

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

101 E Main Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Chair

Dave Streets

Commissioner

Bob Grimes

Commissioner

Herschel Edwards

Term Ends

12/31/2028

12/31/2027

12/31/2029

AGENDA

2:00 PM June 2, 2026

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. Proposed agenda items must be submitted in writing to the Marshall County Veterans Affairs office, 101 E Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

Commissioners: Chair Dave Streets, Bob Grimes, Herschel Edwards.

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

PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Commission Chair Streets. Time: ____
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion by ___, second by ___ to approve minutes as presented.
Roll call vote: ___. *Documents: Regular Meeting of 5/5/2026.*
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. *Document: Stats for prior month, State Stakeholder Report summary.*
7. State of Iowa Commission letter from Commandant re: Training Requirements for CVSO
8. Receipt of State Legislative Actions Summary report re: Veterans
9. RAGBRAI planning
10. Director's Report.
 - a. Coffee & Camaraderie
 - b. Outreach Activities
 - c. Home Base Iowa update
 - d. Legislative update
11. Commissioner's Report.
12. Public comments.
13. Adjourn. Time: ____

Kevin Huseboe

Executive Director, Veterans Affairs



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Commissioners:
David Streets, Chairman
Bob Grimes
Herschel Edwards

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING Regular Meeting – May 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Chairman Streets. Also in attendance were Commissioners David Streets, Bob Grimes, Herschel Edwards, Executive Director Kevin Huseboe, County Veterans Service Officer Shari Coughenour, Ex Officio Supervisor Jarret Heil. Streets led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Streets, Grimes, Edwards, Heil.

Streets moved to approve regular minutes dated April 7, 2026, second by Edwards. Motion carried 3-0.

Edwards moved to approve the claims as presented, second by Grimes. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the following reports

- a. Budget / expenses through last month's financial report.
- b. Number of Veterans helped, by county and what type of reports were filed to the Veterans Affairs on behalf of the Veterans.
- c. New report from the State IDVA, lists by county number of veterans/survivors receiving VA monies. Discussion of the Stakeholder Report, showing 743 veterans receiving "Live Compensation" with an average of \$1907/month. Total monthly Federal VA April Compensation to veterans in Marshall County is \$1,729,055.

The Commission discussed Memorial Day Celebration planning, including Quilts of Valor recipients. The ceremony will begin at 2:30. Street closure has been handled.

Director Report:

1. Coffee & Camaraderie meets on 1st Tuesday morning.
2. Outreach Activities – planning for the 250th year
 - a. RAGBRAI activity – the BOS has approved to use a portion of the grounds near the VA Memorial for community-wide veteran support, Herschel Edwards is running point and working with committee representatives. We will discuss further at the next Commission meeting. Need tents and chairs.
 - b. RAGBRAI Veteran Flag Pole installation. A group of veterans are looking for Veterans in our area to honor with new Flag Poles.
3. Advertisements for new van drivers continue.

Commissioner Report:

1. Commissioner Edwards is working with the RAGBRAI committee. Rotary is working with RAGBRAI veterans to honor veterans with flag installations.
2. Commissioner Streets is working through VHA scheduling issues.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm, Motion by Edwards, second by Grimes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Huseboe".

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*

STAKEHOLDER REPORT
MARSHALL COUNTY

YEAR	Live Compensation		Live Pension		Survivor Pension		DIC		Grand Total		Month +/-	LIVE COMPENSATION Diff +/- from Jan 2021		
Month	Count	Gross	Count	Gross	Count	Gross	Count	Gross	Count	Gross		Count	Gross	
2021-01	522	\$ 595,125	174	\$ 293,650	56	\$ 61,403	30	\$ 44,170	782	\$ 994,349	\$ -	-	\$ -	RUN SUM JAN 2021 TOTALS
2021-02	523	\$ 595,398	174	\$ 297,296	53	\$ 59,244	30	\$ 44,170	780	\$ 996,108	1,759	1	\$ 273	\$ 1,990,457
2021-03	521	\$ 593,987	173	\$ 295,084	54	\$ 61,062	31	\$ 45,816	779	\$ 995,949	(159)	(1)	\$ (1,138)	\$ 2,986,406
2021-04	517	\$ 583,258	169	\$ 286,053	52	\$ 58,753	31	\$ 45,864	769	\$ 973,928	(22,021)	(5)	\$ (11,867)	\$ 3,960,334
2021-05	523	\$ 597,982	169	\$ 283,783	49	\$ 55,734	30	\$ 44,555	771	\$ 982,054	8,126	1	\$ 2,857	\$ 4,942,388
2021-06	521	\$ 597,654	168	\$ 282,231	45	\$ 50,944	30	\$ 44,555	764	\$ 975,384	(6,670)	(1)	\$ 2,529	\$ 5,917,772
2021-07	524	\$ 597,617	166	\$ 279,720	45	\$ 51,302	30	\$ 44,891	765	\$ 973,530	(1,854)	2	\$ 2,492	\$ 6,891,302
2021-08	528	\$ 609,621	166	\$ 283,505	44	\$ 50,058	30	\$ 44,891	768	\$ 988,075	14,545	6	\$ 14,496	\$ 7,879,377
2021-09	530	\$ 610,693	162	\$ 274,083	43	\$ 47,660	31	\$ 46,249	766	\$ 978,684	(9,391)	8	\$ 15,568	\$ 8,858,061
2021-10	529	\$ 615,566	161	\$ 270,606	43	\$ 47,460	33	\$ 48,964	766	\$ 982,596	3,912	7	\$ 20,441	\$ 9,840,657
2021-11	532	\$ 622,301	157	\$ 265,949	44	\$ 48,494	33	\$ 48,964	766	\$ 985,708	3,112	10	\$ 27,176	\$ 10,826,365
2021-12	520	\$ 652,943	156	\$ 277,063	44	\$ 51,036	34	\$ 53,290	754	\$ 1,034,332	48,624	(2)	\$ 57,818	\$ 11,860,697
2022-01	523	\$ 654,192	154	\$ 270,707	44	\$ 51,036	34	\$ 53,290	755	\$ 1,029,226	(5,106)	1	\$ 59,067	RUN SUM JAN 2022 TOTALS
2022-02	524	\$ 660,671	149	\$ 260,837	43	\$ 49,284	34	\$ 53,815	750	\$ 1,024,607	(4,619)	2	\$ 65,546	\$ 2,053,833
2022-03	525	\$ 673,022	146	\$ 256,838	40	\$ 45,319	34	\$ 53,815	745	\$ 1,028,994	4,387	3	\$ 77,897	\$ 3,082,827
2022-04	524	\$ 672,867	145	\$ 252,907	41	\$ 45,409	35	\$ 55,608	745	\$ 1,026,792	(2,202)	2	\$ 77,742	\$ 4,109,619
2022-05	531	\$ 685,342	141	\$ 245,479	41	\$ 42,953	35	\$ 55,252	748	\$ 1,029,026	2,234	9	\$ 90,217	\$ 5,138,645
2022-06	537	\$ 692,914	139	\$ 241,273	42	\$ 44,248	35	\$ 55,252	753	\$ 1,033,687	4,661	15	\$ 97,789	\$ 6,172,332
2022-07	537	\$ 681,985	143	\$ 245,731	41	\$ 41,702	34	\$ 53,153	755	\$ 1,022,571	(11,116)	15	\$ 86,860	\$ 7,194,903
2022-08	540	\$ 683,652	143	\$ 241,154	42	\$ 42,940	34	\$ 53,153	759	\$ 1,020,899	(1,672)	18	\$ 88,527	\$ 8,215,802
2022-09	540	\$ 681,665	142	\$ 239,469	44	\$ 46,070	34	\$ 53,153	760	\$ 1,020,357	(542)	18	\$ 86,540	\$ 9,236,159
2022-10	543	\$ 684,911	141	\$ 236,980	45	\$ 48,181	34	\$ 53,153	763	\$ 1,023,225	2,868	21	\$ 89,786	\$ 10,259,384
2022-11	549	\$ 692,035	146	\$ 244,622	47	\$ 48,785	33	\$ 51,716	775	\$ 1,037,157	13,932	27	\$ 96,910	\$ 11,296,541
2022-12	553	\$ 751,603	141	\$ 254,029	48	\$ 53,345	34	\$ 57,778	776	\$ 1,116,754	79,597	31	\$ 156,478	\$ 12,413,295
2023-01	551	\$ 757,703	139	\$ 249,090	49	\$ 53,209	34	\$ 57,778	773	\$ 1,117,779	1,025	29	\$ 162,578	RUN SUM JAN 2023 TOTALS
2023-02	558	\$ 766,316	140	\$ 251,544	47	\$ 50,828	32	\$ 53,933	777	\$ 1,122,621	4,842	36	\$ 171,191	\$ 2,240,400
2023-03	566	\$ 771,305	139	\$ 249,840	45	\$ 47,964	32	\$ 53,933	782	\$ 1,123,042	421	44	\$ 176,180	\$ 3,363,442
2023-04	571	\$ 777,981	138	\$ 247,682	43	\$ 46,970	32	\$ 53,546	784	\$ 1,126,179	3,137	49	\$ 182,856	\$ 4,489,621
2023-05	568	\$ 777,588	136	\$ 241,548	43	\$ 47,337	32	\$ 53,546	779	\$ 1,120,019	(6,160)	46	\$ 182,463	\$ 5,609,640
2023-06	574	\$ 787,951	134	\$ 236,920	41	\$ 45,160	32	\$ 53,546	781	\$ 1,123,577	3,558	52	\$ 192,826	\$ 6,733,217
2023-07	573	\$ 781,123	135	\$ 240,725	41	\$ 45,626	32	\$ 53,546	781	\$ 1,121,021	(2,556)	51	\$ 185,998	\$ 7,854,238
2023-08	578	\$ 791,986	135	\$ 240,950	40	\$ 44,730	33	\$ 55,109	786	\$ 1,132,775	11,754	56	\$ 196,861	\$ 8,987,013
2023-09	584	\$ 792,326	135	\$ 239,172	40	\$ 45,680	32	\$ 53,546	791	\$ 1,130,724	(2,051)	62	\$ 197,201	\$ 10,117,737
2023-10	585	\$ 800,171	130	\$ 232,907	38	\$ 44,331	32	\$ 53,546	785	\$ 1,130,955	231	63	\$ 205,046	\$ 11,248,692
2023-11	589	\$ 809,072	129	\$ 230,385	39	\$ 44,856	32	\$ 53,546	789	\$ 1,137,859	6,904	67	\$ 213,947	\$ 12,386,551
2023-12	596	\$ 860,271	127	\$ 234,214	38	\$ 44,710	32	\$ 55,260	793	\$ 1,194,455	56,596	74	\$ 265,146	\$ 13,581,006

STAKEHOLDER REPORT
MARSHALL COUNTY

YEAR	Live Compensation		Live Pension		Survivor Pension		DIC		Grand Total		Month +/-	LIVE COMPENSATION Diff +/- from Jan 2021		
2024-01	601	\$ 881,565	127	\$ 227,237	38	\$ 44,710	34	\$ 58,485	800	\$ 1,211,997	\$ 17,542	79	\$ 286,440	RUN SUM JAN 2024 TOTALS
2024-02	607	\$ 900,355	125	\$ 228,466	39	\$ 40,720	35	\$ 60,098	806	\$ 1,229,638	\$ 17,641	85	\$ 305,230	\$ 2,441,635
2024-03	610	\$ 913,628	127	\$ 221,668	35	\$ 41,290	35	\$ 60,098	807	\$ 1,236,684	\$ 7,046	88	\$ 318,503	\$ 3,678,319
2024-04	628	\$ 945,650	118	\$ 215,439	34	\$ 39,812	35	\$ 60,098	815	\$ 1,260,999	\$ 24,315	106	\$ 350,525	\$ 4,939,318
2024-05	637	\$ 961,180	117	\$ 213,493	33	\$ 38,334	36	\$ 61,521	823	\$ 1,274,528	\$ 13,529	115	\$ 366,055	\$ 6,213,846
2024-06	650	\$ 996,401	117	\$ 215,698	33	\$ 37,624	36	\$ 61,521	836	\$ 1,311,244	\$ 36,716	128	\$ 401,276	\$ 7,525,090
2024-07	658	\$ 1,022,134	112	\$ 205,011	31	\$ 34,668	36	\$ 61,863	837	\$ 1,323,676	\$ 12,432	136	\$ 427,009	\$ 8,848,766
2024-08	663	\$ 1,036,224	113	\$ 204,870	30	\$ 34,187	37	\$ 63,476	843	\$ 1,338,757	\$ 15,081	141	\$ 441,099	\$ 10,187,523
2024-09	674	\$ 1,067,413	112	\$ 198,342	30	\$ 32,799	36	\$ 61,521	852	\$ 1,360,074	\$ 21,317	152	\$ 472,288	\$ 11,547,597
2024-10	678	\$ 1,076,835	113	\$ 199,974	29	\$ 31,321	36	\$ 61,521	856	\$ 1,369,651	\$ 9,577	156	\$ 481,710	\$ 12,917,248
2024-11	687	\$ 1,113,792	112	\$ 205,372	28	\$ 29,149	36	\$ 61,521	863	\$ 1,409,834	\$ 40,183	165	\$ 518,667	\$ 14,327,082
2024-12	685	\$ 1,145,285	113	\$ 213,937	28	\$ 29,741	36	\$ 63,059	862	\$ 1,452,022	\$ 42,188	163	\$ 550,160	\$ 15,779,104
2025-01	690	\$ 1,144,351	107	\$ 202,822	28	\$ 29,292	35	\$ 61,406	860	\$ 1,437,871	\$ (14,151)	168	\$ 549,226	RUN SUM JAN 2025 TOTALS
2025-02	693	\$ 1,158,491	105	\$ 199,551	28	\$ 28,404	35	\$ 61,406	861	\$ 1,447,852	\$ 9,981	171	\$ 563,366	\$ 2,885,723
2025-03	703	\$ 1,176,000	104	\$ 198,882	28	\$ 28,177	37	\$ 64,712	872	\$ 1,467,771	\$ 19,919	181	\$ 580,875	\$ 4,353,494
2025-04	714	\$ 1,202,650	103	\$ 196,287	30	\$ 32,112	37	\$ 64,302	884	\$ 1,495,351	\$ 27,580	192	\$ 607,525	\$ 5,848,845
2025-05	713	\$ 1,203,786	101	\$ 193,346	32	\$ 33,418	37	\$ 64,302	883	\$ 1,494,852	\$ (499)	191	\$ 608,661	\$ 7,343,697
2025-06	715	\$ 1,232,468	101	\$ 194,874	32	\$ 33,418	37	\$ 64,302	885	\$ 1,525,062	\$ 30,210	193	\$ 637,343	\$ 8,868,759
2025-07	717	\$ 1,253,351	106	\$ 204,496	30	\$ 30,388	37	\$ 64,302	890	\$ 1,552,537	\$ 27,475	195	\$ 658,226	\$ 10,421,296
2025-08	720	\$ 1,259,174	107	\$ 205,123	29	\$ 28,864	38	\$ 66,365	894	\$ 1,559,525	\$ 6,988	198	\$ 664,049	\$ 11,980,821
2025-09	721	\$ 1,267,047	107	\$ 203,312	31	\$ 30,883	41	\$ 71,734	900	\$ 1,572,975	\$ 13,450	199	\$ 671,922	\$ 13,553,796
2025-10	720	\$ 1,260,461	110	\$ 208,628	30	\$ 30,829	43	\$ 75,040	903	\$ 1,574,957	\$ 1,982	198	\$ 665,336	\$ 15,128,753
2025-11	725	\$ 1,287,922	108	\$ 204,387	30	\$ 30,829	43	\$ 74,279	906	\$ 1,597,417	\$ 22,460	203	\$ 692,797	\$ 16,726,170
2025-12	738	\$ 1,375,814	102	\$ 197,521	31	\$ 32,023	41	\$ 72,961	912	\$ 1,678,319	\$ 80,902	216	\$ 780,689	\$ 18,404,489
2026-01	736	\$ 1,390,557	103	\$ 198,112	33	\$ 34,100	42	\$ 74,660	914	\$ 1,697,429	\$ 19,110	214	\$ 795,432	RUN SUM JAN 2026 TOTALS
2026-02	743	\$ 1,412,349	102	\$ 199,925	29	\$ 30,736	42	\$ 74,660	916	\$ 1,717,670	\$ 20,241	221	\$ 817,224	\$ 3,415,099
2026-03	746	\$ 1,423,073	100	\$ 199,147	28	\$ 30,475	43	\$ 76,359	917	\$ 1,729,055	\$ 11,385	224	\$ 827,948	\$ 3,446,725
2026-04	747	\$ 1,423,250	99	\$ 196,473	27	\$ 28,938	45	\$ 80,119	918	\$ 1,728,780	\$ (275)	225	\$ 828,125	\$ 3,457,835

MARSHALL COUNTY - VETERANS SERVED REPORTS FILED

<u>New Veterans Added</u>	<u>2026 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>
MARSHALL	29	7	6	6	6	4							
BLACK HAWK	1	1											
BUTLER	0												
CERRO GORDO	0												
GRUNDY	0												
HAMILTON	0												
HARDIN	0												
IOWA	1				1								
JASPER	0												
KOSSUTH	0												
LINN	0												
MAHASKA	0												
MARION	0												
MUSCATINE	0												
POLK	4		1	1	1	1							
POTTAWATTAMIE	0												
POWESHIEK	0												
STORY	2				1	1							
TAMA	1	1											
OTHER STATES	0												
Month Total		9	7	7	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>New Vets Other States</u>	<u>2026 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>
IOWA	38	9	7	7	9	6							
COLORADO	0												
IDAHO	0												
FLORIDA	0												
	0												
	0												
	0												
	0												
	0												
Month Total		9	7	7	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MARSHALL COUNTY - VETERANS SERVED REPORTS FILED

Reports Filed	2026 Totals	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
10-0103	0												
10-10 D	4				2	2							
10-10 EZ	13	1	3	2	5	2							
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20-0995	59	15	12	18	12	2							
20-0996	3		2	1									
20-10207	9	2	2	2	1	2							
21-0781	18	1	4	4	6	3							
21-0845	12	1	4	2	2	3							
21-0966	70	11	17	16	15	11							
21-0972	4		2			2							
21-10210	0												
21-22	102	17	22	20	25	18							
21-2680	3	1	1	1									
21-4138	110	30	17	21	20	22							
21-4142	93	27	16	22	16	12							
21-4142a	91	26	16	23	14	12							
21-526EZ	78	22	17	14	10	15							
21-601	0												
21-674/21-674b	0												
21-686c	6			2	2	2							
21-8416	1					1							
21-8940	0												
21P-0847	4		1	1	1	1							
21P-0969	5	1	1	2		1							
21P-527EZ	8	3	2	3									
21P-530EZ	2		1	1									
21P-534EZ	7	1		3	1	2							
26-1880	0												
26-4555	0												
5655	0												
9 Appeal Form	0												
SF-180	0												
TOTAL		160	140	161	134	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

KEY

10-0103 VETERANS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE In Acquiring Home Improvements and Structural Alterations	21-674 - Request for Approval School Attendance (High School 18+) or 21-674b (College)
10-10 EZ Application for Health Benefits	21-686c Dependents, Add or Remove
10-10 EZR Health Benefits Renewal	21-8416 Medical Expense Report - Nursing Home, Home Care
10-10HS Request for Hardship Determination	21-8940 Application for Increased Compensation Unemployability
20-0995 Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim	21P-0847 Request for Substitution of Claimant Upon Death of Claimant
20-0996 Decision Review Request: Higher-Level Review	21P-0969 Income & Asset Statement In Support Of Claim For Pension Or Parents' Dependency And Indemnity C
20-10207 Priority Processing due to qualifying circumstances or status	21P-527 Income-Net Worth and Employment Statement
21-0781 Statement in Support of Claim for PTSD	21P-527EZ Application for Pension
21-0845 Third Party disclosure PII	21P-530EZ Application for Burial Benefits
21-0966 Intent to File a Claim	21P-534a Application For Dependency And Indemnity Compensation By A Surviving Spouse Or Child - In-Service Death Only
21-0972 File for VA to accept Durable Power of Attorney	21P-534EZ Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits
21-10210 Lay/Witness Statement	26-1880 Request for A Certificate of Eligibility - Home Loan Guaranty
21-22 Appointment of Veterans Service Organization	26-4555 Veteran's Application for Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant
21-4138 Statement in Support of Claim	5655 Financial Status Report
21-4142, 4142a Private Medical Request	VA FORM 9 - Appeal To Board of Veterans' Appeals
21-526EZ Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits	SF180 NARA Records Request
21-601 Application for Accrued Amounts Due A Deceased Beneficiary	*107959c - CHAMP VA other health insurance - no longer able to file, requires online submit with applicant account



Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs County Veteran Service Officer Education and Accreditation Policy

References: 38 CFR 14.629; Iowa Code §35B.6; Iowa Administrative Code 801.7(2)

1. Purpose The purpose of this policy is to ensure that effective training is provided to County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO), County Veterans Service Officers in Training (CVSO-iT), and office staff members.

2. Accreditation

a. Primary Accreditation CVSOs will maintain primary accreditation with a national service organization. CVSOs will submit a VA form 21 to the department for additional primary accreditation with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. IDVA will review and submit all VA form 21s to the VA Office of General Counsel for approval/disapproval.

b. Cross Accreditation CVSOs are required to apply for cross accreditation with veterans' organizations representing Iowa veterans at the Des Moines Veterans Affairs Regional Office and provide the department with a copy of the application.

c. System Access Per Iowa Code, Executive Directors and Administrators are required to obtain and maintain a PIV Card for access to VA computer programs (e.g., Outlook, SHARE, VBMS, Teams, etc.). It is highly encouraged that all CVSOs obtain and maintain a PIV Card.

3. Accreditation Recertification CVSOs are required to complete IDVA accreditation recertification annually. Recertification testing is conducted at the IDVA annual CVSO school and on the last day of the new service officer school.

a. Examination Requirements:

- (1) The exam is open book and consists of 50 questions.
- (2) The exam period is two hours.
- (3) The purpose of the exam is a check on learning.

b. National Service Organization Annual Training Certificates of Annual Training from a National Service Organization will be accepted in lieu of recertification testing.

4. County Veterans Service Officers-in-Training (CVSO-iT) County Commissions of Veterans Affairs must notify IDVA in writing within **one week of hire** that an employee has been hired or promoted to CVSO-iT and provide the employee's contact information. All CVSO-iT are required to complete VA TRiPs training, complete new CVSO school and comply with the requirements in paragraph 2 and 3 above within one year of hire. It is recommended that all CVSO-iT complete TRiPs training and apply for VA PIV card within one month of hire.

5. Education and training requirements CVSOs and CVSO-iTs must annually complete 20 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the attached course listing provided by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs and/or sponsored by a National Service Organization.

6. Training Waivers Education waivers are the exception and can only be approved by the IDVA Commandant. Waiver requests must be on letterhead and signed by the chair of the county commission of veterans' affairs.

7. INQUIRIES Please contact the IDVA Benefits Bureau Chief, Gavin Sandvig, at (515) 727-3444 with questions or concerns regarding this policy. Correspondence related to this policy should be sent to:
iowaveteransbenefits@iowa.gov

8. EFFECTIVE DATE This policy is effective for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Todd Jacobus
Commandant/Director
Iowa Department Veterans Affairs

May 29, 2026

Date

To maintain accreditation with IDVA, a minimum of 20 continuing education unit's (CEU) is required. The following list displays Ethics (mandatory), Primary (mandatory), Supplementary, and State Resources topics that are available for CVSOs to train on annually. Credit for topics trained, require a certificate and agenda (if attending state or national training).

Ethics – Minimum of 1 hour (mandatory)

Primary Topics – Minimum 6 hours (recommended)

- Claim Development of a Compensation Claim (526EZ)
- Pension Claim and Non-Service Connection (NSC) (527EZ)
 - Income and Assets Statements (0969) with Medical Expense Report (8416)
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation and Survivors Pension Claim (534EZ)
 - Accrued Benefits (Also 0969 and 8416)
- Direct Conditions
 - Presumptive, ERA driven, Exposures
- Supporting Documents and Statements
 - Medical Evidence Release (4142)
 - Adding Spouses at 30% (686c)
 - Authorization to Disclose Personal Information (0845)
 - Dependents: In School, or attending college (674)
 - Supporting Buddy Statements (10182)
 - Mental Health, Triggers (0781)

Supplementary Topics – Minimum of 9 hours (recommended)

- Special Monthly Compensation & Special Adaptive Housing (26-4555)
- Rating Increases, Temporary Total Disability Rating (526EZ)
- Permanent and Total Disability and Individual Unemployability (TDIU)
- Special Monthly Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) (2680)
- Request for Nursing Home with claim for A&A (0779)
- Supplemental Claims (0995)
- Secondary Conditions
 - TERA Reports
- Auto/Clothing Allowances (21-4502)
- Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)
- Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) (Chapter 31)
- Resources and References for Mental Health
- Debt Management
- Homelessness
- Death Certificates
- Discharges and Upgrades
- Healthcare/CHAMPVA
- Resources and References – 38 CFR, M21, NVLSP Single Subject Training, etc

State Resources – Minimum of 4 hours

- Iowa Workforce Development – Transition Assistance
- Secretary of State – Veterans for Voting
- State Treasurer
- DOT
- DNR
- Iowa Finance Authority/Property Tax Exemptions
- Iowa State Association of Counties
- Auditors Office
- Iowa Veterans Trust Fund

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Signed into law

HF 2491:

Requires Regent institutions to waive all tuition and mandatory fees for veterans with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100% and who applies and is admitted to the institution. All other federal and state sources of assistance must first be exhausted.

Eligible for Governor's Signature

SF 93:

Allows members of the National Guard or reserve component that do not meet the definition of veteran per Iowa Code 35.1 to serve on county commissions of veterans affairs.

SF 2471:

Sets the fee for a lifetime fur harvester license at \$5 for Iowa residents who served on federal active duty and were disabled during military service.

HF 2782: IDVA budget bill

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1          DIVISION I
2          DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS — FY 2026-2027
3      Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. There is
4      appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
5      department of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning
6      July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
7      or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
8      designated:
9      1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION
10     For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
11     purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
12     equivalent positions:
13     ..... $ 1,369,205
14     ..... FTEs 15.00
15     2. IOWA VETERANS HOME
16     For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
17     purposes:
18     ..... $ 8,145,736
19     a. The Iowa veterans home billings involving the department
20     of health and human services shall be submitted to the
21     department on at least a monthly basis.
22     b. The Iowa veterans home expenditure report shall be
23     submitted monthly to the general assembly.
24     3. HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
25     For transfer to the Iowa finance authority for the
26     continuation of the home ownership assistance program for
27     persons who are or were eligible members of the armed forces
28     of the United States or eligible service members pursuant to
29     section 16.54:
30     ..... $ 2,200,000
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IDVA Department Bills

SF 2466 (Governor's Bill): Passed Senate (with amendment that increases Iowa Veterans Trust Fund balance from \$50 to \$75 million); **Passed House Appropriations Committee** (with Governor's amendment that maintains \$10K county funding and funds incentive pool with \$250K from Iowa Lottery transfer to Veterans Trust Fund.

Creates a County Veteran Services Excellence Fund and Training Program and Administration Account to positively impact Iowa's 44th national ranking in receipt of annual per capita federal VA veterans compensation by incentivizing counties based on performance. Would also increase IDVA training support to county VSOs, procure a common claims software, and bring greater consistency and transparency in the delivery of these benefits. Reallocates existing \$300,000 appropriation currently distributed to counties by IDVA to achieve these objectives.

Other Bills

House:

HR 101: Adopted by House

A resolution honoring Staff Sergeant William Nathaniel Howard, Staff Sergeant Edgar Brian Torres-Tovar, and their families.

HR 103: Adopted by House

A resolution calling on Congress to support efforts to issue an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or similar recognition of having served in an area of hostility, to all United States troops who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992.

HR 106: Adopted by House

A resolution calling on Congress to pass the Major Richard Starr Act

HR 114: Adopted by House

A resolution honoring the Iowans who were killed in or survived the attack on the USS Indianapolis on July 30, 1945.

HF 175: Passed House, passed Senate Veterans Committee

Expands existing definition of 'qualified military veteran' for undergraduate in-state tuition and fees at Regent institutions and community colleges by referencing the Iowa Code 35.1 definition and also including surviving spouses and children.

HF 779: Passed House, passed Senate Veterans Committee

Expands eligibility for 'National Guard' plates to Iowa National Guard members that have been honorably discharged, regardless of the number of years of service. Fees for the plates would be deposited into the Veterans License Fee Fund and be available for distribution by the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs.

HF 2761: Passed House

Authorizes a Gold Star spouse, child, parent, or sibling to have the designation "Gold Star Family" on their driver's license or ID card.

HF 1000: Passed House

Establishes a veteran service organization grant program administered by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs with an initial appropriation of \$250,000.

Senate:

SR 101: Adopted by Senate

A resolution honoring Staff Sergeant William Nathaniel Howard, Staff Sergeant Edgar Brian Torres-Tovar, and their families.

SF 2186: Passed Senate, Passed House Veterans Affairs Committee

This bill allows for a servicemember parent who is unable to exercise court-ordered physical care or visitation due to a deployment of 30 days or less to make up that time 30 days immediately prior to or after the deployment.

SF 2472: Passed Senate

Changes the military property tax exemption for assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2026 to not exceed the lesser of two percent of the taxable value of the property or \$14,000, but not less than \$5,000.

Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs

2026 Legislative Initiatives

In order to continue the programs that support Iowa veterans and their families, we support the protection of the financial integrity of the following agencies and programs:

- Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
- Iowa Veterans Home
- Iowa Veterans Cemetery
- Military Home Ownership Program
- Iowa Veterans Trust Fund
- County Allocation Funds
- Injured Veteran Grant Program
- Veterans License Fee Fund

