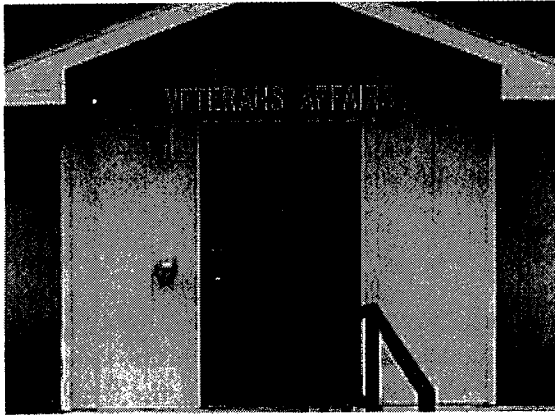
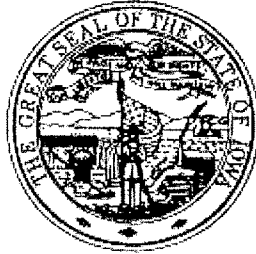


The ICVA is an Office of Advocacy for Veterans and we work with the Iowa Legislature to promote veterans issues.



Just walk through our front door and we will help you to the best of our ability with...

- Military Discharges (DD-214s)
- Military Graves Records
- Veteran's License Plates
- Awards / Recognition programs
- Information on V.A. programs
- Schools of Instruction
- Plan ISU Veterans football game
- Organize State Fair Vet's Day parade
- Historical Data



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The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs Camp Dodge Office invites you to come on in and learn what the ICVA does for Iowa's Veterans.

Take a look inside and see!
You might be surprised
at all we do.

WHAT THE ICVA DOES FOR IOWA'S VETERANS

Ongoing Programs

Operation Recognition

This program awards qualified veterans from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam honorary high school diplomas. These veterans must have had to leave school in order to go into military service.

Veterans in Care Database

This comprehensive database that is being compiled by our office includes veterans who are currently in nursing facilities, assisted living centers and residential care centers who may be eligible for V.A. benefits.

"Thank You America" French Certificate

This ongoing program awards a certificate to recognize the allied soldiers who took part in the Normandy landing and contributed to the liberation of France between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945.

WWII Merchant Marine Bonus

This program awards qualified veterans a monetary bonus for service on oceangoing Merchant Marine vessels. The Bonus Board meets at the Camp Dodge office and continues until funds have run out.

Veteran's License Plates

The ICVA office is responsible for verification and approval of all applications for Veteran's License plates available from the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Iowa Code Responsibilities

The ICVA is charged by Iowa Code with the following tasks:

Military Discharge Records (DD-214s)

The military discharge records on file in the ICVA office are of those veterans who have returned to the State of Iowa after active military service, along with copies of discharges from veterans who had applied for the WWI, WWII, Vietnam or Korea wartime era bonus. These vital records aid many different groups in their search for verifiable documentation in order to provide Veteran benefits. Some of these offices include; Armed Forces Recruiters, Vet's homes and nursing homes across the U.S., V.A. Hospitals and CBOCs, State Directors of Veteran Affairs, Iowa funeral home directors and many other county, state and federal organizations too numerous to list here.

Military Graves Records

All veterans buried in Iowa have a Military Grave record on file in our office. We preserve these records in a searchable database and provide these records upon request. We also provide copies of these records to the State Historical Society.

These documents are used daily by county Directors, Commissioners and Veteran Service Officers when veterans apply for benefits or assistance. If an applicant can't find a DD-214 or Grave Record, they turn to us for help.

War Orphans Educational Aid

This office is responsible for verifying and distributing monies for the War Orphans Educational Aid program, which provides up to \$600 a year for the children of veterans who have died in service to their country during a war period.

Schools of Instruction

The spring and fall schools of instruction are provided to enable the county commissions to update their knowledge of current Veteran Affairs issues, while meeting the requirement of annual training. These 3 day schools provide much information to the attendees in the way of new issues facing VA offices, paperwork changes and any other areas that may have had changes since the last school. The schools are the primary way of training county directors and commissioners upon appointment to the commission.

Constituent Mail

Once in a while an Iowa citizen may have a question they would like answered and are unsure as to who to contact. On these occasions, they may send mail to their local Representative, a Congressman or even to the Governor's office itself. When this question is regarding an issue that is best answered by a veteran, this mail is forwarded to the ICVA for answer. The ICVA office is an information resource for veterans and their families throughout Iowa and we will happily answer any question we can or refer you to the agency best suited to answer your question as completely as possible.

Veteran Programming

Iowa State football game and Veteran's Day parade at the Iowa State Fair

These two programs are consistent favorites with Iowa veterans, with attendance greater each year than the last. The Fair parade planning starts in late March and football game planning begins in early April. These annual events take months of work.