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The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs dedicated the Iowa Veterans Cemetery on July 3, 2008. The Honorable Chet Culver, Governor of Iowa was the keynote speaker. Governor Culver commented in a press release on June 23, 2008 "This cemetery will be a fitting and honorable resting place for Veterans who sacrificed so much for our freedom. Every day will be Memorial Day and Veterans Day at this place of reverence."

course of the Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. This monument is the culmination of the Honoring Iowa's Heroes Project initiated in 2003 by the women in the Ames chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and international women's sorority.

The cemetery was created through a \$7.6 million federal grant with additional funds provided by the State of Iowa. Construction began in July of 2007

on 100 acres of generously donated land by the Knapp and Kenyon families. Honorably discharged Veterans are eligible for interment at the cemetery at no cost, the spouse of a Veteran can be interred for a cost of \$300.

The Iowa Veterans Cemetery is located 10 miles west of Des Moines on Interstate 80 (exit 113) on the newly named Veterans Memorial Drive.

There was an Iowa Fallen Heroes monument also unveiled during the dedication ceremony as a memorial to the soldiers and sailors who have given their lives during the



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.

HONOR GUARD REIMBURSEMENT

Honor Guards are eligible for reimbursement under the State of Iowa and the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund for military honors provided at funerals. There are certain requirements in order to qualify for this reimbursement.

Applications for this reimbursement can be downloaded from the Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs under trust fund, or you may contact the Cedar County Veteran Affairs office for an application.

The maximum amount payable in a 12 month period is \$500.

The service organization must not be eligible to receive Federal reimbursement for the military honors provided.

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Communication Square

Do you have something going on in your local service organization post that you would like people to know about. Send the information to:

Cedar County Veteran Affairs
400 Cedar Street
Tipton, IA 52772

Veteran Commissioners

Who are your Cedar County Veteran Commissioners?

Bruce Jeffries, Chairman
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Contact information:

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

Phone: 563-886-2170 or

Email: phamann@cedarcounty.org

CELEBRATE THE FIRST GAMES



On March 11, 2008 Governor Chet Culver signed into law House File 2359, a measure authorizing the Iowa Lottery to create two new instant-scratch games and two additional pull-tab games each year, with **ALL PROFITS** from the games used to support Veterans and their families through the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund.

The first games to benefit the Trust Fund begin sales the 21st of July 2008.



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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.