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2007 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3063

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HCR 3063

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: February 22, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3740

Committee Clerk Signature

*Morgan Rennie*

Minutes:

**Rep. Boehning:** Testimony attached.

**Rep. Boehning:** *Last session we had pretty much the same resolution. The county Veteran's service office does a very good job for us. There is one amendment that I passed out. On page 1 line 11 we want to change 'do' with 'may'. There is quite a few that are well funded. I did bring this forward again because I think it is something that we need to be studying. We have a lot of veteran's as you look at one of my handouts. That gives you the office hours of a lot of the offices. Some have regular hours. All the officers are on call. We are trying to find a way to have a study to fund Veteran's service offices. There are so many programs out there that it is so difficult for a part time officer that has no training to direct all the multiple funds. There are so many different funding sources out there. As you look on the handout you can see the ones that have applied for it and the amount of money that was distributed in those counties. There is a lot of counties where there hasn't been any loans applied for. There are a lot of topics out there that Veteran's can go to their service offices and find out information on how to get loans and this is just an example of that. I guess one of my biggest concerns is that we've got approximately 60,000 veterans in the state of ND. I think that we have to serve them better. I think we have to study the whole Veteran's offices in ND to see if we need more funding*

*because there is a limited levy to fund these offices. I think if we can study them we can come back with something to put a funding source together if there needs to be one. Or we'll have to look at some other type of assistance.*

**Rep. Haas:** This sheet that you distributed, what does that reflect? Is this the veteran's service officers?

**Rep. Boehning:** From my understanding with that is that it is the veteran's population and total expenditures which is the total amount of money, pensions, benefits, compensation, etc.

**Rep. Kasper:** Is the purpose of this resolution to look for ways to provide more funding? Or is it to improve what is already being done? Or is it a combination?

**Rep. Boehning:** It is a combination. I think we need to serve the veteran's the best we can. If we can study this I think if we see a need we can work on that.

**Sen. Nelson:** We had a number of these bills on veteran's services and such. There are a number of issues. I think a study like this would be a benefit to the entire veteran's community. I would encourage this study and I would take a look on who is on there.

**Bob Hanson:** As we did last session we also support this resolution. We think it can be very beneficial to find out what is happening out there. I think what Rep. Boehning did with showing the dollar amounts, one thing to keep in mind is that you need to add three more 0's to those numbers. Most of that comes from the compensation for their disabilities and the medical side. We think this is a good idea. You were very helpful last session by allowing county service officers to be used by more than one county. That has been very helpful. It has just been helpful. We have veterans now in this state ranging from teenagers to people in their 90's. Each different group has different problems.

**Rep. Froseth:** I remember last session we allowed a consolidation of services. I'm glad to hear there is some of that done. You've mentioned the federal funding is all administration costs to

the county. Is that absorbed by the county? Or is there federal money that is available to the county?

**Bob Hanson:** It is the counties responsibility to do that.

**Rep. Haas:** So the veteran's service officers in every county are funded exclusively with the county funds?

**Bob Hanson:** That is correct.

**Rep. Potter:** With the paper that we went over before, I'm a little confused. Let's take the first one that says Adams county. It says the veteran's population is 216. The total expenditures are 872. Is that thousand? Is this the paper you were referring to?

**Bob Hanson:** Yes. This is the one I was referring to when you have to add three 0's to all of those numbers beyond the veterans.

**Rep. Potter:** Ok that makes me feel better.

**Rep. Meier:** What are some of the concerns right now that are not being addressed?

**Bob Hanson:** One of the things that we are concerned about and we have requested support for this, is to do more outreach for the county service officers to provide more training for them. It is really hard for the service officer who gets one day a week to be able to handle all the necessary needs that they will have.

**Rep. Kasper:** As you know my father was a service officer for many years in Mercer County. I remember when he was there at least once a year I would attend a service officers training meeting. He was there for two or three days and I know that it was a good training. Are those things not being done anymore to train them?

