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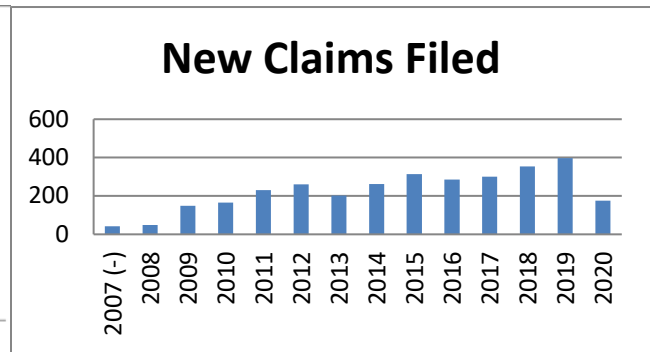
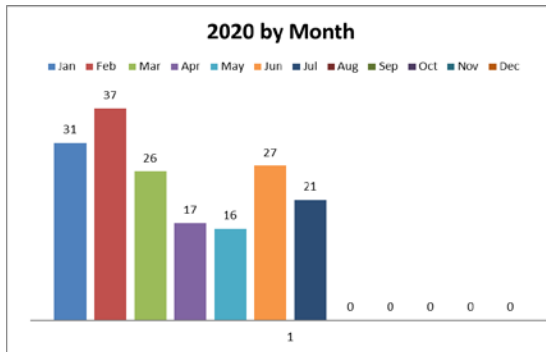
Medina County Veterans Service Office Report for CY 2020, 1st Half

July 30, 2020

Veterans claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- We have filed 154 VA claims through the month of June this year vs 185 in 2019.
- We have filed 81 medical, and ancillary VA benefits vs 142 in 2019.
- Our current pending claims on inventory are 194 and 25 appeals.
- Average claims filed per month through June is 25.6

Claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by year



Claim Status 2020		Total Claim Inventory	
Pending Claim	136	Pending Claim	194
Closed Claim	91	Closed Claim	3805
Appeal	11	Appeal	25
Not a Claim	32	Not a Claim	506
Total:	270	Total	4530

	Clams Filed	Avg./Month
2007 (-)	42	3.50
2008	49	4.08
2009	149	12.42
2010	166	13.83
2011	230	19.17
2012	261	21.75
2013	202	16.83
2014	262	21.83
2015	314	26.17
2016	286	23.83
2017	300	25.00
2018	354	29.50
2019	398	33.17
2020	175	25.00

Federal VA Dollars Spent Within Medina County Total

Geographical Distribution of VA Expenditures in Medina County

Medina County Veterans Service Office

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EXPENDITURES FOR VETERANS FEDERAL VS. COUNTY 2010-2019

		Federal VA Dollars Spent Within County ²							County Veterans Budget Information	
		Prime Impact Areas					Other Impact Areas			
Fiscal Year	County Veteran Population	Total Federal VA Dollars Spent Within County	Compensation & Pension	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	General Operating Expenses	Construction	County Revenues authorized by ORC	County Revenues Spent ^{3,4}
2010	13,858	\$ 35,497,773.48	\$ 16,321,349.81	\$ 2,805,492.85	\$ 1,027,596.50	\$ 15,343,334.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,392,590.00	\$ 1,023,387.30
2011	13,878	\$ 41,113,968.08	\$ 20,087,979.68	\$ 3,333,009.23	\$ 1,417,265.17	\$ 16,275,714.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,254,685.66	\$ 858,458.79
2012	13,908	\$ 39,611,546.67	\$ 18,487,542.00	\$ 3,000,400.00	\$ 941,696.02	\$ 17,181,908.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,273,439.01	\$ 871,342.74
2013	13,677	\$ 48,443,316.91	\$ 23,467,866.00	\$ 3,211,599.00	\$ 1,069,515.34	\$ 20,694,336.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,273,439.01	\$ 867,843.87
2014	13,609	\$ 57,146,933.32	\$ 30,640,493.00	\$ 3,905,263.00	\$ 889,226.65	\$ 21,711,950.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,251,844.64	\$ 853,215.83
2015	13,420	\$ 55,392,969.45	\$ 29,476,754.00	\$ 3,622,672.00	\$ 673,200.00	\$ 21,620,343.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,273,439.01	\$ 766,837.36
2016	12,421	\$ 63,483,852.50	\$ 33,609,021.50	\$ 3,772,249.00	\$ 1,062,202.00	\$ 25,040,380.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,251,844.60	\$ 688,524.25
2017	12,157	\$ 65,439,674.47	\$ 33,074,100.78	\$ 3,866,726.52	\$ 1,554,901.00	\$ 26,943,946.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,251,844.64	\$ 759,705.75
2018	11,890	\$ 69,238,217.54	\$ 32,496,438.00	\$ 4,561,658.00	\$ 1,112,475.00	\$ 31,067,646.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,591,316.74	\$ 746,634.32
2019	11,351	\$ 75,194,230.98	\$ 39,216,959.00	\$ 4,744,732.00	\$ 781,261.00	\$ 30,451,278.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,251,844.64	\$ 740,477.67

