

# Cedar County Veteran News

## The Official Newsletter of the Cedar County Veterans Affairs Office

### IOWA VETERANS HOME

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Who qualifies for the Iowa Veterans Home? Honorably discharged veterans and/or their spouses who demonstrate either medical or financial need and meet:

- Iowa Residency requirements
- Veteran eligibility for admission to VA Medical Centers

How much does the care cost?

Eligible Veterans, their spouses, and or widowed spouses are admitted without regard to their financial status.

The rate of payment is based on the actual cost of care and the individual's ability to pay using available resources.

There are many different forms

of health care that is provided. IVH offers nursing, medical, rehabilitative care, and mental health services. Many aspects of care are covered and include, but are not limited to, the following:

Physicians' presence on campus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Social work services

Substance abuse counseling

Psychiatry and psychology services

Laboratory and X-ray services

Physical and occupational therapy

Audiology and speech therapy

Optometry, dermatology, and dental care.

For more information about the IVH, or to request a tour, call Iowa Veterans Home at 1-800-645-4591.



#### 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.

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### Annual Food Box Sign Up Nearing

The Cedar County Veterans Affairs/General Assistance Office, in a partnership with Community Action of Eastern Iowa, will soon be taking names of Veterans and the General Public starting on November 5th through December 3rd.

This annual event provides a box of food that is purchased

with money in the budget and from donations received. The office will start accepting donations of food and money at any time.

The donation of food deadline will be December 6th. Please only donate unopened non-perishable food items. Donations of toiletry items such as paper towels, Kleenex, toilet

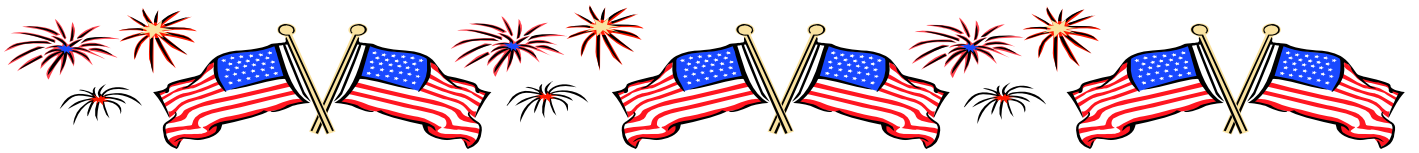
paper and personal hygiene items are also requested.

These items cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Families signing up are required to show financial proof of eligibility and need.

If you are interested in signing up or donating and have questions, please contact the office.





## Communication Square

Do you know of a current Active Duty Soldier who is from Cedar County? If so, we would like to acknowledge each and every one of them. They do not have to be serving in Iraq in order to be recognized. If you could send in the mail some information regarding your active duty soldier such as their name, where they graduated from and when. It would also be nice to know what things they are interested in, family member names and where they are currently stationed.. If your active duty soldier would like to get some mail, then include a current mailing address.

## 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](mailto:phamann@cedarcounty.org)

## Active Duty Soldier Acknowledgment

**Brian Rouse:** A North Cedar graduate in 2000. Son of Robert and Sherrie Rouse from Clarence. Brian attended Kirkwood to study computer programming. In 2005 he decided to enlist in the U.S. Army. He went to basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and from there went to Fort Gordon, Georgia, for his AIT training. While there he received training in signal control, communications and radio repair. He was then stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington, until his current deployment to Iraq since June of 2006. There his task is to install and repair radios. He is with the HSB 1-37th Unit out of Fort Lewis.

**Sgt. Jesse J. Whaley:** A Tipton graduate in 1999. Son of Janet and Vic Whaley of Stanwood. Jesse enlisted shortly after high school graduation. Before deploying to Iraq, he was stationed in Korea for three years. He became fluent in Korean and was often used as a translator. While at Camp Casey, Korea in 2003, he earned the Soldier of the Year Award for the Eight U.S. Army.

Jesse is currently serving in Kirkuk, Iraq, as a Special Agent for the Army Criminal Investigation Department and has been deployed since September 17, 2006. His wife and two daughters await his return to Korea.

**SFC Kirk James Reynolds:** A Tipton graduate in 1982. Kirk is the son of Judy and Mel Archer of Tipton. Kirk entered the U.S. Army in 1984. He is the brother of Cory Barclay, Durant, and Randy Barclay of Colorado. Kirk has two children Katy, 12 and Kevin, 10 of North Liberty. He is married to Jean who lives in Manhattan, Kansas.

Kirk was deployed to Iraq in February 2007 from Ft. Riley, Kansas. His address is:

SFC Kirk James Reynolds  
D Co. 1-28 INF  
Unit #42532  
APO AE 09361

## 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.

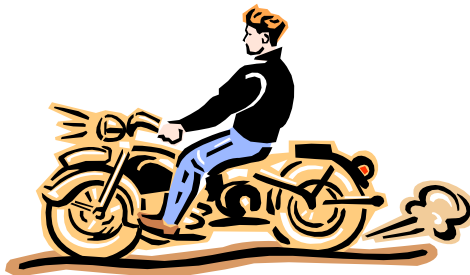
*“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”*

## 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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Fax: 555-555-5555  
Email: xyz@microsoft.com



*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.*

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## 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.