**Bob Hanson:** We do two of them now. They are about two to three days. One is in Bismarck and the other is In Fargo in the fall. What we do there is bring a lot of experts in to help them with understanding various things. We get a lot of newer service officers coming in. If they

happen to miss one of those training sessions they are basically out. We want to have regional meetings with them so we can train them with those issues that come up.

**Rep. Kasper:** Are the service officers familiar with computerization where you can communicate back and forth? Is the budgeting in the various counties not enough to provide for that?

**Bob Hanson:** Most all of them now have computers. We still have probably about a half of dozen that don't have computers. We have to do a lot of stuff by mail and phone.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any other testimony for HCR 3063? If not we will close the hearing on HCR 3063.

# 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HCR 3063

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: February 22, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3741

Committee Clerk Signature

*Morgan Powell*

Minutes:

**Rep. Boehning:** I Move amendment

**Rep. Karls:** I second that.

**Rep. Haas:** That changes the word do to may on line 11. We will take a voice vote on the amendment. All in favor say 'aye' all opposed say 'no'. The amendment is carried.

**Rep. Meier:** I move a do pass as amended.

**Rep. Kasper:** I second that.

**Rep. Haas:** Is there any discussion on the do pass as amended? If not we will take a roll call vote on HCR 3063. The do pass motion for HCR 3063 passes with a vote of 12-0-1. Is there a volunteer to carry the bill?

**Rep. Karls:** I will.

Date: 2-23-07  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HCR 3063

Action Taken move amendment

Motion Made By Rep Boehning Seconded By Rep Karis

Representatives		Yes	No	Representatives		Yes	No
Rep. C. B Haas	Chairman			Rep. Bill Amerman			
Rep. Bette Grande	VC			Rep. Louise Potter			
Rep. Randy Boehning				Rep. Jasper Schneider			
Rep. Stacey Dahl				Rep. Lisa Wolf			
Rep. Glen Froseth							
Rep. Karen Karis							
Rep. Jim Kasper							
Rep. Lisa Meier							
Rep. Dave Weiler							

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3063: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)**  
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends  
**DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS,  
1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3063 was placed on the Sixth order on the  
calendar.

Page 1, line 11, replace "do" with "may"

Renumber accordingly

2007 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3063

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3063

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 03/15/07

Recorder Job Number: 5149

Committee Clerk Signature *Nancy Spaulding*

Minutes:

All members of the committee were present.

Senator Dever, Chairman, opened the hearing on HCR 3063.

Representative Randy Boehning from District 27 introduced the bill. See attachments #1, #2 and #3. He said attachment #3 was the most important of the handouts because it gives information about the inconsistency of the hours of availability. It is hard to help the veterans when the contact person is not available to the veterans. Maybe consolidation of some of these county offices would make it easier to staff them. He feels the quality of the services is good but the availability of the services is not always good. With an increasing number of veterans due to more wars and with new programs being created for veterans, there is an increasing need to have people available to explain the programs and help the veterans get signed up. Maybe a study of Legislative Council could find out what would be the most effective.

Senator Nelson said all courthouses in the state having email access provided to them so there should always be an email address that can be used.

Representative Boehning stated that some of the service officers work out of their homes.

There may also be a need to upgrade the technology and county budgets may not allow for that.

Senator Horne asked who provides these service officers and who funds this service to veterans.

Representative Boehning said it is paid for by the local county. They are allowed to levy two mills and use some general fund money.

Senator Horne asked if they get any state or federal money.

Rep. Boehning said as far as he knows they do not.

There was more discussion about the service people working out of their homes and that it is possible some of the people they serve aren't in a position to go to an office so email access is very important. The needs might be more regular hours, more training, consolidating services, updated technology, or state funding. A resolution could hopefully get to the bottom of that.

Some veterans are going to a service center in a different county to get services. Maybe there could be a system of the counties paying one another.

Senator Marcellais said he feels this study is a good idea because many veterans don't even know that there is a bonus available or know what programs are available.