TOP PRIORITIES

1. **Property Tax Relief:** We fully support Disabled Veterans rated 10% through 90% having their **property taxes offset** by the percentage of their United States Department of Veteran Affairs Disability Compensation Rating.
2. **Protecting Veteran VA Benefits:** We strongly oppose any legislation that will in any way **diminish VA benefits paid to Iowa veterans** by modifying Iowa Code 546B to allow for-profit 'claim sharks' to operate in the state.
3. **CVSO Excellence:** We fully support legislation that **encourages efficiencies, innovation, incentivization of high performance, and increased minimum hours** in the county veteran service officer system.
4. **Support Veteran Service Organizations:** We fully support proposals for **partial grants** to help maintain Veteran Service Organization officers and services currently co-located in downtown Des Moines.
5. **Iowa Veterans Trust Fund Modernization:** We fully support revisions to Iowa Code that would raise the terminal balance of the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund from \$50 to \$75 million and continue the annual \$500,000 transfer from the Iowa Lottery **that supports the Commission's efforts to assist Iowa veterans in need.**

AWARENESS ISSUES:

- A) We support any legislation that will improve **Mental Health** support and **Suicide Prevention** for our veterans, their families, and all Iowans.
- B) We support legislation that supports the needs of **homeless and under-served veterans.**
- C) We support legislation to establish and expand **Veterans Treatment Courts.**
- D) We support legislation that would establish a **Green Alert system.**
- E) We support legislation to align Iowa Code with Federal Code regarding the timing and manner of display of the **National League of POW/MIA families' flag** on all State of Iowa properties

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SF 2466 County Veterans Services Excellence Program Legislation

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) believes that county veteran service officers (CVSO) provide a vital and much needed service and Iowa veterans will benefit greatly with passage of this legislation. The proposed County Veterans Services Excellence Program is **state budget neutral**.

As of federal FY24, the most current Veterans Administration data available*, **Iowa ranks 44 of 53 states and territories** in per capita annual veteran compensation at \$6,205. Additionally, in terms of per capita compensation only six Iowa counties are above the national average and seven are above the national median.

The **Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs** lists encouraging efficiencies, innovation, and incentivizing high performance of CVSOs as a **top five 2026 legislative priority**. **As amended by the Senate**, SF 2466 also adjusts the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund for inflation by increasing the balance from \$50 to \$75 million through continued annual transfers from the Iowa Lottery. This is also a **top five 2026 legislative priority** of the **Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs**.

The **Iowa National Guard**, **Veterans of Foreign Wars**, and **Disabled American Veterans-Iowa** have all filed in favor of this bill.

Payments to Iowa veterans total \$1.104 billion annually and represent a significant economic impact to the state. However, only 52,000 Iowa veterans currently receive benefits (29%). A comparison with peer states shows there is an urgent need to act:

	Total State Veteran Population	Annual VA Compensation Paid to Veterans/Survivors (000's)	Veteran Per Capita	Ranking
Arkansas	201,272	\$ 1,868,805	\$ 9,285	13
Nebraska	116,961	\$ 970,742	\$ 8,300	22
South Dakota	62,433	\$ 481,996	\$ 7,720	30
Minnesota	285,734	\$ 1,713,051	\$ 6,559	38
Iowa	177,922	\$ 1,103,980	\$ 6,205	44

An increase of just 10% of current compensation levels is a \$110 million annual boost of federal dollars into the state, resulting in a per capita of \$6,825 with Iowa ranking 37th nationally, just ahead of Minnesota but still well behind several other peers. This is a very achievable goal and should be aggressively pursued.

As amended by the House, counties would retain the current annual \$990K County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund standing appropriation. Additionally, \$250K from the annual Iowa Lottery transfer to the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund would be used to incentivize counties to effectively increase veteran outreach and efficiency in the application for individual federal veteran compensation.

- Beginning in FY28, directs IDVA to incent counties based on performance criteria determined by the department. Counties must increase the annual amount of benefits distributed by 5% to qualify.
- IDVA would write rules to comply with the legislation.
- **Population neutral:** Based on per-capita receipt of compensation and fair to counties of all sizes.

Reallocates existing \$300K County Commission of Veterans Affairs Training Program transfer from the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund to the IDVA Training Fund.

- IDVA will purchase VA claims submission software and provide it to counties at no cost.
- All counties would be trained in and required to use this software, which many already use.
- IDVA would have statewide claim visibility and performance metrics, which it would share with county commissions and boards of supervisors.
- Seamless transfer of claims between CVSOs and elimination of paper claims.
- IDVA would add an education coordinator to expand upon the training that IDVA already provides on a year-round basis and allow for more one-on-one training, particularly with newly-hired CVSOs.

*[Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures \(GDX\) Report - National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics](#)