



VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST

“Serving the Veterans Who Served For You”
Veterans Center Fundraising Campaign



Waverly Area Veterans Post
Waverly, Iowa
Case for Support

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Our National Spokesman

Major General "Curley" Hultman, United States Army (retired)



Major General Evan "Curly" Hultman
Waverly Area Veterans Post
State and National Spokesperson

It is my great pleasure to communicate with you regarding a Veterans project in Iowa that may very well become the template for Veteran organizations throughout the USA.

We are in the process of building and creating a Veterans facility that will become the contact point to address the **needs** of all veterans, active and inactive, and their families.

The **flood waters** of 2008 caused great damage to two of the three veteran facilities in our community. The damage was such that it was no longer feasible or practical to occupy these separate buildings. It made great sense to occupy one building. The Waverly Area Veterans Post was formed and this newly created alliance brought together the four veterans organizations in the City of Waverly, Iowa: American Legion, AMVETS, Marine Corps League and VFW.

The Waverly Iowa Veterans are doing something I wanted to do for years. Upon completion of the new facility, and with four organizations under one roof, we can recruit new Veterans and provide assistance to research and apply for benefits; identify opportunities for continuing education; help Veterans wanting to pursue careers upon completion of service; job placement references, and provide a comradeship and understanding of the conditions frequently experienced by Veterans and their families. This project is so unique and that is why I agreed to be Waverly Area Veterans Project state and national spokesperson.

Please consider adding your name to the "Wall of Honor" wherein we list the names of those who have made a financial contribution to the project.

Thank you for your time to do this and we hope that you will join our building campaign, "Serving the Veterans Who Served for You."

Major General Evan "Curly" Hultman

Project Overview

The Waverly Area Veterans Post (WAVP), established in 2009, is embarking on the final phase of its fundraising efforts to complete a new Veterans Center in Waverly, Iowa. This project brings together the four veterans organizations in the City of Waverly, making it the first in the State of Iowa (and possibly the United States) to bring these organizations under one roof. They are the American Legion Post #176, AMVETS Post #79, Marine Corps League Detachment #1241, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2208. All charters of the four organizations will remain intact, with their histories and memories preserved.



American Legion
Post 176



AMVETS Post 79



Marine Corps League
Detachment 1241



VFW Post 2208

This project honors the veterans of yesterday, today and tomorrow. It celebrates the sacrifice of those who served in past conflicts, those serving today, and those whose service awaits them.



Who We Will Serve - All Veterans and their Families

While we believe all of the approximately 1700 Bremer County Veterans deserve our attention, helping recently returning Veterans and their families through challenging and difficult life situations is our primary focus. We recognize that today's reserve and National Guard troops do not have a local military base to provide the support and services that would normally be available to them. The WAVP is here to serve all military personnel by providing the best possible facility, supportive environment, and relevant services to those in need.

We must meet this challenge with human and physical resources - as individuals, as a community, and as a nation. At a national level the statistics for Veterans are as follows:

Homelessness:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states that the nation's homeless veterans are predominantly male, with roughly 9% being female. The majority are single; live in urban areas; and suffer from mental illness, alcohol and/or substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders. About 11% of the adult homeless population are veterans.

America's homeless veterans have served in World War II, the Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq (OEF/OIF), and the military's anti-drug cultivation efforts in South America. Nearly half of homeless veterans served during the Vietnam era. Two-thirds served our country for at least three years, and one-third were stationed in a war zone.

How many homeless veterans are there? Although flawless counts are impossible to come by - the transient nature of homeless populations presents a major difficulty - the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 47,725 veterans are homeless on any given night.

Source: National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

Primary Causes of Homelessness among veterans:

- Lack of income due to limited education and lack of transferable skills from military to civilian life
- Combat-related *physical* health issues and disabilities
- Combat-related *mental* health issues and disabilities
- Substance abuse problems that interfere with job retention
- Weak social networks due to problems adjusting to civilian life
- Lack of services

Unemployment: Highlights from the 2014 data:

The unemployment rate for male veterans declined to 5.2 percent in 2014. The rate for female veterans edged down to 6.0 percent.

Among the 573,000 unemployed veterans in 2014, 59 percent were age 45 and over. Thirty-seven percent were age 25 to 44, and 4 percent were age 18 to 24.

Veterans with a service-connected disability had an unemployment rate of 5.9 percent in August 2014, the same rate as for veterans with no disability.

Nearly 1 in 3 employed veterans with a service-connected disability worked in the public sector in August 2014, compared with nearly 1 in 5 veterans with no disability.

In 2014, 21.2 million men and women, or 9 percent of the civilian non-institutional population age 18 and over, were veterans. In the survey, veterans are defined as men and women who have previously served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and who were civilians at the time these data were collected. Veterans are more likely to be men and older than nonveterans

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Mental Health Concerns:

- 22 per day - almost one an hour - every 65 minutes to be precise - a military veteran commits suicide (US Department of Veteran Affairs)
- 69% of these suicides are veterans 50 years of age or older
- 70% of homeless veterans suffer from substance abuse problems
- 45% of homeless veterans suffer from mental illness including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- 19% of Iraq veterans and 11% of Afghanistan veterans report a mental health problem
- PTSD and suicide rates among veterans is climbing
- 1 in 10 veterans is disabled

While Bremer County Veterans may not follow these statistics exactly, they represent issues and concerns that the WAVP can expect to encounter.

