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SUMMARY OF COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER, VETERANS' CLAIMS, AND TRANSPORTATION AID INFORMATION BY COUNTY

This memorandum provides a summary of county veterans' service officer full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, county veterans' service officer salaries, county veterans' service officer mill levies, veterans' population, veterans' claims, and transportation aid by county.

County	FTE Positions[1]	Full Time[1]	Total Salaries[1]	2006 Dedicated Veterans' Service Officer Property Tax Levy		Veterans' Population	Total Population[3]	Number of Veterans' Claims (Calendar Year 2007)[4]	Total Veterans'-Related Federal Expenditures (Federal Fiscal Year 2006)[5]	Transportation Aid[6]
				Mills[2]	Dollars[2]					
Adams	.50	No	$4,500	.93	$6,982	204	2,332	4	$607,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Barnes	1.00	Yes	29,223	1.36	50,932	1,053	10,955	595	3,403,000	The county veterans' service officer utilizes a county-owned vehicle to provide transportation for veterans to Fargo.
Benson	.50	No	13,774	.87	12,001	396	6,997	[9]	2,009,000	[9]
Billings	.20	No	7,000	1.74	8,950	104	829	[9]	172,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Bottineau	.25	No	9,792	.75	19,481	660	6,650	37	1,323,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van located in Stanley.
Bowman	.25	No	6,430	.80	7,988	227	2,991	60	717,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid. Veterans may utilize a DAV van from Montana.
Burke	.10	No	3,600	.41	3,557	207	1,947	[9]	703,000	[9]
Burleigh	3.00	Yes	113,976	.78	152,013	6,167	75,384	800	14,231,000	The county veterans' service officer coordinates two DAV vans that provide transportation between Bismarck and Fargo. The officer devotes approximately 10 hours per week to coordinate the program.
Cass	4.00	Yes	151,044	.51[2]	201,291	9,144	132,525	2,200	44,196,000	The county veterans' service officer utilizes volunteers to assist veterans with transportation needs.
Cavalier	.50	No	5,280	.65	13,878	458	4,099	5	1,083,000	The county veterans' service officer utilizes volunteers to assist veterans with transportation needs.
Dickey	.50	No	14,987	1.12	19,559	431	5,398	17	1,610,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Divide	.25	No	4,306	.62	5,975	216	2,092	9	391,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Dunn	[7]	[7]	[7]	.30	3,863	274	3,443	[9]	915,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.
Eddy	.25	No	5,562	1.39	9,009	222	2,502	9	747,000	The county veterans' service officer utilizes a county-owned car to provide transportation to veterans approximately two days a week.
Emmons	.50	No	12,600	1.01	14,446	334	3,645	10	1,138,000	Most of the veterans provide their own transportation or schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.

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Foster	.50	No	7,820	.67	8,625	250	3,583	[9]	915,000	[9]
Golden Valley	.25	No	3,000	.45	2,519	190	1,691	110	254,000	The county veterans' service officer utilizes a personal vehicle to provide transportation for veterans.
Grand Forks	3.00	Yes	116,460	.96	155,286	5,619	65,435	250	16,107,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Cavalier or Stanley.
Grant	.12	No	6,747	1.00	8,922	256	2,588	[9]	662,000	[9]
Griggs	.20	No	5,253	.80	7,504	251	2,456	141	807,000	The county funds a bus through a county tax for use by all residents of the county. Veterans may utilize the bus for transportation to Fargo.
Hettinger	.50	No	4,200	.58	5,691	287	2,564	[9]	361,000	[9]
Kidder	.20	No	6,240	.54	5,520	247	2,453	40	849,000	Most of the veterans provide their own transportation or schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.
LaMoure	.20	No	4,782	.31	5,784	330	4,262	[9]	990,000	[9]
Logan	.20	No	5,160	.88	6,266	163	1,999	17	458,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.
McHenry	.20	No	4,968	.25	5,707	572	5,429	1	1,231,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Stanley.
McIntosh	.30	No	5,905	.75	7,637	210	2,956	35	619,000	Most of the veterans provide their own transportation or utilize a DAV van located in Bismarck. The county veterans' service officer does utilize a personal vehicle to provide some transportation.
McKenzie	.50	No	18,417	1.09	18,781	541	5,700	36	1,142,000	The county provides a separate budget strictly for transportation of veterans to medical appointments.
McLean	.40	No	14,416	.56[2]	15,916	857	8,543	21	2,493,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.
Mercer	.40	No	10,728	.66	12,471	801	8,234	[9]	974,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.
Morton	2.00	Yes	95,637	2.00	123,010	2,239	25,754	520[9]	5,615,000	[9]Veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck. The county veterans' service officer on occasion utilizes a county-owned vehicle to provide transportation for veterans.
Mountrail	.04	No	8,556	.97	15,820	606	6,442	305	1,931,000	The county veterans' service officer is responsible for coordinating the DAV van located in Stanley.
Nelson	.20	No	6,800	1.16	13,031	399	3,289	70	1,399,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van.

