

Henry County Veteran Affairs Benefit Assistance Policy
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This policy document prescribes the Veteran Affairs Benefit Assistance Policy of Henry County, Iowa. Be it enacted by the Henry County Veteran Affairs Commission of Henry County, Iowa on month _____ day year.

Jim Onorato, Chairman

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Congressionally Appointed War Periods

- WWII December 7, 1941 thru December 31, 1946**
- Korean Conflict June 27, 1950 thru January 31, 1955**
- Vietnam Era August 5, 1964 (February 28, 1961 for veterans who served “in country” before August 5, 1964) thru May 7, 1975**
- Gulf War August 2, 1990 thru a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation**

Graves Registration Records

The Commission will work closely with all funeral directors within our county in acquiring two (2) copies of graves registration records of deceased veterans buried in our county. One copy is placed in the county file, the other copy forwarded to the Iowa Commission of Veteran Affairs for a permanent State record.

Markers for Graves

The County Commission of Veterans Affairs may furnish some suitable and appropriate marker for the grave of each veteran as defined in section 35.1 Code of Iowa, who is buried within the limits of the county. The marker shall be placed at the individual’s grave to permanently mark and designate the grave for memorial purposes. The expense shall be paid from funds raised as provided in the Code of Iowa 35B. Henry County cannot allow any payments towards headstones. Markers are stored at the Veterans Affairs Office Building and may be obtained at that office during regular office hours.

Iowa Veterans Home

The Commission will assist veterans in making application into the Iowa Veterans Home. Applications shall have two County Commissioners’ signatures certifying eligibility. The Commissioners will enclose two certified copies of the veteran’s separation papers, one copy of financial statement, two copies of marriage certificates if the applicant is the widow/widower of a veteran and one copy of birth certificate.

Henry County Veterans Affairs will provide assistance completing Department of Veterans Affairs forms for Compensation or non service-connected pensions that apply. Veterans Affairs will also assist in application for increased compensation if a service connected condition gets worse. Veterans Affairs may reopen previously denied claims when there is new evidence. If a Veteran or Spouse has been denied due to excess income those cases may be reopened when income is now within means. Veterans may apply for health care through the Va.