



Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County



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**Special Executive Board Meeting
2400 Glenwood Ave, Suite 110**

26 Apr, 2022

Joliet IL 60435

5PM

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 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Opening Prayer:
- Roll Call of Attendees:

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Annual Award Log Report

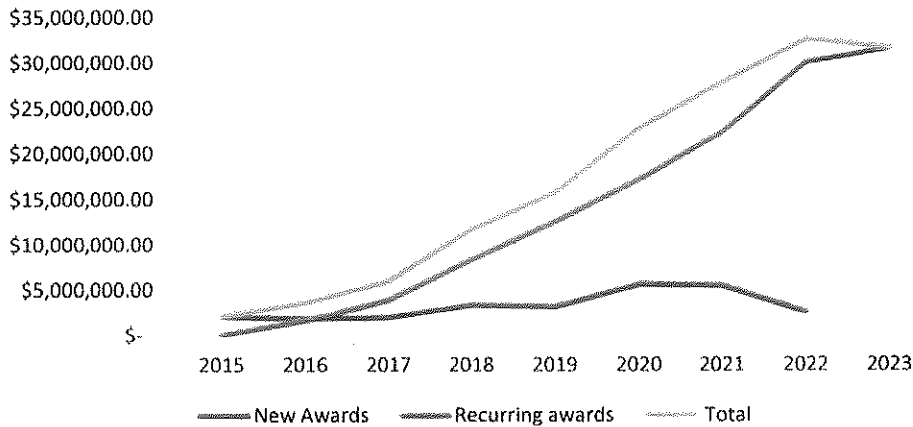
	New Awards	Recurring awards	Total
2015	\$ 2,038,589.37	\$ 91,494.28	\$ 2,130,083.65
2016	\$ 1,916,035.03	\$ 1,668,866.98	\$ 3,584,902.01
2017	\$ 1,958,424.94	\$ 3,974,910.02	\$ 5,933,334.96
2018	\$ 3,306,911.28	\$ 8,343,265.50	\$ 11,650,176.78
2019	\$ 3,146,420.78	\$ 12,590,631.66	\$ 15,737,052.44
2020	\$ 5,584,186.07	\$ 17,139,730.90	\$ 22,723,916.97
2021	\$ 5,481,686.12	\$ 22,280,083.51	\$ 27,761,769.63
2022	\$ 2,559,509.30	\$ 29,962,164.79	\$ 32,521,674.09
2023		\$ 31,531,581.12	\$ 31,531,581.12
Total benefits received since 2015 -			\$ 89,521,236.44

end of current fiscal year

This report was last updated on:

