

VETERANS RESOURCES

2016

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VETERANS BENEFIT RESOURCE SERVICES			
Linn County Veterans Affairs 1240 26 th Avenue Court SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	319-892-5160	Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. www.veteran@linncounty.org	Veterans Service Officers (3) are available to help Veterans and dependents understand and file for Federal, State and County VA benefits. Relief program is available to assist those with financial difficulties. Relief program for rent, mortgage and utilities does have income and asset limitations. Food pantry on site. Must provide DD214 discharge from military that shows 90 days active duty beyond ADT, schooling and Honorable Discharge.
VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) 1535 1 st Avenue SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403	365-0898	Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. (except federal holidays)	Access to resources for Employment, Vocational Rehabilitation, Compensated Work Therapy Program, Veteran's Justice Outreach and HUD-VASH Housing Vouchers for Veterans that are enrolled in the VA Medical System. Computer lab, food pantry on site. Laundry and shower facilities and clothing closet. In house Social worker, onsite nurse for vitals clinic on Tuesday mornings.
Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs 7105 NW 70 th Avenue Camp Dodge – Building 3465 Johnston, IA 50131-1824	800-838-4692	www.va.iowa.gov	Website provides a listing of all State Veterans Benefits including information about County Veterans Affairs offices, forms and applications for the Iowa Veterans Home, Veterans Cemetery and the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund. [Note: Linn County Veterans Affairs can assist Veterans in filing for any of these benefits.]
United States Department of Veterans Affairs		www.va.gov	Comprehensive Federal website for all Veterans Affairs benefits including health care, federal benefits for compensation, education and training, home loans, burial benefits, headstones, grave markers and medallions. [Note: Linn County Veterans Affairs can assist with any of the applications or filing for any federal VA benefits.]
Military One Source	800-342-9647	www.militaryonesource.com	Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, National Guard, reserve members and their families. Information includes, but is not limited to: deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood services. It is a virtual extension to installation services.
COUNSELING SERVICES			
Cedar Rapids Vet Center 4250 River Center Ct NE Suite B Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	319-378-0016	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (After 4:30, by appointment only). Tuesday and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 pm.	Counseling for combat Veterans of war eras. Offers family, marital, alcohol, substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder counseling. Also serves survivors of military sexual trauma regardless of when it occurred and provides bereavement service to family members of active duty personnel who died while on active duty. Active duty service members may also seek counseling.

For more information regarding community resources, contact United Way 2-1-1 by phone at 2-1-1, 319-739-4211, or 1-866-469-2211.

You may also choose to search the new United Way 2-1-1 website for resources at www.firstcallforhelpiowa.org.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES			
Goodwill of The Heartland "Operation Independence" Homeless Veterans Re-Integration Program 1441 Blairs Ferry Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	319-573-8252	<u>VA Community Resource and Referral:</u> Monday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. <u>Goodwill:</u> Monday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.	Operation Independence provides Veterans who are homeless or near-homeless with pre-employment, employment and on the job training. In addition, it assists Veterans in accessing specific community resources aimed at increasing job placement and retention, including supporting Veterans and finding local Veteran-friendly employers.
Iowa Works 4444 1 st Avenue NE Suite 436 (Lower level Lindale Mall) Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	365-9474	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.	Veterans employment representatives (2) available. Assistance with job search and training resources. Some eligibility criteria for assistance. Contact Iowa Works for more information.
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment for Service Disabled Veterans 1642 42 nd Street NE Suite 1 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	378-5582 or 378-5583	Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM.	Employment training assistance and independent living services are provided to Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at least 10% or more by the Veterans Administration. Services are based on eligibility.
FOOD			
Freedom Foundation 609 Center Point Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403	826-2010	Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Saturday from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Open normal hours on most Federal holidays. Food Pantry: Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Wednesday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.	The Freedom Foundation's outreach program provides essential services to our Nation's heroes. Veterans and their families are provided emergency transportation to VA Medical appointments, motorized wheelchairs, walkers, clothing, emergency lodging, standard wheelchairs and food pantry deliveries for those who are shut in or severely disabled. Food pantry items are available Monday through Saturday upon request. www.usfreedomfoundation.org

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HOUSING AND HOMELESS RESOURCES			
“Operation Home” Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)	2-1-1 or 319-739-0023	Hours vary between locations. Call ahead for an appointment.	Must be a Veteran or have a Veteran in the household. Must have had a least one (1) day of active duty and meet income guidelines. The Program can serve any discharge status, other than “dishonorable.”
MEDICAL			
Cedar Rapids VA Clinic 2230 Wiley Blvd SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	369-4340	Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Closed all Federal Holidays. Must call to schedule appointment; not a walk-in clinic!	Must be enrolled in the VA Medical system. Five (5) primary care providers are available. Services provided include: tele-retinal eye exams, speech pathology, psychiatrist and psychiatric pharmacist (<u>not a pharmacy</u>), dietician, physical therapist, lab, social worker, VIC cards, My Healthy Vet, and substance abuse counselor.
Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital Highway 6 West Iowa City, IA 52240	800-637-0128 or 319-338-0581	Emergency care 24/7. Hours vary for most other services.	Medical services for Veterans enrolled in VA Medical care. Emergency room available. Appointment is necessary with primary care doctor.
TRANSPORTATION			
DAV Van Transportation Iowa City VA Hospital Highway 6 West Iowa City, IA 52240	319-339-7061	Call and leave a message.	Must have a scheduled appointment at the Iowa City VA Hospital. Call ahead several days in advance to schedule a van pick-up. Must be able to get into van unassisted and be self-sufficient.

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