

Iowa Veterans Home, Established 1887

- ❖ Largest nursing home in the state; 5th largest State Veterans Home in the nation
- ❖ Fiscal Year 2026 State Appropriation: **\$8,145,736**
- ❖ Sustained Five-Star Rating since 2016 (best possible) from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services
- ❖ 158-acre campus consisting of 32 buildings totaling 850,000 square feet
- ❖ 19,668 residents served since inception
- ❖ 7/1/26: 1 WWII; 27 Korea; 196 Vietnam; 18 Gulf; 83 peacetime; 47 spouses
- ❖ Critical open positions are all nursing, ranging from Resident Treatment Worker (CNA) to RN
- ❖ All nursing staff are state employees-no agency nurses



Total FY26 Revenue:

\$83,334,966

Medicaid	VA	Resident Support	General Fund	Other
38%	36%	15%	10%	1%



Average Population
FY26:

380

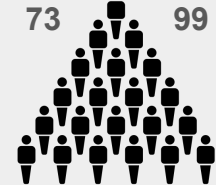
Population as of
July 1, 2026:
372

Total Staff:

Full Time:

565

Part Time: 73
Temporary: 99



Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Established 2008

- ❖ 103-acre cemetery containing 9,376 internments (7,005 veteran and 2,371 spouse) with a capacity of 90,000
- ❖ Included in total are 6,745 cremains placed in 11 of 12 columbarium walls
- ❖ Staff as of 7/1/26: 8 full time, 1 temporary
- ❖ Supported by service organizations, veterans service organizations, Iowa National Guard, and funeral directors



Fiscal Year 2026
Internments:

738

Applications for
Future Internments:
Over 12,000

Fiscal Year 2026 State
Appropriation:

\$1,369,205

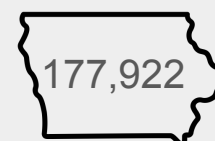


(Shared with Iowa Veterans Benefits Bureau)

Iowa Veterans Benefits Bureau

- ❖ Appropriation is shared with Iowa Veterans Cemetery
- ❖ Supports an Iowa veteran population of 177,922 ^[1], which represents 5.5% of Iowa's population of 3,241,488 ^[2]
- ❖ Center for expert training, support, outreach, credentialing, and referral for all of Iowa's 99 County veterans affairs offices and 149 county veteran service officers

Iowa Veteran Population:



[1] U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs [Veteran Population - National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov)

[2] US Census [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Iowa](https://www.census.gov)

- ❖ Assistance in filing for federal and state veteran benefits, repository for military records, and administration of veteran-serving programs in addition to coordination and assistance with other state agencies such as IWD, HHS, IDE, DOT, IFA, DNR on such programs
- ❖ Support provided during Fiscal Year 2026:



1,159 Veteran license plate applications reviewed



489 Eligibility requests reviewed for military homeownership assistance applications, supporting \$2.2 million in Iowa Finance Authority grants



Staff as of 7/1/26: 4 full time



Conducted two annual county VSO training courses and one county veterans commissioner course



Administration and disbursement of annual \$10K allocation and \$3K national training reimbursement to 99 county veterans offices



Administration of Iowa Veterans Trust Fund assistance requests in support of the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs

Iowa Veterans Trust Fund funded by the Iowa Lottery

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs approved 173 applications, disbursing and obligating \$884,641 to support veterans who met income eligibility criteria. Funding addressed critical needs, including medical and dental expenses, emergency housing and vehicle repairs, unemployment assistance, job training, counseling, and other essential services. Included in this amount are \$134,500 in reimbursements paid to local veterans organizations for 1,473 veteran honor guard services.

Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs is comprised of Commandant Jacobus and 12 members appointed by the Governor:

Darlene McMartin, Chair (Public Member at Large)
 Joella Perry, 1st Vice Chair (Iowa Association of County Veteran Services)
 Scott Miller, 2nd Vice Chair (Paralyzed Veterans Of America)
 David Grimm (Disabled American Veterans)
 Becky Dirks Haugsted (Veterans of Foreign Wars)
 Randy Johnson (American Legion)

Dennis Jones (Marine Corps League)
 Gregory Paulline (Vietnam Veterans of America)
 Reggie Richardson (Reserve Organization of America)
 LTC Joel Sage (Iowa National Guard)
 Robert Suesakul (Military Order of the Purple Heart)
 David Wilkins (AMVETS)



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