4/4/2022 16:41

VACWC Annual Award Log



FOIA LOG-Amy Georgakopoulos-FOIA Officer VACWC

- Thursday, December 2nd; I was asked by Kristi if I would be comfortable accepting the role as the VAC's official FOIA Officer. I accepted
- Thursday, December 2nd; I received the FOIA #1 via email from a Chris Hammond. I was instructed by Kristi to connect with Marron Mahoney from the County Executive's Office for FOIA training and guidance. 12/2 I emailed Marron.
- Tuesday, 12/7 FOIA training over the phone with Marron.
- Thursday, 12/9; I asserted the 5 day extension for FOIA #1.
- On or about 12/16 I was instructed by Kristi that we were going to keep the FOIA's out of the County Exec's office, and directly work with Chris Wise at the State's Atty's office for guidance. I emailed Chris FOIA #1 content for review prior to submitting to Mr. Hammond. After approval, I fulfilled the request for FOIA #1 and emailed Mr. Hammond.
- Saturday 12/18/21 another email by Mr. Hammond was received with follow up questions. This was treated as FOIA #2.
- 12/13/21 Received FOIA request from Mr. Roderick Hamilton that was staying at The Quality Inn. On 12/20/21 I asserted the 5 day extension of time, and on 12/27/21 the request was fulfilled via hand delivery to Mr. Hamilton
- 12/22/21 given an MOU by Kristi in response to Mr. Hammond's FOIA #2. Communicated with Chris Wise regarding how to word the submission as I was unaware that an MOU existed.
- 12/22/21 at 9:40 pm received a reworded FOIA request from Mr. Hammond. I treated this as FOIA #3 from him.
- 12/30/21 I asserted the 5 day extension of time in reference to Mr. Hammond's FOIA #3.
- 1/5/22 I was presented 2020-21 Hey G Marketing Wrap Up in response to FOIA #3 by Kristi. Communicated with Chris Wise, and submitted to Mr. Hammond on 1/6/22.
- 1/5/22 1:30 pm Zoom meeting with Kristi, Geriann, and Chris Wise to discuss FOIA's.
- 1/5/22 2:30 pm Zoom meeting with Kristi and Geriann.
- Sunday 1/9/22 received another FOIA from Mr. Hammond. I categorized this as FOIA #4.
- Friday 1/14/22 Jen asserted 5 day extension of time as I was on vacation.
- Monday 1/24/22 Satisfied FOIA #4 via email to Mr. Hammond.
- Tuesday 2/15/22 FOIA #5 received by Mr. Hammond
- Wednesday 2/23/22 Requested by Kristi to forward FOIA #5 to Mike Shay in IT Department.
- Wednesday 2/23/22 I asserted the 5 day extension of time in response to Mr. Hammond's FOIA #5 request.
- Thursday 2/24/22 I satisfied the FOIA #5 request as I had been given the documentation to submit.
- Friday 2/25/22- I resubmitted the FOIA #5 to Mr. Hammond as the 2020-2021 Hey G Marketing Campaign Report was accidentally omitted.
- Monday 3/21/22 Received FOIA #6 from Mr. Hammond
- Friday 3/25/22 Satisfied FOIA #6

****Please Note**** throughout this entire process I was in communication with Kristi and Geriann regarding the content of all FOIA requests and instructed accordingly. I was also in communication with

Marron Mahoney until instructed to only reach out to Chris Wise. All correspondence drafted was submitted to the attorneys for compliance review.

FOIA REQUESTS

Chris Hammond

#1 The records of the different bids for the social media and advertising for the last three years. Contracts for winning bids voted on by the board. Paperwork showing how money was spent or used (examples: days commercials aired, promotional info that went out)

#2 Clarification of no bids for the \$495,000.00 contract to Hey G for social media marketing or does that not exist?

On April 12, 2020 Hey G has an invoice for \$5000.00 for Facebook page, training, rebranding, content management, graphic creation, video thumbnail, note headlines, daily updates. Requesting contracts for that invoice. Wants clarification of what that means, and what was done.

On June 22, 2020 Hey G has an invoice for VIP Full Day training. Wanted to know how that is different from the 4/12/20 invoice in regards to "training". Requested contract for the VIP Full Day training and was this for one person or multiple people to get the training.

There were several different prices for graphic creation. What was made to justify the cost of \$25,000.00 from the services rendered 5/1/21-12/31/21 from Hey G. (looks like breakdown of costs for \$495,000.00) vs. the excel sheet showing graphic creation costing \$32,500.00. What was made for these prices?

#3 What graphics were created for public use? What graphics were created as noted in the excel spreadsheet from June 16th totaling \$32,500.00 and noted by Kristi McNichol on 12/9/20 to the CARES Committee.

Were to find videos referencing "5 videos tailored to demographics as stated above, 12 more FAQ/Ad videos that were noted under MOU sent on 12/22. Where can find videos noted by Kristi McNichol on 12/9/20 to the CARES Committee. If none were created, then state so.

#4 The last 5 years of all communications between Kristina McNichol and Geriann Wiesbrook (Hey G Consulting) Communications referencing emails, texts, and phone call log.

#5 Copies of text messages, not a text log going back 5 years. If there are no texts, then note that.

