

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

101 E Main Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Chair

Dave Streets

Commissioner

Bob Grimes

Commissioner

Randy Kessler

Term Ends

12/31/2025

12/31/2024

12/31/2026

AGENDA

2:00 PM July 1, 2025

The Marshall County Commission of Veterans Affairs will meet in the Veterans Affairs office conference room, 101 E. Main St, Marshalltown, Iowa. The Commission will consider such necessary business as may come before it. Persons having business with the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs must submit a proposed agenda of items in writing to the Marshall County Veterans Affairs office, 101 E Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

Commissioners: Chair Dave Streets, Bob Grimes, Randy Kessler.

Ex-Officio member Board of Supervisor Representative: J Heil.

PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Commission Chair Streets.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion by __, second by __ to approve minutes as presented.
Roll call vote: __. *Document: Regular Meeting of May 6, 2025.* No June minutes, no quorum.
5. Presentation of claims and approval. Motion by __, second by __ to approve claims as presented.
Roll call vote: __. *Document: Year to Date Expenditures.*
6. Veterans Helped Report / stats. – New State of Iowa Report by County, details since Sept 2024.
7. FY 26 IDVA training guidance, 20 CEUs required, up from 16 CEUs.
8. Director's Report.
 - a. Coffee & Camaraderie
 - b. Outreach Activities
 - c. Home Base Iowa update
 - d. Legislative update
 - e. Training, State Reimbursement Program for National CEUs – Reimbursement report for Spring Training (conference, mileage & hotel) was submitted to and accepted by State, check was received.
9. Commissioner's Report.
10. Public comments.
11. Adjourn. Time: __

Kevin Huseboe

Executive Director, Veterans Affairs



OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

MARSHALL COUNTY, IOWA

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Commissioners:
David Streets, Chairman
Bob Grimes
Randy Kessler

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING Regular Meeting – May 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Commissioner Grimes. Also in attendance were Commissioners Randy Kessler, Bob Grimes, Executive Director Kevin Huseboe, County Veterans Service Officer Shari Coughenour, Ex-officio member Board of Supervisor Jarret Heil. Absent: Commissioner Streets.

Roll Call: Present: Grimes, Kessler. Huseboe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kessler moved to approve regular minutes dated April 1, 2025, second by Grimes. Motion carried 2-0.

Kessler moved to approve the claims as presented, second by Grimes. Motion carried 2-0.

Director Report:

1. Coffee & Camaraderie
2. Memorial Day activities – Albion and IVH
3. Home Base Iowa – no new relocation requests.
4. Legislation update: State working on law changes for training, accreditation and PIV cards.
5. Advertisement for new van drivers continues.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm, Motion by Kessler, second by Grimes. Motion carried 2-0. Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huseboe, Executive Director

*The Mission of the Marshall County Veteran Affairs
Commission is to assist all Veterans of Marshall County
and other veterans with their VA Disability Claims*

VETERAN AFFAIRS - VETERANS SERVED REPORTS FILED

<u>New Veterans Added</u>	<u>2025 Totals</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>MARSHALL</u>	51	7	7	13	8	10	6						
<u>BLACK HAWK</u>	1			1									
<u>BUTLER</u>	0												
<u>CERRO GORDO</u>	0												
<u>GRUNDY</u>	0												
<u>HAMILTON</u>	0												
<u>HARDIN</u>	1	1											
<u>JASPER</u>	2	1	1										
<u>KOSSUTH</u>	0												
<u>LINN</u>	0												
<u>MAHASKA</u>	0												
<u>MARION</u>	0												
<u>MUSCATINE</u>	0												
<u>POLK</u>	0												
<u>POTTAWATTAMIE</u>	0												
<u>POWESHIEK</u>	1	1											
<u>STORY</u>	4	3					1						
<u>TAMA</u>	9		4	3	1	1							
<u>OTHER STATES</u>	1					1							
Year Totals		13	12	17	9	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>New Vets Other States</u>	<u>2025 Totals</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>IOWA</u>	51	13	12	17	9								
<u>COLORADO</u>	0												
<u>IDAHO</u>	0												
<u>FLORIDA</u>	1					1							
	0												
	0												
	0												
	0												
	0												
	0												
TOTAL		13	12	17	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VETERAN AFFAIRS - VETERANS SERVED REPORTS FILED

