



Cedar County Veteran News

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Are you eligible to file a VA claim?

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When you were in the armed forces did you ever receive medical care for an injury?

Do you still suffer from that injury?

Do you suffer from an injury or have symptoms now that are related to your prior service time?

There are many Veterans out there that do not know that they may be able to file a claim and receive a disability rating from the Federal government.

If you were injured during your service time, were treated for that injury during service time and have current

documentation that you are treating this past injury, you could possibly receive service connected compensation.

Even if you have been out of the armed forces for years it's not too late to file a claim if you are still suffering from that injury.

What do you need to do? Call the Cedar County Veteran Affairs Office at 886-2170 and set up an appointment time to come and discuss the possibility of filing a claim.



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.

How do I sign up for VA benefits?

Are you still one of the many Veterans that have yet to sign up for VA health benefits? You're not alone. Many Veterans don't realize that they are eligible to even receive benefits.

It's not too late to sign up! Please contact the County Veteran Affairs Office to set up an appointment.

What things will you need in order to apply? You will need a copy of your DD214, your current health insurance information, and some financial information.



The County Veteran Affairs Office can assist you with the completion of this application.

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Communication Square

Does your Legion or VFW have activities that you would like the public to know about? Would you like to share stories of events/activities that your Legion or VFW have been doing? What about publicly recognizing a fellow Veteran for their service time or their contributions to your organization?

Contact the Cedar County Veteran Affairs office and we will help. We can put things in our quarterly newsletter that is shared in Mechanicsville, Stanwood, Clarence, Lowden, West Branch, Tipton, Bennett and Durant.

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

Military Service Property Tax Exemption

Iowa residents who meet one of the following service requirements are eligible for the exemption:

1. Honorably discharged veteran who served for a minimum aggregate of eighteen months.
2. Honorably discharged veteran who served fewer than eighteen months because of service related injury.
3. Honorably discharged former member of Reserve Forces or Iowa National Guard who served at least 20 years.
4. Member of Reserve Forces or Iowa National Guard who have

served at least 20 years and continue to serve.

5. Honorably discharged former member of the Armed Forces if any portion of their term of enlistment would have occurred within the Korean Conflict but who opted to serve 5 years in the reserve forces as allowed by Federal Law.
6. Honorably discharged veteran who served in an eligible service period (Iowa Code Chapter 35).

Application must be made with the Assessor on or before July 1 of the year the exemption is first claimed. The military certificate of satisfactory service, order transferring to inactive status, reserve, retirement, order of

separation from service or honorable discharge must be recorded in the office of the county recorder. Members of the Reserve Forces or Iowa National Guard who have served at least 20 years and continue to serve shall record the veteran's retirement points accounting statement issued by the armed forces of the United States, the state adjutant general, or the adjutant general of any other state. The exemption from taxation is \$2,778 for WWI veterans and \$1,852 for all other service periods. If the qualified veteran does not claim the exemption the spouse, unmarried widow(er), minor child or widowed parent may be eligible to claim the exemption.

Common Questions and Answers



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

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



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

Toll Free:
1-800-637-0128

Are there other questions you have? All you have to do is ask. I will try my best to give you an answer, and if I don't know that answer, I will be sure to find out!



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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Your business tag line here.

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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.