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Oliver	[8]	[8]	[8]	1.25	7,305	141	1,808	41	637,000	The county veterans' service officer coordinates transportation on a DAV van located in Bismarck.
Pembina	1.00	Yes	17,153	.70	21,823	839	7,906	125	2,181,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van.
Pierce	1.00	Yes	20,336	.43	6,238	432	4,221	60	1,263,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van.
Ramsey	.50	No	14,611	.68	18,065	764	11,267	275	3,203,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may schedule transportation on a DAV van.
Ransom	.60	No	17,000	.74	12,563	506	5,695	60	3,398,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Renville	.10	No	4,340	.40	4,148	285	2,425	4	725,000	Veterans provide their own transportation or utilize the DAV van located in Stanley.
Richland	1.00	Yes	39,833	1.10	56,577	1,133	16,888	[9]	3,720,000	Veterans may schedule transportation on the DAV van located in Lidgerwood. The county veterans' service officer also provides transportation to veterans in a county-owned vehicle.
Rolette	.50	No	3,000	.49	5,002	822	13,903	[9]	2,272,000	[9]
Sargent	.60	No	21,384	.70	11,141	326	4,198	[9]	1,082,000	[9]
Sheridan	.25	No	2,900	.47	3,094	153	1,408	0	269,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Sioux	.10	No	5,282	2.42	4,977	314	4,282	69	1,090,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Slope	.10	No	1,770	.36	1,867	51	713	1	262,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid.
Stark	2.00	Yes	67,440	1.25	55,705	1,930	22,167	[9]	4,513,000	Most of the veterans provide their own transportation.
Steele	.20	No	5,256	.50	5,533	228	1,943	150	594,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, the county operates a bus that veterans may utilize for transportation to appointments.
Stutsman	1.30	Yes	45,096	1.17	62,837	1,770	20,761	93	5,818,000	The county veterans' service officer coordinates the DAV van located in Jamestown.
Towner	.50	No	11,650	1.31	15,207	271	2,417	339	598,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, there are two volunteers who will provide transportation to veterans.
Traill	.60	No	13,734	.77	20,745	750	8,178	69	2,842,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may utilize a county-operated transportation program or utilize a DAV van.
Walsh	.50	No	18,828	.84	27,415	1,111	11,362	82	2,833,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may utilize a DAV van.
Ward	1.70	No	58,731	.64	81,636	5,092	55,270	700	15,144,000	The county veterans' service officer coordinates transportation using a van purchased by the local DAV chapter.
Wells	.20	No	5,004	.30[2]	5,647	408	4,432	75	834,000	The county veterans' service officer does not provide transportation aid; however, veterans may utilize a county-operated transportation program.

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Williams	1.20	Yes	37,200	1.93	79,972	1,805	19,456	745	4,105,000	The county veterans' service officer coordinates the DAV van located in Williston.
Total	34.96	N/A	$1,117,711	N/A	$1,455,912	53,046	635,867	8,180[10]	$167,435,000	N/A

[1]Data from the North Dakota Association of Counties 2007 salary and staffing survey.

[2]Data from the Tax Department's *Property Tax Statistical Report*. All but three counties access the special levy to support their veterans' service officer budget. Cass, McLean, and Wells Counties use their county general fund exclusively to support their veterans' service officer budgets. The amounts shown for Cass, McLean, and Wells Counties represent their veterans' service officer budgets converted to mills.

[3]Total population according to the July 1, 2006, population estimate from the North Dakota State Data Center.

[4]Data from a survey of county veterans' service officers completed by the Legislative Council staff. Veterans may submit a claim to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for compensation and pension, education and vocational rehabilitation, and medical expenditures.

[5]Veteran expenditures in the categories of compensation and pension, education and vocational rehabilitation, and medical expenditures, as reported by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for federal fiscal year 2006 (October 2005 through September 2006). More information regarding the expenditures is attached as an appendix.

[6]North Dakota has eight vans located around the state--two in Bismarck and one each in Williston, Cavalier, Fargo, Jamestown, Stanley, and Lidgerwood--that provide veterans' transportation to Fargo. The vans were purchased through the veterans' postwar trust fund and the DAV Colorado trust fund. For 2007 the cost of the program was funded 65 percent from the veterans' postwar trust fund and 35 percent from the DAV Colorado trust fund. In years previous to 2007 the cost of the program was split evenly between the veterans' postwar trust fund and the DAV Colorado trust fund. The Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs has obligated $69,000 from the veterans' postwar trust fund for the transportation program for the 2007-09 biennium.

[7]The county veterans' service officer for Stark County also serves Dunn County.

[8]The county veterans' service officer for Morton County also serves Oliver County.

[9]The county veterans' service officer did not respond to the Legislative Council survey.

[10]In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs processed 785 claims in calendar year 2007.

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