Advisory Committee on IT with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC

While still going to school at Moorhead State College, I was approached by student affairs Vice President Robert (Bob) MacLeod. Bob asked me when I planned on graduating and I told him I could at any time. I'd already completed many more credits than needed. Bob told me that the college had applied for a federal grant to hire a person to manage the Veterans' program at the college. He wanted to know if I was interested in applying. So, I scheduled an appointment with him along with Robert Hanson, academic VP and Dean Nelson, Counseling Center director. They offered me the position and I accepted, starting in September 1972. I continued with the duties for Veterans until I retired in 2008. During those years I helped over 20,000 Veterans get their GI Bill education benefits.

In 1997, while serving as IT Director, I was asked to represent the St Louis region (one of four regions) of the VA on a national committee to advise the VA in Washington, DC on the development of an on-line processing of Veterans' student enrollments and verification of attendance. The committee met several times and we developed a plan for the on-line application which was put into place a couple years later. Also serving on the national committee were two members of the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA). They convinced me to join the organization which I did and that story is another link on my page.