

Cedar County Veteran News

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What is happening in the Cedar County Veterans Affairs Office?

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The Cedar County Veterans Affairs Office is in the process of receiving a \$6,200 grant that the State of Iowa is doing in order to boost benefits to Iowa's Veterans.

to Federal Forms training in Wisconsin. This requires 7 days of training and a test after completion. This training will assist the Administrator when filing Federal claims for Cedar County Veterans trying to get compensation and pension.

Some of the money will also be spent on advertising and outreach activities. The Cedar County Veterans Affairs Office will be trying to get more information out to the Veterans on what benefits they may be entitled to and what Cedar County can help them with.

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.



In previous years, there has been very little done for the Veterans in this area due to the extensive training necessary in order to fill these forms out correctly. Most local Veterans currently go to the Iowa City VA or through Des Moines to get these claims done.

If there are any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact your local Commissioner or the office. The office is trying to reach all of Cedar County's Veterans. Even if you don't have a need for services, it is still nice to meet those that have served our country.

The Administrator will be attending this training June 2, 2007 through June 9, 2007, so the local office will be closed during this time.

Cedar County Veterans Affairs will be using part of this grant money to send the Administrator

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Memorial Day... a day of Remembering

Have you made your plans for Memorial Day? Cedar County Veterans Affairs will be giving the key note address at Tipton's Memorial Day Service this year.

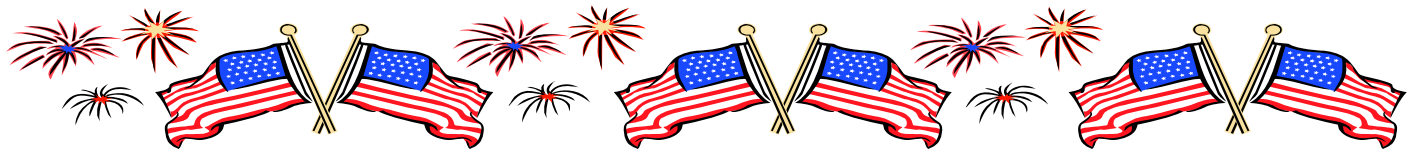
There are many who go about this day not understanding what its true intent was. So many think of it as a three day weekend, a time to plan family reunions, or a little vacation for the family.

country. Lets spend the day the way it was originally intended to be spent. Remembering and honoring those who died while serving their country.

Please plan on attending one of the many services being held in honor of the fallen soldiers of Cedar County.

Lets start a new tradition for some in Cedar County. Lets spend the day thanking those who have served for their





Communication Square

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY TIPTON VFW POST 2537



Tipton VFW Post 2537 will be celebrating its 75th birthday on May 11, 2007. They will be celebrating

while Officers of the State of Iowa VFW honor them with a National Citation. The VFW will also be honoring those members who originated the VFW Post 2537.

Veteran Commissioners

Who are your Cedar County Veteran Commissioners?

Everett Kruckenberg, Chairman

Bruce Jeffries John Sauer

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Contact information:

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

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Why we fold the flag 13 times

Have you ever noticed how the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? Here's what each of those 13 folds mean:

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country", in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge alle-

giance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust".

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a coked hat, reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by the comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.



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-

ing.

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.

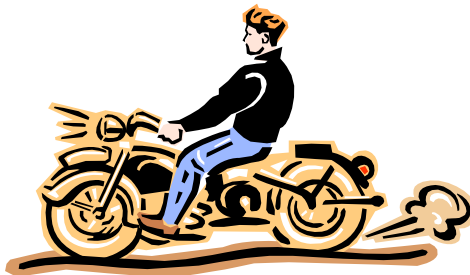
“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

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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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.