<u>Reports Filed</u>	<u>2025 Totals</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>10-10 EZ</u>	22	2	2	3	3	5	7						
<u>107959c</u>	1						1						
<u>20-0995</u>	64	11	17	16	11	9							
<u>20-0996</u>	13	4	5	1	2	1							
<u>20-10207</u>	13	5	1	1	1	2	3						
<u>21-0781</u>	23	3	4	4	2	5	5						
<u>21-0845</u>	24	5	5	5	1	3	5						
<u>21-0966</u>	118	23	19	23	11	24	18						
<u>21-0972</u>	9	3	2			1	3						
<u>21-10210</u>	2			2									
<u>21-22</u>	155	28	32	24	12	35	24						
<u>21-4138</u>	181	26	31	30	27	36	31						
<u>21-4142</u>	110	20	20	15	14	20	21						
<u>21-4142a</u>	116	19	23	18	13	21	22						
<u>21-526EZ</u>	111	22	21	17	12	22	17						
<u>21-601</u>	1	1	0										
<u>21-674</u>	1						1						
<u>21-686c</u>	20	3	3	1	3	4	6						
<u>21-8416</u>	5	0	4				1						
<u>21-8940</u>	2	0	1		1								
<u>21P-0847</u>	1				1								
<u>21P-0969</u>	3	2	1										
<u>21P-527EZ</u>	3	1	1	1									
<u>21P-530EZ</u>	0												
<u>21P-534EZ</u>	7	3	1		1		2						
<u>SF-180</u>	2	0	0			2							
TOTAL		181	193	161	115	190	167	0	0	0	0	0	0

KEY	
10-10 EZ Application for Health Benefits	21-526EZ Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits
10-10 EZR Health Benefits Renewal	21-601 Application for Accrued Amounts Due A Deceased Beneficiary
10-10HS Request for Hardship Determination	21-686c Dependents, Add or Remove
20-0995 Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim	21-8416 Medical Expense Report - Nursing Home, Home Care
20-0996 Decision Review Request: Higher-Level Review	21-8940 Application for Increased Compensation Unemployability
20-10207 Priority Processing due to qualifying circumstances or status	21P-0969 Income & Asset Statement In Support Of Claim For Pension
21-0781 Statement in Support of Claim for PTSD	21P-527 Income-Net Worth and Employment Statement
21-0845 Third Party disclosure PII	21P-527EZ Application for Pension
21-0966 Intent to File a Claim	21P-530EZ Application for Burial Benefits
21-0972 File for VA to accept Durable Power of Attorney	21P-534a Application For Dependency And Indemnity Compensation By A Surviving Spouse Or Child - In-Service Death
21-10210 Lay/Witness Statement	21P-534EZ Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits
21-22 Appointment of Veterans Service	SF180 NARA Records Request
21-4138 Statement in Support of Claim	107959c - CHAMP VA other health insurance
21-4142, 4142a Private Medical Request	21-674 - Request for Approval School Attendance (High School) 18+

STAKEHOLDER SUMMARY - Nearby Counties / Like Population 30-50k

County	YEARMONTH	TOTAL CT	TOTAL GROSS	DIFF FROM SEPT 2024	
				DIFF COUNT	DIFF GROSS
Grundy	Population	12,329			
	2024-09	219	363,422	0	0
	2024-10	215	359,568	-4	-3,854
	2024-11	216	359,496	-3	-3,926
	2024-12	216	373,065	-3	9,643
	2025-01	215	377,924	-4	14,502
	2025-02	219	387,620	0	24,198
	2025-03	220	388,466	1	25,044
	2025-04	223	392,226	4	28,804
	2025-05	227	400,636	8	37,214
Hardin	Population	16,878			
	2024-09	338	518,580	0	0
	2024-10	342	527,245	4	8,665
	2024-11	338	520,147	0	1,567
	2024-12	339	528,089	1	9,509
	2025-01	339	532,081	1	13,501
	2025-02	340	536,193	2	17,613
	2025-03	347	545,543	9	26,963
	2025-04	348	558,537	10	39,957
	2025-05	351	574,799	13	56,219
Jasper	Population	37,813			
	2024-09	785	1,242,466	0	0
	2024-10	788	1,264,248	3	21,782
	2024-11	788	1,272,547	3	30,081
	2024-12	787	1,309,662	2	67,196
	2025-01	797	1,324,407	12	81,941
	2025-02	801	1,338,418	16	95,952
	2025-03	803	1,340,860	18	98,394
	2025-04	806	1,354,281	21	111,815
	2025-05	807	1,360,789	22	118,323
Marshall	Population	40,105			
	2024-09	852	1,360,074	0	0
	2024-10	856	1,369,651	4	9,577
	2024-11	863	1,409,834	11	49,760
	2024-12	862	1,452,022	10	91,948
	2025-01	860	1,437,871	8	77,797
	2025-02	861	1,447,852	9	87,778
	2025-03	872	1,467,771	20	107,697
	2025-04	884	1,495,351	32	135,277
	2025-05	883	1,494,852	31	134,778

