



# BELTRAMI COUNTY

## WORK MEETING AGENDA

**Beltrami County Board of Commissioners**  
**June 16, 2020**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting to be Held in the County Board Room**  
**County Administration Building, 701 Minnesota Avenue**  
**Bemidji, Minnesota**

1. **Call to Order – 4:00 p.m.**
2. **Introduction of New Employees**
3. **Veteran Services Update – 4:00 p.m.**
4. **License Center Report – 4:20 p.m.**
5. **Health & Human Services Grants – 4:35 p.m.**
6. **Administrator's Update**
7. **Other Business Items - 4:45 p.m.**
  - a) **Review Bills**
  - b) **Identify Future Work Meeting Topics**
  - c)
8. **Review Agenda for the June 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting – 4:50 p.m.**
9. **Adjourn – 4:55 p.m.**



Date: 16 June, 2020  
Beltrami County Commission  
Work Agenda

## AGENDA BILL

**SUBJECT:** Veterans Update.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Receive update on office.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:** Veterans Service Office

**CONTACT PERSON (Name and Phone Number):** Scotty Allison, 333-4178

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 10 June, 2020

**CLEARANCES:** None.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None.

**EXHIBITS:** Briefing on County Veterans' general information.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Provide an update on Veterans in our county.

**AGENDA**  
(Subject)



## Beltrami County Veterans Update for 2020

Prepared by Beltrami County Veterans Service Office  
June 6, 2020

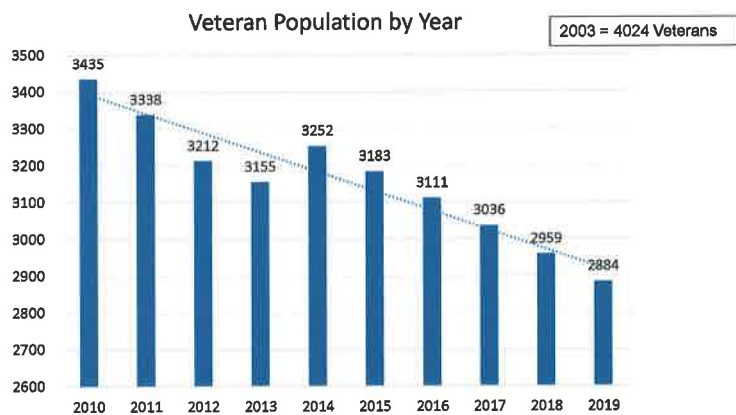
### General Information regarding Beltrami County Veterans

- According to the Veterans Administration (VA) Geographical Data Expenditures Report (GDX) dated September, 2019, there were **2,884** Veterans living in Beltrami County.
- 20 counties out of the 87 in Minnesota have larger Veteran populations than Beltrami does.
- **\$32,437,000** provided in support of Beltrami County Veterans in 2019 (GDX).
- Beltrami County is ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** out of all counties in Minnesota for average compensation and pension amounts provided in support of each veteran (GDX).
- Each year, this office receives grant money from the State. This is based on Veterans population. Currently Beltrami receives \$10,000 per year.
- Under the State Soldiers Assistance Program, Beltrami Veterans received \$42,195 in direct support. This ranks Beltrami **13<sup>th</sup>** in the State.

### General Office Information

- 12 August, 2019 to 23 March, 2020 there were **147** scheduled appointments, 363 walk-ins and 88 eye glass walk-ins. This comes to approximately 4.5 scheduled appointments per week over that period.
- Beltrami County Veterans Service Office managed portfolio includes 985 active compensation files, 142 active Veteran and widow pension files and 130 other files.

### Trend in Veteran Population regarding Beltrami County Veterans

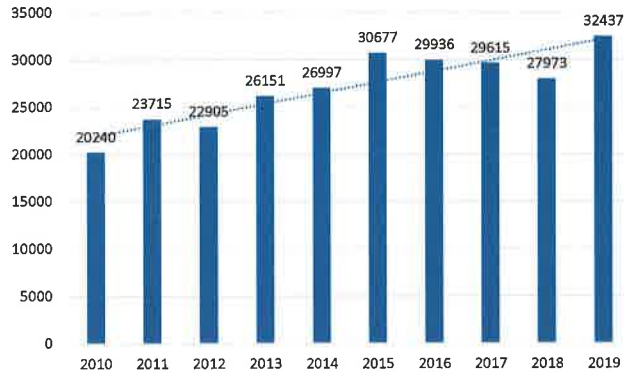


A 16% decrease in overall Veteran Population since 2010

(GDx)