Representative Boehning said there isn't enough funding in the counties to make the veterans aware of what is available. A service officer should be making contact with a returning veteran as he comes back and making him aware of what is available.

There was discussion about funding it according to population rather than through mill levies.

There was a reminder by Senator Dever that most benefits are federal benefits. The purpose of the veterans' service officers is to provide an education and an advocacy for veterans to access those services.

Senator Dever said when he was discharged from the service he had an orientation of what veterans' services were available to him. After they get out, they can access their veterans' county service officer, their State Veterans' Service Affairs in Fargo with a branch office in Bismarck, or one of the federal service officers. When a veteran goes to a VA hospital or goes for services it can be a frustrating experience but the better educated they are, the better equipped they are to assert their rights. Maybe having veterans' county service officers is not the best way to handle it. Maybe just having eight full time officers for the state is better. They could be more knowledgeable and more available.

Rep. Boehning said maybe a regional director could go from county to county. A study could determine how to provide the best service to our veterans. He pointed out on page 2 of attachment #2 that there was \$155 million spent on services for North Dakota veterans in 2005. This brings in a lot of money to the state. If veterans' service officers are effective in helping our veterans this number could increase.

Senator Dever mentioned that the Commissioner of Veteran Affairs has plans to better educate the county service officers.

Senator Horne asked if the state studies this and decides there are changes needed will the state have the authority to require the counties to offer services without giving the county the money to do it.

Rep. Boehning said that would all be part of the considerations of the study.

David Boeck from North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project spoke in favor of the resolution. He said if a study would find gaps his office would look for ways to fill those gaps.

Senator Dever asked if they often work as an advocate for veterans.

David said they do not do that very often.

Support: -

● Opposition: -

Neutral: -

Chairman Dever closed the hearing on HCR 3063.

A do pass motion was made by Senator Nelson.

The motion was seconded by Senator Marcellais.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: Marcellais



Date : 3-15-07  
Roll Call Vote # : 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ~~ACR 3063~~ 3063

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken do pass

Motion Made By Nelson Seconded By Marcellais

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dick Dever - Chairman	✓		Senator Robert Horne	✓	
Senator Dave Oehlke - VC	✓		Senator Richard Marcellais	✓	
Senator Judy Lee	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson	✓	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Marcellais

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 15, 2007 12:09 p.m.

**Module No: SR-49-5403**  
**Carrier: Marcellals**  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3063, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HCR 3063 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.**

2007 TESTIMONY

HCR 3063

North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs  
Approved and Disapproved Loans by county

Loans	Total for Years 2005-2006		
	App.	Amount	Dis
<b>County</b>			
Adams	0	\$0	0
Barnes	0	\$0	1
Benson	0	\$0	1
Billings	0	\$0	0
Bismarck DVA	2	\$10,000	2
Bottineau	1	\$5,000	0
Bowman	0	\$0	0
Burke	0	\$0	0
Burleigh	8	\$14,100	12
Cass	15	\$35,921	22
Cavalier	1	\$3,000	0
Dickey	0	\$0	0
Divide	0	\$0	0
Dunn	0	\$0	0
Eddy	0	\$0	0
Emmons	0	\$0	0
Fargo DVA	11	\$31,200	8
Foster	1	\$5,000	0
Golden Valley	0	\$0	0
Grand Forks	2	\$8,500	0
Grant	0	\$0	0
Griggs	0	\$0	0
Hettinger	0	\$0	0
Kidder	0	\$0	0
LaMoure	0	\$0	0
Logan	0	\$0	0
McHenry	0	\$0	1
McIntosh	0	\$0	1
McKenzie	0	\$0	0
McLean	0	\$0	2
Mercer	0	\$0	0
Morton	2	\$3,500	2
Mountrail	2	\$8,000	1
Nelson	2	\$1,000	1
Oliver	0	\$0	0
Pembina	1	\$3,000	0
Pierce	1	\$2,000	0
Ramsey	1	\$2,000	0
Ransom	0	\$0	0
Renville	0	\$0	1
Richland	1	\$1,500	2
Rolette	2	\$4,000	0
Sargent	3	\$10,000	0
Sheridan	0	\$0	0
Sioux	2	\$5,500	1
Slope	0	\$0	0
Spirit Lake Nation	0	\$0	0
Standing Rock Tribe	0	\$0	2
Stark	2	\$6,600	2
Steele	0	\$0	0
Stutsman	2	\$7,500	4
Three Affiliated Tribes	0	\$0	0
Towner	1	\$5,000	1
Traill	0	\$0	2
Walsh	1	\$1,500	1
Ward	2	\$8,200	7
Wells	1	\$2,000	0
Williams	6	\$17,100	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$201,121</b>	<b>80</b>

