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Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran/Military-Related Events in Iowa

This event listing is compiled by the Outreach Coordinator, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. It provides information about veteran-related events as provided to the IDVA office. IDVA's endeavor is to ensure that interested individuals and organizations are aware of these events. An updated listing will be distributed on the first and middle of each month. **Please send details on events, including the 11 key pieces of information outlined below, to: meghan.larkins@iowa.gov.**

1. Name of Event, 2. Date of Event, 3. Time of Event, 4. Location of Event, 5. Address of Event, 6. City, 7. State, 8. Point of Contact, 9. POC's Phone #, 10. POC's email address, 11. Additional details/coordinating instructions

Listed Chronologically

Events List is current, with information received, as of 8/10/2016

August 2016

- ◆ **Center for Deployment Psychology's University Counseling Center Core Competency (UC4), 10 August 2016**, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, University of Dubuque, Blades Hall, **Dubuque**, IA, Dr. Amy Baus, Director of Career & Life Services, University of Dubuque, 563-589-3132, abaus@dbq.edu. *Note: The Center for Deployment Psychology's University Counseling Center Core Competency (UC4) is coming to the University of Dubuque Campus on Wednesday, August 10th, 2016. This program is extended to area service and resource provider, as well as non-clinical University personnel who are encouraged to attend. Seating is capped at 100, the UC4 is requesting for registration between January – May. The program aims to increase competency in the concerns, challenges, culture, and experiences of Service Members and Veterans attending college. If pursuing CEs, the cost is \$19.99 per attendee. 7 Continuing Education Credits for this learning activity will be awarded. PESI, Inc. is an approved provider of Continuing Education. You can register by clicking on this link: <http://deploymentpsych.org/training/uc4-university-dubuque-ia-10-aug-2016>.*
- ◆ **1st Annual Motorcycle Ride for Paws & Effect, 13 August 2016**, 9:30 am, Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St, **Marshalltown**, IA 50158, Herschel Edwards at 641-691-6495, h.allenedwards@gmail.com or Nick Salasek at 641-750-6771 or salasekn@gmail.com. Visit Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/480695275474370/>.
- ◆ **Iowa State Fair Veterans Parade, 15 August 2016**, 11:00 am, Iowa State Fair Grand Concourse, 3000 East Grand Ave, **Des Moines**, IA 50317, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov.
- ◆ **English River Outfitters at Veteran Employment & Resource Fair, 16 August 2016**, 1:00 to 3:00pm, National Guard Armory, 3615 N Brady St, **Davenport**, IA, Chuck Geertz, 563-357-4923, chuckgeertz@englishriveroutfitters.org. *Note: Stop by our booth at the Veteran Employment & Resource Fair to see what English River Outfitters has to offer. See the flyer below at [https://www.homebaseiowa.gov/sites/homebaseiowa.gov/files/eventuploads/Employer%20Event%20Flyer_V5%20\(3\)%5B2%5D.pdf](https://www.homebaseiowa.gov/sites/homebaseiowa.gov/files/eventuploads/Employer%20Event%20Flyer_V5%20(3)%5B2%5D.pdf)*

- ◆ **Military Retiree Appreciation Event, 18 August 2016**, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Meadows Ballroom, Prairie Meadows Hotel, 1 Prairie Meadows Drive, **Altoona**, (Polk) IA, Col Michael Treinen (Ret), 515-255-5138, Treinen1941@gmail.com, *Note: Military Retirees and their spouses from all components are invited to this day of informative briefings by subject matter experts on benefits that are of interest. Agenda includes Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs, a National Legislative Update, Veterans Affairs Medical update, Delta Dental Insurance, ID Cards, Long Term Care insurance, TRICARE (includes TRICAE for Life and mail order pharmacy programs), and Social Security. Cost of the event is \$15 per person that includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the casino restaurant. Event is co-sponsored by the Retirement Services Office at For McCoy, WI.*
- ◆ **Third Annual Ida County Veterans Appreciation Day, 27 August 2016**, 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Skate Palace, 201 Susan Lawrence Drive, **Ida Grove**, (Ida) IA, Dale Ullrich, 712-364-4176 or 712-369-5017, idava@longlines.com. *Note: This event will include information tables for the veteran and their dependents, a free-will offering supper with profits earmarked to the Brushy Creek Honor Flight, and a band for dancing and enjoyment along with the bar.*
- ◆ **Polk City Legion Post 232 20th Annual Lobsterfest, 27 August 2016**, beginning at noon, 114 W. Broadway, **Polk City**, IA, 50226, POC Tonya Hazel, 515-334-2799, tonya.hazel@yahoo.com. *Note: Lobster dinner tickets (4 – 8pm) can be purchased for \$28 online at www.post232.org no later than 13 August. Free concert (8pm to midnight) by the 34th Army Band who play current hits from today's pop artists as well as rock classics. Adults only after 9pm.*

