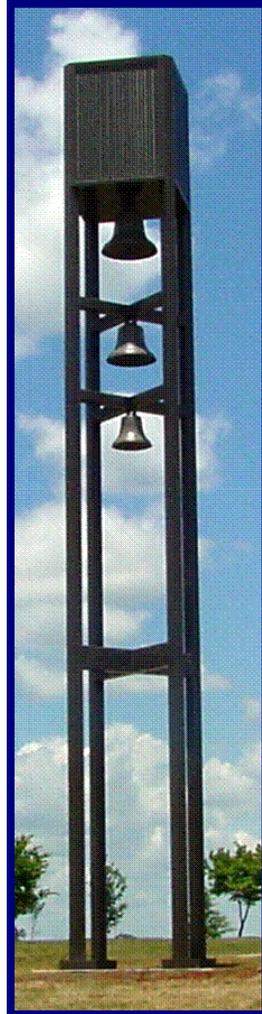


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Kentucky Veterans' Program Trust Fund Annual Report

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Kentucky Veterans' Program Trust Fund
2010 Annual Report

The Veteran's Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans' Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for nine worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2011.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. The Trust Fund also receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans' License Plate. The Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of **\$654,132.14**

Expenditures during the year totaled \$415,885.20. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of **\$665,546.57** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 7.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Lucas".

Kenneth R. Lucas Commissioner, KDVA
Chairman, Ky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

History and Operation

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veteran's Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans' Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 5. The VPTF Board of Directors meets several times a year on an *ad-hoc* basis as it receives requests for funding.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate, income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans' License Plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the Kentucky Income Tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. In Fiscal Year 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's Veterans Service Organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continues to do so.

Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Greenup)

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members *(as of June 30, 2010)*

POSITION	NAME	Organization	Term Expires
Chairman	Kenneth R. Lucas	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1)(a)
Vice Chair	Margaret Plattner	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1)(a)
Member	Mr. Carlos Pugh	Joint Executive Committee of Veterans Organizations	EO 2009 – 333 04/06/2009 – 07/15/2011
Member	Ms. Micki King	Governor's Advisory Board	EO 2009 – 333 04/06/2009 – 07/15/2011
Member	Mr. Ted Austin	American Legion	EO 2010 - 618 8/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Mr. Don Dixon	Veterans of Foreign Wars	EO 2009 – 425 05/07/2009 – 07/15/2011
Member	Ms. Lori Grizzle	AMVETS	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Mr. Bobby Hazen	Disabled American Veterans	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Ms. Julie S. Norman	At-Large	EO 2009 – 333 04/06/2009 – 07/15/2011
Member	Ms. Bobbie C. Smith	At-Large	EO 2009 – 425 05/07/2009 – 07/15/2011
Member	Ms. Pam Luce	At-Large	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Program Trust Fund

Fiscal Year 2011 (July 2010 - June 2011) Summary

	<u>FY 2011</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 654,132.14
Receipts:	
License Plate Fees	\$ 362,684.64
Tax Check-off	45,505.00
HAVE Donations - checks sent to Frankfort	1,257.88
Miscellaneous Donations	8,351.08
KECC Funds	7,331.16
Interest Income	2,059.87
Total Receipts:	427,189.63
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	<u>\$1,081,321.77</u>
Expenditures:	
American Legion Post 73	\$ 20,000.00
AMVETS Carillon	15,000.00
Rowan County Memorial	10,000.00
Calvert City VFW	21,543.46
eVet Assist	87,354.41
West/Collier Memorial	50,000.00
Interlink Counseling Services	25,000.00
Homeless Veterans Program	80,000.00
KY Veterans Pins - America's Mint	3,000.00
Board Member Travel	349.68
Medals for terminally ill veterans	17.15
Ky Historical Society	28,740.00
Wild Rose Therapeutic	30,000.00
Med Storage	14,298.00
Bluegrass Honor Flight	25,000.00
Audit	5,472.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 415,775.20
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 665,546.57</u>
State Veterans Cemeteries Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 87,348.09
Additional Donations	26,292.42
Other Adjustments	56.29
Interest	257.44
	<u>\$ 113,954.24</u>
Expenditures	\$ 40,926.29
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 73,027.95</u>
Balance (Veterans Trust Fund + Cemeteries Trust)	<u>\$ 738,574.52</u>

