



Veterans Affairs February Commissioner Meeting

Mission Statement



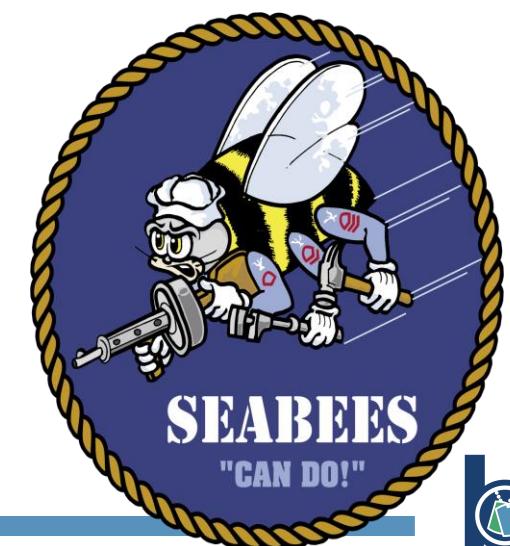
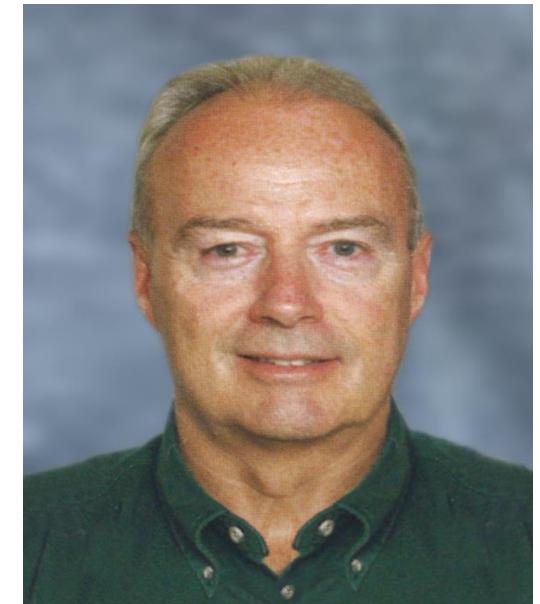
**“Assist Veterans and their Dependents
needs to which they are Entitled”**

In Memory of Navy Vietnam Veteran Ronald Kirkland 1947 - 2024

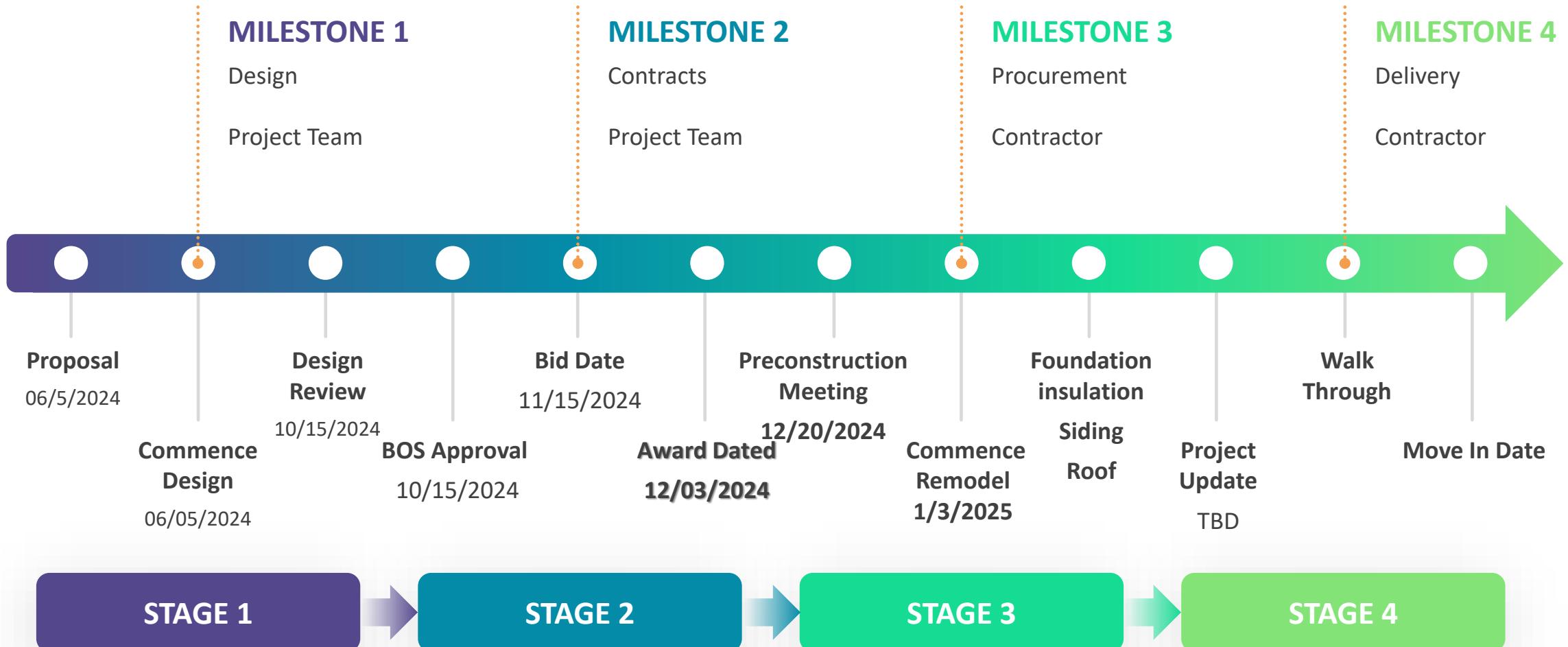
Ronald Ray Kirkland, 77, of Evansdale, died after struggling with the ravages of agent orange on Monday, December 30, 2024. He was born in Waterloo on November 18, 1947, the son of Edward and Norma Hurst Kirkland. Ron graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1965 and entered the US Navy where he was 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.

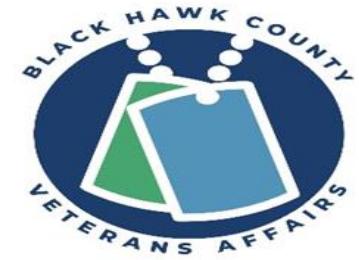


Veterans Affairs Relocation PROJECT TIMELINE





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 | Other Counties |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elk Run | Grundy 03 |
| Hudson | Franklin 01 |
| Evansdale | Clayton 01 |
| Dunkerton | Bremer 03 |
| Dewar | Tama 01 |
| LaPorte City | Chickasaw 01 |
| Army | Buchanan 01 |
| Marine Corp | Butler 01 |
| Navy | Fayette 01 |
| Air Force | |
| Space Force | |
| Coast Guard | |
| Non-Veteran | |



Des Moines RO Disability Compensation Report FY 25 - IOWA

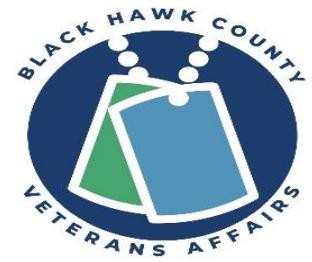
| December | Combined | Total Awards | | Total Benefits | Total Benefits | Average | New Awards | New Awards | New Awards | New Awards | Termination |
|----------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | 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”

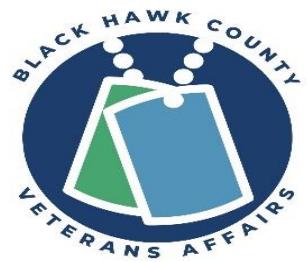
| <u>Transaction</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>Percent used</u> | <u>Balance</u> | <u>Prior Yr. Total</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Funeral Expense | \$4,928.14 | 21% | \$18,071.86 | \$8,230.00 |
| Shelter | \$3,071.79 | 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?
