



# IOWA VETERANS HOME

## I. What is the Iowa Veterans Home?

- Established in 1887 as the Iowa Soldiers Home in Marshalltown on 150 acres.
- Founded under the motto "Iowa forgets not the defenders of the union".
- Originally created as a domiciliary for Civil War veterans with insufficient resources to live independently or those who were unable to earn a livelihood due to a disability.
- IVH now cares for succeeding generations of veterans and their spouses/widows who have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces and who demonstrate a medical and/or financial need.
- Today, IVH has 7 resident care buildings (2 being renovated to single rooms).

## II. What is our current census?

- 601 residents (498 nursing and 103 domiciliary)
- Comprised of 501 veterans and 100 spouses/widows

## III. Two levels of care are provided

- Domiciliary (similar to residential care) – 113 operating beds available
  - Physically high functioning – need minimal assistance for day to day activities, but can no longer live independently
  - Disorders include substance abuse dependence, mental health disorders, etc.
- Nursing Care – 573 operating beds available
  - Residents range from needing limited to complete assistance with their activities of daily living.
  - Complex care includes IV's, catheters, 225 oxygen beds, bladder scans, wound treatments, pulse oximetry, amputee care, infection isolation, etc.
  - Have 120 special care beds comprised of 75 semi-secure and 45 secure beds.
  - Waiting list is usually for Alzheimer's or Secured Unit.

#### **IV. How does our budget work?**

- Historically, we have received a state appropriation for our entire budget and then any revenues we generated were transferred back to the state's general fund. In FY2003, IVH changed to "net budgeting", so we were appropriated a smaller amount and now keep the revenues we generate. For our FY2014/2015 budget, state share is 10%.

#### **V. What revenues do we generate?**

- Dept. of Veterans Affairs pays IVH a daily per diem rate for each veteran based on their level of care and the daily census. For the federal fiscal year 2013, the rates are \$97.07 for nursing care, \$343.72 for 70% service-connected veterans and \$41.90 for domiciliary care.
- Residents pay based on their income and/or assets less a personal needs allowance.
- Medicaid pays for residents who are Medicaid eligible and reside in the nursing level of care (average 300 residents).
- Medicare Part B services and other health insurance residents' carry are billed for physician services, outpatient hospital services, durable equipment, lab, X-ray, etc.
- Medicare Part D services and other health insurance residents' carry are billed for prescription drug medications.

#### **VI. How many staff do we have?**

- At the end of December, we had 932 employees and 136 resident workers (843 FTE)
- We contract for housekeeping (approximately 75 staff or 66 FTE)

#### **VII. What services does IVH provide that other typical nursing homes do not?**

- Resident's prescriptions, glasses, hearing aides, special equipment (including beds), oxygen, etc.
- Physician fees, lab work, transportation to and from hospitals and clinics
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, social services, mental health, recreational therapy, speech and hearing, hospice, etc.
- Chaplains performing religious ceremonies and counseling.
- Arts, craft, ceramics and library services