### Trend in VA Benefits regarding Beltrami County Veterans

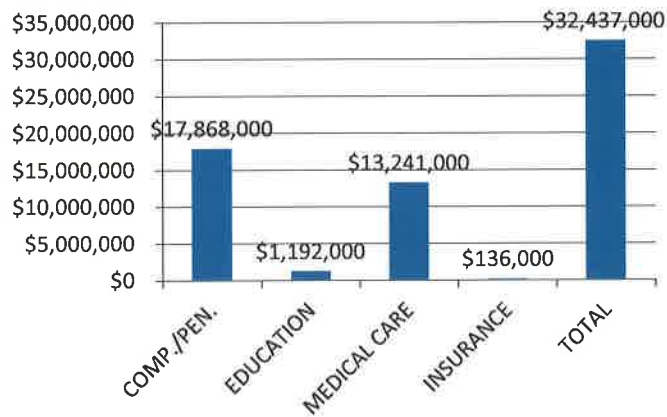
Overall VA Benefits by Year in millions



A 38% increase (\$12,197,000 million) in overall VA benefits since 2010

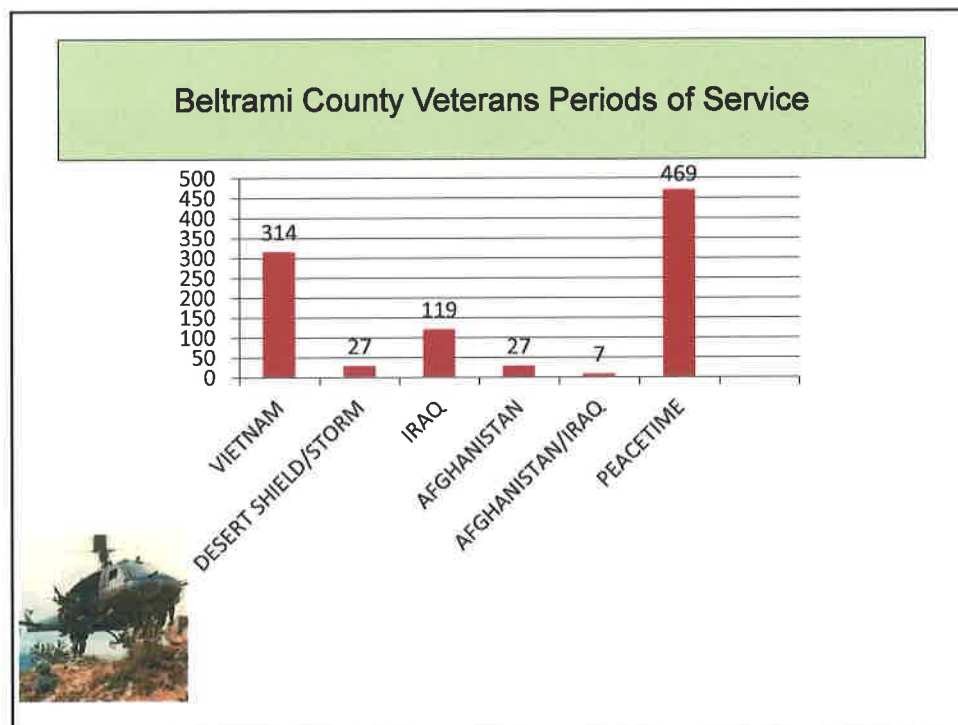
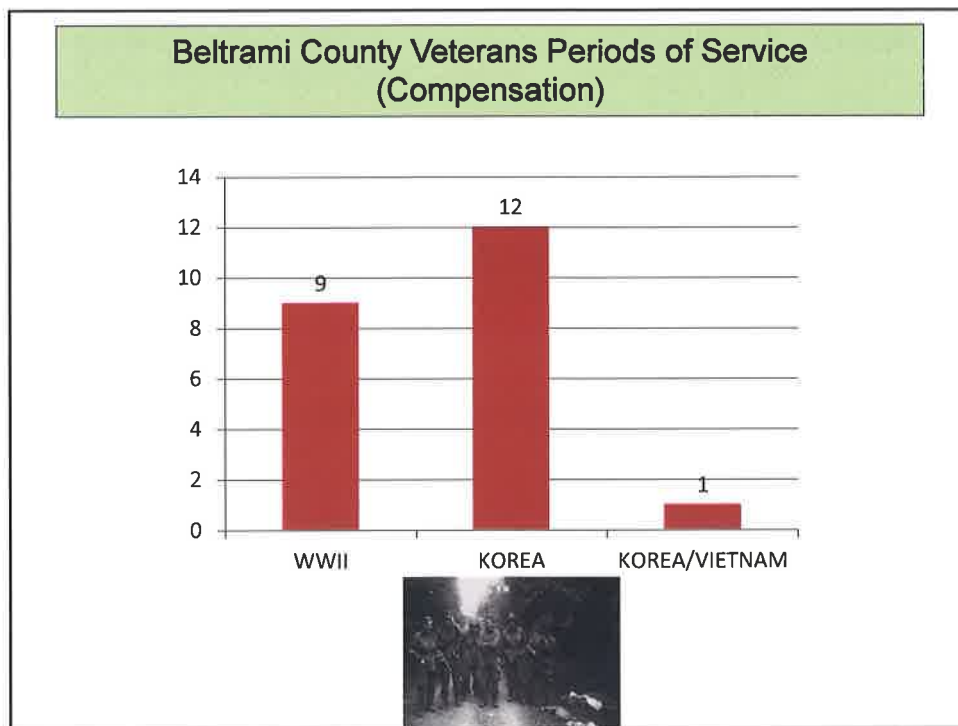
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### Breakdown of benefits 2019

