

AT LARGE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In April I attended the National Board Meeting in Silver Spring, MD. At this meeting we had a special meeting on the future of VVA and how to proceed. President McManus stated the we need to look at the 2027 as the possible last convention. The discussion ad several points that need to be addressed in order to shut VVA National down. This will also be a discussion I Orlando so the membership understands what is being done.

I want to point our that this does not mean we a shutting down soon and it also means that the individual states and chapters can continue. More information will be coming on how we proceed.

In May John Margowski, Mike Demske, Dan Sciuti, and I traveled to Johnstown, IA for the Region 6 conference. There was a good turnout for the region for the conference. Vice President Tom Burke gave a presentation on the future of VVA.

June 8th, John Margowski, Jim Mullarkey, Vern Larson and I traveled to Madison to meet with WDVA Secretary designee James Bond. He was not available due to vehicle problems. We did meet with assistant Deputy Secretary, Joey Hoey. He gave an overview of Secretary Bond's proposed programs. We were advised that Secretary Bond is dedicated to serving veterans. The situation at the various Veteran Homes was discussed. King is a Skilled Medical Care facility and cannot have outside individuals there. There is a Court decision that does not allow felons, criminal backgrounds, drug use are not permitted on the campus. Several of the Homeless have been moved to a facility in Green Bay. There are several properties that were donated to King and have a restricted use clause. This means that no outside agencies, contractors, etc. can build on the properties.

SB102/AB102 were discussed and it may be a problem with the Budget Bill. Will need to see what occurs with the bill.

We were told that there are several programs that are not being used by veterans and there is are significant funds sitting there. Roughly 1.2 million. WI education and the VA loans.

The National Convention is Orlando, FL August 8-12. This is an election year for the Officers, BOD, and Region Directors. If you plan on attending make sure that your Chapter has their Finance and Election Reports in. If you do not have them in you will not be able to credentialed and be on the convention floor. I would suggest that you bring along a copy to the Finance and Election report with you in case there is a question. John Margowski is running for Region 6 Director and I am running for At-Large Director. All the support that you can give will be appreciated.

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