

# Gratiot County

## Department of Veterans Affairs

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August 10, 2010

RE: Appointment of the Gratiot County Veteran's Committee

Gratiot County  
Board of Commissioners  
Ithaca, MI 48847

Dear Commissioners,

Please appoint/re-appoint the following individuals to the Gratiot County Veterans Committee at the earliest opportunity.

#### Re-appointments

Howard Comstock (World War II) (3 year term) (August 1, 2010-July 31, 2013)\*

Fred Hoard (Korean War) (4 year term) (August 1, 2010-July 31, 2014)

\*staggered as required by law

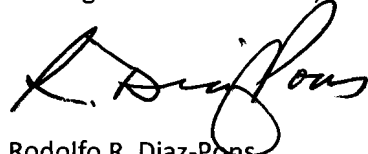
#### New appointment

Kenneth Davis (Vietnam) (4 year term) (August 1, 2010-July 31, 2014)

The need for three appointments at this time, along with staggered terms, arises from my failure to look ahead to the expiration dates of our serving members. All legal requirements have been met (positions posted in the newspaper, veteran's post nominations obtained, rotation dates staggered).

These members, along with Paul Phenix (Gulf War) provide a balanced board with membership from Ithaca, Alma, and St. Louis veteran's posts, along with both American Legion and VFW representation. There was a second applicant for the Vietnam position. However, the committee recommends Mr. Davis in order to avoid having three out of four board members from the same VFW post.

Serving those who served,



Rodolfo R. Diaz-Pons  
Director

Jan 15, 2010

To Whom it Concerns:

I would like to serve on the  
Veterans' Affairs Committee:

I served in the U.S. Navy during  
the Vietnam Era. I believe  
my professional experience and  
military experience would be  
beneficial to this committee.

Respectfully

Ken Davis



# ITHACA V.F.W. POST 7805

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To Rodolfo Diaz-Pons  
Veterans Affairs officer  
Gratiot County, Michigan

Ithaca Michigan  
January 19, 2010

In behalf of VFW Post 7805 of  
Ithaca, it is our pleasure to Nominate  
Kenneth Davis of Ashley, Michigan to serve  
on the Gratiot County Veterans Committee

Mr Davis has excellent Qualifications for  
appointment to the Committee. He is a Navy  
Veteran of the Viet Nam Conflict.

He is a Civil Engineer Graduate of Michigan  
State University and has been employed by the  
State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources  
for over 20 years. He owns property in Gratiot  
County, and in the past, farmed for many years.

Mr Davis is President of the Lions Club of Ashley,  
and is well known and Respected in our Community.

His appointment will bring needed Knowledge and  
Experience to the Committee.

sincerely  
CEO E Bauer-QM

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CEO E. BAUER, ADJUTANT

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 192 of 1953**

**35.621 County department of veterans' affairs; creation; administration; committee; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancies.**

Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners may create a county department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be under the administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans, appointed by the county board of commissioners, who shall be residents of the county and who have served honorably on active duty in the United States armed forces or who served actively in the United States armed forces in a war or received an armed forces campaign or service medal, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans' organization within the county. If an opening on a committee of veterans occurs, the county board of commissioners shall provide notice of that opening to 1 or more newspapers within the county and to veteran service organizations within the county. Not more than 2 members shall be representative of a single war or conflict. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law of this state to the contrary, a member of the board of commissioners of a county shall be eligible for appointment. Members appointed by the board of commissioners shall be appointed for a term of 4 years each. However, the terms for members first appointed shall be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies are scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired terms.

**History:** 1953, Act 192, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953;—Am. 1958, Act 156, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;—Am. 1968, Act 204, Imd. Eff. June 24, 1968;—Am. 1973, Act 153, Imd. Eff. Dec. 6, 1973;—Am. 1996, Act 108, Imd. Eff. Mar. 5, 1996;—Am. 2004, Act 11, Imd. Eff. Feb. 26, 2004

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 192 of 1953**

**35.622 Soldiers' relief commission; abolition, transfer of powers and duties to county department of veterans' affairs.**

Sec. 2. In any county in which the board of supervisors adopts the provisions of this act, section 2 of the act creating the soldiers' relief commission created under the provisions of Act No. 214 of the Public Acts of 1899, as amended, being section 35.22 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, is hereby declared to be inoperative and the powers and duties of commission are hereby transferred to the county department of veterans' affairs created under the provisions of this act, and wherever soldiers' relief commission is used in Act No. 214 of the Public Acts of 1899, as amended, and Act No. 235 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended, being sections 35.801 to 35.804 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, it shall mean the county department of veterans' affairs herein created.

**History:** 1953, Act 192, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953;—Am. 1958, Act 156, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 192 of 1953**

**35.623 Administrative committee of county department; selection of officers, expenses; veterans' service officer, appointment; offices.**

Sec. 3. The committee shall select a chairman and a secretary. The committee is authorized to incur such expense as shall be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act within the budget set up by the board of supervisors. The members of the committee shall be entitled to receive the same per diem and mileage in attending meetings as members of the board of supervisors. The committee shall appoint a veterans' service officer and such other employees as shall be necessary from time to time to carry out the provisions of this act. In the selection of the veterans' service officer hereby authorized, the committee shall consult with and request the assistance of any association or council of organized veterans in such county, and any recommendation from such association or council of veterans as to the personnel to be appointed by said committee under the provisions of this act, while not binding on said committee, shall be given the greatest consideration. The board of supervisors shall furnish, equip and maintain reasonably adequate office facilities for the county department of veterans' affairs.

**History:** 1953, Act 192, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 192 of 1953**

**35.624 County department; powers and duties.**

Sec. 4. The county department of veterans' affairs shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as shall be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act and any and all other benefits to which veterans may be entitled as prescribed by the county department of veterans' affairs. \*

**History:** 1953, Act 192, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953.