September 2016

- ◆ **Shooting for HERO, 3 September 2016**, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Anita Shooting Complex, 75175 Fairview Rd, **Anita**, IA, Chuck Geertz, 563-357-4923, chuckgeertz@englishriveroutfitters.org. *Note: A sporting clay competition to benefit disabled veterans. See our flyer on our Facebook page at English River Outfitters (search English River Outfitters and then select the one that has "Sports & Recreation" under it). <https://www.facebook.com/English-River-Outfitters-328571623827640/>*
- ◆ **Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 Pancake Breakfast, 3 September 2016**, 6:30-11 AM, 106 South Juniata Street, **Blue Grass**, (Scott) IA, 52726, Wayne Kraft, 563-381-4380, ialegion.post711@gmail.com, Visit the Post website at: www.al711iowa.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Auxiliary Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 6 September 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jennifer Kix, President, 515-490-0578, vfwpost9668aux@gmail.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 12 September 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jack Lingelbach, 515-991-1375, adjutant.vfwpost9668@gmail.com
- ◆ **Veterans Gravestone Restoration, 14 – 17 September 2016**, City of Des Moines Municipal Cemeteries, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Ganesh Ganpat; 515-418-2889, GNGanpat@dmgov.org. *Note: Able bodied volunteers are being sought to assist City Parks and Recreation workers with the lifting and leveling of several hundred veterans' gravestones in De Moines' Municipal Cemeteries.*
- ◆ **Zero Prostate Cancer Run/Walk 2016 – Des Moines and Kids Dash for Dad, 17 September 2016**, Registration starts at 7:30 am, 1 Line Drive, Principal Park, **Des Moines**, IA, 50309 Mark Good, Sr. 515-570-4106, zeroprostatecancerdsm@gmail.com. *Note: website is zeroprostatecancer.org/des-moines. The ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk – Des Moines features a 5K run/walk, 1 mile survivor walk, Kids Superhero Dash for Dad, and virtual Snooze for Dudes program. ZERO is proud to partner with The Iowa Clinic to end prostate cancer. After the race, all participants can enjoy a free Smokey D's BBQ pulled pork sandwich! The Iowa League of Heroes and Iowa Wild's Crash will be there to cheer on the crowd! The funds raised from ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk – Des Moines are invested in Des Moines and around the country to provide research for new treatments, free prostate cancer testing, and educate men and War veterans with exposure to defoliants can add to prostate cancer risk and severity. Studies have shown Vietnam and Korean War veterans with exposure to defoliants like **Agent Orange** have a higher occurrence of prostate cancer.*
- ◆ **The Wall That Heals, September 29 – October 2, 2016**, Open 24 hours, Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, **Urbandale**, IA, 50322, Hosted by Team Welcome Home, Joy Wehmas, Chairman, 515-777-1918, info@teamwelcomehomeiowa.com, www.teamwelcomehomeiowa.com, *Note: This will be a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event featuring The Wall That Heals. The Wall That Heals is an exhibition created by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) with a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., it is also accompanied by a mobile Education Center that tells the story of the Vietnam War era and The Wall.*

