



# Veterans Affairs March Commissioner Meeting

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## Mission Statement



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

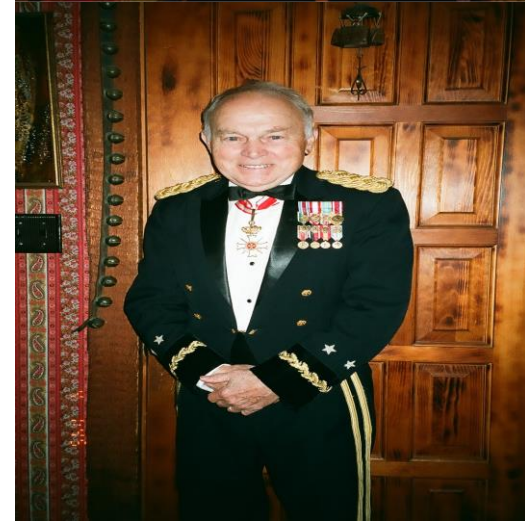
March 6, 2025



## *In Memory of*

Evan Leroy Hultman, **"American Lawyer"**

Entered Military Service in 1943 as Private in the Infantry; Discharged 1946 with rank of Captain; Served as Battalion Commander oversea in the 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Commander of the 450<sup>th</sup> Strategic Military Intelligence Detachment. Served as the Reserve Assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Support Brigade. Promoted to Major General February 4, 1980, as Commanding General of 103<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM. Assigned Commanding General of the 88<sup>TH</sup> United States Army Reserve Command. In November 1984, General Hultman was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the President of the United States.



**Evan L. Hultman: East High School (Hall of Fame)**

**Rank: Major General, USA, (Retired)**

**Military Occupation: Infantry Officer, Judge Advocate General**

**Additional Info: Inducted into the Hall of Fame of the United States Army Infantry in 1984. Awarded Distinguished Service Medal and various other personal awards.**



# Memories Over The Years





**Public Service:** Atty general, State of Iowa, Des Moines, 1961-1965; association executive. Bar: Iowa, United States District Court Iowa, also circuit courts, Supreme Court of the United States Court. Recipient Outstanding Service award Iowa Policemen's Association; recipient Hall of Leadership award United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, Silver Beaver award Boy Scouts American, 1968, Silver Antelope award Boy Scouts American, 1977.



van Hultman and Robert Kennedy  
This Picture Upset Both Parties



By Clark Mollenhoff  
(Of the Register's Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An evening cruise on the Potomac by Representative Fred Schwengel (Rep., Ia.) with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy has had repercussions in political misunderstandings in both political parties.

After that Aug. 5 cruise, Schwengel proposed that Kennedy invite the Iowa attorney general, Evan Hultman, a Republican, to come to Washington for a conference on civil rights.

Although Schwengel has been critical of the general operations of the Kennedy administration, and specifically critical of Robert Kennedy, they were reported to have been in genial rapport during the two-hour cruise.

Schwengel has been almost as outspoken on the civil rights issue as the attorney general, and both are impassioned in believing they are carrying out the ideas of Abraham Lincoln.

**Bypassed Hughes**

Some Iowa Democrats are bitter because Kennedy invited Iowa's Republican attorney general to Washington, and passed by Iowa Gov. Harold E. Hughes.

Hughes, a Democrat and an outspoken civil rights advocate, has never been invited to Washington for the prestige build-up of a conference and pictures with either the attorney general or the President.

**Governor Hughes was not consulted as to whether the Iowa Republican attorney general should be brought to Washington, and he is reported to have expressed his irritation to high Kennedy administration officials.**

Hughes is reported to consider the invitation to be directly beneficial to Hultman, who is expected to be a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1964.

Other Iowa Democrats consider the invitation to Hultman to be inexcusable, and

**CRUISE—**  
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# In Memory Of

Mr. Marvin E. Ellis (90 Years old)

March 29, 1934, to February 28, 2025



East High School graduate who join the Army Serving his country during the Korean War. After separating from the Army he return to Waterloo and worked at Rath Packing Company and Later with University of Northern Iowa where he eventual retired. Marvin had a deep enthusiasm for military history. He collected WWII books and enjoyed watching military movies. In June 2023 he was honored to attend an “Honor Flight for Veterans” to Washington DC. Mr. Ellis was actively involved in volunteering in the community, He especially enjoyed tutoring children With learning disabilities.





# Veterans Affairs Relocation PROJECT TIMELINE



## MILESTONE 1

Design

Project Team

## MILESTONE 2

Contracts

Project Team

## MILESTONE 3

Procurement

Contractor

## MILESTONE 4

Delivery

Contractor

Proposal

06/5/2024

Design Review

10/15/2024

Bid Date

11/15/2024

Preconstruction  
Meeting

Award Dated 12/20/2024  
12/03/2024

Foundation  
insulation

Siding  
Roof  
Continues

Walk Through  
TBD

Project  
Update  
TBD

Move In Date  
Tentatively  
Aug 2025

STAGE 1

STAGE 2

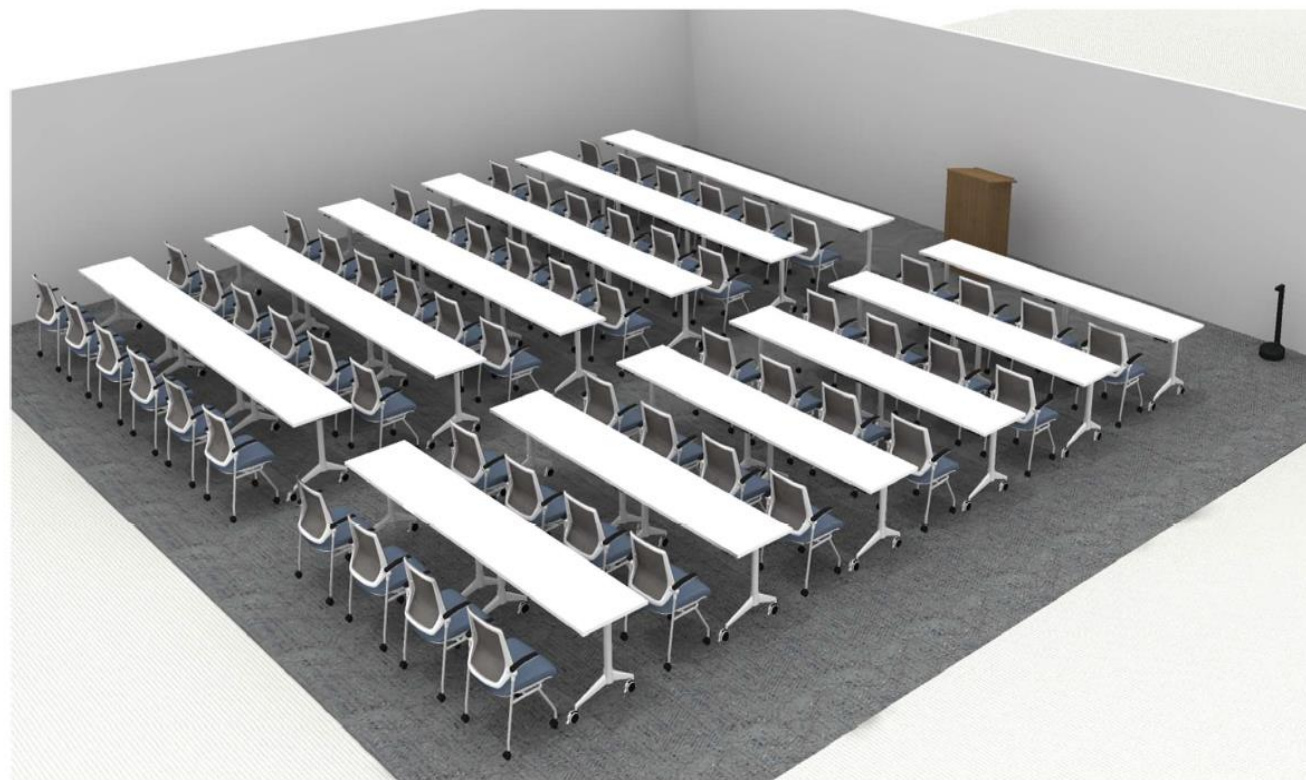
STAGE 3

STAGE 4

## Example of the Offices



## Multi-purpose Room – Nesting Tables & Chairs



## Lounge 101

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Weli Chairs: Black frame, black arm caps  
Fabrics: Momentum – Kepper CV, Lake (4 chairs)  
Fabrics: Momentum – Silica Altair, Feldspar (2-seat lounge)

All tables: White laminate top, black base  
8 Rio chairs: Latte plastic w/ black frame





# *Celebrating* **VETERANS** with **VALENTINES**



# Correspondents Received

BHC VA Staff,

First of all, I want to apologize that this is so late! It got misplaced,  
Mostly I want to thank you so much for thinking of me during my 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas with  
Riley. Definitely a big loss. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year  
Thank you for the Walmart Gift Card, Also than you for all you did for Riley and our family.

To the staff at Black Hawk County Veterans Affairs, Thank you so much for remembering me and family with gift  
card from Walmart this past Christmas, your thoughtfulness and kind help is most appreciated.

We deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge your kind expression and sympathy. It will always be  
remembered.  
Thank you, from the Reuter Family.





# February Production

Veterans and Surviving Spouses received the following retro amounts:

Monthly Total: **\$223,125.85 Federal dollars paid to BHC Veterans and Surviving Spouses in February.**

Stacy's Clients Retro	\$81,295.11
Michelle's Clients Retro	\$95,945.00
Director's Clients Retro	\$45,885.74

## Donations

Winter Gear	\$120.00
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# Donations and Grants

FISCAL YEAR 2025

PROJECTS SUMMARY

Black Hawk County

PROJECT	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE
<b>AWAR</b>	10,000.00	9,575.98	424.02
<b>GENERAL</b>	6,930.00	11,014.91	25,509.07
<b>PICNICS</b>	300.00	29.05	300.00
<b>PANTRY</b>	0.00	2,269.95	698.78
<b>PTSD</b>	0.00	0.00	1,376.44
<b>RAMPS</b>	4,000.00	0.00	14,381.32
<b>SDOWN</b>	930.00	215.65	3,921.58
<b>XMAS</b>	6,701.18	903.41	201.18
			44,392.52



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	106						
# Veterans Served on Return Visits	21	16						
Office Visits - Service Work	90	58						
Office Visits - Relief	22	31						
Office Visits - Other	42	26						
Home Visits	5	6						
Incoming phone calls								
New Veterans	15	8						
Walk-Ins	79	67						
Female Veterans	10	4						
Van Rides	17	20						
Applications Completed								
Service-Connected Disability	30	15						
Pension/DIC (Survivors & Veterans)	13	5						
Health Care	18	15						
Burial/Grave Markers	3	1						
College/Education	1	1						
Appeals	9	5						
Veterans Home Applications	0	0						
Trust Fund Applications	2	2						
Food Pantry	16	25						
Relief Applications	8	8						
All other Federal Forms	86	104						
PTSD/MST Claims	3	4						
Military Service Periods:								
World War II	6	1						
Korean War	5	1						
Vietnam War	63	53						
Persian Gulf War	23	21						
Post-9/11	20	13						
Peacetime	20	16						
Non-veterans / NG, Res	0	1						
Waterloo/BHC Veterans	71	64						
Cedar Falls Veterans	31	13						
Other Iowa Counties Veterans	14	10						

## Additional Veterans Stats for February

### Other Cities within Black Hawk

Elk Run	01
Hudson	01
Evansdale	14
Raymond	02
Washburn	01

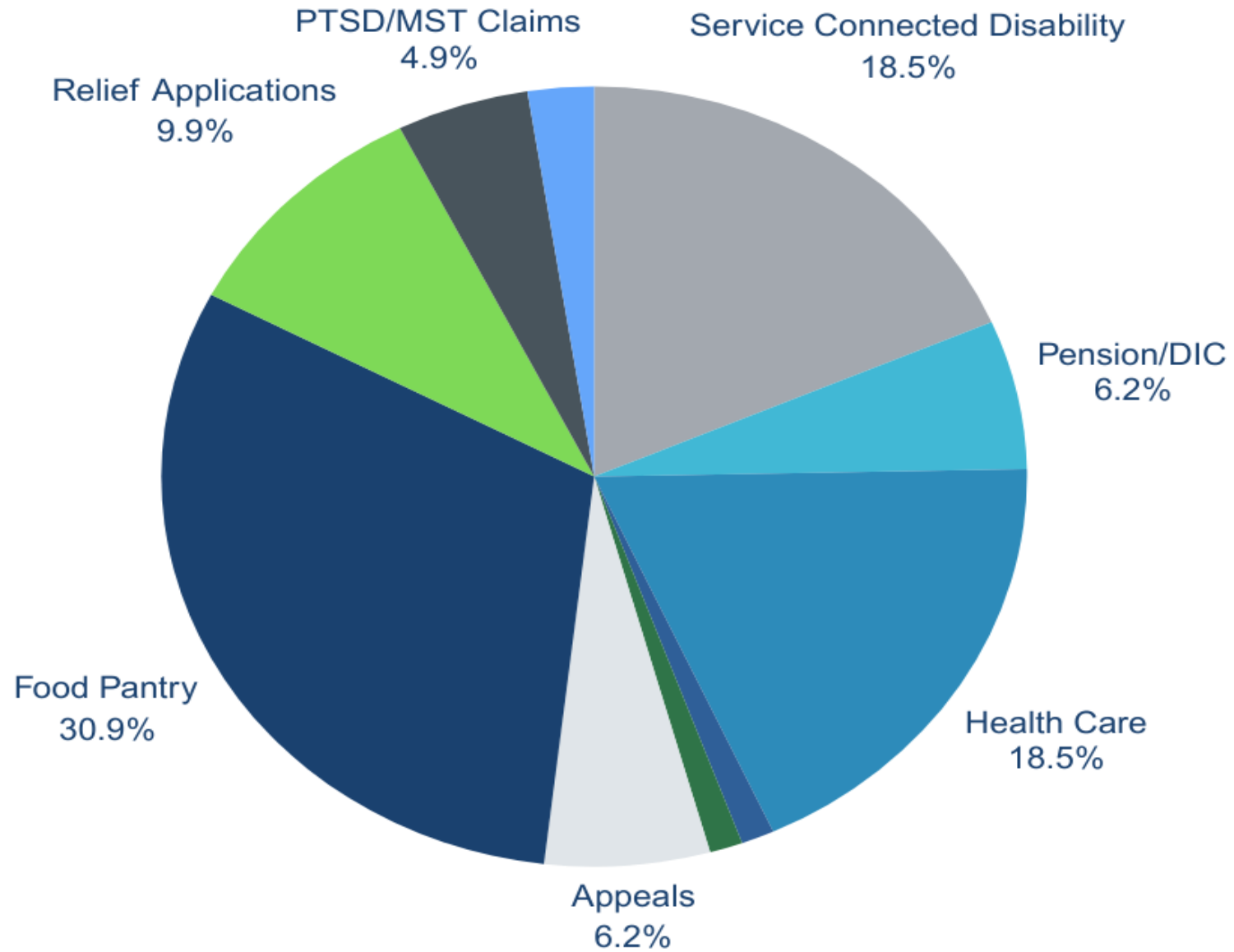
### Other Counties

Franklin	01
Bremer	03
Buchanan	03
Butler	02
Fayette	01

Army	50
Marine Corp	15
Navy	25
Air Force	15
Space Force	00
Coast Guard	01

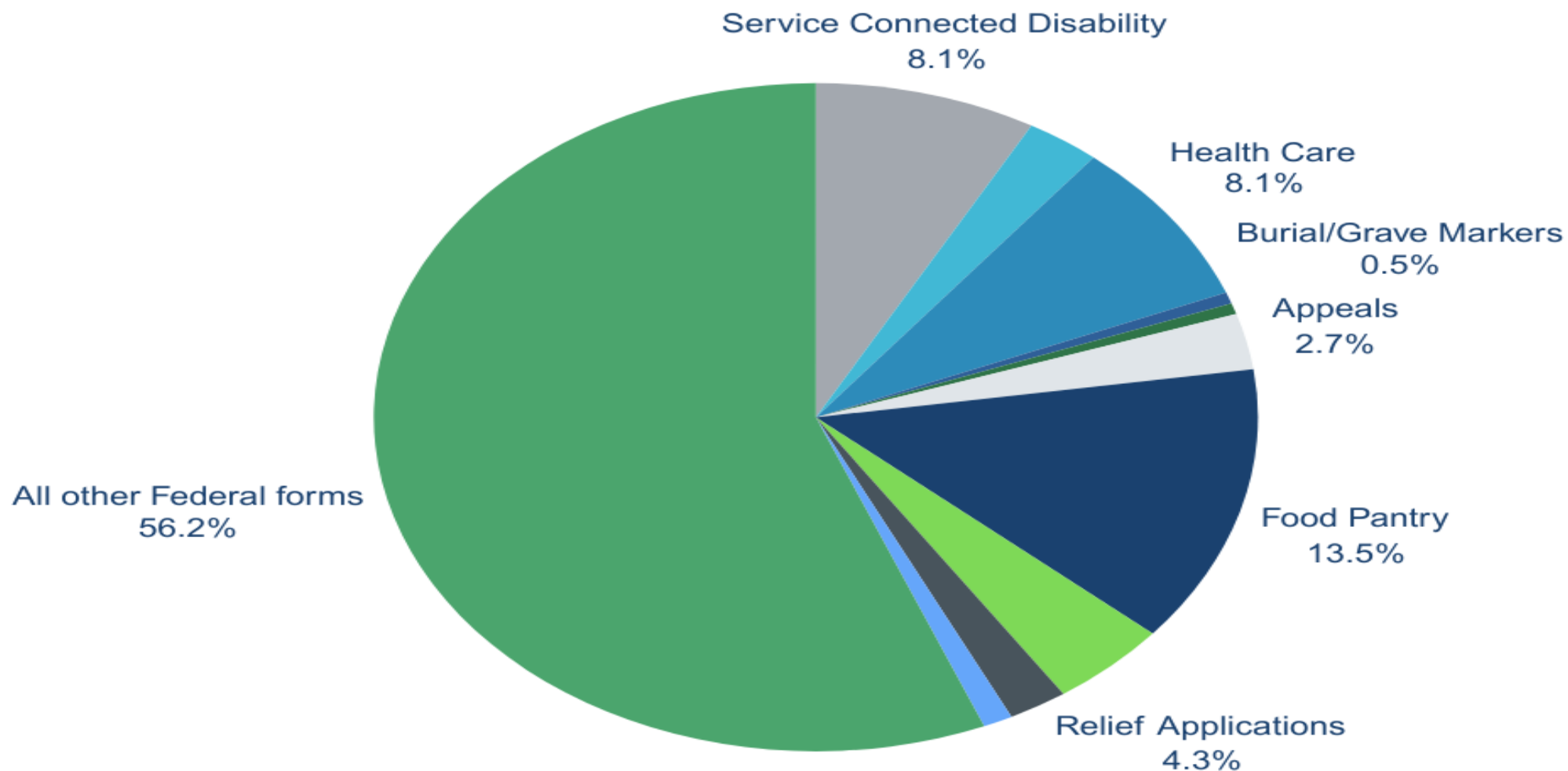


## Applications Completed\* - Feb. 25

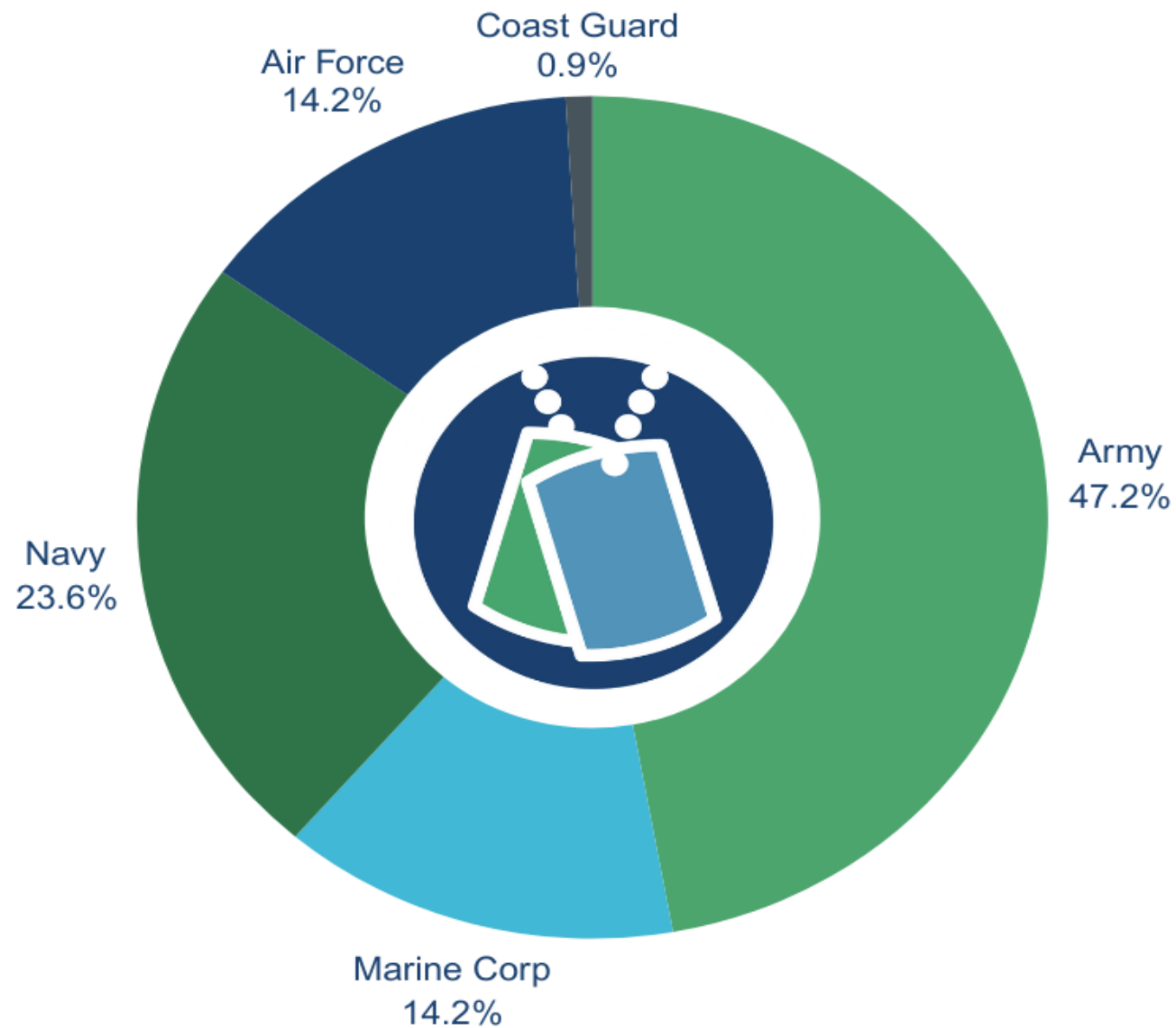




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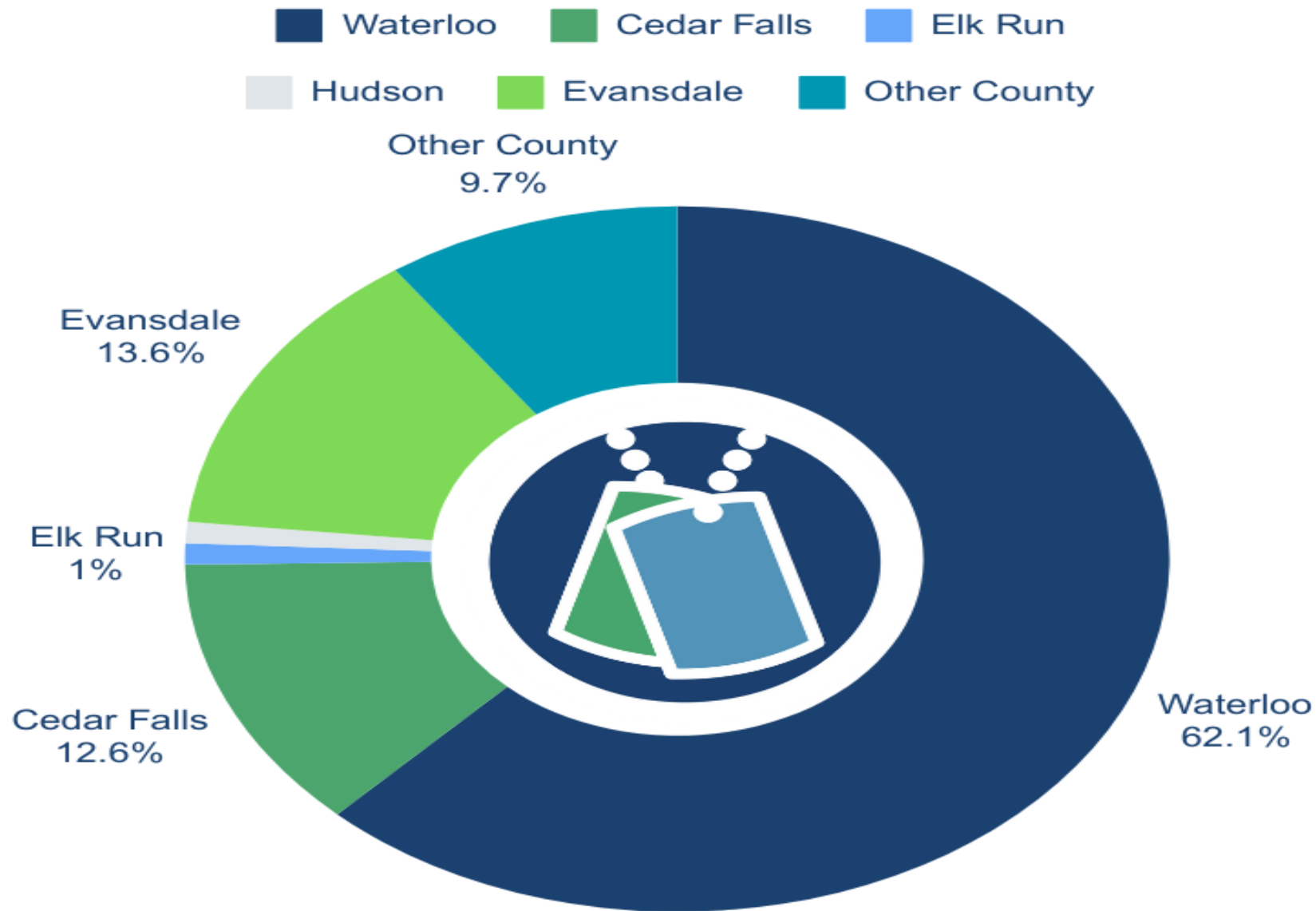


