



"To Honor the Dead - by Serving the Living"

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To: Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chair of Parks, Energy and Environment.

From: Milwaukee County War Memorial Veterans Board of Directors

Subject: Response to Committee on Finance and Audit Dated September 2011

May 15, 2012

Enclosed is the War Memorial Veterans Board of Directors response to the Document from the Milwaukee County Department of Audit, Titled: New Strategies are Needed to Revitalize the War Memorial Center and Fulfill its Dual Mission of Honor Veterans and Promote the Arts.

Regards

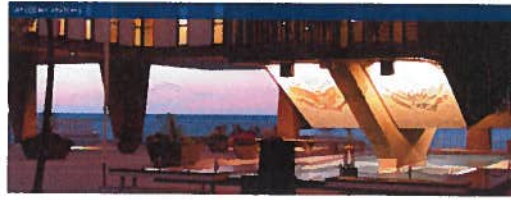
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Chairperson
War Memorial Veterans Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

The Milwaukee County Veterans Board of Directors serves as Guardians of the War Memorial Center. Our mission is to “Honor the Dead by Serving the Living”. We continually strive to preserve, defend, and memorialize all veterans who have served our country and provide support to all our active duty Servicemembers. The Veterans Board of Directors promotes the War Memorial Center as a visible Memorial to our War Dead and pledges support in assuring that it remains a place of honor forever.

Duties & Responsibilities

- ❑ **Advisors to War Memorial Center on Activities, Memorials, Planning, Displays, Veteran Programs, etc.**
- ❑ **Serve on the Milwaukee County Memorial, Inc. Board of Trustees**
- ❑ **Keep alive the pride, valor and courage displayed by men and women in all branches of the Armed Forces.**
- ❑ **Direct and promote Memorial Day Parade and activities.**
- ❑ **Assist and Support Veterans Day Parade.**
- ❑ **Direct and promote Veterans Day Banquet.**
- ❑ **Assist Milwaukee County and all Municipalities on Veteran Affairs.**
- ❑ **Assist City of Milwaukee on Veteran Affairs.**
- ❑ **Assist and Support Volunteer Service at our VA Medical Center**

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Governance

We are proud to be a member of the Memorial Board of Trustees and appreciate working with all of the other entities to promote veteran programming. The quarterly trustee meetings give us a tremendous opportunity to share with all of the issues that veterans face on a daily basis. We are also able to report on important veteran programming throughout Milwaukee County.

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Facility

We are very concerned with the issue of deferred maintenance at the War Memorial Campus. We strongly support the efforts of the War Memorial Board of Directors and the Art Museum Board to work with Milwaukee County to make the necessary repairs so that we have an enhanced memorial that all veterans and citizens of Milwaukee County can be proud of with appreciation for our freedom.

Financial Support

We ask that Milwaukee County to continue with its full financial support of the operations of the War Memorial Center. We recommend that the 0.1% sales tax being collected for Miller Park be continued in Milwaukee County for the purpose of bringing honor and dignity to the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center and to protect, promote and support the arts.

Sincerely,

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