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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FROM: Department of Veterans' Services **SUBMITTAL DATE:** 7/28/2003

SUBJECT: Report Identifying Accomplishments of the County Veterans' Services Office



RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and file the letter dated July 8, 2003 from the California Department of Veterans' Affairs.

BACKGROUND: CVSO's statewide report auditable claims activities to the State Department of Veteran's Affairs. The amount earned by those claims is the subject of the attached letter. The Riverside County Department of Veterans' Affairs is proud to have assisted its clients in receiving awards totaling over \$14,000,000 in cash benefits during FY 2001-02. As noted by Secretary Johannessen, those awards benefit not only the recipients but the community as well.



WILLIAM H. DENSMORE, Director

Attachment

FINANCIAL DATA:
CURRENT YEAR COST \$ 0 ANNUAL COST \$ 0
NET COUNTY COST \$ 0 IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: YES/ NO/ N/A
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: YES/ NO/X FOR FY: 03-04

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**


County Executive Officer Signature

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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July 8, 2003

John F. Tavaglione, Chair
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street, 5th floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Mr. Tavaglione:

I would like to bring to your attention current statistics concerning the successful operations and accomplishments of your County Veterans Services Office (CVSO). The California Department of Veterans Affairs strongly supports your CVSO's activities in providing services for its 136,510 veterans, their dependants and survivors.

During the period of July 1, 2001 thru June 30, 2002, your CVSO attained additional cash benefits for your veteran's community in excess of \$14,308,932. Studies have shown that monies spent in a community could turn over as low as 3 and as high as 7 times, which is a fairly accurate measure of the spending impact on a community. As reported by your CVSO, additional cash benefits have resulted in \$42,926,796 using a conservative multiplier of 3.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, during the same period, \$138,343,000 in cash benefits were brought in to your veteran community. Using the same multiplier of 3, we can approximate that your community once again afforded \$415,029,000 in additional cash benefits.

Also, actions taken by your CVSO to obtain and maintain federal and state monetary benefits have resulted in savings for your County Welfare Department. Up to \$261,204 in General Assistance payments were avoided. With a net county cost of less than \$538,805, your CVSO once again remains one of the few revenue producing offices in the county.

I hope you will consider this valuable information when addressing the needs of a properly funded and fully supported CVSO. Your county veteran population deserves, and has earned the right to continued high quality representation in veterans' affairs. If I can be of further assistance in maintaining your CVSO's services, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-2158, or your staff may contact Glen M. Halsey, Chief of the Veterans Services Division at (916) 653-2573.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Maurice Johannesen", is written over a horizontal line.

K. MAURICE JOHANNESSEN
Secretary

✓ Cc: CVSO's

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"PROTECT AND SERVE VETERANS"