## Service by Military Branch- Feb. 25







# Service by Geographic Location - Feb. 25



## Top 8 Running Awards for Beneficiaries in Iowa by County

***As of January 2025***

<u>County</u>	<u>Veteran Population</u>	<u>Receiving Benefits</u>	<u>Monthly Grand Total</u>
<b>Black Hawk</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>2,023</b> 	<b>\$3,598,737</b> 
Dubuque	5,104	1,544	\$2,872,131
Johnson	5,697	1,557	\$2,882,772
Linn	13,897	3,601	\$6,715,403
Polk	24,300	9,319	\$16,837,939
Pottawattamie	6,224	2,474	\$4,133,514
Scott	11,609	3,357	\$6,558,066
Woodbury	5,584	1,772	\$2,855,010



# 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	\$7,718.14	34%	\$15,281.86	\$8,230.00
Shelter	\$3,371.79	17%	\$16,931.21	\$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
Total:	\$13,322.89		\$40,380.11	\$14,958.65



**VETERANS**

**HELPING**

**VETERANS**



## February Helping Veterans

Gift Cards (Donated)	\$50.00
Rent	\$300.00
Gas Cards (Donated)	\$20.00
Gas Cards (County)	\$25.00
Bus Ticket	\$15.00
Cremation (x3)	\$4,185.00

Total amount: **\$4,595.00**

## February Iowa Trust Fund disbursement:

- Auto Repairs (x2) \$2,464.55

Total amount: **\$2,464.55**







**PTSD  
AWARENESS**



**MARCH  
26**

**&**

**ENTRY FEE  
\$0\***

**\*\$40 FOR CEU**

**SUICIDE  
PREVENTION**

**2025 CONFERENCE**

**UNI MAUCKER UNION**

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**UNI**

**University of  
Northern Iowa**



As you may have heard, Black Hawk County is in the middle of the Strategic Planning process. We need your input!

We invite you to participate in an **In-Person Focus Group** where you will:

- ✓ Learn about the county's strategic goals and initiatives.
- ✓ Share your ideas and feedback.
- ✓ Ask questions and gain insight into the planning process.

#### **FOCUS GROUP DETAILS:**

**Date:** March 18

**Location:** Pinecrest Building, 1407 Independence Avenue, Room 201

**Time Options:** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Space is limited;** however we would like to see representation from as many county departments as possible.

Please confirm with your supervisor that you are able to attend and then **register using the following link:**

<https://forms.office.com/g/fHnxVXpekN>

You will receive an email next week confirming your attendance.

We appreciate your time and look forward to your valuable insights. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.





# Question?

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