



IOWA VETERANS HOME

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IOWA VETERANS HOME ANNOUNCES NEW BUILDING NAMES

Marshalltown, IA – Since new construction at the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) began nearly one year ago, one of the most frequently asked questions has been, “What will these new buildings be called?” After a comprehensive search and the enthusiastic response, the answers can finally be revealed.

Amos Fox (Building 1 - 60-bed to be completed by December 2010)

Mr. Fox was the first resident of the Iowa Veterans Home and was admitted on December 1, 1887. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the Civil War and died on March 27, 1916.

Kenneth E. Ulery (Building 2 - 120-bed to be completed by Summer 2011)

Mr. Ulery is from Marshall County and was a World War II veteran. He fought in the battle of Okinawa, and was awarded a Bronze Star for his actions in that battle. He was an active member of the Marshalltown VFW and a volunteer at the Iowa Veterans Home. He lived at the Iowa Veterans Home for approximately two years and died in 2008. Mr. Ulery's son is employed at IVH.

Dave Fleming (Building 3 - 60-beds to be completed by Fall 2012)

Mr. Fleming was a reservist and lived in Marshalltown. He was a tireless advocate for veterans and served as the local Chaplain for the local American Legion post, UAW 893 as veteran advisor, Iowa Veterans Council, Des Moines Amvets, and POW's. He also actively lobbied for Iowa Veterans Home issues at the State level. His widow is employed at IVH.

The process of recommending names for the new buildings on the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) campus began in December 2009. A nomination process was identified and promoted through a comprehensive internal and external communication effort. There was a tremendous response with 59 nominations submitted from IVH staff and residents as well as individuals from across Iowa and Colorado.

A small committee was selected and assembled to identify the criteria for selection, assess the submitted nominations, and select the names to submit for your approval. The committee members included Steve Mulcahy (Chair, Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs), Sen. Steve Sodders, Rep. Mark Smith, Eric Pedersen (Iowa Veterans Home Resident Council President), and IVH Commandant John Mathes.

Groundbreaking on the four-phase construction and renovation project began in the Spring of 2009. Funding for Phase 1 was approved in 2008 from the State of Iowa and the Federal Veterans Administration Construction Grant Program. Funding for Phases 2, 3, and 4 has been approved by the Iowa Legislature for the State share of the project (\$22.5 million from the IJOBS program). The Federal VA has approved funding for phases 2 and 3 through the

Construction Grant Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The total project cost for all four Phases of the IVH Master Plan totals nearly \$110 million.

The Iowa Veterans Home is a leader in providing individualized quality health care for nearly 700 Iowa veterans and their spouses. IVH coordinates innovative health care methods and medical solutions for veterans and their spouses. IVH has expertise in nursing, medical, rehabilitative care and mental health services. IVH is strengthened by a high quality workforce of 1,000 employees as well as a state service and support network of many veterans organizations represented throughout all 99 Iowa counties.

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