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Wayne County Executive Announces Appointment of Veteran's Services Administrator

Detroit, MI – Today, Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans appointed John Gardner, a retired military veteran, as Veteran's Services Administrator. Gardner will begin his duties immediately.

“Mr. Gardner brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Veteran's Services, which will be invaluable as we continue providing services to veterans in Wayne County,” said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

In his new role, Gardner will oversee important Wayne County Veteran's programs such as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund and the Michigan Veteran Trust Fund. These programs, help veterans who are experiencing financial hardships, pay their mortgage, rent or utility bills. Both Funds also help veterans with transportation needs.

Gardner will also oversee the County's Veteran Burial Benefit program which provides qualified veterans or their next of kin with up to \$1000 to go toward burial fees.

Gardner will serve as the County's representative for the Veteran's Community Action Team (V-CAT), which is made up of a consortium of more than 230 groups in Southeast Michigan that provide a wide array of resources to veterans. These resources include but are not limited to access to employment, housing and education opportunities and health care.

As Veterans Services Administrator, Gardner will manage a staff of 6, including 3 full-time veteran counselors, 1 department manager, 1 secretary and 1 community outreach manager.

Gardner retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service in logistics management, computer operations and recruitment. He was most recently the Military Veteran Recruiter and Program Manager at Quicken Loans, where his responsibilities included leading the veteran hiring strategic direction for projects, partnerships, and placements to establish new community partnerships.

“Being a retired military serviceman, I bring a personal understanding of veteran's needs and look forward to serving veterans on behalf of Wayne County,” stated Gardner.

Gardner has been married for 23 years. They have 4 children and live in Brownstown Township.

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