

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

KEWAUNEE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE



“Serving Those Who Served”

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POW/MIA FLAG

The **POW/MIA flag** is an American flag designed as a symbol of citizen concern about US military personnel taken as Prisoners of Wars (POW) or listed as Missing in Action (MIA).

The POW/MIA flag was created by the National League of Families which is comprised of wives, children, parents, siblings and other close relatives of Americans who were or are listed as POW, MIA, Killed in Action/Body not Recovered (KIA/BNR) and returned American Vietnam War POWs. Associate membership is comprised of POW/MIA and KIA/BNR distant relatives, veterans, and other concerned citizens. The flag was officially recognized by Congress in conjunction with the Vietnam War POW/MIA issue, **"as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation."**

The original design for the flag was created by Newt Heisley in 1972. The National League of Families then-national coordinator, POW wife Evelyn Grubb, oversaw its development and also campaigned to gain its widespread acceptance and use by the United States government and also local governments and civilian organizations across the United States.

MIA's Unaccounted for from Past Wars and Conflicts

According to the Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office the current statistics are:

WWII	73,547
KOREAN WAR	7,882
COLD WAR	126
VIETNAM WAR	1,642
IRAQ AND OTHER CONFLICTS	<u>6</u>
TOTAL UNACCOUNTED	83,203

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) submits the following report covering the activities of the CVSO Office for the calendar year of January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013.

OFFICE PERSONNEL – RESPONSIBILITIES - CVSO HISTORY

Veterans Service Officer: Joseph G. Aulik – Accredited with VFW, AL, WDVA, MOPH, AMVETS, DAV, NACVSO, REA, and VVA

Veterans Service Administrative Assistant: Tara LaCrosse – Accredited with WDVA, AL, and VFW

In 2013, after 30 years of service to Kewaunee County and 14 years in the Veterans Service Office, Diane Nimmer retired. She did an excellent job and was well respected by the Veteran community. On behalf of the veteran community we would like to thank her for a job well done.

Accreditations: These are required by the Veterans Administration (VA) and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to allow full access to federal and state databases and files for the veterans we serve.

Who do we serve: We are independent veteran advocates who advise and assist those who served in the U. S. armed forces and their dependents of their benefits and any issues they need assistance in resolving.

What we do: Administer federal, state, and local benefits to which veterans and their dependents may be entitled. We assist veterans with any complaint or problem they may have and render to them and their dependents all possible necessary assistance.

CVSO History: The first CVSOs were self-appointed concerned veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) who took it upon themselves to assist veterans and their dependents of their county.

- The first CVSO, Leo Promen, was appointed in Fond Du Lac County in 1932.
- The WI CVSO Association was established in 1935.
- In 1946 a state law was passed requiring each county to have a CVSO and required each CVSO to have served in a branch of the Armed Forces (WI State Statute 45.80)
- Legislation was passed in 1973 authorizing a state grant for the CVSO office.
- The Kewaunee CVSO office receives a \$10,000 grant each year from WDVA.

Federal: Federal benefits are paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)

State Benefits: State benefits are paid by the WDVA, which is supported by the Veterans Trust Fund. The Soldiers Rehabilitation Fund created 1919, Post-War Rehabilitation Fund created in 1943, and the Veterans Housing Trust Fund created in 1949 were consolidated in 1961 to create the Veterans Trust Fund.

Our Impact: The Federal and State benefits brought over \$11.2 million dollars of combined benefits into Kewaunee County in 2013 having over a \$15.5 million dollar economic impact on Kewaunee County.

STATE BENEFITS

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides benefits for veterans and dependents. Applications for various benefits are received, adjudicated, and awarded or denied based on eligibility requirements.

The following is a list of cases for 2013:

<u>TYPE OF BENEFIT</u>	<u>APPLIED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Aid to Needy Veterans Grant	16	11	\$10,085
WI Veterans Home in King (5 Residents)	5	5	\$317,196
WI Property Tax Credit	42	42	<u>\$106,878</u>
	TOTAL BENEFITS		\$429,159

In 2013 our office received a \$10,000 State Grant from the WDVA. This money was used to help defray the cost of providing services to our veterans.

