



**FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Franklin County Veterans Memorial
Franklin County
300 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial, Franklin County, Ohio (the Memorial), a component unit of Franklin County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Memorial's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial, Franklin County, Ohio as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Memorial is experiencing certain financial difficulties. Those difficulties and management's plan are discussed in Note 14.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2009 on our consideration of the Memorial's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 31, 2009

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
(UNAUDITED)**

The discussion and analysis of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial's ("the Memorial") financial performance provides an overall review of The Memorial's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at The Memorial's financial performance as a whole; readers are encouraged to consider information presented here as well as the financial statements to enhance their understanding of The Memorial's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net assets decreased \$45,526 from 2007.
- Total operating revenues increased \$245,233 from 2007.
- Total operating expenses increased \$157,897 from 2007.

USING THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

This annual report consists of three parts, the MD&A, financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. The financial statements include a statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and a statement of cash flows.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

This statement reports the Memorial's net assets, however, in evaluating the overall position of the Memorial's non-financial information such as changes in the information presented in the section entitled "Narrative of 2008 Operation and Current Issues" will also need to be evaluated.

Following is a summary of the Memorial's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007:

	2008	2007
Current assets	\$ 126,925	\$ 133,102
Capital assets	178,303	198,608
Total assets	305,228	331,710
Current liabilities	312,851	234,142
Long term liabilities	151,401	211,066
Total liabilities	464,252	445,208
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets	178,303	198,608
Unrestricted Net Assets	(337,327)	(312,106)
Net assets	\$ (159,024)	\$ (113,498)

In 2008, Net Assets decreased by \$45,526.

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ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

The changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Total Operating Revenues	2,491,089	2,245,856
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,533,781</u>	<u>2,375,884</u>
Operating loss	(42,692)	(130,028)
Non Operating Revenues	345	859
Non Operating Expenses	<u>3,179</u>	<u>2,667</u>
Change in net assets	(45,526)	(131,836)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>(113,498)</u>	<u>18,338</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u><u>(159,024)</u></u>	<u><u>(113,498)</u></u>

Total Operating Revenues in 2008 increased by 10.92%. Contributing to the increase in operating revenue was increased events, leasing, price changes, and increased charges for reimbursable services

CAPITAL ASSETS AND CURRENT DEBT

The Memorial has \$178,303 invested in capital assets net of depreciation. There were \$10,432 of additions to equipment, furniture and fixtures, and building improvements for fiscal year 2008. Detailed information regarding capital asset activity is included in the notes to the financial statements (Note 5).

On March 13, 2006, Franklin County, the Primary Government, provided an interest free loan to the Memorial for the purpose of improving the cash balances of the Memorial so that the payroll expenditures could be paid. The balance at December 31, 2008 and the amount of the loan due in 2009 is \$50,000. On July 29, 2008, the Memorial entered into an agreement with Premium Financing Specialists in order to finance annual insurance premiums. The balance due at December 31, 2008 was \$21,614. Loan proceeds received in 2008 were \$64,838. Detailed information regarding debt activity is included in the notes to the financial statements (Note 11).

OPERATING LEASE

On July 20, 1981, by Quit Claim Deed, the Board of Trustees of the Memorial transferred ownership of all real property to the Franklin County Commissioners. This transfer was completed in order to permit the financing of an expansion to the facility. This lease was amended effective August 1, 1996. Detailed information regarding the lease computation is included in the notes to the financial statements (Note 12).

VETERANS MEMORIAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,200
Accounts Receivable	75,152
Prepaid items	50,573
Total Current Assets	126,925
Non-Current Assets:	
Depreciable capital assets, net	178,303
Total Non-current Assets	178,303
Total Assets	\$ 305,228
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 74,261
Accrued Wages	25,178
Intergovernmental Payable	20,961
Short Term Note Payable	21,614
Compensated Absences Payable	31,000
Deferred Revenue	89,837
Due to primary Government	50,000
Total Current Liabilities	312,851
Long-Term Liabilities	
Compensated Absences Payable	151,401
Total Long-Term Liabilities	151,401
Total Liabilities	464,252
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets	178,303
Unrestricted	(337,327)
Total Net Assets	\$ (159,024)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>2008</u>
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 2,491,089
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,491,089</u>
Operating Expenses	
Salaries	\$ 1,286,990
Fringe benefits	349,670
Purchased services	519,755
Materials and supplies	192,378
Repairs and maintenance	91,102
Depreciation	30,738
Other	63,148
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,533,781</u>
Operating Loss	\$ (42,692)
Non-Operating Revenue and Expense	
Interest Receipts	345
Interest Expense	(3,179)
Total Non-Operating Revenue/Expense	<u>(2,834)</u>
Change in Net Assets	(45,526)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>(113,498)</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u>\$ (159,024)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	2008
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 2,479,350
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(1,238,707)
Cash Payments to Employee Benefits	(349,670)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(884,384)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>6,589</u>
 Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities	
Cash Received from short term loan	64,838
Principal paid on short term loan	(69,209)
Interest paid on short term loan	(3,179)
Net Cash Used by Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>(7,550)</u>
 Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(10,432)
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(10,432)</u>
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest Received from Investments	345
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>345</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(11,048)
Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	12,248
Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
 Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	\$ (42,692)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	30,738
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Accounts receivable	(16,383)
Prepaid items	11,511
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable	27,617
Accrued wages	20,801
Compensated absences payable	21,335
Deferred revenue	4,644
Intergovernmental payable	(50,982)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 6,589</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