NOTES

- ¹ Veteran Population estimates are produced by the VA Office of the Actuary (VetPop 2007, 2011, 2014, 2016 & 2018)
In 2011, 2014, 2016, and 2018, the VA adjusted the Veterans Population Model to account for current projections of Veteran's life expectancies, gains, and population shifts. As a result, some Counties may show unanticipated increases and/or decreases in Veterans Populations.
- ² Federal VA Dollars Spent Within County - data pulled from the VA annual Summary of Expenditures By State reports (2010-2019) <https://www.va.gov/vetdata/expenditures.asp>
- ³ County Revenues Spent - data pulled from individual county reports provided to ODVS annually by each county (2010-2019)
- ⁴ Percent of .5 Mil expended in: Year 2019 32.88% Year 2018 28.81%

COUNTY REVENUES SPENT IN 2019 COMPARED TO 2010 IS AN INCREASE OF:	\$282,909.63
TOTAL FEDERAL VA DOLLARS SPENT WITHIN COUNTY INCREASED FROM '10-'19 BY:	\$39,696,457.50
SINCE 2010, COUNTY VETERAN POPULATION HAS DECREASED BY:	2,507
2019 'FEDERAL VA DOLLARS SPENT' TO 'COUNTY DOLLARS SPENT' =	102 to 1
TOTAL FEDERAL VA DOLLARS SPENT WITHIN COUNTY INCREASED FROM 18-19 BY:	\$5,956,013.44

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Compensation & Pension:

- Last year we saw an increase in Compensation & Pension (C&P) expenditures (\$32.4 to \$39.2 million dollars) from the Department of Veterans Affairs within Medina County.

Education, Voc. Rehab & Insurance:

- \$4.7 million dollars have been invested in our county's veterans through educational programs and payouts for insurance.

Medical:

- Last year \$30.4 million dollars in medical expenditures from the Department of Veterans Affairs within Medina County.

- We continue this effort by promoting the VA Health Medical System. Currently we have filed more than 34 applications for medical benefits this year alone (86 total for 2019).
- We provided transportation to 305 veterans to the VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Parma and Akron. Currently we go to all three destinations five days a week.

***The VA spent \$75.1 million dollars on the Veterans of Medina County in 2019, which is an increase of almost \$6 million from the previous year.

Veterans Bonus Data for FY2019 & FY2020

FY2019

# Claim	Total Paid
14	\$7,890.00

FY2020

# Claim	Total Paid
18	\$10,611.67

Military Injury Relief Fund data for FY2020

FY2020	No. Claims	Total Paid
Medina County	3	\$1,500.00

Financial Assistance:

We have seen just 243 eligible clients this first half of 2020. We saw an increase in Financial Assistance at the beginning of the year with the government shutdown (only 14 less than 2019).

Financial Asst. Written	\$23,961.16	\$21,856.34	\$39,608.54	\$36,787.01	\$41,213.74	\$8,650.21	\$5,449.80					\$177,526.80		\$25,360.97
Financial Asst. Paid	\$22,673.92	\$20,356.14	\$36,463.08	\$33,854.35	\$36,960.62	\$12,047.92	\$10,658.24					\$173,014.27		\$24,716.32

Closing:

Our operating costs are approximately \$70K less this first half of the year compared to last year. Our major concern is obviously the future and what it holds.

Our office continues to look for ways to help our Veterans and their families along with being financially responsible to the taxpayers of Medina County. We also continue to try to find new and innovative ways to assist our Veterans and their family members that are in the greatest need. We have seen almost 784 clients in the first half of 2020, which is half of the appointments than last year at the same time. However, we are averaging 400-600 phone calls per month.

COVID-19 and the pandemic have obviously changed the way we all operate. Our emergency operations were always based on a major catastrophe that involved the building being destroyed or the likes of moving our operations off site. We never thought about not being able to meet face-to-face with the very people we serve. So, this posed a new problem, we however were able to adapt and overcome and continue to serve the veterans and their families of Medina County. We have been able and continue to be able to provide every service we did prior to the pandemic. Our current operations are based on emergency assistance and medical necessity as well as ensuring our staff is safe and able to continue current operations.

The Veterans ride for free on Medina County Transit, which we started last year has been an extremely popular program and has increased ridership on the Medina County Transit. We are extremely happy to be able to continue this program and hope to be able to do so well into the future. It helps with getting those elderly and severely disabled veterans out into the community and improves their health and quality of life. It is mandatory that they have a Medina County Veterans Identification Card issued by the County Recorder's Office to ride for free.

Partnering with the Medina Health Department to provide dental care to low income veterans have been a very successful program so far this year.

We have started to participate in a new program which allows video hearings from anywhere in the world by using secure internet and video technology from almost any device. Last year we purchased the technology to do this and it seems to be paying off. Especially since all hearing at the VARO have been canceled due to the shutdown.

We look forward to your continued support in supporting those that have earned it, the Veterans of Medina County.

Thank You

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Questions:

Notes: