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**TO: Veterans Service Organizations
County Veterans Service Officers**

SUBJECT: Military Funeral Honors (MFH) Stipend Outage

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that funding has been exhausted for funeral honors reimbursement requests for Fiscal Year 2011. The budget appropriation for reimbursement requests has been fully committed. Accordingly, all requests received after the program funds were fully committed will be returned without payment back to veterans service organizations.

On March 11, 2011, and April 21, 2011, the Department sent correspondence to the Joint Committee on Finance alerting them of the situation and requesting additional funding to forestall the outage (13.10 request). As of May 11, 2011, the Department has not received a response.

It is anticipated that additional budgetary authority for the program will become available at the start of the next fiscal year on July 1, 2011, but only for services provided after June 30, 2011.

Please check our website at <http://www.wisvets.com/FuneralHonors/#Stipend> for future program updates. For more information on WDVA funeral honors program, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask to speak with someone in the Military Funeral Honors Section.