

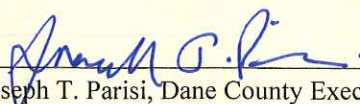
The County of Dane

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Dane County holds its veterans in the highest of esteem and values their service, bravery, sacrifice and dedication to defending our freedoms; and
- WHEREAS,** We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who have served in defense of our country and who placed their lives and wellbeing in harms way while taking time away from their families and careers; and
- WHEREAS,** Veterans have earned and are entitled to a wide array of benefits ranging from health care, job assistance, housing and other supportive services to help them succeed away from military life; and
- WHEREAS,** Veterans deserve support and technical assistance to help them navigate the complex process of applying for and receiving needed benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** The Dane County Veterans Service Office serves a veteran population of approximately 30,000 with a small but talented and dedicated staff; and
- WHEREAS,** The Dane County Veterans Service Office helped veterans and their families acquire more than \$63 million in VA service-connected disability compensation and VA needs-based pension benefits in 2015 alone; and
- WHEREAS,** The Dane County Veterans Service Office conducted more than 4,100 face-to-face interviews in 2016 with veterans and their families to assist in connecting them with disability benefits, as well as VA health care, education and other benefits including 78 who benefited from eviction and utility disconnect prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joseph T. Parisi, Dane County Executive, do hereby proclaim **March 13-17, 2017 as Veteran Service Officer Week** and congratulate the Dane County Veteran Service Office on their **75th Anniversary** and thanks Dan Connery and his impressive staff for their work on behalf of and dedication to the veterans of Dane County.

Signed this 13th day of March, 2017, in the
County of Dane, State of Wisconsin.


Joseph T. Parisi, Dane County Executive

