

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 15, 2010

Department: Administration/Community Services

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Veterans' Programming and Issues

Summary: This workshop, requested by Commissioner Jeff Koons, will feature presentations by federal, state and local agency and judiciary representatives on programs and initiatives offered locally for military service veterans. It will also provide an opportunity for the Board of County Commissioners to discuss emerging trends and issues impacting veterans.

Presentations will be made by the following individuals:

- I. Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr. (Retired), Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs
- II. Charleen Szabo, Medical Director, VA Medical Center, West Palm Beach
- III. Chief Judge Peter Blanc, 15th Judicial Circuit (Veterans' Court)
- IV. Josh Maddock, District Representative, Office of Congressman Ron Klein
- V. Steve Holmes, Director, Veterans' Services, Florida Office of Drug Control
- VI. Charisse Grant, Vice President for Programs, Dade Community Foundation (Florida BrAlve Fund Initiative)
- VII. Craig Carr, Veterans' Services Officer, Palm Beach County Department of Community Services.

Attachments: Staff PowerPoint Presentation (Item VII.)

Recommended by: _____

n/a
Department Director

Date

Approved By: _____


Assistant County Administrator

6/14/10
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years 20____ 20____ 20____ 20____ 20____

Capital Expenditures
Operating Costs
External Revenues
Program Income (County)
In-Kind Match (County)

NET FISCAL IMPACT

No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes ____ No ____
Budget Account No.: Fund ____ Department ____ Unit ____
Object ____ Reporting Category

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:


There is no fiscal impact associated with this workshop item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

No fiscal impact.



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Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:



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C. Other Department Review:

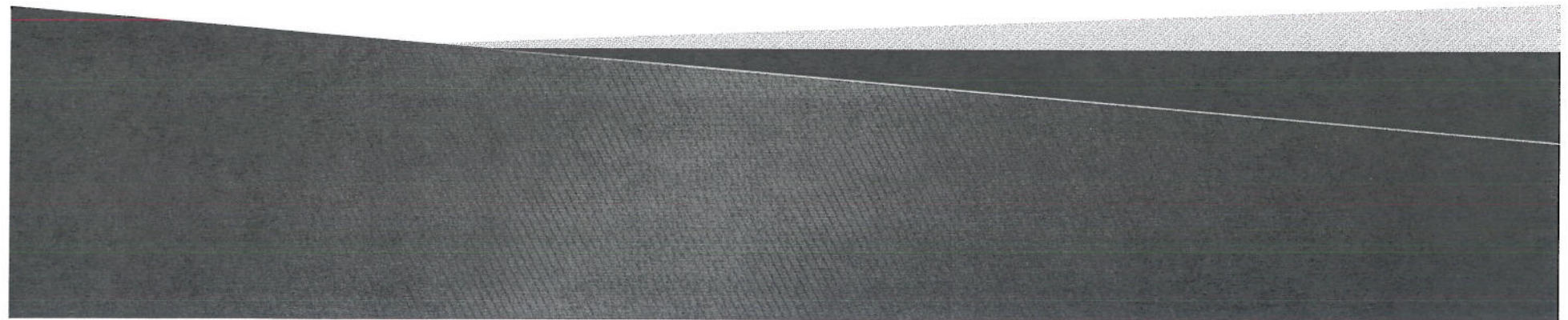
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PALM BEACH COUNTY DIVISION OF HUMAN & VETERAN SERVICES

**Presentation to the
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners**

June 15, 2010



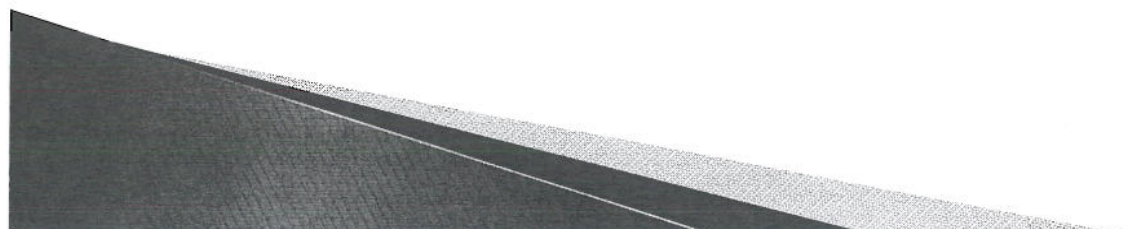
PALM BEACH COUNTY VETERAN POPULATION



- Florida has the third highest Veteran population, following California and Texas.
- Palm Beach County ranks first in Florida with the highest Veteran population in the State.
- As of the end of September 2009, there were 117,660 Veterans residing in the County.
- One in eleven County residents is a Veteran.

