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Welcome Home

Quad Cities Veterans Experience Action Center

Did you know that we have more than 25,000 veterans living in Scott and Rock Island Counties? And if we extend our line to include four more area counties, the number increases to more than 60,000 veterans! That's a lot of veterans who have done their duty. Now, it's our duty to make sure they have what they need and deserve.

This event will have a significant and lasting impact on the lives of veterans in our community. The Quad Cities Veteran Experience Action Center (QCVEAC) is a collaboration between the Quad Cities Veterans Engagement Board, Unity Point Health-Trinity, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, state, county, and local organizations, and the community. This grassroots effort will provide veterans with the means to resolve any pending or new issues they may have by providing a one-stop shop where they can access in person VA and community resources over two days.

This event will provide: on site VA claims and appeals assistance, including new claim development, face to face explanation and assistance with facilitating and expediting existing claims and appeals, onsite VA healthcare enrollment and medical exams, VA Mobile Vet Center, VA National Cemetery Administration, Caregiver Support and more!

This event will be held on July 17 and 18 from 9 am to 3 pm each day at St. Ambrose University, Wellness and Recreation Center, 518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa. Parking will be available off W. Lombard Street.

(Taken from the Quad Cities Veterans Experience Action Center Website)

- Are you newly discharged from the military? Were you injured or do you have health issues that may be related to your service? Make an appointment to see if you qualify for disability compensation.
- Are you a service member, veteran, or the surviving spouse of a service member? Make an appointment to see what types of benefits may be available to you.



SCOTT COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS

The Veteran Services program provides assistance to all veterans and their dependents in applying for federal and/or state benefits and other related matters. Federal benefits include:

Applying for:

- Compensation (Service connected disability)
- Pension (Non-service connected disability)
- Widow's Benefits
- Survivors Benefits Plan
- Certificates of Eligibility for Home Loans
- Aid and Attendance for Nursing Home and Housebound Veterans
- Iowa's Veteran's Home Admittance
- Apportionments
- Overpayments
- Appeals
- Obtaining military records and medals
- Upgrading discharge
- Distributing grave markers and flag holders

Scott County Veteran Affairs Office Changes Procedures

Due to these unprecedented times and challenges we face, all county offices, along with the Scott County Veteran Affairs Office, are closed to the public. However, much can still be done to assist you, our community veterans. Currently, if veterans wish to file a new claim, they are being asked to begin gathering all necessary documentation, and at the same time, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000. When calling the VA, veterans are being asked to file an intent to file. By doing this, veterans are saving the date of their claim and this will assist them in receiving the earliest possible date in the event that back pay is awarded. Veterans are then asked to call the office, after the County re-opens to the public, to schedule an appointment to finish their claim. For those veterans that have time sensitive issues and the VA needs an immediate answer, the office has been working through mail and email. For any questions, please call the office at 563-326-8723.



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Quad City Honor Flights Postponed

Due to coronavirus concerns, Honor Flight of the Quad Cities has postponed this spring's Honor Flights. Representatives of Honor Flight of the Quad Cities states that there would be approximately 165 people on board the airplane, and this would not abide by the social distancing guidelines in place at this time. According to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, those veterans who were supposed to be on April's Honor Flight will be first in line for the next one that flies out. The next honor flights are scheduled for September 17th and October 29th.