Proof of payment by showing receipts from Hey G consulting for the stated costs for the contract from 4/30/21-12/31/21. This includes payments to employees, subcontractors, payments to Geriann Wiesbrook, advertisers, payment to anyone that is 1099, payment to social media platforms, and any other organization/person/business/entity/fee. Wants accounting proof money was spent.

Meeting minutes for the last three years for the VAC board.

Video/Audio files of the VAC meetings as they are stated on the County Website.

Signed form where the VAC board approved the contract for Hey G Consulting. The Will County Board made it clear they do not approve the contracts, therefore the VAC board must be the one approving the spending.

Copy of the guidelines/rules for the VAC in awarding contracts.

On 1/23/20 an email from Jennifer Knutson stated she attached logos. On 1/16/20 Jennifer stated she charges \$25/hr and expected 2 hours of time to create logos for the VAC. On 12/13/20 Hey G reached out to Jennifer to get the "original PNG of the new logo at hi-res". Wants the contract for the work done by Jennifer for the new logo and payments made to Jennifer.

#6 Projected expenses noted on Hey G Marketing Wrap Up to include contracts for services that will be rendered for salaries, subcontractors, meetings, supplies, etc.

Roderick Hamilton

#1 Documents that identify the total amount of Federal or State Funding resources the VAC has received which have been used for homeless veterans starting from 9/1/2021-present.

Documents to identify the total amounts of the Federal or State Funds received by the VAC that have been used specific to payments for hotel fees from veterans for "emergency housing assistance" or their related needs from 9/1/21-present.

Any names for any Federal or State Grants and the terms thereof, in relation to paragraphs listed above.

Total number of veteran participants/recipients in relation to the above.

Total dollar amounts each individual participant has received specific to individual emergency housing assistance for hotel fee payment starting from 9/1/21-present.

All expenditures and a current balance sheet pertaining to the funding as listed above.

BKD INTEGRA REPORT

Received: 1/4/2022 12:18 PM

Organization: Will County IL VAC

Subscriber Code:

Involved: No

Incident: I have grave concerns about kickbacks, waste, abuse, fraud, and lack of accountability with the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) of Will County. Reviewing the County Board public information, I came across an approval for \$495,000 for "strategic marketing campaign ...". This seemed excessive to me, and I decided to investigate.

I have found concerning facts, what I believe to be breaking the law, lack of oversight, and waste/abuse/fraud. I will highlight some of the most concerning facts as I know them at this time, I am still asking for more information from the Veterans Assistance Commission.

The VAC on 12/9/20 asked for a budget increase for marketing from the CARES committee, they stated they had used Hey G! Consulting before for a marketing campaign/Facebook/graphics... On Feb 18, 2021 the County board approved the \$495,000 for the marketing campaign to Hey G! Consulting.

- Hey G! Consulting received a NO-BID contract for \$495,000 for marketing under the idea it was an "emergency" due to COVID-19. Contract is from 4/30/21 - 12/31/21 (8 months).

o I asked for receipts, how the money was spent, what materials were created, ETC.

§ I got back receipts and a substandard excel spread sheet showing that:

• A TOTAL of \$187,276 was spent as of 12/16/21 of the \$495,000 awarded.

- o Ad management- \$8,800
- o Graphic creation- \$32,500
- o Project management- \$80,000
- o Support Staff- \$22,000
- o Professional services- \$35,004
- o Other expenses- \$8,972

- Hey G! Consulting had 2 invoices from 2020 with NO CONTRACT or explanation other than an invoice for payment.

o 1st is April 12, 2020 for \$5000

§ Services listed were for; Facebook page, training, rebranding,

content management, graphic creation, video thumbnail, note headlines, daily updates.

§ No contract or explanation is available.

o 2nd is June 22, 200 for \$5,200 for "VIP Full Day" training.

