

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
1999 - 2001**

The Disabled Veterans Service Office will maintain all past services rendered and continue to seek new and innovative methods to provide extended services to our clientele. All claims as listed on the Statement of History and Organization are continued. The Agency maintaining the current level of activity brings into the Statement over \$72 million biannually in federal benefits. In addition, volunteer hours provide service work to the State's citizens in an excess of \$130,000 and private donations provide seventeen (17) vehicles to the Department of Veterans Affairs saving over \$142,000 in transportation costs.

We are still conducting the "Information Seminar" in which a Service Office visits a community offering services. This offers the opportunity to remain in the area longer at more convenient times to the local clients and chapters.

The Service Officers Training Conference is an annual event in which all Chapter and County Veteran Service Officers are invited, and where representatives of Veterans Organizations are brought forward on new benefits available and remainder of the already existing entitlements. The new liberalization of law for ionizing radiation exposure and dioxin exposure benefits is ballooning the clientele. The Persian Gulf War also brings with it new and unsolved problems to handle.


Curbing of Federal spending has reduced the Regional Office staffing, which places more emphasis on the representatives to help explore and develop information to allow claims to be developed.

Due to the continued reduction of military personnel, the TAP/DTAP efforts are still ongoing. This places additional responsibility on this Agency as primary guidance.

Three National Service Officer (NSO) are assigned to the office in Arkansas. Space is provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and salaries of the NSOs and two support staff are paid by the National Organization of the DAV. They do not supply maintenance or travel for our Agency nor any other support staff. This small appropriation from the State is vital to our very existence.

DISCUSSION:

1999-2000 - BASE LEVEL - We, of course, need to maintain continuing level and request such approval. This office cannot maintain any type of quality work without these monies.

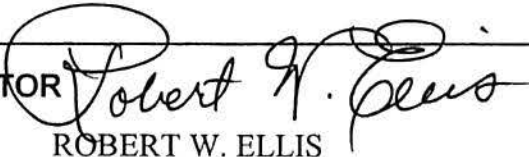
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TRAVEL (09) - Our only added request is that \$250.00 be added to our Travel Appropriation. Once a year, the Director travels of Washington, D. C. to attend the Mid-Winter Conference and meet with the U.S. Senators and Congressmen regarding veterans' benefits. The cost of traveling to and staying in D.C. continually increases. The present allocation of \$920 will not cover the costs of flight, hotel, food and taxi for one week in D.C.

2000-2001 - BASE LEVEL - Again, we request all appropriations to include personnel and matching, travel and M&O that was previously allotted.

TRAVEL - (09) - We again request an additional \$250.00 be placed in Character 09 to help defray the cost of travel TO Washington, D. C..

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DISABLED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Assets										Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments		Fixed		Other		Total		Current	Long-Term		Total	Total Equity	
\$ 0		\$ 9,420		\$ 66		\$ 9,486		\$ 0	\$ 65		\$ 65	\$ 9,421	

Revenues					Expenditures				Other Sources (Uses)	
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	(Uses)
\$ 21,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 130	\$ 21,130	\$ 18,555	\$ 0	\$ 380	\$ 2,114	\$ 21,049	\$ (93)

Findings					Recommendations				
None					None				

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
 EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY
 AS REQUIRED BY ACT 358 OF 1993
 (A.C.A 19-4-307)

AGENCY TITLE 365 - DISABLED VETERANS SVC

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF <u>08/08/98</u> DATE			<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
			TOTAL MINORITIES	
			<u>1</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	



 AGENCY DIRECTOR

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
1999 - 2001**

The Disabled Veterans Service Office offers assistance to veterans in the preparation of their claims to the U.S. Government for compensation and other benefits and is primarily supported by the Disabled American Veterans Service Office. The Office also provides transportation services to veterans for outpatient appointments when no other options are available. The State provides one position for clerical support for the Office, as well as operating expenses and travel.

Base Level includes a cost of living increase of 2.8% each year over the FY99 salary levels, related Personal Services Matching costs, and supporting Maintenance & General Operations. Once a year, the Director travels to Washington, D.C. to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. An additional \$250 in Conference Fees and Travel is needed due to high costs of airfare, hotel accommodations, and food.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request.

AGENCY	APPROPRIATION	TREASURY FUND	ANALYSIS OF	PAGE
Name: Disabled Veterans Service Office Code: 365	Name: General Revenue Code: 052	Name: State General Services Code: HUA	BUDGET REQUEST BR20	66

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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----99-00 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----00-01 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	97-98	98-99	98-99	99-00		00-01		00-01		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	CHANGE LEVEL	TOTAL REQUEST	BASE	CHANGE LEVEL	TOTAL REQUEST	99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01
REGULAR SALARIES	16,099	16,614	19,598	17,423	0	17,423	17,911	0	17,911	17,423	17,911		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	2,917	4,144	4,481	4,313	0	4,313	4,399	0	4,399	4,313	4,399		
OPERATING EXPENSES	857	1,850	1,850	1,850	0	1,850	1,850	0	1,850	1,850	1,850		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	577	920	920	920	250	1,170	920	250	1,170	1,170	1,170		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,290	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	21,740	25,550	28,851	26,506	250	26,756	27,080	250	27,330	26,756	27,330		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES	21,740	25,550	*****	26,506	250	26,756	27,080	250	27,330	26,756	27,330		
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
OTHER			*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	21,740	25,550	*****	26,506	250	26,756	27,080	250	27,330	26,756	27,330		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
TOTAL	21,740	25,550	*****	26,506	250	26,756	27,080	250	27,330	26,756	27,330		

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

DEPT 010 SEPARATE AGENCIES
 AGY 365 DISABLED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
 APPRO 052 GENERAL REVENUE
 FUND HUA STATE GENERAL SERVICES(000)

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ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
PROGRAM/SERVICE INFORMATION LIST
RANK BY APPROPRIATION

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	-----EXPENDITURES-----				-----1999 - 01 BIENNIIUM REQUESTS-----				-----RECOMMENDATIONS-----			
				---ACTUAL---		---BUDGETED---		-----FY 1999 - 00-----		-----FY 2000 - 01-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----	
				97-98	98-99	REQUEST	REQUEST	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01				
	HUA	365 052	B	21,740 1	25,550 1	26,506 1	27,080 1	26,506 1	27,080 1						
	HUA	365 052	C01			250 0	250 0	250	250						
<p>1999-2001 - TRAVEL (09) - Due to the high cost of airfare, hotel accommodations, food, taxi, etc., travel to Washington, D. C. is not totally funded and the Director has had to pay moneys out of own pocket to cover expenses. Therefore, an additional \$250.00 is requested in both 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 to cover these expenses.</p>															

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365 DISABLED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
RO 052 GENERAL REVENUE

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