In 2013 the office received a donation of \$2,600 from the Algoma VFW to upgrade computer software.

FEDERAL BENEFITS

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Compensation and Pension	\$4,443,000
Readjustment and Vocational Rehabilitation	\$230,000
Insurance and Indemnities	\$104,000
Grave Markers and Flags (50 markers, 47 flags)	\$25,715
VA Health Care	\$3,156,000
Federal VA Home Loans (21 loans)	<u>\$3,148,928</u>
	TOTAL BENEFITS
	\$11,107,643

SUMMARY OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE ACTIVITY DURING 2013

Non-taxable retroactive VA disability compensation and pension payments to veterans and widows totaled **\$1,049,075 (a new office record)** combined with the WI Property Tax Credit of **\$106,878**, totaled **\$1,156,353** of non-taxable cash payments to veterans and surviving veterans' spouses in Kewaunee County.

This money is used to pay bills, property taxes, purchase houses and other goods and services within Kewaunee County.

In summary, the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office brought in over **\$11,219,606** of combined federal and state benefits into Kewaunee County in 2013.

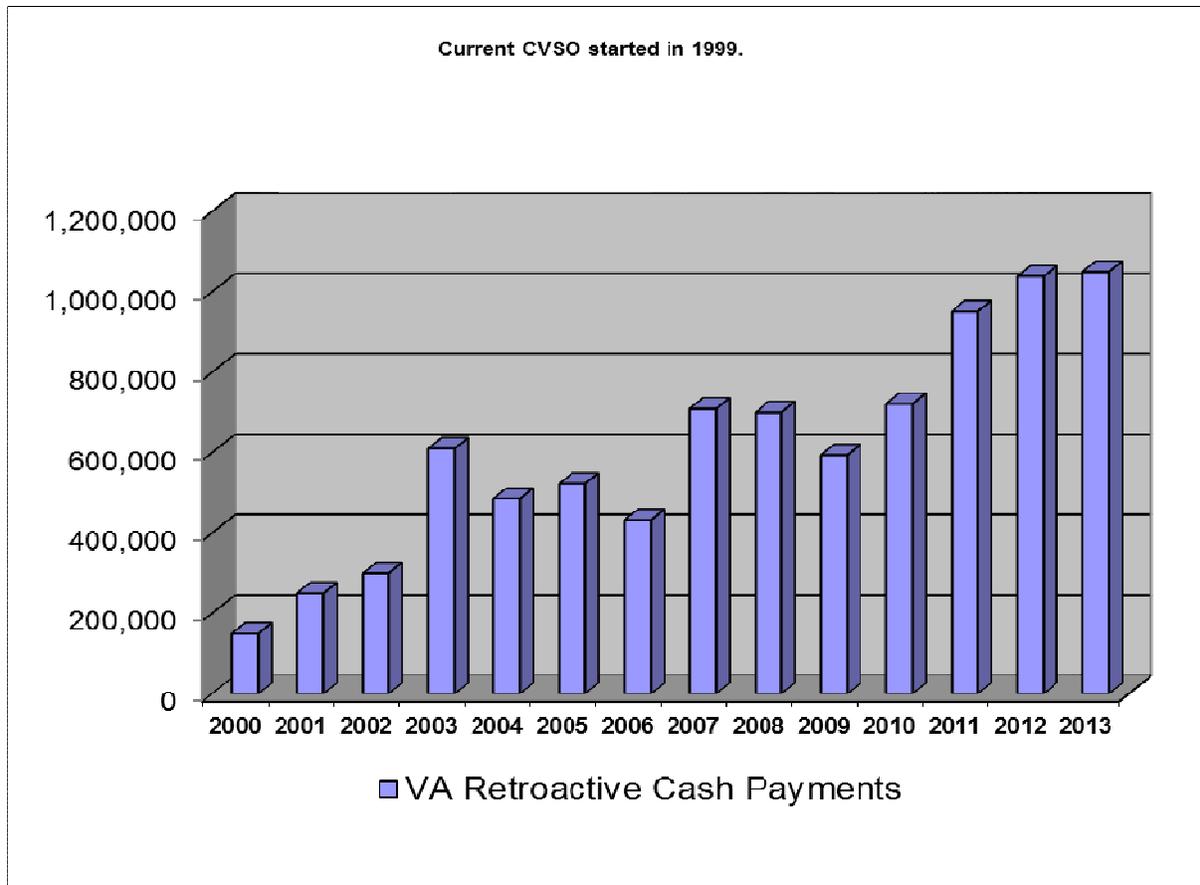
Kewaunee County and former county veterans who died in 2013 by the period they served in:

World War II	12
World War II & Korea	1
Korea	16
Korea & Vietnam	0
Vietnam	10
Gulf	0
Iraq	0
Afghanistan	0
Peacetime	7

United States Department of Veterans Affairs applications for benefits:	1,094
Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs applications for benefits:	77**
Client Contacts - office e-mails, walk-ins, appointments and phone calls:	9,300
Discharges recorded in the Register of Deeds Office:	32
Certified records requested from Register of Deeds:	145
New clients:	56

** This figure includes applications for the WI GI Bill, this provides a 100% Tuition waiver of 128 lifetime credits at all University of Wisconsin Colleges and Wisconsin Technical Schools for eligible veterans and dependents. There were 17,131 veterans and 2,882 dependents using the WI GI Bill in 2013. The estimated benefits for these students was over \$8.9 million.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS TO KEWAUNEE COUNTY VETERANS

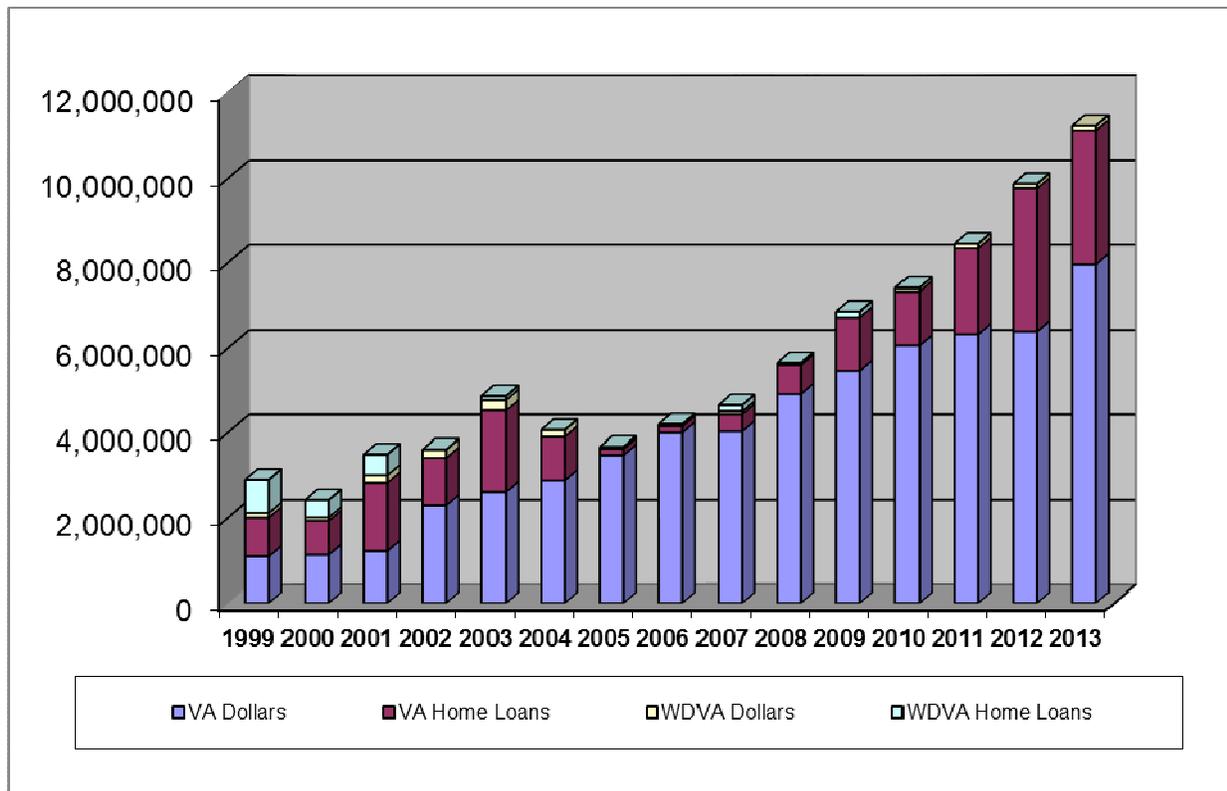
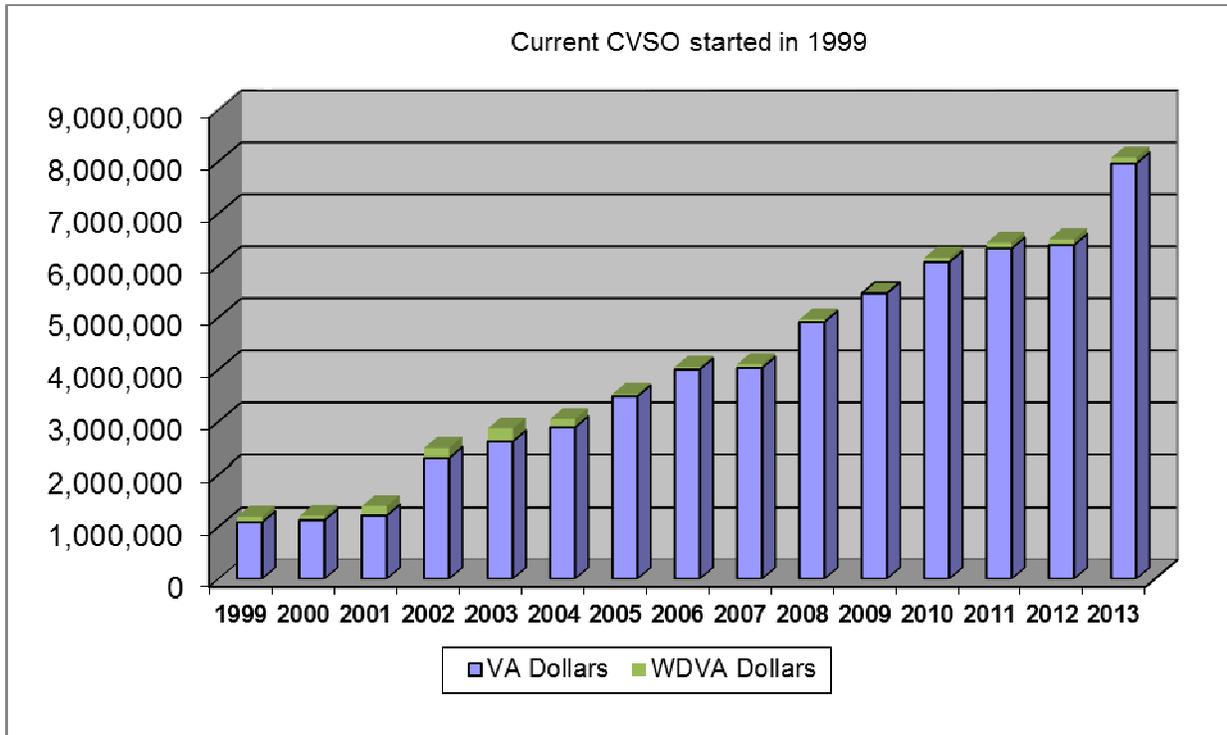


Retroactive cash payments to veterans and surviving spouses have increased \$899,075 since 2000.

Retroactive cash payments in 2013 totaled \$1,049,075.

VA AND WDVA BENEFIT EXPENDITURE CHARTS

Federal and State benefits have been increased over \$6.8 million since 1999.