October 2016

- ◆ **Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 Pancake Breakfast, 1 October 2016**, 6:30-11 AM, 106 South Juniata Street, **Blue Grass**, (Scott) IA, 52726, Wayne Kraft, 563-381-4380, ialegion.post711@gmail.com, Visit the Post website at: www.al711iowa.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 3 October 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jack Lingelbach, 515-991-1375, adjutant.vfwpost9668@gmail.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Auxiliary Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 4 October 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jennifer Kix, President, 515-490-0578, vfwpost9668aux@gmail.com
- ◆ **2nd District, American Legion of Iowa, District Conference, 8 October 2016**, 9 AM – 3 PM, 702 West 35th Street, **Davenport**, (Scott), IA, 52806, Dick Hogan, 319-366-4080, dehogan@earthlink.net. Visit the 2nd District website at: www.al2iowa.com
- ◆ **34th Infantry Division Association Reunion, October 14 - 15 2016**, 2:00 pm Friday October 14th, 8:00 am Saturday October 15th, Stoney Creek Court, 5291 Stoney Creek Court, **Johnston**, IA, 50313, Lt Col (Ret) Michael Musel, Michael.musel@iowa.gov. *Note: This will be the 69th Annual Reunion of the 34th Inf Div Assn. All who have served in the 34th Inf Div are welcome.*

November 2016

- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Auxiliary Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 1 November 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jennifer Kix, President, 515-490-0578, vfwpost9668aux@gmail.com
- ◆ **Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 Pancake Breakfast, 5 November 2016**, 6:30-11 AM, 106 South Juniata Street, **Blue Grass**, (Scott) IA, 52726, Wayne Kraft, 563-381-4380, ialegion.post711@gmail.com, Visit the Post website at: www.al711iowa.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 7 November 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jack Lingelbach, 515-991-1375, adjutant.vfwpost9668@gmail.com
- ◆ **Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 November 2016**, 8:00 am, Iowa Veterans Cemetery (at Van Meter); 11:00 Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov
- ◆ **Blue Grass American Legion Auxiliary Unit 711 Veterans Day Pork Chop Supper, 11 November 2016**, 4-7 PM, 106 South Juniata Street, **Blue Grass**, (Scott) IA, 52726, Donna Kraft, 563-381-4380, ialegion.post711@gmail.com, Visit the Post website at: www.al711iowa.com

December 2016

- ◆ **Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 Pancake Breakfast, 3 December 2016**, 6:30-11 AM, 106 South Juniata Street, **Blue Grass**, (Scott) IA, 52726, Wayne Kraft, 563-381-4380, ialegion.post711@gmail.com, Visit the Post website at: www.al711iowa.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 5 December 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jack Lingelbach, 515-991-1375, adjutant.vfwpost9668@gmail.com
- ◆ **VFW Post 9668 Auxiliary Urbandale/Johnston Monthly Business Meeting, 6 December 2016**, 7:00 pm, VRW IA State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, Jennifer Kix, President, 515-490-0578, vfwpost9668aux@gmail.com
- ◆ **Wreaths Across America, 17 December 2016**, 11:00 am, Iowa Veterans Cemetery (at Van Meter) 34024 Veterans Memorial Dr, **Adel**, IA, 50003, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov
- ◆ **Wreaths Across America, 17 December 2016**, 11 AM, Rock Island National Cemetery, Bldg. 118, **Rock Island Arsenal**, (Rock Island) IL 61265, Thomas Nielson, 309-716-8620, il008@mediacombb.net

January 2017

- ◆ **Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 Pancake Breakfast, 7 January 2017**, 6:30-11 AM, 106 South Juniata Street, **Blue Grass**, (Scott) IA, 52726, Wayne Kraft, 563-381-4380, ialegion.post711@gmail.com, Visit the Post website at: www.al711iowa.com

- ◆ **Veterans at the Capitol, 18 January 2017**, 11:00 am, Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E Grand Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, 50319, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov

May 2017

- ◆ **Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, 8 May 2017**, 11:00 am, Vietnam Memorial, Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E Grand Ave, **Des Moines**, (Polk) IA, 50319, Meghan Larkins, Outreach Coordinator IDVA, 515-727-3442, Meghan.larkins@iowa.gov

2016 Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs' quarterly meetings are scheduled as follows:

October 5, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Iowa Veterans Home, Malloy Leisure Recreation Center, **Marshalltown**, (Marshall) IA

Note: The events and speakers included in this list do not necessarily reflect the views, opinions, or positions of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs or any employee thereof.