County	YEARMONTH	DIFF FROM SEPT 2024			
		TOTAL CT	TOTAL GROSS	DIFF COUNT	DIFF GROSS
Poweshiek	Population	18,662			
	2024-09	313	536,436	0	0
	2024-10	320	548,680	7	12,244
	2024-11	320	560,371	7	23,935
	2024-12	318	571,316	5	34,880
	2025-01	321	583,503	8	47,067
	2025-02	324	589,703	11	53,267
	2025-03	324	583,580	11	47,144
	2025-04	327	594,875	14	58,439
	2025-05	328	597,857	15	61,421
Story	Population	98,537			
	2024-09	1192	1,921,813	0	0
	2024-10	1199	1,942,921	7	21,108
	2024-11	1198	1,957,579	6	35,766
	2024-12	1206	2,017,460	14	95,647
	2025-01	1212	2,048,376	20	126,563
	2025-02	1211	2,058,628	19	136,815
	2025-03	1205	2,042,921	13	121,108
	2025-04	1213	2,065,247	21	143,434
	2025-05	1223	2,087,220	31	165,407
Tama	Population	17,135			
	2024-09	292	505,701	0	0
	2024-10	295	517,952	3	12,251
	2024-11	292	512,808	0	7,107
	2024-12	293	532,895	1	27,194
	2025-01	292	532,877	0	27,176
	2025-02	294	539,919	2	34,218
	2025-03	297	547,888	5	42,187
	2025-04	298	552,635	6	46,934
	2025-05	298	547,089	6	41,388
Cerro Gordo	Population	43,127			
	2024-09	1009	1,523,155	0	0
	2024-10	1011	1,524,026	2	871
	2024-11	1008	1,528,499	-1	5,344
	2024-12	1005	1,565,930	-4	42,775
	2025-01	1003	1,575,106	-6	51,951
	2025-02	998	1,557,728	-11	34,573
	2025-03	994	1,569,426	-15	46,271
	2025-04	1004	1,596,075	-5	72,920
	2025-05	1008	1,610,067	-1	86,912

County	YEARMONTH			DIFF FROM SEPT 2024	
		TOTAL CT	TOTAL GROSS	DIFF COUNT	DIFF GROSS
Clinton	Population	46,460			
	2024-09	833	1,448,512	0	0
	2024-10	829	1,444,104	-4	-4,408
	2024-11	829	1,446,343	-4	-2,169
	2024-12	827	1,487,318	-6	38,806
	2025-01	831	1,503,748	-2	55,236
	2025-02	835	1,517,681	2	69,169
	2025-03	843	1,533,964	10	85,452
	2025-04	842	1,547,945	9	99,433
	2025-05	853	1,578,251	20	129,739
Des Moines	Population	38,910			
	2024-09	687	1,265,162	0	0
	2024-10	691	1,289,614	4	24,452
	2024-11	697	1,316,565	10	51,403
	2024-12	701	1,354,738	14	89,576
	2025-01	701	1,363,019	14	97,857
	2025-02	703	1,376,072	16	110,910
	2025-03	699	1,370,021	12	104,859
	2025-04	698	1,359,864	11	94,702
	2025-05	703	1,381,305	16	116,143
Lee	Population	33,555			
	2024-09	630	1,112,543	0	0
	2024-10	629	1,117,264	-1	4,721
	2024-11	639	1,140,927	9	28,384
	2024-12	644	1,186,629	14	74,086
	2025-01	647	1,190,833	17	78,290
	2025-02	652	1,204,740	22	92,197
	2025-03	656	1,223,557	26	111,014
	2025-04	657	1,234,753	27	122,210
	2025-05	656	1,236,730	26	124,187
Marion	Population	33,414			
	2024-09	716	1,226,161	0	0
	2024-10	721	1,242,887	5	16,726
	2024-11	715	1,247,491	-1	21,330
	2024-12	713	1,277,055	-3	50,894
	2025-01	711	1,282,478	-5	56,317
	2025-02	714	1,298,096	-2	71,935
	2025-03	708	1,296,961	-8	70,800
	2025-04	700	1,276,782	-16	50,621
	2025-05	708	1,292,853	-8	66,692

