



Veterans Affairs May Commissioner Meeting

Mission Statement



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

May 8, 2025

Celebrating Commissioner Briscoe

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news — **ONE Cedar Valley has been selected as the only nonprofit in Iowa to join the national JFF Labs Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) Program!** This incredible opportunity allows us to work alongside national leaders to develop innovative, inclusive apprenticeship models that create stronger career pathways for our communities. It's a major win not only for us but for **Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and all of Eastern Iowa**, as it brings greater visibility, investment, and momentum to the workforce efforts we've been building together. We will also be attending their [Horizons Dare to Be Brave conference](#) as their guests. This conference features industry leaders such as in Please take a look at the attached press release for more information or read about the residency



2025 College Talent Pathways to Apprenticeship Entrepreneurs-in- Residence

Blended Model Entrepreneurs



Cara Davis Anderson
Build Carolina



Joy Briscoe
One Cedar Valley



Martin Chaplin
ImaginED Georgia



Antiqua Cleggett
Genesys Works



Vanessa Hardiman
Boss Kidz Inc



Katrina Hawkins
DJH Express

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
Drywall
Continues

Walk Through
TBD

Project Update
TBD

Move In Date
Tentatively
July 2025

STAGE 1

STAGE 2

STAGE 3

STAGE 4

Veterans Affairs Remodel



Veterans Affairs Remodel



Office Spaces



VA Conference Room

April Production



Veterans and Surviving Spouses received the following retro amounts:

Monthly Total: \$280,308.34 Federal dollars paid to Veterans and Surviving Spouses in April.

Stacy's Clients Retro	\$120,419.85
Michelle's Clients Retro	\$112,019.00
Director's Clients Retro	\$47,869.49



*** Claims are taking 4 -5 months to complete.**

	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	AVG. 3rd QTR	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025
MONTHLY STATISTICS							
Total # Veterans Served on Initial Visit	137	106	130	124	121		
# Veterans Served on Return Visits	21	16	23	20	12		
Office Visits - Service Work	90	58	92	80	78		
Office Visits - Relief	22	31	15	23	35		
Office Visits - Other	42	26	38	35	23		
Home Visits	5	6	4	5	4		
Incoming phone calls							
New Veterans	15	8	23	15	18		
Walk-Ins	79	67	78	75	67		
Female Veterans	10	4	6	7	11		
Van Rides	17	20	22	20	25		
Applications Completed							
Service-Connected Disability	30	15	29	25	17		
Pension/DIC (Survivors & Veterans)	13	5	9	9	5		
Health Care	18	15	14	16	14		
Burial/Grave Markers	3	1	3	2	6		
College/Education	1	1	1	1	1		
Appeals	9	5	7	7	6		
Veterans Home Applications	0	0	1	0	0		
Trust Fund Applications	2	2	3	2	5		
Food Pantry	16	25	20	20	29		
Relief Applications	8	8	5	7	16		
All other Federal Forms	86	104	120	103	109		
PTSD/MST Claims	3	4	7	5	4		
Military Service Periods:							
World War II	6	1	3	3	0		
Korean War	5	1	3	3	6		
Vietnam War	63	53	55	57	52		
Persian Gulf War	23	21	30	25	18		
Post-9/11	20	13	20	18	29		
Peacetime	20	16	14	17	16		
Non-veterans / NG, Res	0	1	4	2	0		
Waterloo/BHC Veterans	71	64	82	72	75		
Cedar Falls Veterans	31	13	17	20	18		
Other Iowa Counties Veterans	14	10	17	14	13		

Additional Veterans Stats for April 2025

Other Cities within Black Hawk

Elk Run	01
Hudson	01
Evansdale	08
Raymond	02
La Porte City	03
Total	15

Other Counties

Bremer	01
Chickasaw	02
Buchanan	03
Grundy	03
Butler	01
Tama	02
Linn	01
Total	13

Service Component

Army	56
Marine Corp	14
Navy	34
Air Force	17
Space Force	00
Coast Guard	00
Total	121



 Goal is 200 Initial visits each month



Top 8 Running Awards for Beneficiaries in Iowa by County

As of March 2025

<u>County</u>	<u>Veteran Population</u>	<u>Receiving Benefits</u>	<u>Monthly Grand Total</u>
Black Hawk	7,158	2,029 ↑	\$3,633,650 ↑
Dubuque	5,104	1,556	\$2,916,692
Johnson	5,697	1,564	\$2,928,635
Linn	13,897	3,627	\$6,828,187
Polk	24,300	9,383	\$17,076,033
Pottawattamie	6,224	2,483	\$4,177,441
Scott	11,609	3,379	\$6,645,886
Woodbury	5,584	1,792	\$2,891,520