North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Approved and Disapproved Grants by county

Grants <b>County</b>	Totals for Years 2005-2006		
	App.	Amount	Dis
Adams	0	\$0	0
Barnes	14	\$7,000	4
Benson	0	\$0	1
Billings	0	\$0	0
Bismarck DVA	3	\$1,250	1
Bottineau	1	\$250	0
Bowman	0	\$0	0
Burke	0	\$0	0
Burleigh	63	\$27,750	7
Cass	59	\$27,750	10
Cavalier	0	\$0	0
Dickey	3	\$1,000	1
Divide	0	\$0	0
Dunn	1	\$500	0
Eddy	0	\$0	0
Emmons	7	\$2,500	2
Fargo DVA	15	\$6,750	6
Foster	0	\$0	0
Golden Valley	0	\$0	0
Grand Forks	10	\$3,750	0
Grant	2	\$500	1
Griggs	0	\$0	0
Hettinger	0	\$0	0
Kidder	0	\$0	0
LaMoure	3	\$1,000	3
Logan	3	\$2,000	0
McHenry	0	\$0	0
McIntosh	7	\$3,750	4
McKenzie	8	\$4,250	4
McLean	8	\$3,000	1
Mercer	1	\$750	0
Morton	21	\$10,750	2
Mountrail	4	\$2,500	0
Nelson	13	\$6,500	0
Oliver	0	\$0	0
Pembina	3	\$1,500	1
Pierce	0	\$0	0
Ramsey	3	\$1,000	2
Ransom	14	\$7,500	2
Renville	0	\$0	0
Richland	3	\$1,500	1
Rolette	1	\$250	0
Sargent	0	\$0	0
Sheridan	0	\$0	0
Sioux	10	\$5,250	4
Slope	0	\$0	0
Standing Rock Tribe	0	\$0	0
Stark	8	\$3,750	4
Steele	1	\$750	0
Stutsman	25	\$13,000	13
Three Affiliated Tribes	0	\$0	0
Towner	1	\$250	2
Trail	8	\$4,500	6
Walsh	2	\$500	1
Ward	32	\$16,000	3
Wells	1	\$750	0
Williams	4	\$2,000	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>\$172,000</b>	<b>90</b>

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 Vet Center - Fargo - (701) 237-0942  
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# NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

