



Veterans Affairs September Commissioner Meeting

Mission Statement



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

September 5, 2025

BHCVA Commissioners



Joy Briscoe
Second Term



Chuck Wubbena
First Term



Chairman Henry Korf
Second Term



Todd Rosonke
First Term



Michael Butler
Second Term



Hidden Hero Navy Veteran Marvin Carr

Marvin Carr has been selected as the Military Friendly Veteran of the Year 2025. Carr is a retired Navy Veteran who serves as a student worker in the Veteran Center and collaborates closely with staff to help the center be a welcoming and safe space for student veterans. He is a true leader who serves as President of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Veterans Association. Marvin volunteered to plan and schedule programming and events for the military and veteran community to attend. He was incredibly detailed when presenting content and helping the center engage with additional resources and support from the local veteran community. Marvin represented UNI at the Student Veterans of America (SVA) National Conference, where he was awarded the President of the United States Award (silver) for having over 360 volunteer hours last year, and answered questions to provide thorough input regarding the UNI veteran structure and programming on campus (he is also the President for the UNI SVA Chapter. Under his leadership, UNI now has an Adopt-A-Highway section of Highway 218 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Marvin continues to serve in roles and areas of responsibility such as program scheduling, information technology, student leadership, and advocacy for his peers and other students on campus. Marvin serves as the UNI Sergeant at Arms for the Iowa High School United Nations, UNI Teacher Education Ambassador, Executive Member of Connecting Alumni to Students (CATS), and a Security Supervisor for UNI-Dome/McCleod Center Operations. Marvin's exceptional leadership abilities and work earned him the selection as 2025 Mercy One Heroes Among "Military" recipient. He is the epitome of UNI Student leadership.



August Production



Monthly Total: **\$224,326.43 Federal dollars**
paid to Veterans and Surviving Spouses in
August.

Stacy's Clients Retro	\$42,451.43
Michelle's Clients Retro	\$72,877.00
Director's Clients Retro	\$108,998.00

- From 32 approved claims received in August.
- **Changing Lives one claim at a time.**



Donations and Grants



FISCAL YEAR 2026			
PROJECTS SUMMARY			Black Hawk County
PROJECT	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE
AWAR	0.00	150.50	-150.50
GENERAL	1,500.00	912.85	22,576.21
PICNICS	0.00	0.00	160.03
PTSD	0.00	0.00	1,376.44
RAMPS	0.00	0.00	10,381.32
SDOWN	240.00	0.00	4,401.58
VCC	5,022.75	0.00	5,022.75
XMAS	0.00	0.00	201.18
			43,969.01

*FY- 25 Expenditures = \$30,209.23 supporting Veterans and Veteran Programs

Helping Veterans

- August expenditures helping veterans

- \$100.00 Utilities
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- Donated Funds

- \$25.00 Gas Card
- \$25.00 Gas Card
- \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card
- \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card
- \$25.00 Hy Vee Gift Card
- Pending Invoice Invoice for Towing Company (Veterans Car)

- \$463.72 Pizza for the Veterans Hiring event at AFIL (Mama Nick's)
- \$1,500.00 Veterans Lunch in June (Starbeck's Smokehouse)





Top 8 Running Awards for Beneficiaries in Iowa by County

As of July 2025

<u>County</u>	<u>Veteran Population</u>	<u>Receiving Benefits</u>	<u>Monthly Grand Total</u>
Black Hawk	7,158	2,071 ↑	\$3,823,865 ↑
Dubuque	5,104	1,611	\$3,096,002
Johnson	5,697	1,610	\$3,116,301
Linn	13,897	3,709	\$7,206,035
Polk	24,300	9,578	\$17,839,014
Pottawattamie	6,224	2,527	\$4,330,557
Scott	11,609	3,484	\$7,028,905
Woodbury	5,584	1,839	\$3,041,033

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	\$0.0	0%	\$23,000.00	\$11,268.10
Shelter	\$0.0	0%	\$20,303.00	\$5,686.97
Utilities	\$200.00	4%	\$4,800.00	\$871.00
Transportation	\$0.0	0%	\$3,000.00	\$1,140.00
Cemetery Expense	\$0.0	0%	\$400.00	\$745.00
Grave Markers	\$0.0	0%	\$1,000.00)	\$1,238.40
Medications	\$0.0	0%	\$1,000.00	\$1,569.46
Total:	\$0.0		\$53,503.00	\$20,416.05



