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VETERANS' SERVICES

Pasquale L. Reale
Director

November 15, 1971

Paul Healey
City Clerk

Dear Mr. Healey:

As Director of Veterans' Services, my duties are many and varied. My principal duty is to advise and counsel veterans and their dependents regarding the proper agency to apply to for aid and assistance under Federal, State, and Municipal Laws. Due to the constant increase of returning Vietnam veterans, there is a steady flow of veterans and their dependents seeking assistance through my department on various benefits provided by the enactment of the new G.I. Bill. Some of these benefits include Educational Assistance, Medical Care, Home Loans, and Job Placement and Counseling. With the enactment of the Massachusetts Veterans State Bonus provided for by Chapter 646, Acts of 1968, I have seen approximately 90% of the returning Cambridge veterans and assisted them with their applications.

I also provide assistance with applications for Veterans Administration benefits. These benefits include Service-connected Disabilities, Non-service Pensions and Widow's Pensions. The majority of these applications are taken for W.W.I, W.W. II, and Korean veterans and their dependents. Last year, 136 applications were taken. These applications have been steadily increasing from year to year.

As many Federal benefits tend to change from day to day, I have to keep abreast of current bills before the House and Senate and also any new changes in recently enacted laws. In order to provide beneficial assistance to veterans and their dependents, I attend seminars and meetings of various veterans associations.

I am responsible for the burial of all veterans in the Veterans' Lots of the Cambridge Cemetery. Effective March of 1970, I was given the added responsibility of Welfare burials in the Cambridge Cemetery.

I also administer the headquarters program for veterans organizations supervising the leasing and rental of meeting places for veterans groups. We have 17 veterans organizations in the city; 10 whose quarters are in various municipal buildings and 7 to whom we are supplementing rentals. On occasion, I am called upon to settle disagreements and complaints by the veterans organizations.

As I am responsible for the Memorial Day Program each year, there is much time and effort expended in co-ordinating the Parade and Memorial Day Exercises. In addition to the parade and Memorial Day Exercises, the graves of all deceased veterans in Cambridge cemeteries are decorated with flags and streets and squares named in honor of deceased veterans are also decorated. The decoration of the graves and streets and squares is done under my supervision.

I also have the responsibility of dedicating streets and squares named in honor of deceased veterans. Within the past two years, we have had ten dedications for deceased Vietnam veterans. A considerable quantity of additional time and effort is expended on these dedications in order to achieve a proper tribute.

During 1970, I took over the responsibility of granting special licenses for Tag Days to organizations engaged exclusively in charitable work and also to certain veterans organizations who meet the requirements stated under the General Laws, Chapter 101, Section 33.

I am often called upon at home by veterans and their dependents for assistance in many of their problems. As I have been performing the various duties of my position for the past seven years, and have also increased the responsibilities of my

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position without additional compensation, I feel that I am entitled to an adjustment in my salary. In order to perform these additional responsibilities, I have had to relinquish a great deal of my private time.

If it becomes necessary, I am prepared to present my case to the Finance Committee and the Honorable Body of the City Council.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pasquale L. Reale".

Pasquale L. Reale
Director of Veterans' Services

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COPY: John Corcoran

Communication from Pasquale L. Reale, Director of Veterans' Services, requesting an adjustment in his salary due to additional responsibilities connected with his position

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*Referred to the City
Manager*