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February 10, 2021

Dear Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo, and honorable members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

Please find attached the Bureau of Veterans' Services' Annual Report on the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund for SFY 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

During SFY20, the Bureau received \$128,083 from the taxation of table games at Maine casinos and distributed the entirety to D.A.V., the American Legion, and the VFW to fund the transportation of veterans to medical appointments and two Veterans Service Officer positions. Despite revenue shortfalls and reduced face to face interactions with veterans due to Covid-19, these VSO's have filed 1,447 claims on behalf of veterans, resulting in \$5.9 million in benefit awards.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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David Richmond
Director, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

Department of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Management

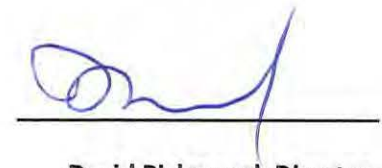
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Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund

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Annual Report

FY2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

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David Richmond, Director

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Revenue received by Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund:

FY	Fund	Approp		CREF#	Accept Date	
2020	014	011073	4,022.25	19070800256	7/8/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	4,051.61	19071500652	7/15/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,100.69	19071901007	7/22/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	4,659.87	19073101586	7/31/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	4,391.68	19080201759	8/2/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	4,304.84	19081202213	8/12/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,757.93	19081602477	8/16/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,262.43	19082302818	8/26/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,871.10	19083003133	8/30/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,295.29	19090603463	9/6/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,563.88	19091603866	9/16/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,352.97	19092304218	9/23/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,463.16	19093004559	9/30/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,059.99	19100704988	10/7/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,750.47	19101505310	10/15/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,536.34	19102105638	10/21/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,890.63	19102505952	10/25/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	4,517.77	19110406383	11/4/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,116.38	19110806696	11/8/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,541.09	19111507007	11/15/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,916.65	19112207334	11/22/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,413.43	19120407791	12/4/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,017.94	19120607944	12/6/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,822.03	19121608384	12/16/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,505.85	19122008682	12/20/2019	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,167.20	20010209090	1/2/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,820.45	20010309211	1/3/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,420.60	20011009634	1/10/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,449.00	20011709964	1/17/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,801.87	20012410268	1/24/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,253.69	20013110659	1/31/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	4,356.60	20021011138	2/10/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,289.17	20021411406	2/14/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,991.58	20022111718	2/21/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,739.67	20022812117	3/3/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	3,617.52	20030612493	3/6/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	2,871.82	20031312865	3/13/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%
2020	014	011073	1,117.92	20032013228	3/20/2020	VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 2%

Total Revenue: 128,083.36

*Maine casinos closed in March due to Covid-19; revenue is from table games

Distributions from the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund for Transportation & Veteran Service Officers:

FY	Fund	Approp		Current Legal Name	Accept Date	
2020	014	011073	15,000.00	DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS	1/31/2020	Transportation for Veterans to Medical Facilities
2020	014	011073	7,099.50	MAINE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS	8/22/2019	Funding to VFW for VSO
2020	014	011073	16,681.00	MAINE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS	10/23/2019	Funding to VFW for VSO
2020	014	011073	20,000.00	MAINE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS	3/12/2020	Funding to VFW for VSO
2020	014	011073	12,761.18	MAINE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS	5/28/2020	Funding to VFW for VSO
			<u>56,541.68</u>			
2020	014	011073	7,099.50	THE AMERICAN LEGION	8/22/2019	Funding to American Legion for VSO
2020	014	011073	16,681.00	THE AMERICAN LEGION	10/23/2019	Funding to American Legion for VSO
2020	014	011073	20,000.00	THE AMERICAN LEGION	3/12/2020	Funding to American Legion for VSO
2020	014	011073	12,761.18	THE AMERICAN LEGION	5/29/2020	Funding to American Legion for VSO
			<u>56,541.68</u>			
Total Distributions:			<u>128,083.36</u>			
Cash Balance On Hand as of 6/30/2020:			<u>-</u>			

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Services Provided by Veteran Service Officers at Veterans Hospital
 FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

Two Veteran Service Officers are Funded by CVAF: C. Ware Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars
 C. Curtis The American Legion

SERVICE	TOTAL	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Office Interviews	1,752	207	221	186	222	154	147	191	265	145	-	-	14
Communications (Phone & Email)	28,015	2,557	2,603	2,684	2,602	2,134	2,072	2,085	2,148	2,414	2,431	2,274	2,011
Claims Filed	1,447	102	124	129	220	139	126	127	134	99	109	87	51
Power of Attorney Filed	439	64	52	47	52	30	24	46	50	27	16	22	9
Appeals Filed	78	10	13	11	5	6	2	8	4	8	6	3	2
Hearings and Conferences (RVSR, DRO, BVA)	65	1	14	4	7	3	12	9	6	5	3	1	-
Benefits Awarded (Disability, Death, Etc.)	635	54	63	62	48	65	55	51	64	59	38	43	33
Benefits Awarded (\$ Dollar Value)	\$ 5,933,425.00	597,557	589,230	532,854	294,101	513,322	481,520	502,148	481,671	843,707	506,351	442,918	148,046