§ "This all-day training will help you master the strategy behind our community building and impact plans. Topics include vision mission audience. Segment content planning content strategy"

§ No information on who attended, when the class was, why this was needed. Just an invoice for \$5,200.

o Why did Hey G! Consulting go from \$5,000 in April of 2020 to \$495,000 in 2021 for what appears to be the same thing? They got a 100X increase NO-BID contract for advertising.

- The VAC was using Alpha Media for advertising on the radio. Prior to Hey G! consulting, the VAC appears to have paying for it. Once the \$495,000 contract was given to Hey G!, Hey G! continued to use Alpha Media. In the contract/invoice Hey G! was paid \$350,000 for "Media advertising campaign". On 9/14/21 Alpha Media sent 2 invoices for a total payment of \$19,500 dollars for a radio campaign for Veterans Day activities. I have paperwork showing that the VAC applied for a DCEO grant for a total of \$130,000, of that \$19,500 went for "remote outreach capabilities for Veterans Day 2021". The Will County board approved this while there was already a contract for advertising!

o Why are we using another \$19,500 from a grant for advertising when there was a contract from 4/30/21- 12/31/21 for \$495,000 for advertising with Hey G! ? As it currently sits, Hey G! contract is well under utilizing the money it was granted for advertising.

- It appears that items that were put into the contract like graphic creation and videos, were not done (Still trying to get info with Freedom of Information Act).

- I am highly suspicious for kickbacks here, what is the nature of this relationship? I went online to the website of Hey G! Consulting and it appears to be a company that is only one person named Geriann Wiesbrook.

I am very concerned about these issues. I am concerned that the County Board is not keeping track of funds and allowing waste/abuse/fraud to go on. I am concerned about kickbacks of the CARES money and the DCEO grant money. \$307,724 is still unaccounted for with less than 2 weeks left in the contract to a one person "consulting" company. Who has looked into this relationship between the VAC and Hey G! Consulting? Who is watching over the spending of the money? Who is supposed to have checks and balances, Will County Board, the VAC Board, Kristi McNichol? It appears that Kristi McNichol has been requesting and approving this spending extravaganza. The Boards appear to approve this without much concern about financial responsibility.

Location or branch

Will County IL VAC.

office:

Discovered: Reviewing the Board minutes and doing FOIA requests.

**I Agree to the
Terms of use:** Yes

Category: Fraud, Abuse and Theft

Hotline Source: Anonymous

Reporting Method: Phone

**Subject Business
Process:** Other- Veterans Assistance Commission

Subject Individual: Management

Cathy Pleasant

From: Cathy Pleasant
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 11:17 AM
To: Amanda Koch
Cc: Duffy Blackburn
Subject: Fraud allegations from our fraud hotline
Attachments: IntegraReport 01-04-2022 1218 (2).pdf

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Cathy Pleasant

From: Cathy Pleasant
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:10 AM
To: jpicciolo65@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Fraud allegations from our fraud hotline
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From: Cathy Pleasant
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 8:58 AM
To: John Picciolo
Cc: Wayne Horne; Christopher Wise; Duffy Blackburn
Subject: RE: Fraud allegations from our fraud hotline

Mr. Picciolo,

I understand the importance in this matter. I am again sorry you did not get this initially however, I did send it promptly to your Sergeant at Arms as that was the email I could find. If you will note from my email to her, I asked that she forward it to the entire board. I did not feel calling the office to ask for your information was prudent as it is a fraud claim against the office. When the fraud hotline received the claim I did my due diligence and exhausted all my options, after talking with the states attorney. At that time, my file would have been closed as we, the County do not have any oversight over the VAC. It was at that point that I felt the fraud claim should not just be closed and attempted to find your information.

We took all the proper measures in reporting this. If you need any other information, feel free to contact me.

