

CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING

600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa 52043

December 11, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.

Veterans Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on December 11, 2023 at the Clayton County Office Building Meeting Room.

I.) Roll Call: Commissioners Clark, Eilers, Torkelson and Jordan, Director present.

II.) Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Clark to approve the minutes from November 6, 2023. Motion was seconded by Eilers; Motion carried.

III.) Public Comments: No public comments noted.

IV.) Budget Review. Jordan distributed the current Fiscal Budget for 2023-2024. Veterans Affairs office spent \$3143.45 during the month with 77.69% remaining. Clark made the motion to approve the budget, Eilers seconded the motion; motion carried.

V.) Old Business:

a). Discussion was conducted citing inclement weather policy for the commissioners and drivers. Director will decide office closure during inclement weather. If schools in Clayton, Delaware, Linn, Jones, and Johnson Counties are cancelled, then the van trips to Iowa City would be cancelled. The Van Driver Coordinator will contact those riding to relay cancellations by text message, and new appointments would need to be made by rider. Van drivers incurring inclement weather after their trip to Iowa City, should contact the Van Driver Coordinator to request departure from Iowa City at an earlier time.

b). Jordan noted that he had attended a Clayton County Emergency Management Meeting on November 28, 2023 as part of an outreach activity.

c). Jordan will continue to follow-up with purchase of new cellphone/quote from Verizon for the Van Driver Coordinator. The Van Driver Coordinator will be transitioning to the new phone at the beginning of the new year.

d). Director Jordan reported on the cemetery flag holders to be purchased. Jordan will also continue his research on fund raising and installation of flag holders. It is hoped that this project will be completed in phases. The Clayton County Veterans Commission should have a better understanding on the number of graves affected by April, 2024.

VI.) New Business

a). Richard Eilers has agreed to continue serving as Clayton County Veterans Commissioner for another term of three years. Jordan stated that he thought that the Commission could access the Human Resources Consultant in the future in pursuing candidates for vacancies on the Commission. Jordan also expressed that the Human Resources Consultant could assist the Commission in obtaining a new intern to the program.

b). The October Statistical Report was distributed. 55 total number of calls received this month re: Veteran related concerns. 21 total office visits from Veterans, 2 home visits, and 1 veteran outreach event.

c). Fliers were distributed regarding the Gulf War Veterans who are experiencing (GWI) Gulf War Illness symptoms.

VII. Review and approval of Claims.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting. Next meeting will be on January 8, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.

IX. Adjourn. Eilers made the motion to adjourn, Clark seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Geralyn Torkelson

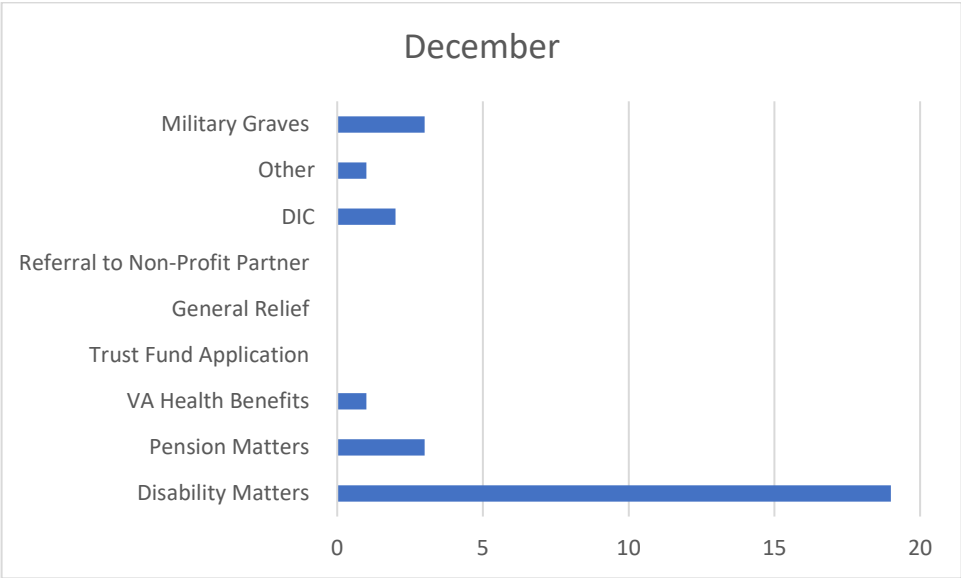
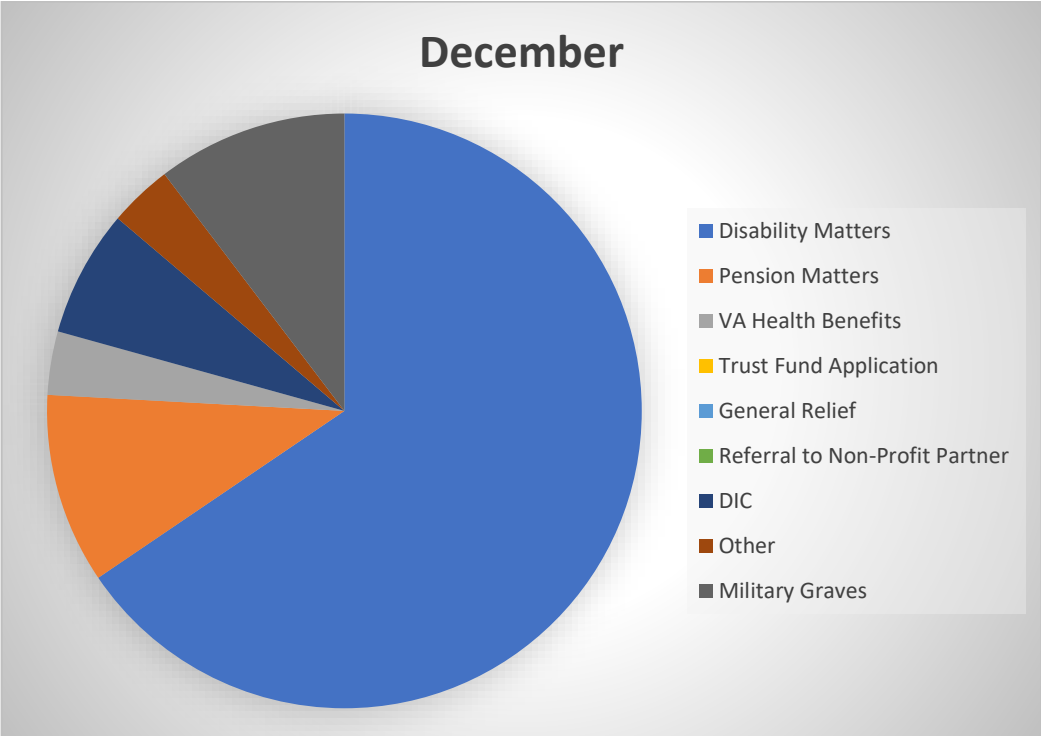
December Report

