

Cedar County Veteran News

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Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes

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It has become apparent that although done with the best of intentions, that some Americans do not know the proper way to display the flag of our Country. I thought with this being a time with Veterans Day coming to give some tips on the right and wrong ways to display the flag that maybe aren't as familiar.

1. Never place our flag below the seats of a platform or stand, or twisted in any fancy shape whatever.
2. When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind

the speaker. If flown from a staff, it should be in position of honor, at the speaker's right. It should never be used to cover the speaker's desk nor to drape of the front of the platform. Use bunting.

These and many more tips regarding proper etiquette can be found at www.martinsflag.com

Please remember to respect our Country when displaying the flag. Properly disposing of worn and tattered flags by preferably burning. If you have a flag that you are not sure of how to dispose of

properly, please contact the Cedar County Veteran Affairs office.



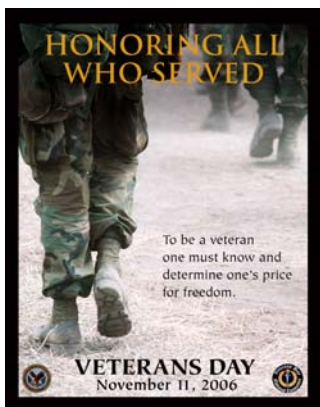
Special points of interest:

- Monthly Commissioner Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Cedar County Veteran Affairs Office.
- The normal office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, please remember that the office is operated by 1 staff member. Therefore, there will be times when the office is closed. For your convenience, it is best to call 886-2170 before coming to the office to set up an appointment time.
- Food basket sign-up is November 6th - December 1st. Distribution of the food basket is on Thursday December 14th.

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November 11th is Veterans Day

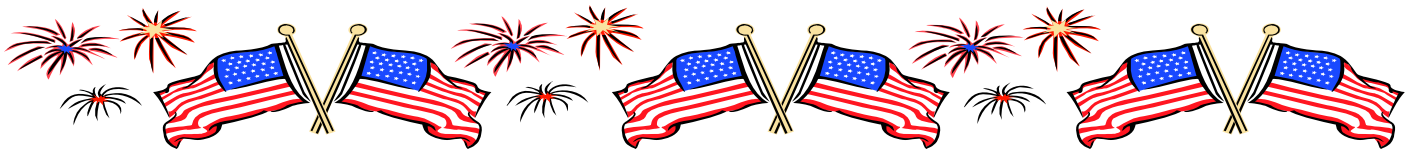


World War I—known at time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the Town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany

went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.





Support Iowa's Troops

How do you support Iowa's Troops on Active Duty?

You can contact the Iowa National Guard office at 515-252-4582 or the Cedar County Veteran Affairs office for a list of the current units on active duty and an address where they can receive care packages.

There is also a group out of Waterloo sending care packages and are asking for donations. You can contact Julie Ehlers at 292-7319 or 232-3795. They are asking for donations by October 20, 2006.

Veteran Commissioners

Who are your Cedar County Veteran Commissioners?

Everett Kruckenberg, Chairman

Bruce Jeffries John Sauer

Marlin Hillyer Richard Moon

Contact information:

To contact a Commissioner or the Cedar County Veteran Affairs Office:

Phone: 563-886-2170 or

Email: phamann@cedarcounty.org

Cedar County Food Basket Giveaway

Starting on November 6th the Cedar County Veteran Affairs office will be accepting names to receive a free food basket. The families wanting to sign up need to meet the financial criteria of 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Sign up must be done in person. Appointments are not necessary, but appreciated. The office will accept names through Friday

December 1st. If you know of any Veteran or non-Veteran that may benefit from this food basket please refer them to the Veteran Affairs/ General Assistance Office.

The food baskets will be available for pick-up on Thursday December 14th. If you would like to make a monetary donation, food donation, or volunteer to help pack the food baskets, please contact the office at 563-886-2170.



Common Questions and Answers

Do you have a question regarding Veteran issues? Let me know, you may not be the only one.



Did you know that the VA Hospital will transport you to your medical appointments?

All you have to do is make arrangements at the time you make your appointment.

What is the number for the VA Hospital in Iowa City?

Toll Free:

1-800-637-0128



Is it too late to sign up for VA Health Benefits?

It is never too late! For those of you that have been procrastinating, now is the time to get it done. Call the office, schedule an appointment and we will fill out the paperwork together. The process takes around 15-30 minutes. If you already have VA Health Benefits, make sure all your fellow Veterans know how to get theirs!



Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming

events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your news-



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letter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is grow-

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Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

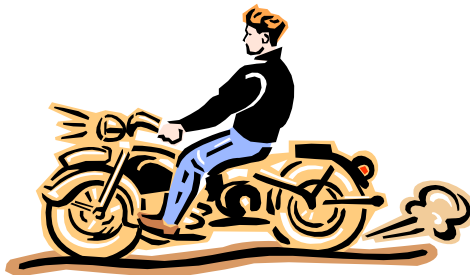
“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or



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enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are

also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

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Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web!
example.microsof
t.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your

organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.



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If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third

Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.