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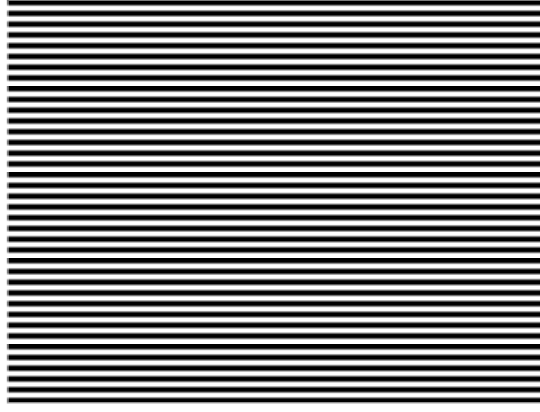
Auditor of State Mary Mosiman today released a report on the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs for the year ended June 30, 2013.

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, which consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, oversees the conduct and operations of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, located at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, administers the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund, maintains military service records of Iowa veterans and provides assistance to and training for County Commissions of Veterans Affairs.

A copy of the report is available for review at the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's website at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1460-6700-BR00.pdf>.

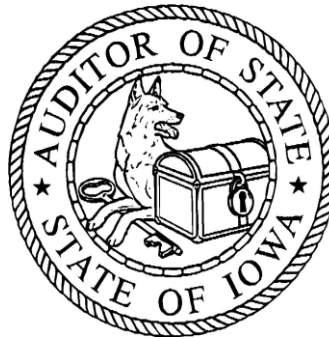
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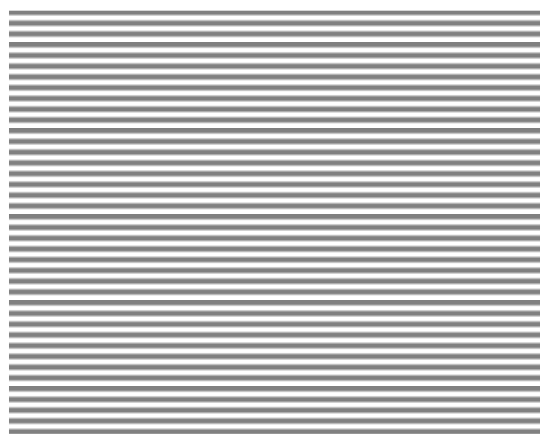
**REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

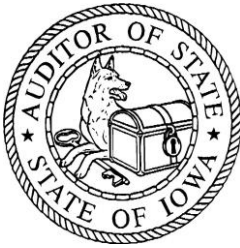
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June 3, 2014


To the Members of the Iowa
Commission of Veterans Affairs:


The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) is part of the State of Iowa and, as such, has been included in our audits of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the State's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2013.

In conducting our audits, we became aware of an aspect concerning the Department's operations for which we believe corrective action is necessary. As a result, we have developed a recommendation which is reported on the following page. We believe you should be aware of this recommendation which pertains to the Department's compliance with statutory requirements and other matters. This recommendation has been discussed with Department personnel and their response to this recommendation is included in this report. While we have expressed our conclusion on the Department's response, we did not audit the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs' response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Department during the course of our audits. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience. Individuals who participated in our audits of the Department are listed on page 5 and they are available to discuss these matters with you.


MARY MOSIMAN, CPA
Auditor of State


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Chief Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Honorable Terry E. Branstad, Governor
David Roederer, Director, Department of Management
Glen P. Dickinson, Director, Legislative Services Agency

Report of Recommendations for the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

June 30, 2013

Findings Reported in the State's Single Audit Report:

No matters were noted.

Findings Reported in the State's Report on Internal Control:

No matters were noted.

Other Findings Related to Internal Control:

No matters were noted.

Finding Related to Statutory Requirements and Other Matters:

Timely Deposit of Receipts – Chapter 12.10 of the Code of Iowa requires moneys received be deposited within ten days of collection. The Iowa Veteran's Cemetery receives cash and checks for cemetery donations, burial fees and commemorative coin sales. Fourteen of the thirty-two receipts tested were not deposited timely.

Recommendation – The Department should ensure receipts are deposited within ten business days in accordance with Chapter 12.10 of the Code of Iowa.

Response – The Department will start to bring in all cash receipts weekly.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

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