72,683	78,205	1,021,470
F.Y. 88 TOTAL	68,787	66,517	63,025	64,800	59,215	110,775	97,292	105,618	102,896	79,175	76,325	77,793	972,218
F.Y. 87 TOTAL	50,595	44,423	46,229	53,154	37,806	65,049	65,633	76,823	70,342	66,744	66,183	62,172	705,153

VETERANS RELIEF FUND UTILIZATION BY PERIOD OF SERVICE



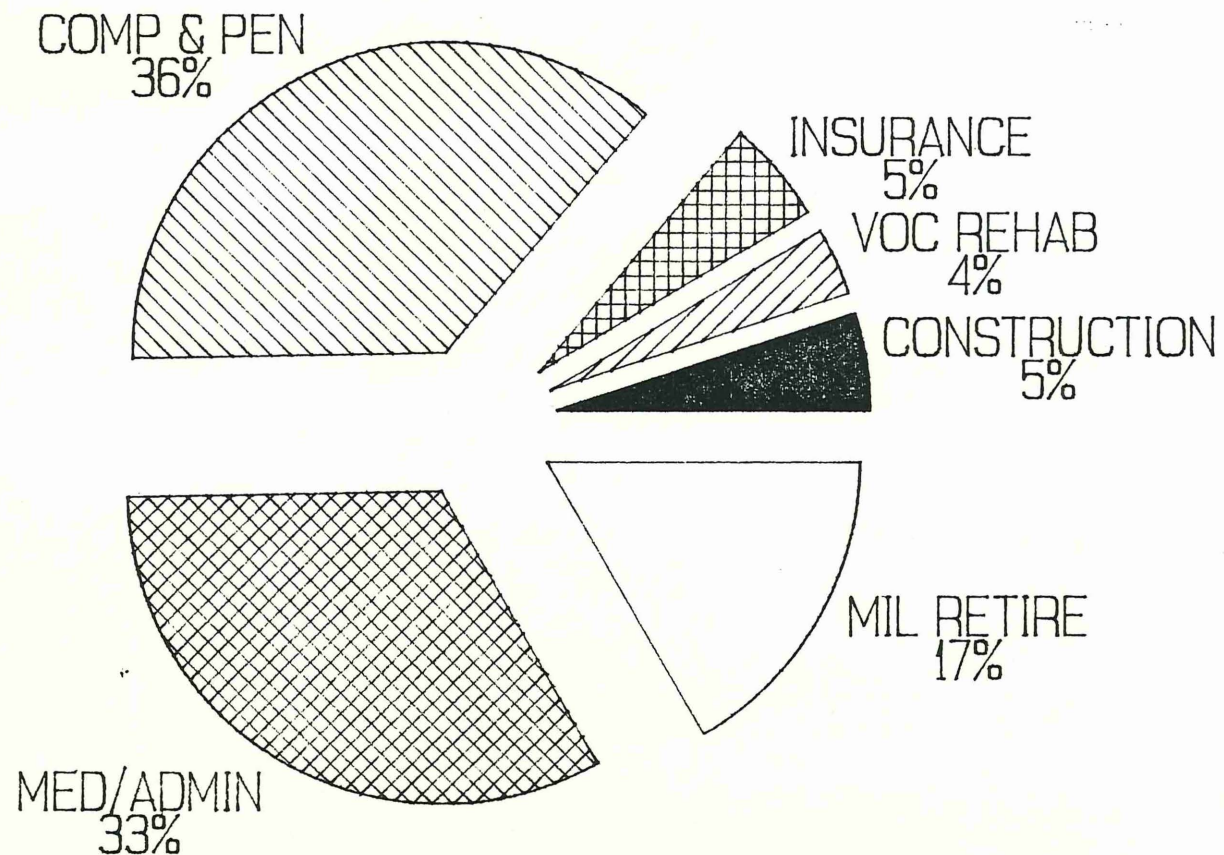
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Distribution of Payments (FY 89)