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From: John Picciolo <jpicciolo65@gmail.com>
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Cc: Wayne Horne <whorne@aol.com>; Christopher Wise <cwise@willcountyillinois.com>
Subject: Re: Fraud allegations from our fraud hotline

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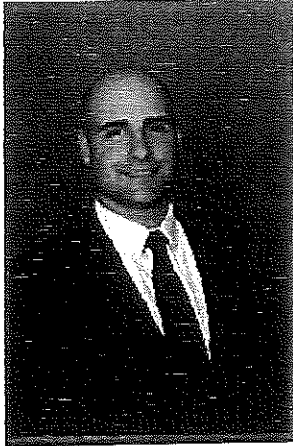
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DOMINICK LANZITO

Partner

ADMISSIONS

- State of Illinois
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- US District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (General and Trial Bar)

EDUCATION

- John Marshall Law School, J.D., cum laude 2002
- DePaul University, B.S., 1999

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Federal Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Insurance Regulatory Law
- Civil Rights
- Municipal Law

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Dominick Lanzito concentrates his practice in federal litigation, employment litigation, class action litigation, Insurance Regulatory law, civil rights, and acts as general counsel for municipalities. Prior to joining Peterson, Johnson & Murray Chicago LLC, Mr. Lanzito was a partner at mid-sized litigation firm. Mr. Lanzito also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, gaining experience in torts and civil rights litigation, as well as in criminal prosecution and criminal appeals. During his service as an Assistant State's Attorney, Mr. Lanzito conducted approximately 150 bench trials on behalf of the state. He also has tried several matters to jury verdict, both in state and federal courts.

His litigation experience includes complex state and federal litigation, as well as dispositive motions and appeals. Notably, Mr. Lanzito has successfully defeated class action and injunctive claims in several matters. He is a member of the Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Apart from litigation, Mr. Lanzito has counseled multiple municipalities with their various legal needs for over a decade. In that vein, he has performed legal services for multiple public utilities and enterprises, including an electrical transmission, distribution, and generation utility, water and water reclamation utilities, municipal technology park, municipal landfill, municipal railroad, and municipal airport. During the course of representing municipalities, Mr. Lanzito has been lead counsel for redevelopment agreements, Tax Increment Finance ("TIF") agreements, real estate transactions and a transaction of almost \$20 million, involving a municipality and two publicly traded companies.

Mr. Lanzito has investigated numerous regulatory complaints of misappropriation of funds by financial companies and their executives. Further, he has been involved in transactions that involved distressed companies due to misappropriation of funds. As such, he is familiar with identifying inappropriate transfers of funds and breaches of fiduciary responsibilities by corporate executives.





PAUL O'GRADY

Managing Partner

MEMBERSHIPS & ADMISSIONS

- State of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Chicago Bar Association (Judicial Evaluation Committee)
- FBI National Academy Association
- International Chiefs of Police

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Municipal Law
- Employment Law
- Labor Law
- Federal Civil Rights
- Insurance Coverage
- Worker's Compensation
- General Litigation

EDUCATION

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, JD, 2000
- Loyola University Chicago, BS, magna cum laude, 1996

Paul O'Grady has been trained in complex investigations both at the Federal Bureau of Investigations in Quantico, Virginia, where he graduated with Certificate in law enforcement techniques, as well as the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy where he served as an investigator.

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As a lawyer, Mr O'Grady, as investigated numerous complaints of malfeasance and misfeasance by employees of companies the law firm Peterson Johnson Murray represents. These investigations covered a broad spectrum of inappropriate expenditure of funds to diverting company resources for personal gain. Also, Mr OGrady has overseen the hiring of Forensic audit companies to assist in a deep dive into suspected malfeasance in companies represented by Peterson Johnson and Murray. Due to the nature of these investigations and the attorney client relationship I'm not at liberty to share the specifics or outcomes of the investigations. However, I can assure you that each investigation was complete and accurate and went unchallenged in the final report. I would welcome an opportunity to present my credentials to the committee if so desired.





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MARTIN W. McMANAMAN

Martin McManaman has been a partner since 2006 and has over 20 years of experience litigating municipal liability, civil rights and employment matters. He advises elected and appointed officials and their staffs on a variety of matters, ranging from personnel issues, public disclosure requirements, insurance and risk management issues and ordinance amendments.

Mr. McManaman has represented public officials, government bodies and their employees in hundreds of cases. In addition to defending lawsuits, he regularly provides counsel on a wide variety of operations and compliance issues, such as workplace policy and best practices, termination and disciplinary decisions, separation agreements and releases, and internal investigations.

He works closely with clients to solve sensitive and complex matters before litigation. His careful and dedicated approach recognizes the uniqueness of each matter and delivers unparalleled responsiveness to his clients.

Before entering private practice in 2002, Mr. McManaman served for six years as an Illinois Assistant Attorney General, handling complex litigation matters for several state agencies. He has been a member of the federal trial bar since 1999. He received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his law degree from Loyola University Chicago.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2017-Present

Represent municipal and private sector employers in the areas of Employment Law, Labor Relations and Worker's Compensation. Counsel employers on personnel policies including hiring, discipline and termination practices. Represent employers on various discrimination and retaliation claims before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Counsel to Municipal Civil Service Commission advising on Police and Firefighter Hiring Process. Represent employers in collective bargaining and grievance resolution.

Cook County State's Attorney's Office

1998-2017

Chief, Special Litigation Division

2009-2017

Counsel to the State's Attorney's Office on all employment and labor relations matters. The State's Attorney's Office has approximately 800 assistant state's attorneys, 400 unionized support staff and 125 unionized, sworn investigators. Successfully negotiated ten collective bargaining agreements and successor agreements for the State's Attorney's Office with four separate bargaining units. Advised Executive Staff on termination and disciplinary matters, layoffs, hiring process, staff evaluations, implementation and updating office policies, all ADA, FMLA, FLSA, and Military Leave compliance. Have also tried five jury matters to verdict in U.S. District Court, argued three matters before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, lead counsel on three federal court class actions and successfully guided the County's Juvenile Detention Facility through Federal Receivership in the U.S. District Court.

Supervised over forty-five attorneys in the following practice areas:

The *Labor and Employment Section* defends all elected Cook County officials and County Offices in any lawsuit, brought by employees against their employer, under federal statutes, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical leave Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and constitutional claims brought under §1983 of the United States Code.

The *Torts & Civil Rights Section* defends a wide variety of types of lawsuits brought against the County, its officials, and employees, including allegations of civil rights violations under 42 U.S.C. §1983, such as claims of excessive force, failure to protect from attack, excessive/wrongful detention, inadequate jail conditions, and denial of medical treatment.

The *Medical Litigation Section* defends Cook County and its professional healthcare providers in medical malpractice claims arising out of healthcare provided through the Cook County Health and Hospital System.

The *Municipal Litigation Section* performs traditional transactional and contractual work, as well as providing legal advice to the County elected officials and department directors on all manner of legal issues pertaining to County governance.

The *Real Estate Taxation Section* handles matters pertaining to the assessment of property and the levy and collections of property taxes in Cook County. The Section's clients include the County



Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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12 April 2022

Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting

5:00 PM

**Location:
 Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13
 24741 Renwick Rd, Plainfield IL 60544**

- I. Call to Order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Opening Prayer:
- II. Roll Call of Attendees:

VAC Commission		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jack Picciolo	President	
Nicholas Barry	Vice President	
Denise Williams	Secretary	
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	
Jim Singler	Chaplain	
Tom Mlynek	Member	
Janet Blue	Member	
Steve Benicke	Member	
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman	
John Kestle	Past Chairman	
John York	Past Chairman	
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - A. VAC Regular Meeting 8 March 2022; Motion:
 - B. Special Meeting 30 March 2022; Motion:
- VI. Superintendents Report:
 - A. Award Log: 2015 – Present \$ _ _ M
 - B. Project 150 Report: 4/1/2022
 - a) Emergency Shelter: Spent: \$100,615.30; Remaining \$49,384.70 (ESG-CV funded)
 - C. Financial Assistance Report: (7) Veterans
 - a) Shelter: \$1,050.00
 - b) Gas: \$167.18
 - c) Electric: \$413.28
 - d) Water: \$72.99

