

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Craig Long	West Des Moines	June 30, 2020
Rosemary Shaw Sackett.....	Okoboji	June 30, 2020
David S. Walker	Windsor Heights	June 30, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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<https://va.iowa.gov/>*

Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director Serves at Pleasure of Governor

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 department which include operating the Iowa Veterans Cemetery; establishing administrative rules for department programs; maintaining military service records and graves records; assisting county veteran affairs commissions; providing information to government agencies, funeral homes, and veteran service organizations; and administering the County Allocation Program, Severely Injured Veteran Grant Program, and Veterans Trust 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/Type</i>
Dan Gannon, Chair	Ankeny	April 30, 2020
Monica Brouse	Granger	April 30, 2018
Richard Goebel	New Vienna	April 30, 2018
Steven Hyde	Marshalltown	April 30, 2019
Ronald Langel	Ankeny	April 30, 2019
Elizabeth Ledvina	Toledo	April 30, 2018
Kathleen M. Myers	Graettinger	April 30, 2019
Mary Van Horn	Des Moines	April 30, 2020
Gary Wattnem	Mason City.....	April 30, 2020

Ex officio, nonvoting members

Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs Statutory
Timon M. Oujiri, Iowa Veterans Home Commandant..... 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.

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.