

Sec. 5. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect from and after its publication in the Urbandale News, a newspaper published in Urbandale, Iowa, and in The Boone News-Republican, a newspaper published in Boone, Iowa.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 782, was published in The Boone News-Republican, Boone, Iowa on July 1, 1981 and the Urbandale News, Urbandale, Iowa on June 11, 1981.

MARY JANE ODELL, *Secretary of State*

CHAPTER 33
VETERAN AFFAIRS
H. F. 769

AN ACT relating to meetings and payment for service on county commissions of veteran affairs, changing certain benefits provided by the county commissions, and clarifying and correcting certain references.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 35A.2, subsections 3 and 7, Code 1981, are amended to read as follows:

3. Permanently maintain the records including certified records of bonus applications ~~concerning-the~~ for awards paid ~~pursuant-to-the-additional-bonus-and-disability-fund-and~~ from the war orphans educational fund under chapter 35, ~~and-awards-paid-pursuant-to-the-Vietnam-veterans-bonus-under-chapter~~ 35C, Code-1977.

7. Maintain ~~by-counties~~ alphabetically a permanent registry of the graves of all persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war and whose mortal remains rest in Iowa.

Sec. 2. Section 250.1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.1 TAX. A tax not exceeding twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of assessed value may be levied by the board of supervisors upon all taxable property within the county, to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes, to create a veteran affairs fund for the benefit of, and to pay the funeral expenses of honorably discharged, indigent men and women of the United States who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in any war including World War I at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and including the Vietnam Conflict at any time between August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975, both dates inclusive, and their indigent wives, widows spouses, surviving spouses and minor children not over eighteen years of age, having a legal residence in the county.

Sec. 3. Section 250.3, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.3 COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS. The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist of three persons, all of whom shall be honorably discharged men or women of the United States who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in any war, including World War I at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and ~~including~~ the Vietnam Conflict at any time between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, both dates inclusive. If possible each member of the commission shall be a veteran of a different war or conflict, so as to divide membership among the men and women who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam Conflict, however, this qualification shall not preclude membership to a veteran who served in more than one of the wars or conflicts.

Sec. 4. Section 250.5, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.5 COMPENSATION. ~~The members of said~~ A member of the commission shall ~~be paid for their services the sum of five dollars per day for each day actually employed in the work of said commission, and also the same mileage that is paid to the members of the board of supervisors. Said per diem~~ receive twenty-five dollars for each month during which the member attends one or more commission meetings and shall be reimbursed for mileage the same as a member of the board of supervisors. Compensation and mileage shall be paid out of the taxes raised under ~~the provisions of~~ section 250.1. ~~In the event the commission has employed administrative or clerical help, the members of the commission shall receive compensation for attendance at the annual and monthly meetings only.~~

Sec. 5. Section 250.6, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.6 QUALIFICATION--ORGANIZATION. They shall qualify by taking the usual oath of office, and give bond in the sum of five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties with sureties to be approved by the county auditor. The commission shall organize by the selection of one of their number as ~~chairman~~ chairperson, and one as secretary. The commission, subject to the approval of the board of supervisors, shall have power to employ necessary administrative or clerical assistants when needed, the compensation of such employees to be fixed by the board of supervisors, but no member of the commission shall be so employed. The commission with the approval of the board of supervisors shall appoint one of the deputies of the county auditor to serve as administrative assistant to the commission, to serve without additional compensation, unless for good reasons shown, this arrangement is not feasible.

Sec. 6. Section 250.7, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.7 MEETINGS--REPORT--BUDGET. The commission shall meet monthly ~~on the first Monday~~ and at ~~such~~ other times as ~~may be~~ necessary. At the monthly meeting it shall determine who are entitled to benefits and the probable amount required to be expended ~~therefor~~. The commission shall meet annually ~~on the second Monday in June. At such annual meeting it shall~~ to prepare an estimated budget for all expenditures to be made in the next fiscal year and

certify ~~said~~ the budget to the board of supervisors, ~~who shall have the power and authority to.~~ The board may approve or reduce ~~said~~ the budget for valid reasons shown and entered of record and ~~such~~ the board's decision ~~shall be~~ is final.

Sec. 7. Section 250.10, unnumbered paragraphs 1 and 2, Code 1981, are amended to read as follows:

~~On the first Monday in each month, all~~ All claims certified by the commission shall be reviewed by the board of supervisors and the county auditor shall issue ~~his~~ warrants in payment of same drawn upon the veteran affairs fund. All applications, investigation reports and case records shall be privileged communications and held confidential, subject to use and inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection with their official duties relating to financial audits and the administration of the provisions of this chapter. Provided, however, that the county commission of veteran affairs shall prepare and file in the office of the county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of each January, April, July and October a report showing the names and addresses of all recipients receiving assistance under this chapter, together with the amount paid to each during the preceding quarter. Each report so filed shall be securely fixed in a record book to be used only for such reports made under this chapter.

The record book shall be and the same is hereby declared to be a public record, open to public inspection at all times during the regular office hours of the county auditor. Each person who desires to examine said records, other than in pursuance of official duties as hereinbefore provided, shall sign a written request to examine the same, which shall contain an agreement on the part of the signer that he or she will not utilize any information gained therefrom for commercial or political purposes.

Sec. 8. Section 250.11, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.11 DATA FURNISHED STATE COMMISSION. The commission of veteran affairs of each county shall ~~obtain for and transmit~~ provide information to the commission of the state department of veterans affairs, ~~at such time and in such manner as the Iowa commission shall specify, such information~~ as said Iowa the state commission may request ~~concerning any person having or claiming to have any right to award from the additional bonus and disability fund created by chapter 35.~~

Sec. 9. Section 250.13, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.13 BURIAL--EXPENSES. The ~~board~~ commission shall ~~designate some suitable person in each township to cause to be decently interred~~ be responsible for the interment in a suitable cemetery of the body ~~bodies~~ of any honorably discharged man ~~men~~ or woman ~~women~~ of the United States, who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during any war, including World War I at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and ~~including~~ the Vietnam Conflict at any time between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, both dates inclusive, or the spouse, surviving spouse, or child of ~~such~~ the person, if ~~any such~~ the person has died without leaving sufficient means

to defray the funeral expenses. The commission shall may pay such expenses in a sum not exceeding ~~two-hundred-fifty-dollars-in-any-case~~ an amount established by the board of supervisors.

Sec. 10. Section 250.15, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.15 EXPENSES AND AUDIT THEREOF. ~~The--expenses-of-such-burial-and-headstone~~ Burial expenses shall be paid by the county in which ~~such~~ the person died. If ~~such~~ the person is a resident of a different county at the time of death, the latter county shall reimburse the county ~~wherein-he~~ where the person died for the cost of ~~such~~ such burial ~~and-headstone~~. In either case, the board of supervisors of ~~such~~ the respective counties shall audit and pay the account ~~and-pay-the-same~~ from the funds provided for in this chapter in ~~such~~ the manner as other claims are audited and paid.

Sec. 11. Section 250.16, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

250.16 MARKERS FOR GRAVES. The county commission of veteran affairs ~~shall,--upon--the--petition--of--five--eligible--electors--of--any--township--or--municipality--in--their--county,--procure--for--and~~ may furnish ~~to-said-petitioners~~ some suitable and appropriate metal marker, at a cost not exceeding ~~ten~~ fifteen dollars each, for the grave of each honorably discharged man or woman of the United States, who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during any war, including World War I at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, the Korean Conflict at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and including the Vietnam Conflict at any time between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, both dates inclusive, who is buried within the limits of ~~said~~ the township or municipality, to be placed at the individual's grave to permanently mark and designate ~~said~~ the grave for memorial purposes. The expenses ~~thereof~~ shall be paid from any funds raised as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 12. Sections 35.12, 35A.10, 250.14 and 250.21 are repealed.

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