1. DESCRIPTION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Franklin County Veterans Memorial ("the Memorial") is a non-profit corporation established pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 345. The Board of Trustees has the authority to exercise all the powers and privileges provided under the law. The purpose of the Memorial is to commemorate the services of all members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States. The Memorial serves the citizens of Franklin County by providing facility rental space. It is also a center for activity for veterans meetings and programs. The offices of the Franklin County Veterans Service commission are also located in this facility which is not considered a part of the Memorial.

The Memorial is governed by a board of eleven trustees appointed by the County Commissioners of Franklin County ("the County"). The Board of Trustees shall, at all times, be so constituted that at least seven of its members are honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States, having served in one or more wars in which the United States was a belligerent.

The Memorial is a discretely presented component unit of Franklin County ("the County"), the primary government, in which they are fiscally dependent; however, the County does not control the day to day operations of the Memorial. The Memorial is owned by the County whereby the Board of Trustees leases it under an agreement that extends until 2013. Under the agreement, the Memorial pays the County rent equal to the Memorial's annual net income from operations plus all reserves in excess of \$250,000. In the past three years (2008, 2007 and 2006), there has been no rent paid to the County whereby imposing a financial burden on the County (see Note 12).

The County has issued general obligation bonds to finance renovations and improvements to the Memorial, which is reported on the County's financial statements.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Memorial is financially accountable. The Memorial is financially accountable for an organization if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or is obligated for the debt of the organization. Based upon the application of these criteria, the Memorial has no component units. The Memorial is a component unit of Franklin County.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Memorial have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Memorial also applies all FASB pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989 provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant of the Memorial's accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation

The Memorial's financial statements consist of the statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

The Memorial uses enterprise accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. Enterprise reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. Enterprise accounting is used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus

The enterprise fund is presented using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of changes in net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Memorial finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The Memorial's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Memorial receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the Memorial are maintained in a demand deposit account.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2008 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Certain capital assets (leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment) utilized by the Memorial are reported on the statement of net assets. Land and building (owned by primary government) assets are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets and in the fund financials of the primary government.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. There is no minimum capitalization threshold. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over useful lives ranging from five to twenty-five years. A reconciliation of beginning and ending net balances is included in Note 5.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Memorial does not have a policy to capitalize net interest on enterprise fund construction projects. Any applicable capitalized net interest would be reported on the primary governments' financial statements.

Compensated Absences

The Memorial reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences" as interpreted by Interpretation No. 6 of the GASB, "Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements." Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the statement of net assets.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables and other accrued liabilities are reported on the statement of net assets.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Memorial or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

There are no restricted net assets externally imposed

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from Enterprise activity. For the Memorial, these revenues are charges for services including bookings, parking lot, commissions, rentals, decorating, internet, and electric revenues. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service from Enterprise activity.

Contributions

Transfers between the primary government (the County) and the discretely presented component unit (the Memorial) are reported as expenditures on the County's records and as non-operating revenues on the Memorial's records.

The Memorial received no contributions from Franklin County in 2008.

Loan From Primary Government

Franklin County, the Primary Government loaned money to The Memorial to help their cash balance when needed. This loan was authorized by the County Commissioners and is expected to be repaid in 2009.

The Memorial received \$50,000 in loans from Franklin County in 2006. A description of loans payable is in Note 11.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital arise from outside contributions of capital assets or from outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. The Memorial did not have any contributions of capital during 2008.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the Memorial into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demand on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Memorial treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim monies must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings accounts, including passbook accounts.

The investment and deposit of the Memorial's monies is governed by the provisions of the ORC. In accordance with these statutes, the Memorial is authorized to invest in United States and State of Ohio bonds, notes, and other obligations; bank certificates of deposit; banker acceptances; commercial paper notes rated prime and issued by United States corporations; repurchase agreement secured by United States obligations; and STAROhio. At December 31, 2008, the Memorial only had deposits with financial institutions.

Custodial Credit Risk - is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Memorial's deposits may not be returned. According to state law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit. These institutions may either specifically collateralize individual accounts in lieu of amounts insured by the FDIC, or may pledge a pool of government securities valued at least 105% of the total value of public monies on deposit at the institution. Repurchase agreements must be secured by the specific government securities upon which the repurchase agreements are based. These securities must be obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and mature or be redeemable within 5 years of the date of the related repurchase agreement. State law does not require security for public deposits and investments to be maintained in the Memorial's name. The Memorial complied with the provisions of these statutes.

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3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Memorial's was \$0, exclusive of \$1,200 in cash on hand. The bank balances was \$74,278 of which all was covered by FDIC.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Receivables at December 31, 2008 consisted of billings for user charged services and are shown at their net realizable value. Management believes all receivables are fully collectible; however, any uncollectible amounts are charged to operations during the period in which they are determined to be uncollectible. There was no Bad Debt Expense during the year ending December 31, 2008.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Reconciliation of beginning and ending balances for the year ended December 31, 2008

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Ending Balance
Leasehold Improvements			
Buildings	\$ 782,165	\$ 5,362	\$ 787,527
Leasehold Improvements			
North Hall	20,157	0	20,157
Equipment	1,601,201	5,071	1,606,272
Vehicles	29,619	0	29,619
Furniture and Fixtures	297,659	0	297,659
Cafeteria Equipment	340,497	0	340,497
Subtotal	<u>3,071,298</u>	<u>10,433</u>	<u>3,081,731</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,872,690)</u>	<u>(30,738)</u>	<u>(2,903,428)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 198,608</u>	<u>\$ (20,305)</u>	<u>\$ 178,303</u>

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Memorial is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2008, the Memorial along with the County Commissioners contracted with its agent Defusco & Associates for blanket building and its contents. All other coverages were not combined with the County Commissioners. Settlements did not exceed coverage for each of the last three years. Coverage provided by Defusco & Associates are as follows:

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Replacement Value</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Building and its contents	\$38,460,000	\$5,000
Terrorism limit	Included above	Included above
Business income and extra Expense	1,000,000	24 hours*
Automobile	1,000,000	Deductible varies
Crime (employee, forgery, money inside and outside, and non-compensated Employees)	50,000	500
Boiler and machinery	5,000,000	1,000 – 2,500
Other boiler coverage	25,000 – 1,250,000	24 hours *
General liability	1,000,000 – 2,000,000	No deductible
Umbrella	15,000,000	No deductible

* Policy holder incurs losses for the first 24 hours

The Memorial purchases health, dental and vision coverage for full-time employees through the Franklin County Cooperative Health Benefits Program. The amount owed to the program is included in intergovernmental payable at December 31, 2008. The Memorial is billed by Franklin County on a monthly basis for the cost of health insurance.

7. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

As of December 31, 2008, various employees of the Memorial had elected to participate in the deferred compensation plan offered by the Memorial and administered by the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board. This deferred compensation plan is a defined contribution program under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. All assets and income of the plan must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. As a result, the assets and liabilities of the plan are not reflected in the financial statements of the Memorial.

8. PENSION PLAN

The Memorial participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

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8. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the members of all three plans were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The Memorial's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2008 was 14 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The Memorial's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$285,197, \$270,330 and \$265,574 respectively; 93.4 percent has been contributed for 2008, 2007, and 2006. The remaining amount due of \$10,069 was paid in January 2009 and was reflected as a December 31, 2008 intergovernmental payable.

9. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2008 local government employer contribution rate was 14 percent of covered payroll; 7.00 percent in 2008 for all employees.

Benefits are advance-funded using the individual entry age actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2007, include a rate of return on investments of 6.50 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50 percent and 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care costs were assumed to increase at the projected wage inflation rate plus an additional factor ranging from .50 to 4 percent for the next 7 years. In subsequent year, (8 and beyond) health care costs were assumed to increase at 4 percent (the projected wage inflation rate).

All investments are carried at market value. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually, not to exceed a 12 percent corridor.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 363,503. The number of active contributing participants for both plans used in the December 31, 2007, actuarial valuation was 364,076. Actual employer contributions for 2008 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$66,776. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2007, (the latest information available) were \$12.8 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$29.8 billion and \$17 billion, respectively.

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9. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)

On September 9, 2004 the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. To improve the solvency of the Health Care Fund, OPERS created a separate investment pool for health care assets. Member and employer contribution rates increased as of January 1, 2006, January 1, 2007, and January 1, 2008 which will allow additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

10. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Memorial employees earn vacation leave at various rates ranging from two to five weeks per year based upon years of service. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of three weeks per year. Vacation pay is vested after one year and sick pay is generally vested after eight years of service. Vested vacation and sick leave are recorded as expense when earned. The liability below represents amounts as of December 31, 2008 that was due to employees upon retirement or termination of their employment. Of this amount, \$31,000 is expected to be paid within one year.

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2008:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amount Due Within 1-Year
Compensated Absences	\$ 161,066	\$ 40,895	\$ (19,560)	\$ 182,401	\$ 31,000

11. LOANS AND NOTES PAYABLE

On March 13, 2006, Franklin County, the Primary Government, provided a loan to the Memorial for the purpose of improving the cash balances of the Memorial so that the payroll expenditures could be paid. The loan of \$50,000 is interest free and is expected to be repaid by the Memorial in 2009. The due date was changed from 2008 with no penalty attached.

On July 29, 2008, The Memorial entered into an agreement with Premium Financing Specialists in order to finance annual insurance premiums. The original loan amount was \$64,838.

		Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amount Due Within 1-Year
Primary Gov't Loan	0%	\$ 50,000	\$0	\$0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Insurance Financing (2007)	8.99%	25,984	0	(25,984)	0	0
Insurance Financing (2008)	10%	-	64,838	(43,224)	21,614	21,614
Total		\$ 75,984	\$ 64,838	\$ (69,208)	\$ 71,614	\$ 71,614

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12. OPERATING LEASE

On July 20, 1981, by Quit Claim Deed, the Board of Trustees of the Memorial transferred ownership of all real property to the Franklin County Commissioners. This transfer was completed in order to permit the financing of an expansion to the facility. This lease was amended effective August 1, 1996. The lease, as amended, requires the Board of Trustees to pay the Commissioners annual rent as follows:

The annual net income from operation of the premises plus all reserves over \$250,000 (excess reserves) which will be retained by the Board of Trustees as a capital improvement and repair account. Lease expense is calculated by subtracting liabilities from specifically identified current assets.

There was no amount due for 2008. The computation is as follows:

	<u>2008</u>
Specifically identified assets in excess of liabilities	\$ (337,327)
Reserve amount to be retained	<u>(250,000)</u>
Reserve fund deficit	<u>\$ (587,327)</u>

13. CONCENTRATIONS

The Memorial receives the majority of its revenues from Booking and Parking Lot revenues from events in the Columbus, Ohio area. Although not anticipated, a significant decrease in either of these revenue types could adversely affect the financial position and operations of the facility. In 2008, these two items constituted 51% of operating revenues.

14. MANAGEMENT PLAN/SUBSEQUENT EVENT

For fiscal year 2008, the Memorial had an operating loss of (\$42,692) and negative ending net assets of (\$159,024). Operating losses were (\$130,028) during 2007. Franklin County provided no contributions during 2008.

In order to reduce contributions required of the County to support the Veterans community and strive to operate without a deficit, management has adopted an aggressive business plan that includes a component designed to address what was a previously understated marketing effort. Other elements of the plan include the incorporation of accepted, professional practices and attempts to maximize existing revenue streams (parking, reimbursable charge backs, upscale of catering services, etc.) and identifying new income opportunities (equipment rental charges, advertising/sponsorship possibilities, lease of space opportunities, etc.).

In January 2009, the Memorial received \$258,960 from The Franklin County Veterans Service Commission for 2009 rental service. At March 31, 2009, the Memorial's cash balance was \$204,104.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Franklin County Veterans Memorial
Franklin County
300 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Franklin County Veterans Memorial, Franklin County, Ohio (the Memorial) a component unit of Franklin County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2009, wherein we noted the Memorial was experiencing certain financial difficulties. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Memorial's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Memorial's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Memorial's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Memorial's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Memorial's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Memorial's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the Memorial's management in a separate letter dated March 31, 2009.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Memorial's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the Memorial's management in a separate letter dated March 31, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Board of Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

March 31, 2009

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2007-01	Review of Basic Financial Statements	No	Partially corrected, management letter comment issued for unadjusted differences.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 7, 2009**