COUNTY	SERVICE OFFICER	STAFF	MAILING ADDRESS	HOURS	WORK #	HOME #	FAX #	2005 VET POP
19 GRANT	Jack Heyne <a href="mailto:jheyne@state.nd.us">jheyne@state.nd.us</a>		Box 48 Courthouse	T, W, & Th, 1-4	622-3683	622-3098		258
20 GRIGGS	Dennis Kubischta		Box 32 Courthouse	2nd & 4th Thur	797-3717			258
21 HETTINGER	Lowell G. Prince <a href="mailto:prince@prairievista.com">prince@prairievista.com</a>	Marilyn Prince	Box 211	No regular hours	563-4542	563-4519		296
22 KIDDER	A.G. Skip Thomas <a href="mailto:agthomas@state.nd.us">agthomas@state.nd.us</a>		Box 225	Mon, 9-5	475-2632 ext. 26	475-2132		244
23 LAMOURE	Michial Johnson <a href="mailto:mjohnso@pioneer.state.nd.us">mjohnso@pioneer.state.nd.us</a>		Box 128 202 4th Ave NE	M-F, 8:30 - 4:30	883-5301	883-4274	883-4220	344
24 LOGAN	James J. Hilzendeger <a href="mailto:jhilzend@nd.gov">jhilzend@nd.gov</a>		PO Box 38 301 Bówy	M-F, 8:30-4:30	754-2239	754-2911	754-2270	174
25 McHENRY	Francis R. Hoynes <a href="mailto:redhoyrn@srt.com">redhoyrn@srt.com</a>		Box 83	Wed, 9-11 & 1-3 on call other days	537-5724	537-5782		590
26 McINTOSH	L. Pete Keaveny <a href="mailto:pam@bektel.com">pam@bektel.com</a>		8015 38th Ave SE	Ashley, 2nd Fri, 10-2 No regular hours	452-4228 cell phone: 321-1267	452-4336		224
27 McKENZIE	Jerry Samuelson <a href="mailto:jsamuelson@co.mckenzie.nd.us">jsamuelson@co.mckenzie.nd.us</a>		Box 1036	M-F, 8-5	444-6853, ext 148	444-4113		538
28 McLEAN	Todd Schreiner <a href="mailto:tschreiner@state.nd.us">tschreiner@state.nd.us</a>		Box 1108	M-F, 8-4:30	462-8541 ext. 235	462-8560	462-3542	886
29 MERCER	Gerald Beck <del>gbeck@nd.gov</del> Ronald Otto <a href="mailto:rotto@state.nd.us">rotto@state.nd.us</a>		PO Box 39 Courthouse	M & T, 7-3	745-3392	948-2494	745-3579	799
30 MORTON	Lucille Rova		210 2nd Ave NW Courthouse	M-F, 8-5	667-3365	663-7821	667-3284	2,244
31 MOUNTRAIL	Gene H. "Skip" Wing <a href="mailto:ghw@midstatel.com">ghw@midstatel.com</a>	Lisa Lapica	PO Box 421 120 S Main St	M-F, 8:30-5:00	628-2063	628-2137	628-3063	623
32 NELSON	Trish Hodny <a href="mailto:phodny@nd.gov">phodny@nd.gov</a>		210 B Ave W, Ste 202	Mon, 9-4:30	247-2531	247-3301	247-2412	421
33 OLIVER	Ronald Otto <a href="mailto:rotto@state.nd.us">rotto@state.nd.us</a>	Lucille Rova	PO Box 188 Courthouse	2nd & 4th T, 8:30-4	794-3404			148
34 PEMBINA	Ronald Berg <a href="mailto:ronberg@nd.gov">ronberg@nd.gov</a>		308 Courthouse Dr, #11	T, 1-5; W & Th, 9-5 M & F - on call	265-4460 cell phone: 520-2704	257-6617	265-4228	854
35 PIERCE	Dwight Liming	Bertha Liming	309 3rd St SW Courthouse	Mon, 8-5	776-6178 776-5680 (shop)	776-6803	776-5707	435
36 RAMSEY	Earl H. Hanson <a href="mailto:ehanson@gondic.com">ehanson@gondic.com</a>		524 4th Ave #17	Mon, 8-5; T & W, 8-1 answering machine other days	662-7048	662-3504	662-7092	791
37 RANSOM	Tom McKinnon <a href="mailto:tmckinnon@state.nd.us">tmckinnon@state.nd.us</a>		PO Box 830 Courthouse	T & Th, 8:30-5:00 Wed - Veterans Home -	683-5823, ext 128 883-6677		683-5827	542