34 total number of calls received this month re: Veteran related concerns.

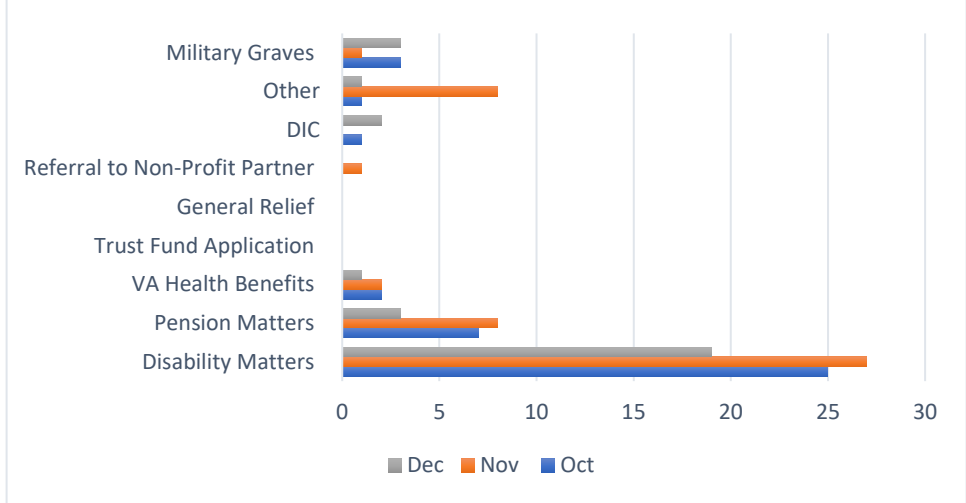
20 total office visits from Veterans.

2 home visits

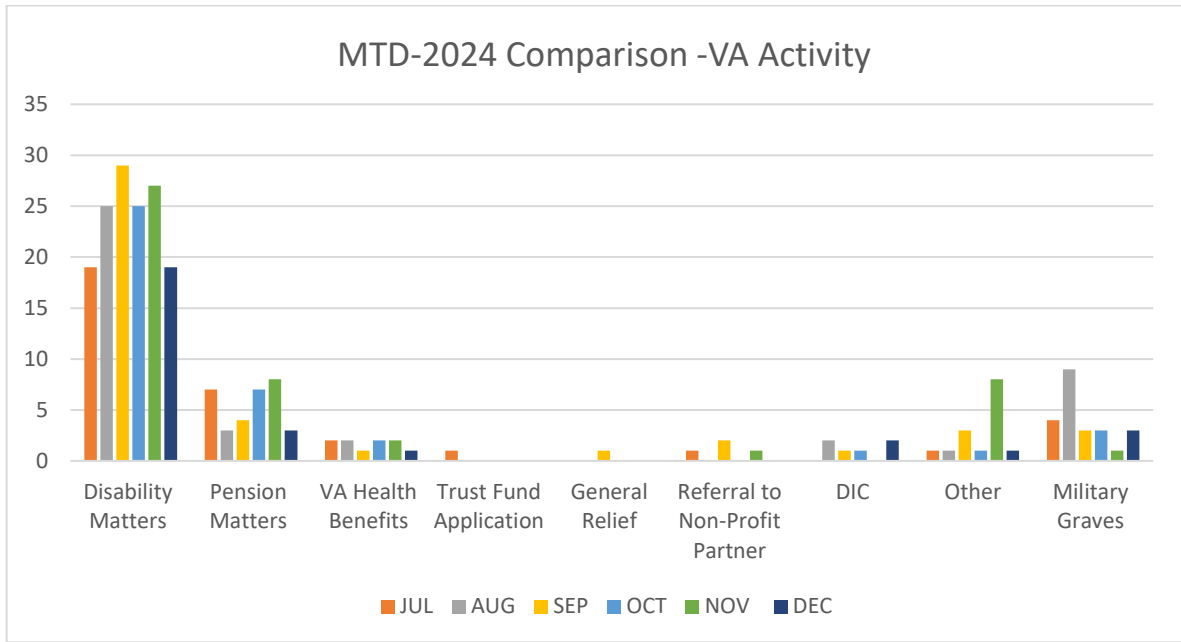
0 Outreach events



Q2-2024 Veterans Affairs Activity



MTD-2024 Comparison -VA Activity



VA & State Updates: - No Updates