

**Veterans Affairs Commission
Appointments**
(All appointees must be county residents)

Terms:	3 years, ending on June 30 th
Meeting frequency:	Monthly
Meeting time:	4:00 pm; 2nd Wednesday of each month
Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be a veteran as defined in Iowa Code 35.1 - If possible, each member should be a veteran of a different military action. This qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran who served in more than one of the military actions.
Special application form?	Yes: "Application - Veterans Affairs Commission"
Who selects appointees?	Board of Supervisors on recommendation of Veterans Affairs Commission.
Contact person:	Ruth Eltrich, Veterans Affairs Administrator, 563-652-0070, reltrich@jacksoncounty.iowa.gov
Job description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee the operations of the County Veterans Affairs Program. • Give guidance to the Administrator regarding the program benefits and how they should be administered. • Meet monthly with the Administrator to review the progress of the program and any important matters related to the Veteran Community. • Act as a conduit for information from the Administrator to the Community as well as being a community contact. • Direct those in need of assistance to the VA Office. • Vote on proposed local program changes as needed by the community. • Authorize expenditure and budget objectives as proposed by the Administrator to be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors.
Authorization:	Iowa Code: 35B

35.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#) and [chapters 35A through 35D](#):

1. "Department" means the Iowa department of veterans affairs created in [section 35A.4](#).
2. "Veteran" means any of the following:
 - a. A resident of this state who served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following dates and who was discharged under honorable conditions:
 - (1) World War I from April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918.
 - (2) Occupation of Germany from November 12, 1918, through July 11, 1923.
 - (3) American expeditionary forces in Siberia from November 12, 1918, through April 30, 1920.
 - (4) Second Haitian suppression of insurrections from 1919 through 1920.
 - (5) Second Nicaragua campaign with marines or navy in Nicaragua or on combatant ships from 1926 through 1933.
 - (6) Yangtze service with navy and marines in Shanghai or in the Yangtze valley from 1926 through 1927 and 1930 through 1932.
 - (7) China service with navy and marines from 1937 through 1939.
 - (8) World War II from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946.
 - (9) Korean Conflict from June 25, 1950, through January 31, 1955.
 - (10) Vietnam Conflict from February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975.
 - (11) Lebanon or Grenada service from August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984.
 - (12) Panama service from December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990.
 - (13) Persian Gulf Conflict from August 2, 1990, through the date the president or the Congress of the United States declares a cessation of hostilities. However, if the United States Congress enacts a date different from August 2, 1990, as the beginning of the Persian Gulf Conflict for purposes of determining whether a veteran is entitled to receive military benefits as a veteran of the Persian Gulf Conflict, that date shall be substituted for August 2, 1990.
- b. (1) Former members of the reserve forces of the United States who served at least twenty years in the reserve forces and who were discharged under honorable conditions. However, a member of the reserve forces of the United States who completed a minimum aggregate of ninety days of federal active duty, other than training, and was discharged under honorable conditions, or was retired under Tit. 10 of the United States Code shall be included as a veteran.
 - (2) Former members of the Iowa national guard who served at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard and who were discharged under honorable conditions. However, a member of the Iowa national guard who was activated for federal duty, other than training, for a minimum aggregate of ninety days, and was discharged under honorable conditions or was retired under Tit. 10 of the United States Code shall be included as a veteran.
 - (3) Former members of the active, oceangoing merchant marines who served during World War II at any time between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive, who were discharged under honorable conditions.
 - (4) Former members of the women's air force service pilots and other persons who have been conferred veterans status based on their civilian duties during World War II in accordance with federal Pub. L. No. 95-202, 38 U.S.C. §106.
 - (5) Former members of the armed forces of the United States if any portion of their term of enlistment would have occurred during the time period of the Korean Conflict from June 25, 1950, through January 31, 1955, but who instead opted to serve five years in the reserve forces of the United States, as allowed by federal law, and who were discharged under honorable conditions.
 - (6) Members of the reserve forces of the United States who have served at least twenty years in the reserve forces and who continue to serve in the reserve forces.
 - (7) Members of the Iowa national guard who have served at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard and who continue to serve in the Iowa national guard.

c. A resident of this state who served on federal active duty, other than training, in the armed forces of the United States and who was discharged under honorable conditions.

[99 Acts, ch 180, §2; 2003 Acts, ch 142, §4, 11; 2005 Acts, ch 115, §2 – 4, 40; 2009 Acts, ch 164, §1, 7; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180; 2012 Acts, ch 1072, §26, 27](#)

Referred to in [§8A.413, 35.2, 35B.3, 35B.14, 35B.16, 35C.1, 37.10, 91A.5A, 256.183, 256.229, 260C.14, 262.9, 272C.12A, 282.6, 331.608, 400.10, 425.15, 426A.11, 426A.12, 426A.13, 514C.27, 523I.304, 546B.1](#)

Application for Jackson County
Veterans Affairs Commission

This form helps the Board of Supervisors evaluate the qualifications of applications for appointment to this commission.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Place of employment and position, including service in the armed forces and/or activities such as hobbies, volunteer work, etc. that you feel may qualify you for this position:

Employer, Service, and/or Activity	Position	Contact Number

- What military actions did you serve in?

For verification, please provide a copy of your DD214 to the Veterans Affairs Office or the Recorders Office.

- How much time will you be willing to devote to this position? _____

- Interest in Appointment: Describe in detail why you are interested in serving on this commission. Include information about your background that supports your interest.

- Contributions you feel you can make to the commission:

- Direction or role you see for this commission:

- In addition to the above, do you have any other comments that may assist the Board of Supervisors in its selection?

- Please provide two references who can confirm your qualification for this position.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Email Address	Relationship

I certify that there is nothing that would prohibit me from serving on this board or commission and I certify that I will abstain from voting on any issue in which I have a vested interest or that personally affects me.

Signature_____ Date_____

Your application will be retained in our files for one year.

This application is a public document and as such can be reproduced and distributed to the public.

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Maquoketa, IA 52060

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