Department of Veterans’ Service
District of Eastern Hampden County

Year-end report 2016

The year 2016 was a very busy year for this department. We assisted veterans and or their spouses in finding housing, getting medical attention, including dental, at the VA clinic(s) and the Holyoke Soldiers Home. This assistance was prevalent most especially with their financial needs under Chapter 115.

This office continued its community outreach and made strides in connecting with area VSO’s in our aim to support needy veterans.

In October of 2016, annual training was held in Leominster Ma. Training included changes in VSMIS (computer case submission) which were highlighted and were well received.

On Sunday September 11 2016, we held a 911 Remembrance; at Memorial Hall in Monson. This event was a salute to our veterans, the civilians we lost that tragic day and of course the police and fire departments personnel who were killed on Sept 11, 2001. Our speakers at this event, included the superintendent of The Massachusetts State Police, local chiefs of police and fire chiefs and a representative of the US Marshall Service and Federal Judge Michael Ponsor. The Quaboag Highlanders and American Legion were kind enough to provide personnel to help make this important event a success. We also attended the annual Veterans’ Day Salute at The Granite Valley Middle School in Monson. And the children truly know of the sacrifices our veterans make each and every day to ensure our freedom.

Efforts to serve our veterans will continue into 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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