MONTHLY STATISTICS	JUL 2026	AUG 2026	SEP 2026	AVG 1ST QTR	OCT 2026	NOV2026	DEC 2026	AVG 2ND QTR
TOTAL # VETERANS SERVED ON INITIAL	152	157						
# VETERANS SERVED ON RETURN	12	11						
OFFICE VISITS - SERVICE WORK	79	92						
OFFICE VISITS - RELIEF	34	27						
OFFICE VISITS - OTHER	35	42						
HOME VISITS	4	2						
NEW VETERANS	19	19						
WALK-INS	85	102						
FEMALE VETERANS	11	7						
VAN RIDES	21	12						
APPLICATIONS COMPLETED								
SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY	33	35						
PENSION/DIC (SURVIVORS&VETERANS)	4	3						
HEALTHCARE	7	8						
BURIAL/GRAVE MARKERS	4	3						
COLLEGE/EDUCATION	2	0						
APPEALS	17	16						
VETERANS HOME APPLICATIONS	0	1						
TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS	3	3						
FOOD PANTRY	31	25						
RELIEF APPLICATIONS	10	8						
ALL OTHER FEDERAL FORMS	72	131						
PTSD/MST CLAIMS	3	4						
MILITARY SERVICE PERIODS:								
WWII	3	5						
KOREAN WAR	2	3						
VIETNAM WAR	64	59						
PERSIAN GULF WAR	26	24						
POST-9/11	24	30						
PEACETIME	21	25						
NON-VETERANS/NG,RES	0	0						
WATERLOO/BHC VETERANS	91	100						
CEDAR FALLS VETERANS	29	30						
OTHER IOWA COUNTIES VETERANS	8	16						

August Production



Additional Veterans Stats for August 2025

Service Component

Army	76
Marine Corp	27
Navy	33
Air Force	10
Space Force	00
Coast Guard	00
Total	146



Other Cities within Black Hawk

Evansdale	04
Dumont	01
Dunkerton	01
Elk Run Heights	01
La Porte	03
Raymond	01

Total 12

Other Counties

Tama	01
Bremer	03
Buchanan	02
Butler	03
Grundy	01
Johnson	01
Fayette	02

Total 13



Goal is 200 Initial visits each month



August Staff and Commissioner's Participation



- 8/2 Participated in the Hartley Summer Parade (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 8/8 Grow Cedar Valley Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament (**Director Loveless**)
- 8/11-14 UAW Veterans Conference (**Director Loveless**)
- 8/13 Coffee and Camaraderie at the Grout (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 8/19 Participated in the CF VFW monthly meeting (**Commissioner Butler**)
Participated in the Waterloo American Legion Meeting (**Director Loveless**)
- 8/20 Coffee and Camaraderie at the Grout (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 8/25 Welcome back to School at Walter Cunningham (**Director Loveless**)
- 8/26 Gift Bags for veterans at Western Home Independent Living (**CVSO Michelle Wickman**)
- 8/27 Coffee and Camaraderie at the Grout (**Commissioner Butler**)
- 8/29 Attended visitation of deceased Air Force Veteran (**Commissioner Butler**)



HONORING WATERLOO'S WWII HERITAGE

with the GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT and VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
**10AM-5PM at the GROUT MUSEUM
& VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL**

Join the Grout Museum District and Veterans Memorial Hall
for a program that commemorates the end of WWII and explores
Waterloo's WWII Heritage City designation.

FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

GMDISTRICT.ORG/WWIIHERITAGE

GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT: 503 South Street, Waterloo
VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL: 1915 Courbat Ct, Waterloo





JOINING COMMUNITY FORCES RESOURCE FAIR

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THURSDAY, SEPT 11th

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Event 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
FOOD PROVIDED TILL IT'S GONE

**Current Service Members, Veterans,
Family Members, and Survivors
Come Get Connected with Resources**

**Americans For Independent Living
4020 University Ave., Waterloo, IA**

RSVP BY SEPT 1st to provide a Resource Table
afil@afiliowa.org





Become a Hospice Veteran Volunteer

Join our active
Military/Veterans Helping
Veterans Program

Veteran volunteers have the unique ability to relate and connect with veteran patients allowing them to become essential in the delivery of quality end-of-life care.

WHAT WE DO

The Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer Program aims to pair recruited veteran volunteers with hospice patients who have been identified as veterans. Veteran volunteers are important because they are able to form a camaraderie with veteran patients that can help eliminate the stoicism and secrecy that veteran patients often develop from having served in the military.

HOW VETERAN VOLUNTEERS HELP

- Assist veterans in reminiscing/ telling life stories
- Friendly visits
- Take part in pinning ceremonies or distribute certificates for Veterans Day and other recognition events
- Read to patients
- Run errands when needed

If you make a difference in someone's life, it might make a difference in yours.

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JOIN US FOR AN HONOR ESCORT OF AN UNCLAIMED VETERAN

On **Saturday, October 4th**, I will be transporting the cremated remains of an unclaimed veteran from Waterloo to the memorial event, and I warmly invite anyone who would like to join me as an escort.

You do **not** need to be a veteran to participate! Whether you ride a motorcycle, drive a classic car, a Corvette, a Mustang, or any vehicle you love — everyone is welcome to join this meaningful tribute.

DETAILS:

- 📍 Meet at Locke Funeral Services Tower Park
4140 Kimball Ave, Waterloo
- 🕒 7:00 AM, Saturday, October 4th

Please spread the word and invite your friends!
Let's come together as a community to honor this veteran with the respect and gratitude they deserve.



THE FINAL SALUTE

UNCLAIMED VETERANS SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HOPE
WAUKEE

9:30-11:00 AM - VISITATION
11:00AM - SERVICE

BURIAL TO FOLLOW AT
IOWA VETERANS CEMETERY



Are you a Veteran?
Sign up for the Military Tax Exemption!



Question?