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38 RENVILLE	William Allen <a href="mailto:dandba@srt.com">dandba@srt.com</a>		Box 481 Mohall 58761	Any time		756-6403	756-6391	289
39 RICHLAND	William B. Peschel <a href="mailto:bpeschel@co.richland.nd.us">bpeschel@co.richland.nd.us</a>		416 2nd Ave N Courthouse	M-F, 8-5	842-7807 cell phone: 640-1398	642-2714	842-7808	1,166
40 ROLETTE	Gordon Boucher		Box 939	Thursday	477-5265		477-6339	871
41 SARGENT	Norman E. Preble <a href="mailto:npreble@state.nd.us">npreble@state.nd.us</a>		PO Box 177	T - W - Th, 9-12 & 12:30-4:30	724-6241 ext 8	724-6335	724-6244	341
42 SHERIDAN	Paul E. Stober		1651 7th St NE	No regular hours		884-2658		161
43 SIOUX	Giles Heinen <a href="mailto:swaliser@state.nd.us">swaliser@state.nd.us</a>		Box L Fort Yates 58538	Monday, 9-1	854-3424	422-3493	854-3854	291
44 SLOPE	Ernie Holzemer <a href="mailto:holzemercomers@ndsupernet.com">holzemercomers@ndsupernet.com</a>		13910 64th St SW Amidon 58620-9657	Anytime		879-6234		52
45 STARK	Irene Nelson <a href="mailto:inelson@state.nd.us">inelson@state.nd.us</a>	Sarah Galster	Box 130 Courthouse	M-F, 8-5	456-7654	227-1244	456-7634	1,927
46 STEELE	Dennis Kubischta <a href="mailto:summersharvest@invisimax.com">summersharvest@invisimax.com</a>	Mary Kubischta	R R 1, Box 35 Hope 58046	Anytime		945-2623		231
47 STUTSMAN	Warren Tobin <a href="mailto:wtobin@state.nd.us">wtobin@state.nd.us</a>	Rita Morris <a href="mailto:rmorris@nd.gov">rmorris@nd.gov</a>	205 6th St SE, LEC Jamestown 58401	M-F, 8-5	252-9043		252-7087	1,838
48 TOWNER	John "Jack" Freund <a href="mailto:jackfnd@hotmail.com">jackfnd@hotmail.com</a>		Box 279 Cando 58324	T, W & Th, 9-5	988-4363	968-3840	968-4367	267
49 TRAILL	Les Ashe <a href="mailto:lashe@state.nd.us">lashe@state.nd.us</a>		PO Box 785 Hillsboro 58045	T & W, 8-4:30 Mayville - Thurs, 8:30-11:30 Halton - Thurs, 1-4	636-4414 - 788-2166 - 543-4109	869-2612	636-5418	767
50 WALSH	Brendan J. Brazil <a href="mailto:walshvso@nd.gov">walshvso@nd.gov</a>		638 Cooper Ave Grafton 58237	M, 8-4:30 T, W & Th, 8-Noon	352-5030	248-3931	352-5072	1,141
51 WARD	Dale Braun <a href="mailto:wardvets@yahoo.com">wardvets@yahoo.com</a>	Cindy Almer-Krueger <a href="mailto:cindyplfeifer@hotmail.com">cindyplfeifer@hotmail.com</a>	PO Box 5005 Minot 58702-5005	M-F, 8-4:30	857-6490	852-9588	857-6491	5,237
52 WELLS	Dean Johnson <a href="mailto:djohnso7@amfam.com">djohnso7@amfam.com</a>		713 Lincoln Ave Harvey 58341	M-F, 9-5	324-2888	324-4120		430
53 WILLIAMS	Robert Evans <a href="mailto:bobe@co.williams.nd.us">bobe@co.williams.nd.us</a>	Helen Askim <a href="mailto:helena@co.williams.nd.us">helena@co.williams.nd.us</a>	Box 2047 Courthouse Williston 58802-2047	M-F, 8-5:00	577-4550	572-9187	577-4549	1,928 54,208

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2005  
NORTH DAKOTA  
Expenditures in \$000

