

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Ch 35A

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Patrick J. Palmersheim, Executive Director Serves at Pleasure of Governor

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 Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under the auspices of Iowa Code chapter 35A, the commission prescribes the duties of the executive director and other employees necessary to carry out the duties of the commission and the department. The commission supervises the commandant's administration of commission policy for the operation and conduct of the Iowa Veterans Home.

The Governor appoints an executive director, subject to confirmation by the Senate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The executive director is responsible for administering the duties of the commission other than those related to the Iowa Veterans Home; maintaining military service records and graves records; assisting county veterans affairs commissions; providing information to government agencies, funeral homes, and veteran service organizations; and administering the War Orphans Educational Fund. The executive director must be a resident of the state and an honorably discharged veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States during a conflict or war.

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending Date</i>
Darlene McMartin, Chair	Hancock	April 30, 2008
Larry Bowden	Des Moines	April 30, 2008
Arthur Dayton	Webster City	April 30, 2007
Steven Mulcahy	Ottumwa	April 30, 2007
Laurel Phipps	Marshalltown	April 30, 2006
Mary Regur	Newton	April 30, 2006
David Rehbein	Ames	April 30, 2006
Cecelia Schroeder	Des Moines	April 30, 2008
Rosetta Waychus	Mason City	April 30, 2007

IOWA VETERANS HOME COMMANDANT

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1301 Summit Street, Marshalltown 50158-5485; (641)752-1501

Daniel Steen, Commandant.....Serves at Pleasure of Governor

The Iowa Veterans Home, located in Marshalltown, is a long-term health care facility providing multiple levels of care, with attendant health care services, for honorably discharged veterans, their dependent spouses, and surviving spouses of honorably discharged veterans. The Governor appoints a commandant, subject to Senate confirmation, who serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The commandant reports directly to the commission and has the immediate custody and control, subject to the orders of the commission, of all property used in connection with the home. The commandant must be a resident of the state, an honorably discharged veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States, and a licensed nursing home administrator.