

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

§35A.2

Camp Dodge, Building #3465, Johnston 50131; 515.252.4698

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending/Type</i>
Elizabeth Ledvina, Chair	Toledo	April 30, 2026
Becky Dirks Haugsted	Anamosa	April 30, 2026
Darlene McMartin	Hancock	April 30, 2027
Scott Miller	Albia	April 30, 2027
George Mosby	Boone	April 30, 2026
Greg Paulline	Davenport	April 30, 2027
Joella Perry	Corydon	April 30, 2027
Robert Suesakul	Killduff	April 30, 2027
Mary Van Horn	Des Moines	April 30, 2025
Gary Wattnem	Mason City	April 30, 2025

Ex officio, nonvoting member

Todd Jacobus, Commandant, Department of
Veterans Affairs Statutory

The General Assembly, in 1992, created the Commission of Veterans Affairs. In 2004, the commission's statute was amended to increase the number of commissioners. The Governor appoints nine commissioners; eight must be honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States, and one must be from the public at large. All must be confirmed by the Senate. In 2005, the General Assembly created the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2019, the commission's statute was amended to increase the number of commissioners. The Governor appoints 11 commissioners, 10 must be honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States.

Under the auspices of Iowa Code chapter 35A, the commission advises and makes recommendations to the department, the General Assembly, and the Governor concerning the management and operation of the department. The commission supervises the Commandant's administration of commission policy for the operation and conduct of the Iowa Veterans Home.