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	\$10,768.10	47%	\$12,231.90	\$8,230.00
Shelter	\$3,645.79	20%	\$16,157.21	\$2,470.00
Utilities	\$571.00	13	\$4,329.00	\$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:	\$16,846.85		\$36,256.15	\$14,958.65



Donations and Grants

April Donations: None

FISCAL YEAR 2025			
PROJECTS SUMMARY			Black Hawk County
PROJECT	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE
AWAR	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
GENERAL	7,080.00	14,066.14	22,607.84
PICNICS	300.00	29.05	300.00
PANTRY	0.00	2,968.73	0.00
PTSD	0.00	0.00	1,376.44
RAMPS	4,000.00	4,000.00	10,381.32
SDOWN	1,050.00	215.65	4,041.58
XMAS	6,701.18	903.41	201.18
			44,392.52

Gift Baskets

April Gift Bags

New Aldaya 20 bags
(Assisted Living and
Independent Living)



Care Facility (February)

Birdee Cottage	03
Friendship (Wellspring)	15
Mallard Point	24
Oak park Estates	03
Total	45

Care Facility (March)

Friendship Village (Lakeview)	06
Arboreta (CF Health)	05
Pillar	06
Total	17



April Helping Veterans



Gas Card	\$25.00
Gas Card	\$20.00
Gas Card	\$20.00
Gas Card	\$25.00
Gas Card	\$20.00
Gift Card	\$80.00
Gift Card	\$100.00
Gift Card	\$100.00
Gift Card	\$50.00
Gift Card	\$80.00

Rent	\$274.00
Rent	\$462.50
Rent	\$500.00
Utilities	\$100.00
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Total amount	\$1,956.50 in Donated and County Funding
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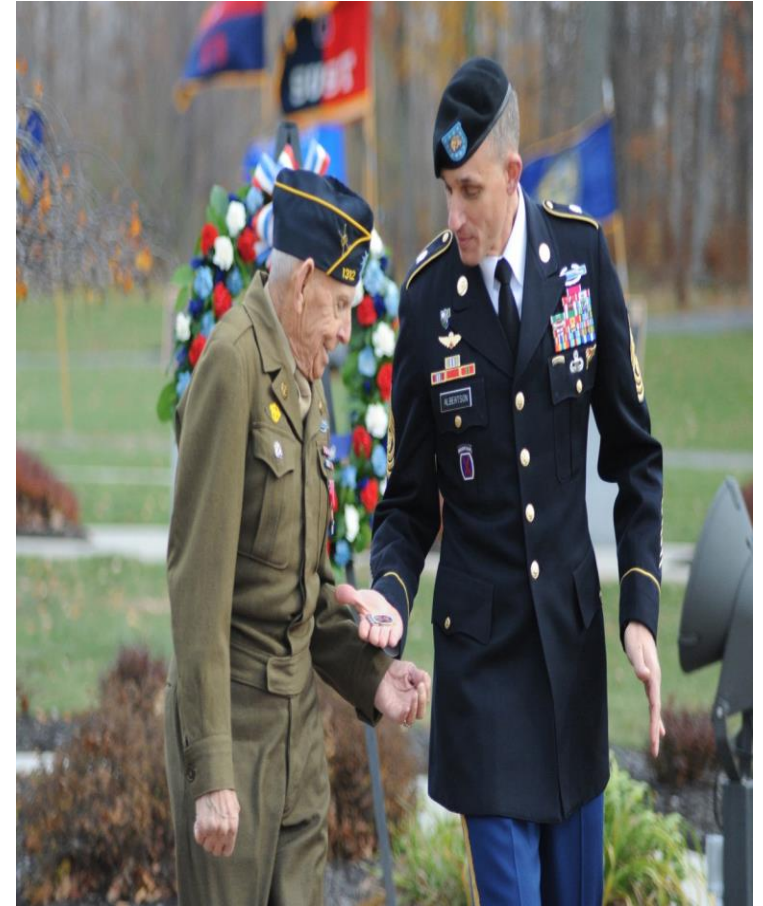
Trust Fund Disbursement:

Home Repairs	\$17,840.00
Dental	\$3,296.00



April Staff and Commissioner's Participation

- 4/2 Coffee and Camaraderie at Grout Museum (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 4/4 Veterans Banners (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 4/9 Coffee and Camaraderie at Grout Museum (**Commissioner Butler**)
Counseled a Veteran on Finances (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 4/15 CF VFW Monthly Meeting (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 4/22 Visited about Veterans and Organization (**Commissioner Butler**)
Delivered Gift Baskets to (**CVSO's Michelle and Sara**)
- 4/23 Coffee and Camaraderie at Grout Museum (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 4/24 Lunch at Western Home (CVSO's **Stacy and Michelle**)
- 4/26 Attended 9th District VFW Meeting (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 4/28 Western Home Visit (**Director Loveless**)
- 4/30 Honor Guard for Vietnam Memorial Service (**Director Loveless**)
Coffee and Camaraderie at Grout Museum (**Commissioner Butler**)



Warrior Expeditions

The 2025 Great American Rail-Trail Warrior Bike veterans begin their 3,700 mile ride from Washington D.C. to Washington state.

The cyclists are on their way! The veterans kicked off their Great American Rail Trail expedition yesterday morning. They will be reaching the Schoolhouse Inn in Oldtown MD tomorrow and then will be on their way to Pittsburgh. I'll be in touch with weekly updates so that you can track their progress.





VETERAN COOKOUTS

THURSDAYS (June-August)

11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Waterloo Annual Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 26, 10:00 AM



For Participation Information Contact: veteransmemorialhallwaterloo@gmail.com



HOME BUYER EDUCATION

Waterloo Housing Authority

Prerequisite Class for Down Payment Assistance and Voucher Home Ownership

LEARN:

Managing Your Money
Understanding Credit
What you Can Afford

Mortgages
Buying a Home
Shopping for a Home

FOUR REQUIRED CLASSES

Tuesday, May 20
Wednesday, May 21
Thursday, May 22
Friday, May 23
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Waterloo Center for the Arts
225 Commercial Street
Waterloo, Iowa 50701

**YOU MUST ATTEND ALL 4
CLASSES TO GET THE
CERTIFICATE**



**Registration is required and is
limited to the first 30 received**

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319-233-0201

senada.muhic@waterloo-ia.org

Waterloo Housing Authority
620 Mulberry Street, #102
Waterloo, IA 50703

\$FREE

COST IS ~~\$25~~ FOR ALL 4 CLASSES

Registration packets will be
available for pick-up in the
entryway.

Sponsored by:



MEMORIAL DAY - REMEMBER AND HONOR

Seeking Volunteers to place flags for Memorial Day at Garden of Memories

3669 Logan Ave, Waterloo

Flag Placement

May 21 Wednesday @ 5:00 PM
May 22 Thursday starting
@ 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Flag Pick up

May 27 Tuesday @ 4:00 PM
May 28 Wednesday @ 9:00 AM



If you or your organization would like to honor our fallen Veterans by putting flags at the grave sites of 5089 fallen Veterans at the Garden of Memories Cemetery, we would love your help in creating the field of flags for Memorial Day.

Please contact us to let us know when you plan on participating:

- James Lentfer lentferjames@gmail.com
- Yolando Loveless yloveless@blackhawkcounty.iowa.gov
- Henry Korf henry.korf@uni.edu

Please wear appropriate footwear, come prepared for all types of weather and please stay hydrated.
Portable rest room will be available on-site.

SWINGERS GOLF TOURNAMENT



TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- \$500 per team
- Three flights
- Payouts based on 18 teams

Four Person
Best Shot

14TH JUNE
2025

LOCATION:
IRV WARREN GOLF COURSE

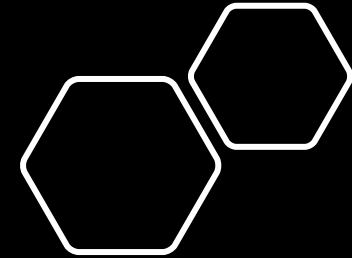
**CASH
PRIZES &
RAFFELS**

CASH PAYOUTS

1ST FLIGHT:	2ND FLIGHT:	3RD FLIGHT:
• 1ST - \$1,000	• 1ST - \$500	• 1ST - \$200
• 2ND: \$800	• 2ND: \$300	• 2ND: \$100
• 3RD: \$600	• 3RD: \$250	• 3RD: \$75

TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT

Contact Bernard Cooper at bernacoop@aol.com





Question?
