WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM

| | Date: | 10/30/2023 | Weekly Agenda | Date: 11/7/2023 | |
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| | ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPA | | zen: Superviso | ors J. Taylor/D. Bittinge | ;r |
| | Resolution to Highlight the Accomplishments and Service of Veterans in Woodbury County and Authorize \$1,340 for Further Outreach to Veterans in November of 2023 | | | | |
| | ACTION REQUIRED: | | | | |
| | Approve Ordinance | Approve | Resolution | Approve Motion 🗹 | |
| | Public Hearing | Other: Ir | nformational | Attachments 🔽 | |
| EXECU | TIVE SUMMARY: | | | | J |
| wars over to fact that the County Vet | he last 172 years (see back e "Soldier serves and the far erans Affairs Commission w | up of lowa's historic c mily sacrifices," we as vant to highlight the in | conflicts courtesy of to s supervisors, our Ve acredible contribution | s and their families have ma the Camp Dodge Museum). eterans Affairs Department, ns interwoven into the fabric | In order to highlight the and our Woodbury |
| Our goal is | to have a 3-fold approach to | nis Veterans Day and | during the month of | f November: | |
| | | | | ns and Offering VA Services am) at the Courthouse (see | |
| Awareness | | | | ffairs Building and Woodbur Stations for a 3-Day Period. | y County homes. |
| Resolution: | Pass the attached resoluti | on. | | | |

BACKGROUND:

Armistice Day: Armistice Day, later known as Remembrance Day in the Commonwealth and Veterans Day in the United States, is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Complègne, France, at 5:45 am for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. This should hold an especially poignant meaning for Woodbury County given the symbolism within our courthouse, a John Warner Norton 1919 commissioned mural commemorating the Soldiers and families of World War I. Traditionally the name of the first person who gave his life on the battlefields of France for his country became the name of the post in the community in which he lived. Thus the name of Edward H. Monahan was immortalized by his former comrades in Sioux City after he was wounded in action fighting in the Lorraine sector and died of his wounds a few days later at Baccarat. Private Monahan was awarded the Croix de Guerre by General Segonne, Commander of the 128th Division.

Back in 2018 (the centennial) when we celebrated our county courthouse's history, we recognized the role that the Monahan Post and the Red Cross played within these courthouse walls. A plaque hangs in our courthouse made from the hull of the USS Maine, a United States Navy ship that sank along with 230 souls in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898, which contributed to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.

This November, we propose Operation Greenlight for Veterans: Along with NACO, ISAC encourages lowa counties to join Operation Green Light to show support for veterans. This initiative aims to "shine a light" on issues and challenges veterans face, particularly as they transition to civilian life. Along with our state and federal partners, counties serve veterans every day as they take on these challenges.

Our Veterans Affairs Department also exists Our Mission assists Woodbury County's Veterans and their legal dependents in obtaining and maintaining any and all Veteran's benefits to which they may be entitled.

See attached "Woodbury County Resolution for Veterans" and "Woodbury County VA Department Statistics"

| FINANCIAL IMPACT: |
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| \$840 for 120 spots (a "buy 12, get 12 free) special for Q102, Y Country, KKMA, KSCJ, and KSUX for PSA announcements sharing appreciation for the services and sacrifices of veterans plus offering services at the Triview Building. |
| Up to \$500 for green-lighting the Woodbury County Courthouse and Tri-View Building (and also potentially giving extra bulbs to community members/veterans who are willing to help show support). These could be used each year for this purpose. |
| Source of funds: gaming revenue |
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| IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK |
| PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE? |
| Yes □ No □ |
| RECOMMENDATION: |
| Motion to Authorize \$1,340 from gaming revenues to highlight and support veterans and their families during the month of November. |
| Motion to pass the attached resolution. |
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| ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION: |
| Motion to Authorize \$1,340 from gaming revenues to highlight and support veterans and their families during the month of November. |
| Motion to pass the attached resolution. |
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Karen James

From:

Loni Kuhlmann

Sent:

Friday, November 3, 2023 8:45 AM

To:

Karen James; Heather Satterwhite; Jeremy Taylor

Subject:

County Stats

Here are some fun facts about the office:

Woodbury County: September Numbers

Live Compensation Count: 1,460

Gross Amount: \$2,071,014

Live Pension Count: 42

Gross Amount: \$32,466

Survivor Benefits

Count: 21

Gross Amount: \$10,179

DIC Benefits Count: 140

Gross Amount: \$223,997

Grand Total Count: 1,663

Gross Amount: \$2,337,657

Number of Clients in the office last month: 200 roughly

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Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:32 PM

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Subject: Re:



Come celebrate Veterans Day early with the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs!



VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 8 - 10 AM SGT BLUFF AMERICAN LEGION POST 662 901 E TOPAZ DR.

ALL VETERANS, SPOUSES AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

