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS
IN KEWAUNEE COUNTY

The University of Wisconsin Madison Extension Office performed an analysis of the economic impact Veterans Administration expenditures had on the economy of Kewaunee County for 2013. They used the Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN) modeling system software. This software was developed by the United States Government to estimate the economic effects of monetary outputs on local communities. The impacts are summarized as follows:

IMPACT TYPE	JOBS	LABOR INCOME	TOTAL INCOME	INDUSTRIAL SALES
Direct Effect	40	\$1,837,044	\$2,051,826	\$3,489,969
Indirect Effect	3	\$111,746	\$192,571	\$342,674
Induced Effect	20	\$541,785	\$1,336,417	\$2,175,486
Total Effect	63	\$2,490,575	\$3,580,814	\$6,008,129
Agriculture	0	\$17,770	\$11,720	\$22,502
Mining	0	\$122	\$215	\$322
Construction	0	\$6,826	\$17,943	\$30,650
Manufacturing	0	\$21,834	\$31,971	\$100,057
TIPU *	1	\$47,122	\$140,416	\$222,131
Trade	5	\$155,995	\$230,108	\$345,190
Services **	51	\$2,003,495	\$2,878,490	\$4,977,862
Government	5	\$237,411	\$269,950	\$309,414
TOTAL ***	63	\$2,490,575	\$3,580,814	\$6,008,129
Sales Tax	\$90,847			
Income Tax	\$62,618			
Property Tax	\$120,915			
Other	\$38,625			
TOTAL ***	\$313,005			
			TOTAL 2012 ECONOMIC IMPACT - \$12,810,442	
			TOTAL 2013 ECONOMIC IMPACT - \$15,541,451	

* Transportation, Information and Public Utilities

** The Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office is captured in “Services” and not government because of the manner in which the model handles the industry. This is merely an accounting inconvenience.

** There are four metrics of economic activity: jobs (both full and part-time), labor income (wages, salary, and proprietor income), total income [labor income plus other sources of income such as transfer payments (veterans’ compensation and pension and widows’ pension would be included here), dividends, etc.] and industrial revenues or sales.

*** State and local government revenue impacts are included. Insight can be gained into how much flows to the state and how much to local governments. All of the income tax goes to the state, but nearly all of the property tax goes to local governments. Most of the sales tax goes to the state, but a fraction goes to the county government (.005/.055 or about 9.1%). The category labeled “Other” includes a wide range of fees, charges, etc., some of which flows to local governments.

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

A report for the expenditures made by the Veterans Service Commission for the relief of needy veterans and/or their families for calendar year 2013 is herewith submitted.

The Veterans Service Commission, in accordance with Chapter 45.81 of the Wisconsin Statutes, approved these expenditures.

The names of the recipients of this aid and the amounts received are a matter of record in the County Clerk's office and the Veterans Service office in the event such information is desired.

The costs of the operation of the Veterans Service Commission for 2013 were as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

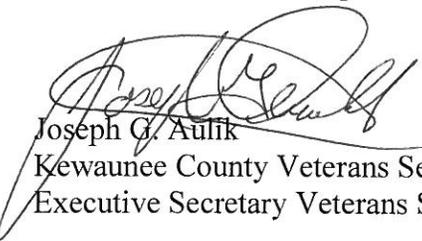
Aid to needy veterans and/or their families (10 approved)	\$ 7,152.19
Transportation to VA hospitals/clinics – mileage/meals (6 veterans)	2,312.11
Veterans Service Commissioners travel expenses	120.00
Dues	20.00
Transient Veterans Fund	25.00
Commissioners' meeting at King, WI (mileage)	<u>102.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,731.30

REVENUE:

2013 WDVA Transportation Grant	- 326.49
Veterans Affairs Reimbursement for travel	- 1,224.18
Reimbursement from a fuel overcharge	- <u>10.19</u>
TOTAL	\$8,170.40

In 2013, the Veterans Service Commission received a donation from the Algoma VFW of \$5,000, a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nolden of \$700, and a donation from a veteran for \$500, who was helped by the CVSO office. They all requested that the money is to be used for relief of needy veterans and/or families. These funds were placed in a separate Donation account.

The 2013 Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office Annual Report and 2013 Veterans Service Commission Annual Report are respectfully submitted,


Joseph G. Aulik
Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer and
Executive Secretary Veterans Service Commission

DECEASED KEWAUNEE COUNTY VETERANS

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TAPS LIST – January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

* Kewaunee County veterans and former county veterans.