County	YEARMONTH			DIFF FROM SEPT 2024	
		TOTAL CT	TOTAL GROSS	DIFF COUNT	DIFF GROSS
Muscatine	Population	43,235			
	2024-09	627	1,087,938	0	0
	2024-10	634	1,098,506	7	10,568
	2024-11	639	1,110,820	12	22,882
	2024-12	639	1,150,079	12	62,141
	2025-01	643	1,157,043	16	69,105
	2025-02	650	1,157,967	23	70,029
	2025-03	650	1,167,292	23	79,354
	2025-04	654	1,189,454	27	101,516
	2025-05	663	1,220,958	36	133,020
Sioux	Population	35,872			
	2024-09	374	602,659	0	0
	2024-10	376	602,003	2	-656
	2024-11	380	622,745	6	20,086
	2024-12	384	657,299	10	54,640
	2025-01	388	664,314	14	61,655
	2025-02	389	671,197	15	68,538
	2025-03	396	679,899	22	77,240
	2025-04	399	681,173	25	78,514
	2025-05	406	704,215	32	101,556
Wapello	Population	35,437			
	2024-09	558	958,614	0	0
	2024-10	559	966,560	1	7,946
	2024-11	561	981,481	3	22,867
	2024-12	563	1,005,853	5	47,239
	2025-01	564	1,014,847	6	56,233
	2025-02	558	1,003,011	0	44,397
	2025-03	559	1,014,854	1	56,240
	2025-04	560	1,022,941	2	64,327
	2025-05	558	1,014,847	0	56,233
Webster	Population	36,999			
	2024-09	770	1,109,325	0	0
	2024-10	767	1,120,046	-3	10,721
	2024-11	771	1,135,717	1	26,392
	2024-12	768	1,169,408	-2	60,083
	2025-01	767	1,168,736	-3	59,411
	2025-02	769	1,180,817	-1	71,492
	2025-03	770	1,195,020	0	85,695
	2025-04	775	1,218,834	5	109,509
	2025-05	787	1,245,104	17	135,779

2025-05_Stakeholder Detail

COUNTY	YEAR-MONTH	LIVE COUNT	LIVE GROSS	PENSION COUNT	PENSION GROSS	SURVIVOR CT	SURVIVOR GROSS	DIC CT	DIC GROSS	TOTAL CT	TOTAL GROSS
Grundy	2024-09	180	305,844	5	4,831	7	5,036	27	47,711	219	363,422
Grundy	2024-10	178	304,346	5	4,831	6	4,635	26	45,756	215	359,568
Grundy	2024-11	179	304,275	5	4,831	6	4,635	26	45,756	216	359,496
Grundy	2024-12	179	316,508	5	4,948	6	4,709	26	46,900	216	373,065
Grundy	2025-01	177	319,305	5	4,948	6	4,709	27	48,962	215	377,924
Grundy	2025-02	180	326,643	6	7,306	6	4,709	27	48,962	219	387,620
Grundy	2025-03	182	328,479	5	6,454	7	6,224	26	47,309	220	388,466
Grundy	2025-04	185	332,236	5	6,454	7	6,227	26	47,309	223	392,226
Grundy	2025-05	188	338,993	5	6,454	7	6,227	27	48,962	227	400,636
Hardin	2024-09	296	459,952	10	13,063	7	3,328	25	42,237	338	518,580
Hardin	2024-10	297	466,638	10	11,398	8	3,747	27	45,462	342	527,245
Hardin	2024-11	294	459,959	10	11,398	7	3,328	27	45,462	338	520,147
Hardin	2024-12	295	466,534	10	11,590	7	3,366	27	46,599	339	528,089
Hardin	2025-01	294	467,550	10	12,913	7	3,366	28	48,252	339	532,081
Hardin	2025-02	297	472,232	9	12,433	6	3,276	28	48,252	340	536,193
Hardin	2025-03	299	477,027	11	12,983	7	3,975	30	51,558	347	545,543
Hardin	2025-04	301	487,939	11	15,150	6	3,890	30	51,558	348	558,537
Hardin	2025-05	304	500,442	12	19,608	5	3,191	30	51,558	351	574,799
Jasper	2024-09	721	1,148,276	12	14,807	9	6,512	43	72,871	785	1,242,466
Jasper	2024-10	723	1,168,445	12	14,807	9	6,512	44	74,484	788	1,264,248
Jasper	2024-11	722	1,176,829	11	13,428	10	6,593	45	75,697	788	1,272,547
Jasper	2024-12	721	1,211,216	12	14,220	9	6,637	45	77,590	787	1,309,662
Jasper	2025-01	731	1,225,961	12	14,220	9	6,637	45	77,590	797	1,324,407
Jasper	2025-02	733	1,238,051	12	14,220	10	6,905	46	79,243	801	1,338,418
Jasper	2025-03	736	1,242,155	12	14,220	10	6,895	45	77,590	803	1,340,860
Jasper	2025-04	738	1,253,926	11	11,862	10	6,895	47	81,598	806	1,354,281
Jasper	2025-05	739	1,259,388	11	11,862	9	6,834	48	82,705	807	1,360,789
Marshall	2024-09	674	1,067,413	112	198,342	30	32,799	36	61,521	852	1,360,074
Marshall	2024-10	678	1,076,835	113	199,974	29	31,321	36	61,521	856	1,369,651
Marshall	2024-11	687	1,113,792	112	205,372	28	29,149	36	61,521	863	1,409,834
Marshall	2024-12	685	1,145,285	113	213,937	28	29,741	36	63,059	862	1,452,022
Marshall	2025-01	690	1,144,351	107	202,822	28	29,292	35	61,406	860	1,437,871
Marshall	2025-02	693	1,158,491	105	199,551	28	28,404	35	61,406	861	1,447,852
Marshall	2025-03	703	1,176,000	104	198,882	28	28,177	37	64,712	872	1,467,771
Marshall	2025-04	714	1,202,650	103	196,287	30	32,112	37	64,302	884	1,495,351
Marshall	2025-05	713	1,203,786	101	193,346	32	33,418	37	64,302	883	1,494,852

