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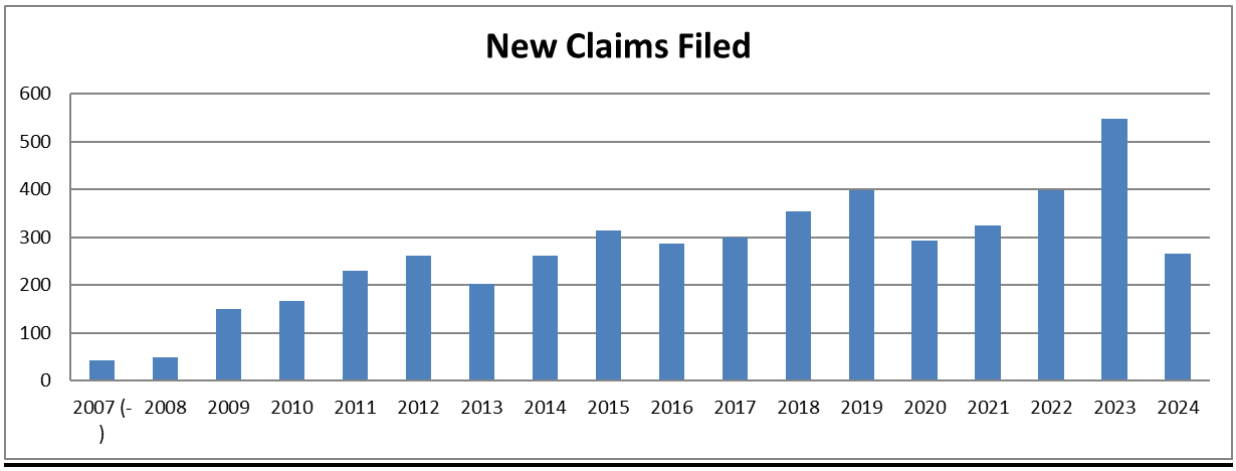
Medina County Veterans Service Office
Report for CY 2024, 1st Half

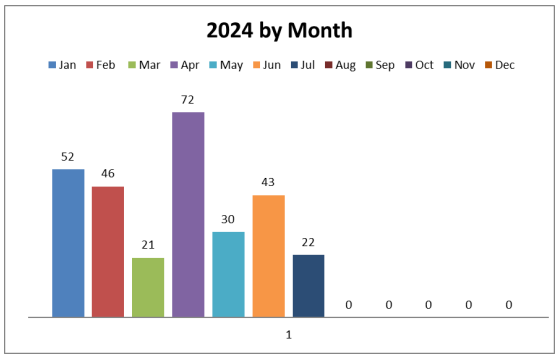
July 17, 2024

Veterans claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- We have filed 264 VA claims through the month of June.
- We have filed 127 medical, and ancillary VA benefits.
- Our current pending claims on inventory are 360 and 24 appeals.
- The average claims filed per month through June is 44.

Claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by year





Claim Status 2024	
Pending Claim	277
Closed Claim	120
Appeal	1
Not a Claim	28
Total:	426

Total Claim Inventory	
Pending Claim	361
Closed Claim	6149
Appeal	24
Not a Claim	739
Total	7273

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EXPENDITURES FOR VETERANS

FEDERAL VS. COUNTY 2010-2023

		Federal VA Dollars Spent Within County [2]							County Veterans Budget Information	
		Prime Impact Areas					Other Impact Areas			
Fiscal Year	County Veteran Population[1]	Total Federal VA Dollars Spent Within County	Compensation & Pension	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	General Operating Expenses	Construction	County Revenues authorized by ORC	County Revenues Spent [3, 4]
2010	13,858	$ 35,497,773.48	$ 16,321,349.81	$ 2,805,492.85	$ 1,027,596.50	$ 15,343,334.32	$ -	$	$ 2,392,590.00	$ 1,023,387.30
2011	13,878	$ 41,113,968.08	$ 20,087,979.68	$ 3,333,009.23	$ 1,417,265.17	$ 16,275,714.00	$ -	$	$ 2,254,685.66	$ 858,458.79
2012	13,908	$ 39,611,546.67	$ 18,487,542.00	$ 3,000,400.00	$ 941,696.02	$ 17,181,908.66	$ -	$	$ 2,273,439.01	$ 871,342.74
2013	13,677	$ 48,443,316.91	$ 23,467,866.00	$ 3,211,599.00	$ 1,069,515.34	$ 20,694,336.56	$ -	$	$ 2,273,439.01	$ 867,843.87
2014	13,609	$ 57,146,933.32	$ 30,640,493.00	$ 3,905,263.00	$ 889,226.65	$ 21,711,950.66	$ -	$ -	$ 2,251,844.64	$ 853,215.83
2015	13,420	$ 55,392,969.45	$ 29,476,754.00	$ 3,622,672.00	$ 673,200.00	$ 21,620,343.45	$ -	$ -	$ 2,273,439.01	$ 766,837.36
2016	12,421	$ 63,483,852.50	$ 33,609,021.50	$ 3,772,249.00	$ 1,062,202.00	$ 25,040,380.00	$ -	$ -	$ 2,251,844.60	$ 688,524.25
2017	12,157	$ 65,439,674.47	$ 33,074,100.78	$ 3,866,726.52	$ 1,554,901.00	$ 26,943,946.17	$ -	$ -	$ 2,251,844.64	$ 759,705.75
2018	11,890	$ 69,238,217.54	$ 32,496,438.00	$ 4,561,658.00	$ 1,112,475.00	$ 31,067,646.54	$ -	$ -	$ 2,591,316.74	$ 746,634.32
2019	11,351	$ 75,194,230.98	$ 39,216,959.00	$ 4,744,732.00	$ 781,261.00	$ 30,451,278.98	$ -	$ -	$ 2,251,844.64	$ 740,477.67
2020	11,285	$ 80,232,000.58	$ 41,451,000.67	$ 4,628,000.10	$ 682,000.49	$ 33,470,000.32	$ -	$ -	$ 2,251,844.64	$ 665,736.75
2021	11,218	$ 84,434,000.59	$ 44,974,000.98	$ 3,751,000.12	$ 895,000.35	$ 34,812,000.15	$ -	$ -	$ 2,953,100.00	$ 652,291.15
2022	10,268	$ 100,404,000.96	$ 55,185,000.46	$ 3,079,000.92	$ 592,000.10	$ 38,450,000.12	$ -	$ -	$ 3,846,460.94	$ 628,421.01
2023	10,085	$ 112,104,000.00	$ 60,549,000.00	$ 3,428,000.00	$ 370,000.00	$ 44,503,000.00	$ 3,253,000.00	$ -	$ 3,910,106.05	$ 792,065.58

NOTES

In 2011, 2014, 2016, and 2018, the VA adjusted the Veterans Population Model to account for current projections of Veteran's life expectancies, gains, and population shifts. As a result, some Counties may show unanticipated increases and/or decreases in Veterans Populations.

Expenditures - National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics (va.gov)

[4] Percent of .5 Mil expended in: Year 2023 20.00% Year 2022 16.00%

COUNTY REVENUES SPENT IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2010 IS AN DECREASE OF:	*$231,321.72*
TOTAL FEDERAL VA DOLLARS SPENT WITHIN COUNTY INCREASED FROM '10-'23 BY:	*$76,606,226.52*
SINCE 2010, COUNTY VETERAN POPULATION HAS DECREASED BY:	3,773
2023 'FEDERAL VA DOLLARS SPENT' TO 'COUNTY DOLLARS SPENT' =	*141 to 1*
TOTAL FEDERAL VA DOLLARS SPENT WITHIN COUNTY INCREASED FROM 22-23 BY:	*$11,699,999.04*

Federal VA Dollars Spent Within Medina County Total

Geographical Distribution of VA Expenditures in Medina County

Compensation & Pension:

- Last year we saw an increase in Compensation & Pension (C&P) expenditures ($55.1 to $60.5 million dollars) from the Department of Veterans Affairs within Medina County.

Education, Voc. Rehab & Insurance:

- $3.4 million dollars have been invested in our county's veterans through educational programs and payouts for insurance.

Medical:

- Last year $44.5 million dollars in medical expenditures from the Department of Veterans Affairs within Medina County.
- In 2023 we provided transportation to 829 veterans to the VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Parma and Akron with 413 through June 2024.

***The VA spent $112,104,000.00 million dollars on the Veterans of Medina County in 2023, which is an increase of more the $12 million dollars from the previous year.

State Ohio MIRF:

- **32 MIRF Applications**
- **17 Ohio Veterans Bonus**

Financial Assistance:

We have seen just 143 eligible clients this first half of 2024 of which 21 were new clients.

Jan	Feb	Mar	APR	May	Jun
$19,299.02	$17,967.90	$20,114.93	$20,961.12	$16,331.75	$16,166.57
$16,063.63	$16,246.90	$16,470.98	$20,607.29	$15,895.35	$16,025.51
$10,073.84	$4,492.66	$13,071.87	$6,670.55	$3,357.19	$9,820.00

Total		AVG
$110,841.29		$9,236.77
$101,309.66		$8,442.47
$ 47,486.11		$7,914.35

Financial assistance remains extremely low and has continued to decrease in number of applicants. Expenditures has increased slightly based on the cost of services (rent, utilities, etc.).

Transportation:

The Veterans ride for free on Medina County Transit, which we started 2020 has been an extremely popular program and has increased ridership on the Medina County Transit. We are extremely happy to be able to continue this program and hope to be able to do so well into the future. It helps with getting those elderly and severely disabled veterans out into the community and improves their health and quality of life. It is mandatory that they have a Medina County Veterans Identification Card issued by the County Recorder's Office to ride for free.

New bus/van this fall to be delivered.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	APR	May	Jun
Van Riders	70	78	71	71	76	78
MCPT Trips	232	257	288	251	276	259

Construction / Expansion:

The project is on track and within budget with an estimated completion date of October 1st. We didn't estimate the amount of damage to the furniture when we moved. Budgeted for the new community room and two new offices. We will overlap that budget with 2025 and we should be okay to outfit the new community room in early 2025.

We are already working with various organizations to bring in programs to assist our veterans and their families. Some of these programs will have a licensed therapy practitioner working with them.

- Vet Center
- Guitars For Veterans (G4V)
- Music therapy & Musicians story program
- Veterans writing group
- Yoga therapy
- Horse and equine therapy
- Survivors' programs and grief counseling

Closing:

Our office continues to look for ways to help our Veterans and their families along with being financially responsible to the taxpayers of Medina County. We also continue to try to find new and innovative ways to assist our Veterans and their family members that are in the greatest need. We have seen 1,185 clients in the first half of 2024. We are still averaging a record number of phone call enquiries especially with the new PACT ACT Legislation and its changes.

We have been a part of the Medina Municipal Veterans Treatment Court since its inception. This has shown to be a great benefit to those enrolled in the court, which ultimately is a benefit to our community. We hope to see a Veterans Treatment Court start at the county court sometime in the near future.
(AVG. monthly 7)

Homelessness or the Risk of being Homeless continues to be an issue here in the county. When compared to other areas of the state we don't have a catastrophic issue, but at times we also do not have the necessary resources due to the same reason. We see several elderly veterans at risk of being homeless due to multiple circumstances. Transient veterans are also an issue with homelessness and seeking out resources to assist. We work closely with MMHA and the VA-Community Referral & Resource Center (CRRC) in coping with this issue. Although the ORC prohibits us from assisting certain transient and non-qualified veterans with county dollars, we never turn someone away if we are able to assist through another so-called door.
(AVG. monthly 4)

Partnering with the Medina Health Department to provide dental care to low-income veterans has been a very successful program for the past three years now.

Our COOP program with the Parma Vet Center has expanded to two and a half days a week with two counselors and has moved from the Professional Building to the Human Service Center on the 1st floor. *(1st half 136 clients)*

We look forward to your continued support in supporting those that have earned it. The expansion of our faculty as well as increased services demonstrates the willingness and importance of Medina County to take care of and serve those that have served.

Thank You

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Medina County, Ohio

Questions:

Notes: