

lowa Veterans Home Serving Iowans since 1887

IVH purpose and mission



- Purpose: Provide individualized quality health care in a community atmosphere where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.
- Mission: Caring, our only reason for being.

IVH qualities

- Sense of community
- Comfort and security
- Resident focus
- Excellent medical care
- Genuine people with unique experiences



Who qualifies for IVH admission?

- Honorably discharged veterans, their spouses, and/or widowed spouses who demonstrate either medical or financial need and meet
 - Iowa residency requirements
 - Veteran eligibility for admission to VA Medical Centers

How much does the IVH care cost?



- Eligible veterans, their spouses, and/or widowed spouses are admitted without regard to their financial status
- The rate of payment is based on the cost of care and the individual's ability to pay using available resources

Health care services at IVH



- IVH offers nursing, medical, rehabilitative care, and mental health services.
 - Many aspects of medical care are covered.
 - Doctors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Health care services at IVH



Care services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Social work services
- Substance abuse counseling
- Psychiatry and psychology services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Audiology and speech therapy

More services at IVH

- Pastoral care and chapel services
- Special places on campus for family visits, reunions, overnight stays, and cookouts
- Barber and beauty shops, gift shop, library, computers, wheelchair services.



IVH History

- Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood proposed building a home for disabled Civil War Iowa veterans. The war took lives of 13,001 Iowans.
- Marshalltown citizens raised \$30,000 to meet the Iowa House and the Senate's approval for the site of the Iowa Soldiers Home.
- Totally, 75 Iowa counties competed to locate the soldiers home at their site.

IVH History



- In March 1886, the General Assembly appropriated \$75,000 for the purchase of a site and another \$25,000 to maintain the home for one year.
- In April 1886, Marshalltown was selected as the site for a home for disabled soldiers.

Budget: the first year (1888)

- \$6,000.00: salary and wages for officers and employees
- Commandant's salary was set not to exceed the sum of \$1,200.00 a year
- \$10.00 a month for the general support of the members of the home



Early rules of the home said that "No person shall be admitted to the home who has an income of \$16.00 per month or more."



 Residents were required to pay the commandant any amount of income in excess of \$6.00 per month.

In 1939, this was raised to \$16.00 per resident (\$26.00 a couple), but not to exceed \$35.00



- Veterans used to go fishing on the Iowa River, just west of the Soldiers Home.
- Local children were paid to collect the clams, the shells of which were shipped to the Mississippi river button factory.



- Residents turned out every Saturday morning for inspection and up through the mid-1940s the bugler sounded reveille and retreat daily.
- Breaking the rules, drinking, or fighting was punished by a stay in a special "unit" in the Old Main Building.

First residents at the IVH



 Amos Fox was the first resident admitted on December 1, 1887.

 Mary Warrington was the first woman admitted on March 5, 1893.

History of IVH campus

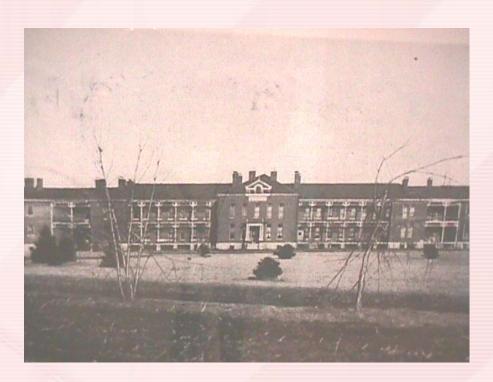
- On November 30, 1887, the Main Building was completed.
- The Main became the men's dormitory and was used until its demolition in 1963.

The Main Building (capacity 200 residents)



History of IVH campus

- In April 1890, the Legislature grants \$25,000 for a hospital building;
- \$12,000 for a boiler room and electrical plant buildings; and
- \$1,250 for sewerage.



- In 1892, the Board of Commissioners authorized construction of 10 buildings, called cottages, each at a cost of not more than \$500.
- The cottages were to be used by veterans and their spouses who wished to live together.
- The renovated cottages are being used today by residents and employees.





- Construction of the Old People's Building (now Heinz Hall) began in 1896
- The total cost of the project was \$15,000. The north half was added in 1923.





- The Iowa Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for the Sheeler Building construction during its 1958-59 session.
- The Loftus Building was opened in 1969.
 The total cost of construction: \$1,065,000.00





- The Malloy Hall was dedicated on January 5, 1978.
- Cost of the building:
 \$12.5 million.
- The Dack Building was completed in 1981 at a cost of \$9.5 million.

Facts to consider



- IVH is the third largest State
 Veterans Home in the United States
 - We have a total of 755 beds available
 - 113 beds are residential
 - 642 are nursing beds

Facts to consider

- IVH operates the largest Medicaid program in the state
- No resident is denied care due to financial need
- Residents in need of wheelchairs get them from the IVH Wheelchair Department.





If you have any questions, please call the IVH at 1-800-645-4591. We will be glad to assist you.