- e) Personal Products: \$175
 - f) Food: \$0
 - g) Motion:
- VII. New Business
 - A. Member Benicke & Member Blue Recommendation on Professional Recruiting Firm:
 - a) Motion:
 - B. Other Professional Services
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Financial Appeal nullified
 - B. DCEO 2022 Appropriation \$250,000.00
 - a) Discussion
 - C. IGA with County Executive Office Update
- IX. For Good of the Commission
 - A. 1300 Copperfield (new office space)
 - B. Van Wraps
 - C. Outreach
 - a) Every Tuesday – VAC at Orland Park Vet Center – G. Wiza
 - b) Every Monday – VAC at Orland Park Vet Center – A. Georgakopoulos
 - c) Every Thursday – Together We Stand, Peer Support Group @ VAC Office
 - d) Third Thursday – VAC at Peotone American Legion
 - e) Second Monday - VAC at Manhattan American Legion Breakfast
 - f) May 21,2022 – Beer & Bourbon Festival, Habitat for Humanity Veterans Build Fundraiser *Flyer Attached
- X. Motion to Adjourn:

**VAC Executive Committee Meeting
05/10/2022 @ 5PM**

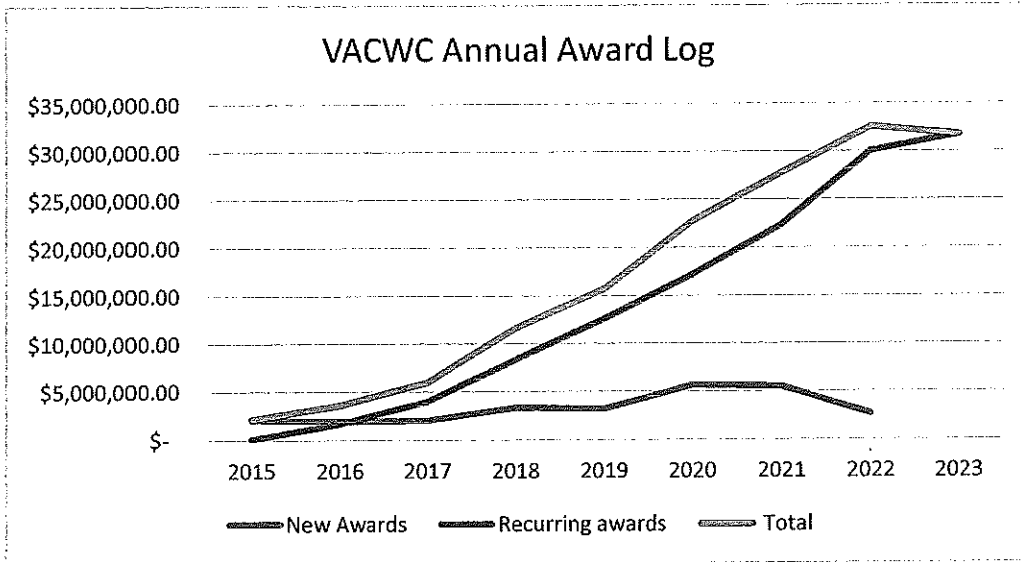
Annual Award Log Report

	New Awards	Recurring awards	Total
2015	\$ 2,038,589.37	\$ 91,494.28	\$ 2,130,083.65
2016	\$ 1,916,035.03	\$ 1,668,866.98	\$ 3,584,902.01
2017	\$ 1,958,424.94	\$ 3,974,910.02	\$ 5,933,334.96
2018	\$ 3,306,911.28	\$ 8,343,265.50	\$ 11,650,176.78
2019	\$ 3,146,420.78	\$ 12,590,631.66	\$ 15,737,052.44
2020	\$ 5,584,186.07	\$ 17,139,730.90	\$ 22,723,916.97
2021	\$ 5,481,686.12	\$ 22,280,083.51	\$ 27,761,769.63
2022	\$ 2,611,147.87	\$ 29,962,164.79	\$ 32,573,312.66
2023		\$ 31,729,621.20	\$ 31,729,621.20
Total benefits received since 2015 -			\$ 89,521,236.44

end of current fiscal year

This report was last updated on:

4/12/2022 12:56



MainAc Ledger account

Original bud Revised bud Actual expel Encumb Pre-encur Remaining bud Percent

511010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Full Time-County Executive-VI 532,200.00	577,200.00	154,094.38	0.00	0.00	423,105.62	26.70
511030	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Part Time-County Executive-V 21,000.00	21,000.00	3,930.00	0.00	0.00	17,070.00	18.71
511120	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Longevity-County Executive-V 340.00	340.00	215.82	0.00	0.00	124.18	63.48
521010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-FICA_Social Security-County E 42,358.00	44,124.30	11,388.04	0.00	0.00	32,736.26	25.81
522010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-ILMRF Contributions_Tier 1-Co 51,826.00	53,844.40	15,462.00	0.00	0.00	38,382.40	28.72
523010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Health Insurance-County Exec 161,000.00	161,000.00	54,457.55	0.00	0.00	106,542.45	33.82
531010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Office Supplies-County Execut 2,785.00	3,935.00	1,094.22	0.00	0.00	2,840.78	27.81
534020	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Machinery < \$5,000-County E 500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
534030	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Furniture < \$5,000-County Ex 3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
535010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Vehicle Licenses-County Exec 150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
535020	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Fuel and Lubricants-County E 1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
536010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Desktop Computers-County E 5,000.00	7,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,300.00	0.00
537010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Natural Gas-County Execut 3,500.00	3,500.00	241.50	0.00	0.00	3,258.50	6.90
537020	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Electricity-County Executive 8,000.00	8,000.00	344.41	0.00	0.00	7,655.59	4.31
537040	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Water and Sewer-County Ex 4,500.00	4,500.00	192.96	0.00	0.00	4,307.04	4.29
538010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Food and Beverages_Human 1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
539010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Personal Products-County E 10,000.00	14,250.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,250.30	0.00
541090	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Other Professional Services-C 30,000.00	30,000.00	29.98	0.00	0.00	29,970.02	0.10
542510	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-System Analyst-County Execu 500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
544530	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Repairs_Auto-County Executi 5,000.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00
545010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Rentals_Land and Building-C 91,114.00	91,114.00	4,200.00	0.00	0.00	86,914.00	4.61
545015	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Rentals_Emergency Shelter- 0.00	107,684.72	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	105,284.72	2.23
547010	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Advertising/Legal Notices/Ma 6,000.00	17,865.29	12,315.29	0.00	0.00	5,550.00	68.93
547020	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Printing, Copy, and Publishing 2,000.00	2,000.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	1,780.00	11.00
547030	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Postage/Mailing (out)-County 2,500.00	2,500.00	753.79	0.00	0.00	1,746.21	30.15
547040	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Freight and Cartage/Shipping 500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
547520	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Telephone Service_Cell-Coun 0.00	3,600.00	851.01	0.00	0.00	2,748.99	23.64
548030	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Professional Dues and Membr 1,300.00	1,300.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	46.15
548050	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Training and Seminars-County 5,000.00	5,000.00	205.00	0.00	0.00	4,795.00	4.10
548510	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Mileage-County Executive-Ve 5,000.00	8,260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,260.00	0.00
548530	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Ground Travel-County Execut 0.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
548550	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Lodging-County Executive-Ve 12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
549030	Veteran's Assistance Commission Fund-Client Transport-County Execi 0.00	10,000.00	343.25	0.00	0.00	9,656.75	3.43