COUNTY	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditures	Compensation & Pension	Education & Voc Rehab	Insurance & Indemnities	Construction	Medical (per VISN 23)
ADAMS	216	872	316	6	18	-	531
BARNES	1,060	3,302	1,351	42	90	-	1,819
BENSON	416	1,945	1,041	76	35	-	793
BILLINGS	104	154	130	1	9	-	14
BOTTINEAU	671	1,511	776	68	57	-	610
BOWMAN	231	718	292	0	20	-	406
BURKE	216	580	225	34	18	-	303
BURLEIGH	6,287	13,837	8,244	1,080	535	-	4,028
CASS	9,371	39,945	16,052	1,946	798	2,422	18,728
CAVALIER	452	878	514	13	38	-	312
DICKEY	445	1,233	619	38	38	-	539
DIVIDE	218	307	215	5	19	-	69
DUNN	284	721	528	23	24	-	146
EDDY	236	701	390	3	20	-	287
EMMONS	341	1,052	706	1	29	-	316
FOSTER	263	810	343	3	22	-	441
GOLDEN VALLEY	189	176	116	6	16	-	41
GRAND FORKS	5,704	15,348	8,495	2,083	486	-	4,285
GRANT	258	710	253	23	22	-	412
GRIGGS	258	1,313	313	3	22	-	974
HETTINGER	296	421	187	4	25	-	205
KIDDER	244	680	439	6	21	-	214
LA MOURE	344	920	505	53	29	-	332
LOGAN	174	405	219	11	15	-	160
MCHENRY	590	1,247	846	30	50	-	322
MCINTOSH	224	573	259	1	19	-	294
MCKENZIE	538	899	673	39	46	-	141
MCLEAN	886	2,195	1,269	52	75	-	799
MERCER	799	906	508	36	68	-	294
MORTON	2,244	5,144	3,152	203	191	-	1,598
MOUNTRAIL	623	1,854	1,095	107	53	-	598
NELSON	421	1,030	573	45	36	-	376
OLIVER	146	455	296	21	12	-	126

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**Expenditures in \$000**

COUNTY	Veteran Population *	Total Expenditures	Compensation & Pension	Education & Voc Rehab	Insurance & Indemnities	Construction	Medical (per VISN 23)
PEMBINA	854	2,012	1,167	38	73	-	735
PIERCE	435	1,190	630	24	37	-	499
RAMSEY	791	2,663	1,296	68	67	-	1,231
RANSOM	642	3,646	1,056	12	46	-	2,531
RENVILLE	289	868	398	31	25	-	417
RICHLAND	1,166	3,565	1,559	178	99	-	1,729
ROLETTE	871	2,098	1,621	182	74	-	321
SARGENT	341	996	472	38	29	-	457
SHERIDAN	161	210	124	0	14	-	72
SIOUX	291	1,120	758	27	25	-	310
SLOPE	52	140	104	2	4	-	30
STARK	1,927	4,273	2,306	269	164	-	1,533
STEELE	231	597	363	11	20	-	204
STUTSMAN	1,838	5,221	2,503	138	156	-	2,423
TOWNER	267	516	321	23	23	-	149
TRAIL	767	2,467	1,163	94	65	-	1,145
WALSH	1,141	2,895	1,401	15	97	-	1,382
WARD	5,237	14,673	9,886	1,449	446	-	3,093
WELLS	430	846	438	3	37	-	369
WILLIAMS	1,828	2,899	2,062	141	156	-	540
TOTAL CONG. DIST (01)	54,208	155,741	80,266	8,756	4,615	2,422	59,683
NORTH DAKOTA (Totals)	54,208	155,741	80,266	8,756	4,615	2,422	59,683

**Notes:**

\* Estimated veteran population as of September 30, 2005. Data from Office of the Actuary, VA. Data is unrounded.  
 Congressional Districts are for the 109th Congress.

GOE - General Operating Expenses

Medical numbers prepared by DSS, VISN 23