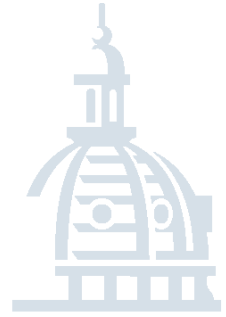




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TRIBUTE BELL DONATED FOR IOWA VETERANS TRUST FUND

Donation. The "Spirit of Iowa Tribute Bell" will be cast over three days (August 12-14, 2017) at the Iowa State Fair near the Administration Building. The bell will be built into a trailer that can be transported to community events to tell the story of Iowa veterans and to raise awareness of veterans' needs. Seven private corporations and nonprofits raised funds for the new bell, which will also be used to fundraise for the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund. No State funds are being used in the creation of the bell, purchase of trailer, or trailer licensing fees.

The Verdin Company will lead the on-site casting of the custom bell in its mobile bell foundry. Fairgoers will participate and learn about how a bell is made in the three-day process, and be able to tour the "Foundry on Wheels." After the bell is finished and dedicated to the State of Iowa, it will remain on display for the rest of the Fair, then appear at community events around the State. Guidelines for the use of the bell will be determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs at a later date. A separate budget unit for trailer maintenance will be created within the Trust Fund from donated funds.

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