Kentucky Veterans' Program Trust Fund

Highlights for FY 2010 (7/1/09 - 6/30/10)

As of July 1, 2010, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **\$654,132.14**. Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved the following expenditures:

- 1. Support for Homeless Veterans Program - \$50,000**
- 2. Funding for KDVA to finish paying for carillon for Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North - \$7,531.21**
- 3. Funding for Interlink Homeless Veterans Program - \$25,000**
- 4. Purchase van for the American Legion to transport veterans to and from medical appointments - \$20,000.**
- 5. Purchase "Kentucky Veterans" pins for veterans - \$3,000.**
- 6. Purchase van for the VFW to transport veterans to and from medical appointments - \$21,543.46**
- 7. Funding to the Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen to design, built and transport fiberglass horse embodying the features of a P-51 Mustang plane - \$7,500.**
- 8. Purchase unawarded/replacement military medals for veterans who have a terminal illness - \$1,000**

Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund - Accomplishments

The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund (KVPTF) supports veteran-related programs for which there are no appropriated funds. Funding sources include:

- Contributions from taxpayers who use the veterans check-off on their tax returns to donate a portion of their income tax refund.
- Five dollars from each initial purchase and renewal of a veteran or military license plate.
- Donations directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund, including the Help A Veteran Everyday (H.A.V.E.) program to encourage citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office.

Examples of how Veterans Program Trust Fund money has been used include:

- Funding Honor Flights taking World War II veterans to Washington, D.C.
 - Purchase of vans to transport disabled veterans to VA healthcare facilities
 - Purchase of land for a state veterans cemetery
 - Contributions to install an eternal flame atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Campbell
 - Paying the cost of first year operation of Homeless Veteran Transition Facility
- The Trust Fund financial report for this period is on page 6.



In May 2007, the students in Lynn Settles technology class at Jessamine County Middle School built special display boxes for the long-delayed medals presented to veterans at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.

The Veterans Program Trust Fund paid for the materials, but the students donated their time and skills. Less than \$800 paid for the wood, felt, paint and hardware for 65 boxes presented in formal ceremonies at THVC.

But the results - to honored veterans, to their families in the audience, to the students who got to meet and learn from the veterans who received the medals - were priceless.

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2011, KDVA celebrated the fifth anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with the Volunteers of America.



As of June 30, 2011, the Leestown program had graduated 135 homeless and substance-abusing veterans to sobriety, stable housing and jobs. FY 2010 offered the continued success as 152 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October 2010, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the fifth year of operation with all 38 efficiency apartment units for homeless veterans fully occupied. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Because each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath males and females will use this facility. Lexington also served 30 male veterans at the Hope Center facility which is part of a larger program for the homeless. In addition the Hope Center added 5 beds for female veterans on their women's campus.

The Interlink Counseling Services facility in Louisville continued the mission of serving homeless veterans maintaining a 98% capacity of the 85 male beds. Interlink also continues to operate the Landing Zone with five emergency housing beds that allows the program to take homeless veterans off the street. Prior to this addition veterans had enter one of the homeless programs for a brief period prior to admission. St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides 20 beds through the Grant & Per Diem for homeless veterans, and recently Wayside Christian Mission continues to provide transitional housing to 10 men, four women, and two family units. The family units are unique to the State of Kentucky and offer the opportunity for a male or female veteran to bring a spouse and children into the a G&PD-sponsored unit. In June of 2011, the Salvation Army began serving male veterans in the newly renovated Old Male High School building located on Brooks street in Louisville.

All the facilities offer, in addition to rooms and regular meals, multiple services, including:

- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Education referrals
- Employment and job training referrals
- Assistance with permanent housing.

Dr. Patrick McKiernan, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, is KDVA's Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinator. He represents the agency on the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homeless Policy, which advises the Governor and his staff on homelessness and housing issues across the state. Dr. McKiernan also represents KDVA at the annual conference of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in Washington, D.C., and the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, which is the state's advocacy group for the homeless. Dr. McKiernan has worked with US DVA to establish the Homeless Veterans Coordination Committee to provide additional guidance and support to help homeless veterans.