Sharing with the Community

The facility will be available for all community members to:

- attend Post, community fish fry dinners, steak fries, and other events
- rent for weddings, Christmas parties, family reunions, etc.
- become a Patriot Supporter
- participate in the monthly WAVP breakfast (donations only)
- tour the Museum (honoring our Veterans' sacrifices) - all ages welcome
- invite teachers and classrooms into the facility to increase their knowledge of Veterans and the sacrifices they have made
- hold military funerals including full military rites and post funeral receptions
- participate in pre and post-deployment gatherings



Students from area schools will be invited to visit the facility and the museum



Some positive actions WAVP can/will provide in the new Veterans Center:

- Internet and SKYPE for families to connect with service members
- Access for Veterans to research and apply for benefits
- Access to pursue career opportunities upon completions of active service
- Opportunities for Veterans to continue their education
- A Resource Center and Library of Veteran publications
- Contact Point for Counseling Service for members and families to get timely information
- A 'safe' place to gather and communicate with those who care
- A working relationship with the Bremer County Veterans Affairs office
- A special place for camaraderie with Veterans of all wars
- A spirit of collaboration with others seeking to provide veteran services



The Need for a New Facility

We have created a facility that will serve the needs of all veterans, active and inactive, and their families through services, programs and events that will provide assistance in finding Veteran benefits, employment, connecting with their families overseas and events where they can gather and socialize. We will help Veterans with homeless situations, their inability to get jobs, and mental health issues including suicide prevention. We must meet this challenge with human and physical resources - as individuals, as a community, and as a nation. As they fought to protect our freedom and liberty, we must ensure that their transition home is as easy as possible.

The floodwaters of 2008 caused great damage to two of the three veteran facilities in our community. The damage was such that it was no longer feasible or practical to occupy these separate buildings. Although the facility owned by the VFW was out of harm's way and sustained no flood damage, the building had outlived its useful life. The VFW had inadequate air circulation, noisy air conditioning, and insufficient heating. The available meeting space was inadequate for Veteran groups, the Auxiliary and Board meetings. The space for the storage of the hundreds of Avenue of Flags and the armory (weapons) was totally inadequate. The kitchen was outdated and under-sized for the anticipated increase in usage.

We now will have the potential capacity to bring many more veterans into the fold, and to assist them in developing a relationship with the Bremer County Veteran Affairs office, thereby opening opportunities for additional services and fellowship.



Work in Process

The Facility

The facility is approximately 17,300 square feet on two levels. The site, previously the home of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, overlooks the beautiful Cedar River.

The City of Waverly required an architect's stamp and the Waverly Area Veterans Post commissioned INVISION Architects from Waterloo to design the project.



The physical attributes of this fully accessible facility designed/built with 'Green' building standards include:

- The Board Room - a place for meetings, education programs, and consultations
- A Resource Center - capable of worldwide linkage for military personnel and their families
- Chapel
- A Dining Area/Lounge with a Bar, Game Room and fully functional Kitchen
- Office for the General Manager
- Shared Office space for each Post - the 'HQ'
- Storage space for tables, chairs, and ceremonial flags
- An Armory that will safeguard ceremonial weapons and ammunitions used during parades, celebrations and conducting military funeral rites
- Mini-Museum to display memorabilia of generations of area veterans
- Patriots Hall (seating capacity of 300)
- Catering Kitchen (to serve Patriots Hall)
- Storage for hundreds of flags, poles, name plaques (Avenue of Flags) and uniforms

Building Layout - Lower Level



LOWER LEVEL

Building Layout - Upper Level



UPPER LEVEL

How the Facility will be Used

- Monthly Meeting space for Veterans, Auxiliaries and Sons of Veterans
- Pre and Post-deployment gatherings
- Community events
- Family gatherings and celebrations
- Post dinners and Community fish fries
- Civic celebrations on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day
- Funerals with full military rites and post-funeral receptions
- Post membership and Auxiliary fundraisers
- District and State meetings and conferences - bringing many visitors to the area



Communicating world-wide with family and fellow Veterans

"Where Patriots Gather"

The Architect Vision

Description of Project

From: Michael Broshar, FAIA, Principal with INVISION - The City of Waverly requested an architect for this building, and INVISION is pleased to provide these services for this Veterans project.

The Waverly Area Veterans Post is located at site of the former VFW Post in northwest Waverly, at the intersection of 10th Avenue NW and 4th Street NW. The site slopes down from south to north, and ends at the Cedar River. The VFW structure has been removed to create the new Veterans Center structure.