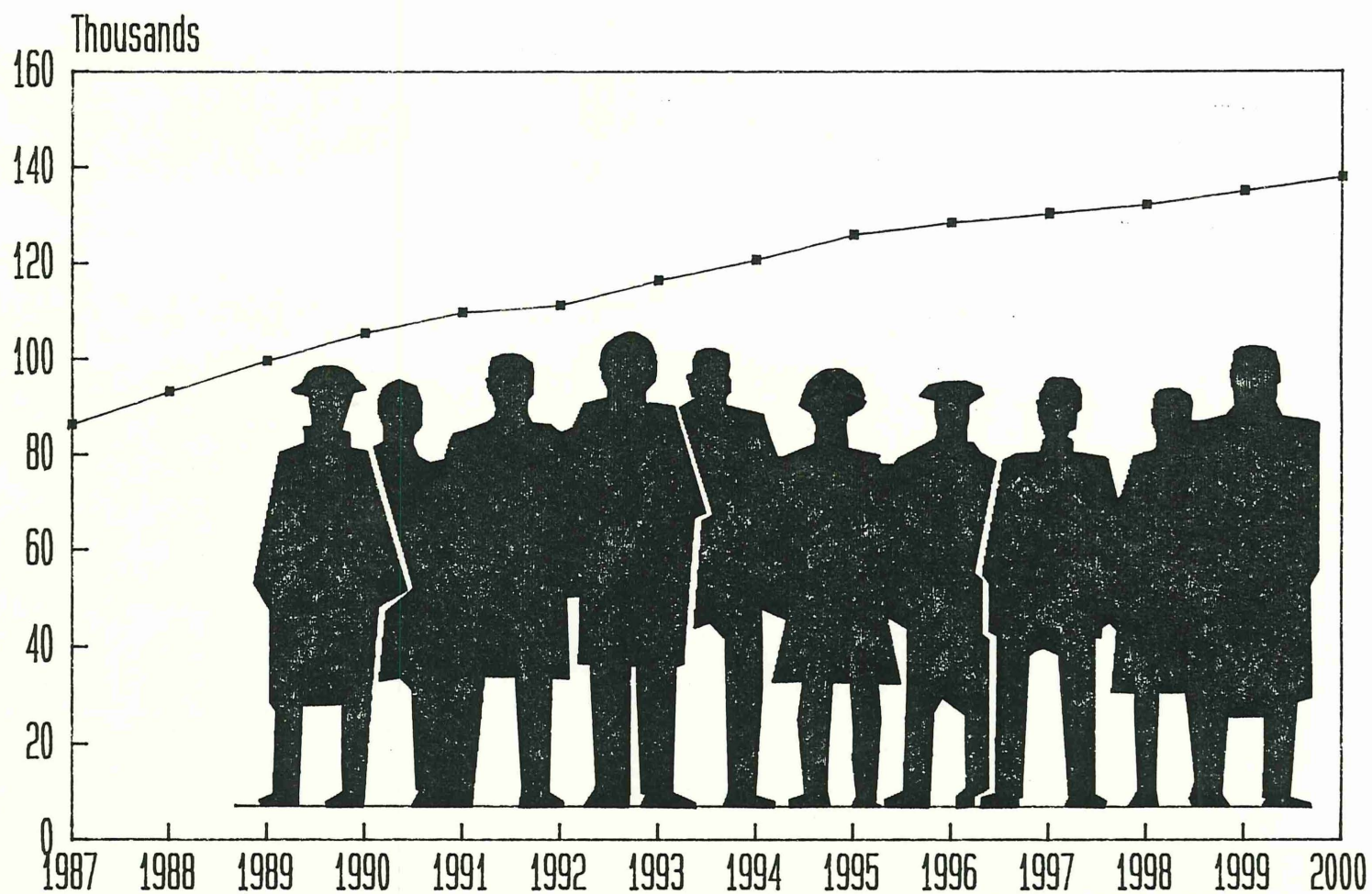


FEDERAL VETERAN BENEFITS PAID TO MINNESOTANS (12/31/88)

Total Payments: \$590,000,000



MINNESOTA VETERAN POPULATION VETERANS AGED 65 YEARS & OVER



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ANNUAL EXPENDITURES