KDVA has worked hard to coordinate efforts with the local VA Hospitals to assist Kentucky's homeless veterans. Along these lines KDVA in conjunction with the VA hospitals and other social and health services providers including the Kentucky Housing Corporation hosted four Stand Downs providing information and referrals for Homeless Veterans in Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, Louisville, KDVA has been successful in helping veterans get off the streets into housing or some treatment facility.



Homeless Veterans Transition Program graduate David Holland, with his Bachelor's Degree from WKU.

Tonight there will be 800 – 1,200 veterans sleeping on the streets of the Commonwealth.

HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund (HVTF) seeks to prevent homelessness among veterans and help homeless veterans return to permanent housing quickly. It provides small, one-time cash grants for rent deposits, utility payments and other housing-related expenses.

The HVTF represents a beacon of hope to veterans who otherwise would slip into or remain in a state of homelessness.

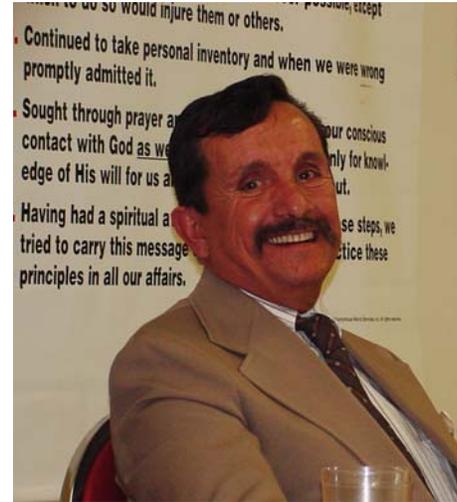
FY 11 Milestones

Total Expenditures \$67,051.

Average Amount of Assistance \$270

Assisted 248 Veterans and families

- 150** veterans received rent assistance
- 98** veterans received utility assistance
- 2** homeless veterans events sponsored



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2010	
Starting Balance	28,982.96
Income	
Donations	6,516.28
From Veterans Program Trust Fund	50,000.00
Interest Income	74.69
Total Income	85,573.93
Total Assistance Granted	67,810.83
End of Year Cash Balance	17,763.10

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors July 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from Calvert City VFW Post 5739 for **\$21,543.46** to purchase van to transport veterans to and from medical appointments. Motion to approve request for **\$21,543.46** passed unanimously.
2. Request from American Legion Post 73 in Murray, KY for **\$20,000** to purchase van to transport veterans to and from medical appointments. Motion to approve request for **\$20,000** passed unanimously.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The Board voted unanimously to obligate funds for the purchase of cemetery carillons through the AMVETS program.

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from Millersburg Cemetery Company for **\$42,600** to construct a chapel in recognition of David Rankin, Korean War veteran. Denied.
2. Request from KDVA Homeless Veterans Trust Fund for **\$50,000** for continued operation of the trust fund. Approved.
3. Request from Interlink Counseling Services for **\$20,000** to continue the computer education program for homeless veterans. Approved to obligate **\$25,000**.
4. Request from KDVA for **\$3,000** to purchase “Kentucky Veterans pins.” Approved.
5. Request from Rowan County Veterans Foundation, Inc. to use half of the previously obligated funds (**\$20,000**) to place 130 new names on the Rowan County Memorial Wall. Approved.
6. Request from KDVA for **\$1,000** to purchase military medals for Kentucky veterans who have a terminal illness. Approved.

Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors June 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from KDVA for **\$7,531.21** to finish paying for carillon at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North. Approved.
2. Request from Kentucky Army National Guard Memorial Foundation for an unspecified amount to build a memorial at the Boone Center. Tabled.
3. Request from VFW Post 5837 for **\$53,555** to purchase a van to transport veterans to and from medical appointments. Tabled until a representative can be present.
4. Request from KDVA to use **\$2,000** of \$10,000 obligated for health and safety at the three state nursing homes. Approved the use of \$2,000 and approved returning \$8,000 of obligated funds to the Trust Fund.
5. Request from the Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen, for **\$7,500** to help with design, construction and transportation of fiberglass horse that emulates the features of a P-51 Mustang plane.



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