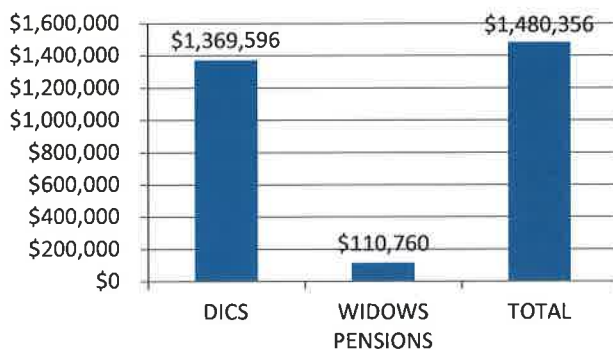


MEDICAL CARE = 1410 UNIQUE PATIENTS

(GDx)



## 2019 VA Support to Beltrami County Family Members



**DICs/Widows Pensions = 108 Managed Files**

## Way ahead

- At this time, office should be manned by one person based on work load, automation upgrades, and COVID-19 issues/concerns.
- Believe hiring/training a part-time employee at this time would not make sense from a fiscal or office efficiency/training investment perspective.
- Current CVSO plans to retire before July 2022.
- Need to transition office to new CVSO in the near future. Would recommend hiring in May 2021 due to National Certification Training being conducted in June 2021.
- If new CVSO is untrained, would recommend at least a six month transition period.
- Office should continue to operate on an appointment basis to the greatest extent possible.

## Conclusion

- Veterans in the County received VA support to the tune of \$32.4 million in 2019.
- Veterans and Family Members receiving Compensation/Pensions are major contributors to both public/private business entities in our County.
- Benefits/entitlements received by County Veterans save precious resources for other services that are provided within Beltrami County.







**Date: June 16, 2020  
Beltrami County Commission  
Work Session Information**

## **WORK SESSION AGENDA BILL**

**SUBJECT: Reopening of the License Center**

**RECOMMENDATIONS: Update on the Reopening of the License Center after the State Stay at home order was lifted.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: AUDITOR-TREASURER**

**CONTACT PERSON (Name and Phone Number): JoDee Treat 333-4175**

**DATE SUBMITTED: June 6, 2020**

**CLEARANCES: Leala Roth, Director of Taxpayer Services**

**BUDGET IMPACT: N/A**

**EXHIBIT: N/A**

**Summary Statement:**

We will give an update on the changes to the License Center processes following the reopening of Beltrami County Administration Building.



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**Beltrami County Commission**  
**Work Session**

## **AGENDA BILL**

**SUBJECT:** Beltrami County Health and Human Services Grants

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Information Only

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**DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:** Beltrami County Health and Human Services

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jeffrey Lind

**DATE SUBMITTED:** June 11, 2020

**CLEARANCES:** Becky Secore

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None

**EXHIBITS:** See Attached

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Beltrami County Health and Human Services routinely develops and accepts grants from the State of Minnesota as well as other sources. It is our intention to provide information to the board regarding these grants and the state process for accepting these grants.

**Work Session**