

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

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**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 20, 2006


**FROM:** Department of Veterans' Services

**SUBJECT:** Letter From State Department of Veterans Affairs Regarding Benefits Obtained by The Department of Veterans' Services.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached letter dated 04-11-06.

**BACKGROUND:** The California Department of Veterans' Affairs publishes an annual report noting the monetary value of awards earned for their clients by County Veteran's Service Offices statewide. I am extremely pleased to see that the efforts of my staff during FY 04-05 earned \$13,737,674 for our Riverside County clients. This figure represents spendable dollars, which benefit not only our clients but local economies as well.

Departmental Concurrence

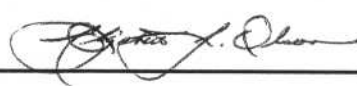
  
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William H. Densmore, Director

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004-05

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**APPROVE**  
County Executive Office Signature



- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
VETERANS' SERVICES



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April 11, 2006

Bob Buster, Chair  
Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
333 West Limited Avenue  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Dear Board Member:

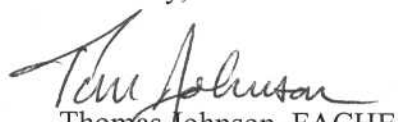
During the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, your County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) obtained new and increased monthly cash benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA), in the amount of \$656,459. On an annualized basis this amounts to more than \$7,877,508 in new benefit payments. In addition, your CVSO obtained \$5,860,166 in one-time benefits, which consists of single and retroactive payments received by veterans or their dependents. Studies have shown that monies spent in a community could turn over between 3 to 7 times, which is a fairly accurate measure of the spending impact on a community. Using the conservative multiplier of 3, this equates to a spending impact of at least \$23,632,524 from the annualized monthly cash benefits and \$17,580,498 from the one-time benefits received.

In addition to the fact that your veterans' community received the above cash benefits, claim advocacy services provided by your CVSO to obtain and maintain federal monetary benefits have resulted in savings to your county based on your CVSO's active participation in the State Mandated Welfare Referral Program. This program requires your CVSO to verify and make benefit entitlement determinations on all public assistance referrals (i.e. GA/FR, CalWORKS, Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal) received from your County Welfare Department. Included in the totals above is \$11,163 in annualized monthly benefits and \$1,077,468 in one-time benefits received by individuals who had applied for public assistance grants. In addition, your CVSO verified \$180,431 in prior monthly USDVA monetary benefits being received by public assistance and Medi-Cal applicants, which on an annualized basis represents \$2,165,172. Your CVSO also assisted veterans' families in their application for the College Tuition Fee Waiver Program. This resulted in either the veterans or their family saving \$2,144,946 in tuition and fees at California state colleges and universities.

I hope that you will consider this valuable information when addressing the needs of a properly funded and fully supported CVSO. With a net county cost of less than \$578,000, your CVSO once again remains one of the few revenue producing offices in the county. In addition, your county veteran population deserves, and has earned the right to continued high quality representation in veterans affairs.

If we can be of further assistance in maintaining your CVSO's services, please feel free to contact Jack Kirwan, Chief of Veterans Services Division at (916) 653-2573.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas Johnson, FACHE  
Secretary

cc: County Veteran Service Office  
VSD file

**VETERANS FIRST**