2025-05_Stakeholder Detail

COUNTY	YEAR-MONTH	LIVE COUNT	LIVE GROSS	PENSION COUNT	PENSION GROSS	SURVIVOR CT	SURVIVOR GROSS	DIC CT	DIC GROSS	TOTAL CT	TOTAL GROSS
Poweshiek	2024-09	281	489,324	6	6,802	3	1,105	23	39,205	313	536,436
Poweshiek	2024-10	287	501,478	6	6,802	4	1,195	23	39,205	320	548,680
Poweshiek	2024-11	287	513,169	6	6,802	4	1,195	23	39,205	320	560,371
Poweshiek	2024-12	285	522,980	6	6,956	4	1,195	23	40,185	318	571,316
Poweshiek	2025-01	289	535,257	5	6,866	4	1,195	23	40,185	321	583,503
Poweshiek	2025-02	291	539,804	5	6,866	4	1,195	24	41,838	324	589,703
Poweshiek	2025-03	291	534,386	4	4,508	4	1,195	25	43,491	324	583,580
Poweshiek	2025-04	295	546,605	4	4,508	3	270	25	43,491	327	594,875
Poweshiek	2025-05	296	549,626	4	4,470	3	270	25	43,491	328	597,857
Story	2024-09	1096	1,783,725	10	10,378	15	11,671	71	116,040	1192	1,921,813
Story	2024-10	1103	1,804,588	10	10,378	16	12,596	70	115,359	1199	1,942,921
Story	2024-11	1103	1,819,336	10	10,378	15	12,506	70	115,359	1198	1,957,579
Story	2024-12	1110	1,873,547	10	10,630	15	13,387	71	119,896	1206	2,017,460
Story	2025-01	1115	1,902,847	10	10,630	15	13,409	72	121,490	1212	2,048,376
Story	2025-02	1111	1,907,460	11	12,988	15	12,623	74	125,557	1211	2,058,628
Story	2025-03	1104	1,890,938	10	10,630	14	12,533	77	128,820	1205	2,042,921
Story	2025-04	1111	1,911,274	10	10,630	14	12,519	78	130,824	1213	2,065,247
Story	2025-05	1120	1,933,415	10	10,630	15	12,703	78	130,473	1223	2,087,220
Tama	2024-09	257	454,585	4	2,552	4	2,702	27	45,862	292	505,701
Tama	2024-10	260	465,314	3	2,462	4	2,702	28	47,475	295	517,952
Tama	2024-11	258	461,163	2	1,126	4	2,702	28	47,817	292	512,808
Tama	2024-12	259	479,980	2	1,152	4	2,750	28	49,013	293	532,895
Tama	2025-01	258	479,963	2	1,152	4	2,750	28	49,013	292	532,877
Tama	2025-02	260	487,004	2	1,152	4	2,750	28	49,013	294	539,919
Tama	2025-03	262	494,883	2	1,152	5	2,840	28	49,013	297	547,888
Tama	2025-04	262	497,273	3	3,510	5	2,840	28	49,013	298	552,635
Tama	2025-05	262	491,727	3	3,510	5	2,840	28	49,013	298	547,089

