COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICERS

This memorandum provides information received from boards of county commissioners regarding the status of county veterans' service officers. North Dakota Century Code Section 37-14-18 requires all county veterans' service officers to be accredited by the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers by August 1, 2011. Section 4 of 2009 House Bill No. 1057 directs the board of county commissioners for each county to report to the Legislative Council by December 1, 2010, regarding the status of the county's compliance with Section 37-14-18. Government The Committee has been assigned the responsibility of receiving these reports.

The Legislative Council office surveyed all county auditors regarding the status of each county's veterans' service officer. Fifty-one of the fifty-three counties responded to the survey. Of the counties that responded, 43 responded that their county veterans' service officer is accredited through the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, 6 counties responded that their county veterans' service officer would be accredited at the next available opportunity, 1 county gave no indication of when its veterans' service officer would become accredited, and 1 county responded that it is in the process of consolidating with another county.

Attached as an <u>appendix</u> is information on the status of each county's veterans' service officer.

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