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Service Period</i>	<i>Branch of Service</i>
Hanamann, Frederick E.	Green Bay, WI (formerly Casco)	January 4, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Army
Decker, Russell A.	Casco, WI	January 8, 2013	World War II & Korea	U.S. Navy & Army
Koehler, Kris H.	Kewaunee, WI	January 13, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Air Force
Sager, Leo E.	Kewaunee, WI	February 3, 2013	World War II	U.S. Army
Bloniarz, E. Donald	Kewaunee, WI	February 4, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Heim, Robert L.	Luxemburg, WI	February 8, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Rueckl, Donald J.	Luxemburg, WI	February 9, 2013	World War II	U.S. Navy
Ross, Jon M.	Algoma, WI	February 12, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Marine Corps
Arendt, Anthony J.	New Franken, WI	February 13, 2013	Korea	U.S. Marine Corps
Kuehl, Rodney L.	Kewaunee, WI	February 19, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Army
Paape, Lester H. Sr.	Algoma, WI	February 24, 2013	World War II	U.S. Navy
Stach, Clarence A.	Algoma, WI	March 1, 2013	Korea	U.S. Marine Corps
Dorner, David J.	Luxemburg, WI	March 21, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Air Force
Zeitler, Harold G.	Algoma, WI	April 6, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Haegele, Donald A.	Algoma, WI	April 11, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Army
Copeland, Jack N.	Kewaunee, WI	April 20, 2013	Korea	U.S. Navy
Michalski, Norbert F.	Tisch Mills, WI	April 28, 2013	World War II	U.S. Navy
Westrich, James L.	Algoma, WI	May 2, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Army
Daul, Norbert J.	Algoma, WI	May 8, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Weedman, William M.	Algoma, WI	May 8, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army

Walecka, Robert J.	Kewaunee, WI	June 6, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Army
Haws, Charles J., Jr.	Kewaunee, WI	June 11, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Wech, Larry C.	Kewaunee, WI	June 21, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Air Force
House, Alex J.	Kewaunee, WI	June 23, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Navy
Michaletz, John G.	Algoma, WI	July 4, 2013	World War II	U.S. Army
Blahnik, Paul J.	DePere, WI (formerly Algoma)	July 13, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Air Force
Jorgenson, John D.	Algoma, WI	August 4, 2013	World War II	U.S. Army
Waterstreet, Frederick E.	Algoma, WI	August 13, 2013	World War II	U.S. Navy
Koehler, Arden L.	Kewaunee, WI	August 24, 2013	World War II	U.S. Army
Tlachac, James V.	Luxemburg, WI	September 6, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Theys, James J.	Luxemburg, WI	September 22, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Zimmer, Edward V.	Algoma, WI	September 24, 2013	World War II	U.S. Air Corp
Vlies, Raymond A.	Algoma, WI	September 28, 2013	World War II	U.S. Army
Hanamann, Richard H.	Algoma, WI	September 30, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Army
Good, Phil A., Jr.	Algoma, WI	October 4, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
DeMoulin, Sidney M.	Luxemburg, WI	October 10, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Army
Foster, Paul D.	Kewaunee, WI	October 11, 2013	World War II	U.S. Army
Kustka, Arnold F.	Kewaunee, WI	October 22, 2013	Korea	U.S. Army
Shaw, Coleman A.	Algoma, WI	October 25, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Army
Deprez, Darrell I.	Algoma, WI	November 11, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Army
Martin, Vaughan B.	Algoma, WI	November 17, 2013	Korea	U.S. Navy
Wilterding, John H., Jr.	Algoma, WI	November 21, 2013	Korea	U.S. Navy
Stoller, Eli M.	Algoma, WI	December 8, 2013	World War II	U.S. Navy
Zastrow, Daniel C.	Algoma, WI	December 18, 2013	Peacetime	U.S. Army
Skarvan, Kenneth E.	Kewaunee, WI	December 18, 2013	Korea	U.S. Navy
Beaman, Kerry	Denmark, WI	December 26, 2013	Vietnam	U.S. Navy