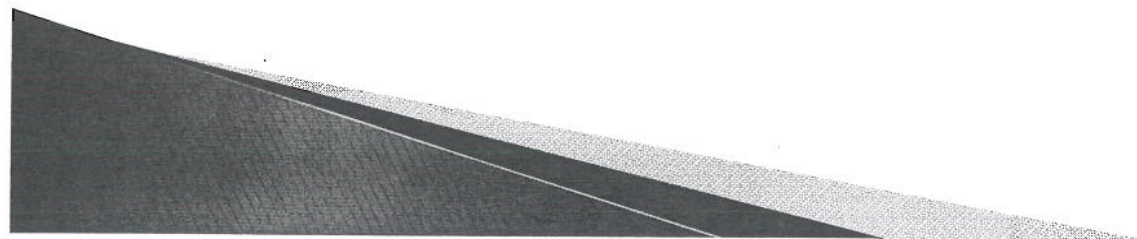
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES

- Total expenditures of the Veterans Administration in Palm Beach County in Fiscal Year 2009 was \$425,513,000.
- Of that total:
 - Compensation & Pensions = \$158,320,000
 - Medical Care = \$221,845,000



VETERAN SERVICES STAFFING

- The Division of Human & Veteran Services has one Service Officer and one Assistant Service Officer who are veterans specially trained to act on behalf of veterans. These staff maintain accreditation/certification through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



VETERAN ADVOCACY

- Palm Beach County's Veteran Services provides Veteran Advocacy by:
 - assisting military veterans and their dependents to develop and file claims,
 - filing claims appeals with the Veterans Administration, and
 - Providing information and referral.



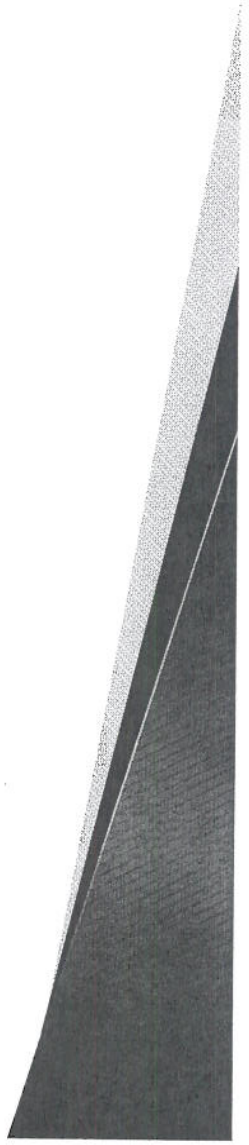
PBC Veteran Services

- Assistance Available with Applications for :
 - Compensation
 - Pension
 - Aid and Attendance or Housebound Benefits
 - Medical Care
 - Burial Benefits
 - Life Insurance
 - Education Benefits
 - Home Loan Guaranty



PERFORMANCE

FISCAL YEAR	CLIENT CONTACTS	VETERAN ADMINISTRATION AWARDS GENERATED
2009	13,508	\$3,684,666
2008	13,492	\$3,848,545
2007	13213	\$4,112,725



PALM BEACH COUNTY VETERAN COALITION

- Formed in early 2010.
- Originally focusing on Homeless Veterans under the Homeless & Housing Alliance.
- Broadened scope to address the continuum of service needs of military personnel and their families.
- Currently staffed by the Division's Director and the Veteran Service Officer.



PALM BEACH COUNTY VETERAN COALITION

➤ Proposed Mission:

- To marshal all necessary resources to support service members, veterans and their families to ensure their success, with an emphasis on homeless veterans, veterans at risk of homelessness and veterans reintegrating into the community.

