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Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs elects new officers

(MADISON) -- The Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs, governing body of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), elected new officers during a February 16 board meeting. Ken Wendt of Sturgeon Bay, former Vice-Chair, was elected to succeed Walter Stenavich as Chair of the Board. Mack Hughes of Milwaukee was elected Vice-Chair, and Peter Moran of Superior was chosen as Secretary. Each will serve a one-year term as an officer.

WDVA Secretary John A. Scocos said, "I'd like to thank outgoing Chair Walter Stenavich, and the outgoing Secretary, Don Heiliger, for their fine service on the Board. The department looks forward to working with the new officers."

Wendt served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56, with a tour of duty in Germany. He is a former employee and owner/manager of Smith and Schartner, Inc. Wendt has served as chair of the Door County Veterans' Service Commission and has been active in the AMVETS organization at the state, district, and local levels. He is currently the chairman of the Hospital and Service Foundation, as he has been since 1981. Wendt also is currently the AMVETS state representative of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.

Hughes is a Vietnam Veteran and continues to serve at the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a retired educator, having served as a teacher in the Milwaukee School District, as a Desegregation Planning Specialist for the City of Milwaukee, and most recently as Principal of Brown Street Academy in Milwaukee for ten years. Hughes has been active with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Alumni Association and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Alliance of Black School Educators. He is a lifetime member of The Reserve Officers Association.

Moran is a Vietnam Veteran and retired at the rank of colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve, with military service from 1964 through 1994. He served as a platoon leader of the 205th Ordnance Platoon in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He has served as a marketing and management instructor at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) in Superior for more than 30 years. He has served on the Superior Common Council and on the Board of Directors of the Superior-Douglas County United Way. Moran is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and The Reserve Officers Association.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs operates a comprehensive array of programs and services for veterans and certain eligible dependents, including loans and grants, the Wisconsin Veterans Homes at King and Union Grove, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Union Grove, and the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Spooner. The Board's seven citizen members are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Wisconsin State Senate.