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Subject: FY 26 Training Requirements
Attachments: IDVA FY 2026 CVSO Training Requirements.pdf

ALCON - on behalf of Commandant Jacobus, I am pleased to share with you all the FY 26 Training Requirements that will begin July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Please read the entire document so there is shared understanding on what IDVA is providing for the counties and what the county veteran service officers need to plan for the upcoming training year. We feel confident that these requirements and the training that will be provided throughout the year by both IDVA and the association as well as opportunities within the national service organizations will met by all and will continue to strengthen the Veteran Service Officer Corps in providing a quality service to our Veterans.

There will be some follow on Memorandums for Record that will outline different department processes to help aid the CVSOs.

Please provide a copy of this memorandum to your County Commissioners and Boards of Supervisors.

If you have any questions I ask that you work through your district presidents and up through the leadership of the association and between the department and Joella Perry we will work through the questions and provide the appropriate responses.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO ALL of this email.

Thank you all for your service and dedication to our Veterans!

Respectfully,
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TO: County Veteran Service Officers and Commissioners
FROM: Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
DATE: May 29, 2025

SUBJECT: FY 26 Training Requirements

1. Passage of House File 250 enabled the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) to determine training and qualification requirements for County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) per Iowa Code 35B.6. In the past, accreditation was only authorized through the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO). The new legislation enables the Department to provide a list of organizations from which CVSOs can choose to complete the accreditation requirement. This change provides a greater variety of training options and furthers efforts to improve training and delivery of services to Iowa Veterans.
2. County Commissioners of Veterans Affairs and CVSOs must be in compliance with all provisions of Iowa Code 35B.6 and submit required documentation to IDVA NLT 30 days after training completion. By June 30, IDVA will send an annual certificate and training documentation requirements list to each CVSO for the following year.
3. CVSOs must perform all of the following during FY26. Newly assigned CVSOs have one year from date of hire to complete these requirements.
 - a. Successfully complete 20 hours of continuing education sponsored by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs or at least 20 continuing education hours from one or more of the organizations from the following list. In-person training with a variety of national organizations and utilization of the special \$3,000 allocation for this purpose is highly encouraged.
 1. American Legion
 2. AMVETS
 3. Disabled American Veterans
 4. National Association of County Veterans Service Officers
 5. National Veterans Legal Services Program
 6. Veterans of Foreign Wars
 7. Vietnam Veterans of America
 - b. Maintain cross-accreditation with at least three organizations from the list in “a” above. A CVSO may have other accreditations, but must have at least three from the listed organizations.
 - c. Maintain a United States Department of Veterans Affairs Personal Identification Verification Card.
4. In FY 26, IDVA will increase no cost support to newly-hired CVSOs in order to get them fully trained and qualified sooner. Please contact our office to request this assistance.

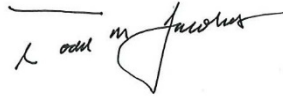
5. IDVA will assist in cross-accrediting CVSOs. Please forward your certificates of training and completed VA Form 21 to John Ralls, State Veteran Services Officer at john.ralls@iowa.gov.

6. CVSOs with subject matter expertise are encouraged to contact IDVA for opportunities to instruct at Department training to share best practices and make training as interactive and informative as possible. POC is Ben Dales, Veterans Benefits Specialist, ben.dales@iowa.gov or 641-854-1683.

7. These updated requirements will ensure that Iowa CVSOs are fully-trained, certified, and capable of delivering the very best in terms of expertise, support, advice, and counsel, and that every Veteran in Iowa – regardless of location – gets that same quality of service.

8. The point of contact for this letter is Gavin Sandvig, Bureau Chief, gavin.sandvig@iowa.gov or (641) 758-5318. We are grateful to work with an outstanding team statewide and work together to support Iowa Veterans.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Jacobus", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Jacobus
Commandant

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