



Veterans Affairs February Commissioner Meeting

Mission Statement



“Assist Veterans and their Dependents
needs to which they are Entitled”

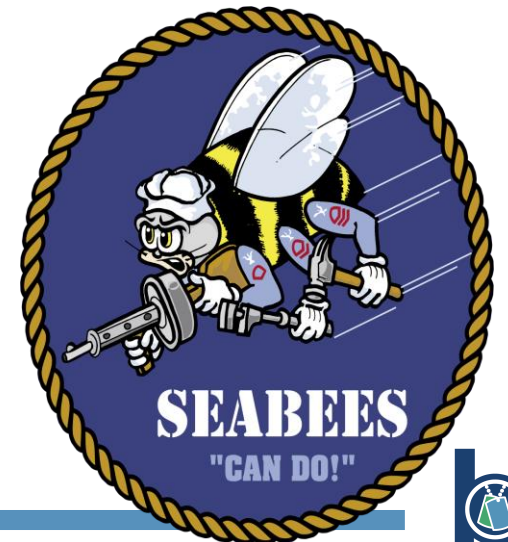
February 6, 2025

In Memory of Navy Vietnam Veteran Ronald Kirkland 1947 - 2024

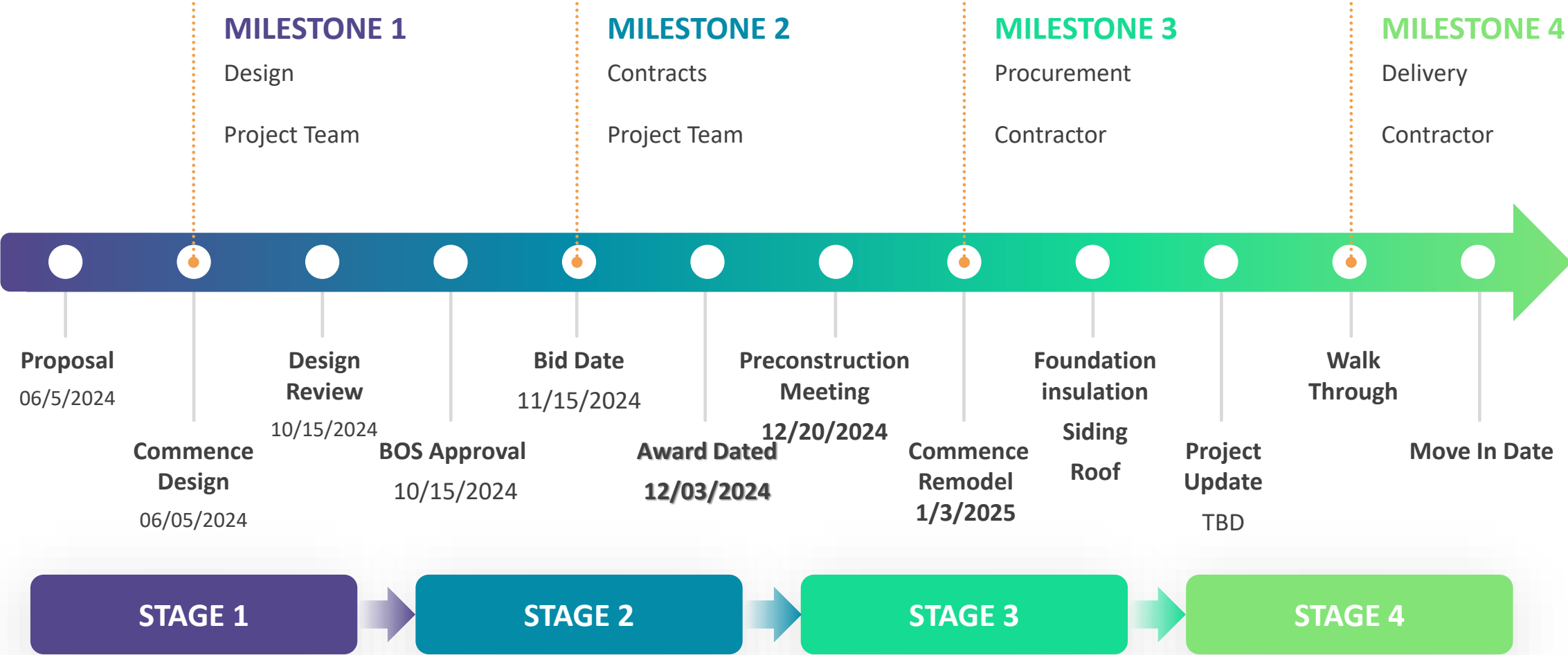
Ronald Ray Kirkland, 77, of Evansdale, died after struggling with the ravages of agent orange on Monday, December 30, 2024. He was born in Waterloo on November 18, 1947, the son of Edward and Norma Hurst Kirkland. Ron graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1965 and entered the US Navy where he was a proud Seabee. He completed two tours of Vietnam. Ron was a master plumber, retiring from plumbing in 2015. He married Jolene McNelly Smith on October 19, 1990, in Dubuque. Ron was the proud father of daughters Kerri and Kami.

Ron was a man of faith who believed in God, Family and Country. He was a proud member of AMVETS Post 49 where he served as Post Commander and with the AMVETS Riders. The Post was his second home. He was a Vietnam Veteran who continued to serve in many capacities of AMVETS at the local, district, and state levels including as District Commander for Eastern Iowa and was currently serving as AMVETS State Commander since April 2024. He was instrumental in coordinating the University of Northern Iowa ROTC activities with the AMVETS. Ron was also a loving, caring man who enjoyed being a husband, father and grandfather. He was a man's man and was the real deal. Even through the pain of his illness, Ron always found the positive in everything and could make anyone smile. He simply was never angry. Ron was a Harley Davidson enthusiast and a lover of golf.

Awards: Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960-), National Defense Service Medal.



Veterans Affairs Relocation PROJECT TIMELINE





January Production



Veterans and Surviving Spouses received the following retro amounts:

Monthly Total: **\$111,111.62 Federal dollars paid to BHC Veterans and Surviving Spouses in November.**

Michelle's Clients Retro	\$23,298.00
Stacy's Clients Retro	\$58,018.44
Director's Clients Retro	\$29,795.18

Previous six-month grand total:
\$1,259,143.91 (The office is making a
impact to the veteran community)

Outreach is very important

Donations

Ramps	\$400.00
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MONTHLY STATISTICS	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	AVG. 3rd QTR	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025	AVG. 4th QTR
Total # Veterans Served on Initial Visit	137							
# Veterans Served on Return Visits	21							
Office Visits - Service Work	90							
Office Visits - Relief	22							
Office Visits - Other	42							
Home Visits	5							
Incoming phone calls								
New Veterans	15							
Walk-Ins	79							
Female Veterans	10							
Van Rides	17							
Applications Completed								
Service-Connected Disability	30							
Pension/DIC (Survivors & Veterans)	13							
Health Care	18							
Burial/Grave Markers	3							
College/Education	1							
Appeals	9							
Veterans Home Applications	0							
Trust Fund Applications								
Food Pantry	16							
Relief Applications	8							
All other Federal Forms								
PTSD/MST Claims	3							
Military Service Periods:								
World War II	6							
Korean War	5							
Vietnam War	63							
Persian Gulf War	23							
Post-9/11	20							
Peacetime	20							
Non-veterans / NG, Res	0							
Waterloo/BHC Veterans	71							
Cedar Falls Veterans	31							
Other Iowa Counties Veterans	14							

Additional Veterans Stats for January

Other Cities within Black Hawk

Elk Run	03
Hudson	01
Evansdale	06
Dunkerton	04
Dewar	01
LaPorte City	01

Army	71
Marine Corp	18
Navy	28
Air Force	15
Space Force	00
Coast Guard	00
Non-Veteran	05

Other Counties

Grundy	03
Franklin	01
Clayton	01
Bremer	03
Tama	01
Chickasaw	01
Buchanan	01
Butler	01
Fayette	01



Des Moines RO Disability Compensation Report FY 25 - IOWA																				
December		Combined		Total Awards		Total Benefits		Total Benefits		Average		New Awards		New Awards		New Awards		New Awards		Termination
		Disability		Month		Month		FYTD		Payment Month		Month		FYTD		Benefits Month		Benefits FYTD	Month	
		0%		76		\$9,443.00		\$27,579.00		\$124.25		1		2		\$136.06		\$268.80	0	
		10%		10,469		\$1,849,727.00		\$5,461,926.00		\$176.69		90		303		\$15,931.96		\$52,802.17	24	
		20%		3,909		\$1,379,228.00		\$4,070,442.00		\$352.83		29		86		\$10,333.67		\$29,760.34	10	
		30%		3418		\$2,007,125.00		\$5,925,233.00		\$587.22		27		69		\$14,813.34		\$37,674.10	3	
		40%		3712		\$3,166,013.00		\$9,381,205.00		\$852.91		20		58		\$16,500.26		\$45,993.90	7	
		50%		2835		\$3,397,746.00		\$10,022,034.00		\$1,198.50		23		59		\$26,577.98		\$67,284.96	1	
		60%		4325		\$6,907,537.00		\$20,429,111.00		\$1,597.12		19		69		\$28,157.67		\$98,823.15	12	
		70%		4335		\$9,596,805.00		\$28,258,108.00		\$2,213.80		20		60		\$37,756.80		\$111,294.74	6	
		80%		4294		\$10,959,861.00		\$32,342,305.00		\$2,552.37		13		50		\$27,433.69		\$105,968.76	4	
		90%		4084		\$11,806,059.00		\$34,481,829.00		\$2,890.81		12		35		\$30,718.58		\$86,915.73	2	
		100%		9571		\$40,558,330.00		\$118,451,873.00		\$4,237.63		35		108		\$142,219.39		\$435,165.39	25	
Total				51028		\$91,637,873.00		\$268,851,645		\$1,795.84		289		899		\$350,579.40		\$1,071,953	94	



Top 8 Running Awards for Beneficiaries in Iowa by County

As of December 2024

<u>County</u>	<u>Veteran Population</u>	<u>Receiving Benefits</u>	<u>Monthly Grand Total</u>
Black Hawk	7,158	2,011	\$3,562,237
Dubuque	5,104	1,524	\$2,821,729
Johnson	5,697	1,557	\$2,876,979
Linn	13,897	3,583	\$6,664,475
Polk	24,300	9,290	\$16,702,152
Pottawattamie	6,224	2,465	\$4,115,296
Scott	11,609	3,343	\$6,502,199
Woodbury	5,584	1,761	\$2,816,601

General Service to Veterans



“Veterans helping Veterans”

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Percent used</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Total</u>
Funeral Expense	\$4,928.14	21%	\$18,071.86	\$8,230.00
Shelter	\$3,071.79	15%	\$17,231.21	\$2,470.00
Utilities	\$371.00	7%	\$4,629.00	\$1,487.75
Transportation	\$0.0	0%	\$3,000.00	\$1,140.00
Cemetery Expense	\$745.00	186%	(-\$345.00)	\$298.50
Grave Markers	\$1,116.96	112%	(-\$116.96)	\$1,238.40
Medications	\$0.0	0%	\$1,000.00	\$94.00
	\$10,232.89		\$43,932.07	\$14,958.65



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January Helping Veterans

Motel 6	\$90.17
Gift Cards (Donated)	\$100.00
Rent	\$393.29
Rent	\$500.00
Gas Cards (Donated)	\$85.00

Total amount: **\$1,168.46**

January Iowa Trust Fund disbursement:

• Home Repairs	\$8,539.19
• Auto Repairs	\$5,000.00

Total amount: **\$13,539.19**



January Staff and Commissioner's Participation

- 01/7 AMVET Post 49 Meeting (Commissioner Korf)
- 01/8 American Legion Post 138 Meeting (Commissioner Korf, Director Loveless)
- 01/8 Coffee and Camaraderie Grout Museum (Commissioner Butler, Korf)
- 01/09 Meeting with Veteran (Commissioner Butler)
- 01/11 Attended 9th District VFW Meeting (Commissioner Butler)
- 01/13 Military Honors for Vietnam Marine Corp Veteran (Director Loveless)
- 01/15 Coffee and Camaraderie Grout Museum (Commissioner Korf, CVSO Michelle, Sara)
- 01/16 Meeting with Veteran (Commissioner Butler)
- 01/18 Attended VFW Iowa Midwinter Conference (Commissioner Butler)
- 01/22 Mercy One "Heroes Among Us" Nomination Committee (Director Loveless)
- 01/24 Attended viewing of deceased veteran (Commissioner Butler)
- 01/25 VFW Post 3896 Meeting (Commissioner Korf)
 - Funeral Services for AMVET Commander (Commissioner Korf)
 - Military Honors for Vietnam Navy Veteran (Director Loveless)
- 01/28 CMVA/AMVET Riders Suicide Prevention Meeting (Commissioner Korf)
- 01/29 Coffee and Camaraderie Grout Museum (Commissioner Butler, Korf)
 - IDVA Quarterly Training (BHCVA Staff)





Question?
