



## IVH County Newsletter



### *A Message from the Commandant*



**Jodi Tymeson**

Dear CVSOs and County Commissioners,

It's an honor to serve as the Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home. We provide the highest quality of care and an exceptional quality of life for our residents. You are certainly an integral part of our ability to provide this service to our veterans and their spouses. We appreciate all you do as the "first line of contact" for veterans or family members looking for the type of long-term care that we provide at IVH. We continue to transition all our facilities to single rooms with private showers for our residents. This greatly enhances their quality of life.

Please know you have a standing invitation to visit IVH, and thank you for helping us get the word out about our outstanding facilities and programs. *Jodi*

### *A Message from the Licensed Nursing Home*

I want to share a perspective from an Administrators point of view. Having been in Long Term Care for 20 years, IVH is an exceptional facility when it comes to nursing and domiciliary care. Many nursing homes provide care and have similar programs as IVH. However, I have found that at IVH programs offered far exceed what most homes are able to provide. Much of this is due to the efforts of staff and volunteers that support the residents and provide so many good programs. I think this piece along with the beautiful campus, grounds and renovations to private rooms with bath, is something that many people in Iowa, are just not aware of. I would encourage those who have not been here to visit and learn more about what IVH has to offer veterans and their spouses. *Mike*



**Mike Jarrell**



<https://www.facebook.com/iowaveteranshomepage>

[www.iowaveteranshome.org](http://www.iowaveteranshome.org)



*Providing high quality of care exceptional quality of life*

**Did you know....** that if a veteran has a “singular or combined rating of 70% or more based on one or more service connected disabilities or a rating of total disability based on individual unemployability and are in need of nursing home care” the VA will pay for his/her care. VA will pay for each eligible veteran’s care through either a contract or a VA provider agreement. **This is a veteran benefit that many veterans today are not aware of.**

*Source: United States Code Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans’ Relief, Chapter 1, Part 51 – Per Diem for Nursing Home Care of Veterans in State Homes, Subpart A & C, Section 51.41 (Contracts and provider agreements for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities). Public Law 109-461.*

### **Malloy Renovations Update –**

Phase 2 continues on the Malloy Renovation. DCI started the punch list on Malloy 2 South at the end of January. Malloy 3 will be seeing final paint, corridor handrail installation, carpet/vinyl installation, and plumbing fixture installation. Malloy 4 will soon see restroom shower enclosures, first coat of paint, doors & hardware, and tile installation. Targeted completion date remains May 20, 2015.



**Malloy 4 South**



**Malloy 2 South**

**Iowa Veterans Home Veteran & Spouse Data – The following information shows the statistical breakdown for veterans & non-veterans residing at the Iowa Veterans Home.**

**Branch of Service  
War time era**

Air Force – 65  
 U.S. Army – 227  
 U.S. Army Air Corps – 1  
 U.S. Coast Guard – 3  
 (World War II)  
 U.S. Marines – 47  
 National Guard – 1  
 (World War II)  
 U.S. Navy – 130  
 WAC – 3 (2 x Korean & 1 x  
 World War II)

**War time era**

1. Gulf – 5
2. Korea – 96
3. Peace Time – 87
4. Vietnam – 196
5. WWI – 0
6. WWII – 77



*Census changes daily*

**Veterans**

479

**Non-veterans**

89

**Married couples**

22 couples

**Nursing Care**

469

**Res/Dom**

99

**Malloy Nursing Building Open House** – Currently, the Iowa Veterans Home is planning an “Open House” for the community and its stakeholders. With a targeted completion date of 20 May, 2015 the Marketing Committee is planning a day “to be released later” for the ribbon cutting ceremony. As Malloy goes from a double occupancy to single rooms, we continue to make strides for “cultural change” as we make progress from an institutional model of care to resident centered care as we adjust care and routines. Point of contact for further information is Michael Hines at (641) 753-4309 or email [michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us](mailto:michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us)



## IVH Admissions Update



With 2015 off to a running start I would like to take the time to update you on some changes to the Admissions Department at the Iowa Veterans Home. I have recently moved into the position of Admissions Supervisor. My work at the Iowa Veterans Home has been as an RN in various job duties for the last 17 years and I am looking forward to working with all of you in helping our veterans get the assistance they need in admitting to our home. Dex Walker is currently transitioning to take over the Admissions coordinator position. Kathy Kopsa, who previously held this position, will still be available for answering financial questions, but Dex will be your primary contact for admission to the Iowa Veterans Home. The contact number that you have used to contact Kathy in the past will now be Dex Walker's extension and he is happy to help you with any of the admission questions you have. Dex is an LPN that has worked at the Iowa Veterans Home since 2005. He is excited to be of assistance to veterans seeking placement at our facility. The contact phone number for Aaron is 641-753-4514, and Dex can be reached at 641-753-4325. You can also find contact information on the Iowa Veterans Home website located at [www.iowaveteranshome.org](http://www.iowaveteranshome.org).

Thanks,

*Aaron Polley*

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RN, Admissions Supervisor

Age Bracket	Count	Average
22-54	19	51.68
55-64	88	60.58
65-74	154	68.98
75-84	145	79.99
85-94	153	88.82
95+	10	96.8

**Total 569 Avg 75.73**



**Attention!!!** IVH is in the process of re-designing new brochures. The brochures will consist of photos of the facility, future renovation plans, eligibility, resident choices, cost of care and services that are available here at the Iowa Veterans Home.



## ***Canteen is Complete!!***

The Canteen renovation is complete. The renovation was funded with memorial funds. The renovation consisted of a new counter extension, closing off an entry/exit door, shelving, access to 24 hr vending machine area, and a warmer atmosphere for the customers. The IVH maintenance, paint, carpenter and electrician shops were totally responsible for the renovations of the Canteen. The hours of operation are **M-F 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. & Sat-Sun 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** (Except holidays; close at 2:00 on holidays)

### ***FY16 Revenues***

<i>Medicaid</i>	<b>\$33,982,365</b>
<i>Resident Support</i>	<b>\$14,529,100</b>
<i>Insurance Companies</i>	<b>\$ 2,338,875</b>
<i>Medicare Part B Fee for Service</i>	<b>\$ 1,128,000</b>
<i>Sales, Rents, Fees, Other</i>	<b>\$ 82,498</b>
<i>Veterans Affairs CBOC &amp; Drug Reimbursement</i>	<b>\$ <u>57,640</u></b>
<i>Sub-total of fees</i>	<b><i>\$52,118,478</i></b>
<i>Veterans Affairs Per Diem</i>	<b>\$19,827,417</b>
<i>State Appropriation</i>	<b><u>\$ 7,594,996</u></b>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<b><i>\$79,540,891</i></b>

## *Residents by County*

The below graph chart shows resident by county where our veterans and spouses/surviving spouses make up the population here at IVH. The chart actually shows the percentages by county. The column to the right explains how many residents are from each county in numbers. This census is as of November 2014.