The building is a two-story structure, built into the hill to minimize its apparent size and to take advantage of the sloping site. The upper level is accessible at grade from the south and includes a sub-divisible reception hall for large group events and meetings. A catering kitchen, restrooms and table/chair storage supporting the banquet hall makes up the remaining space on the upper level. A deck extends along the north side of the reception hall providing access to the outdoors during events, and views of the river below.

The lower level is accessible at grade from the north and provides a separate entrance from the upper level, allowing the spaces to function independently when appropriate. The lower level has a dining area, lounge and game room in the middle of the building, with a full service commercial kitchen, mechanical room and restrooms along the west side of the building.

An enclosed, semi-tempered space north of the kitchen allows patrons to grill their own meats during social events. A Board room, Chapel and a shared office for the four veteran's organizations are located along the east side of the lower level. A veteran's resource room and office for the facility manager are located on the south side of the building, along with storage for the organizations and a combined armory.

The elevator, located adjacent to the upper level entrance, provides accessibility between the floor levels. The facility is designed to meet accessibility requirements for patrons and guests. Stairs are located at the southwest and southeast corners of the building, with the east stair providing a mid-level exit to parking areas.

Parking for large groups using the banquet hall is accommodated in a terraced parking lot south of the building. A covered entrance canopy allows protected arrival for guests during inclement weather. The parking area north of the building and extending along the drive on the east side of the structure provides parking for patrons using the lower level spaces.

Access for catering on the upper level is provided by a separate entrance and a service drive on the west side of the structure. A densely landscaped area will be developed along the west side of the property to create a buffer to the residential properties existing along the west property line.

The exterior of the building is brick. Wood windows with exterior metal cladding provide a warm interior appearance and a low maintenance exterior. A sloped roof structure over the banquet hall allows the use of high windows in broad openings to providing panoramic views of the river to the north. The banquet hall roof is structured with exposed laminated timbers and wood deck to add visual interest to the space.

A stone veneer wall creates a visual demarcation between public use spaces on the east and the service zone in the west part of the building. The stonewall extends beyond the edge of the building at the north and south, with the top of the wall sloping like wings. Adjacent to the entrance, the ashlar stone veneer will feature an inset flat stone panel to identify the building and can have names carved in the stone to serve as a memorial recognition.

Choosing the Site

Many sites and/or facilities (at least seven) were thoroughly investigated. One site was no longer available and most others were ruled out due to the high purchase costs and/or the lack of readily available utilities and access. A couple of existing facilities were ruled out due to size and/or high remodeling costs.

The current VFW site kept coming to the top of all possibilities. It is now owned by the WAVP. Although this property is not highly visible, it is very picturesque, and it was the only site among the current veteran facilities that remained "high and dry" during the flood of 2008 in Waverly.

Consideration of the above factors, along with the fact the current VFW facility had become insufficient for our planned services for veterans, resulted in the WAVP Board of Directors decision to build the new facility at this location.



A beautiful and peaceful river setting from both levels of the facility

Project Costs/Source of Funds - revised 10/28/2016

Cost of Project

Land (in-kind gift from VFW)	\$	167,000	
Site prep, paving	\$	380,000	
Building	\$	2,715,000	
Construction Testing	\$	6,400	
Soft Costs: (Furniture; Fixtures; Security; Communications; Geo services)	\$	237,200	
Fees/Other	\$	268,000	
Contingencies	\$	176,400	
Total	\$	3,950,000	⁽¹⁾ (estimated)

Source of Funds

Gifts and Pledges to date (includes: In-Kind contractors/suppliers, City of Waverly, Bremer County Board of Supervisors and the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa)	\$	3,033,783	(76.8 %)
Vision Iowa CAT Grant ⁽²⁾		675,000	(17.1 %)
Confirmed Gifts and Pledges		3,708,783	(93.9 %)
Balance to be raised		241,217	(06.1 %)
Total	\$	3,950,000	(100.0 %)

(1) The estimated cost was adjusted by the WAVP Board of Directors August 16, 2016

(2) The Vision Iowa Board awarded the WAVP a \$675,000 CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) grant in September, 2014.

In-Kind Contributions/Grants

We are in the process of securing in-kind donations from local contractors/builders/vendors. To date we have received the following:

Demolition (Multiple Individuals & Contractors)
Croell Redi-Mix (New Concrete Material)
Cedar Valley Engineering (Construction Management Services)
Austin Interiors & Design (Interior Materials, Carpet, Tile)
Denver Underground (Underground Utilities)
Tatroe Electric (Electrical materials)
Schumacher Elevator (Elevator)
and many more

Fundraising Efforts to Date

The total cost of the project (including site prep, construction, furnishings, landscaping, architect fees and contingency costs) is estimated to be \$3,950,000.

In early 2015, The VFW building demolition was completed and in April, 2015 ground was broken for the project. Fundraising efforts continue as we close the \$241,217 gap (gap financing is in place). Construction is completed.

The Grand Opening and Dedication was held October 8, 2016.

As of the end of October, 2016 donations/pledges, including the CAT grant from Vision Iowa, total \$3,708,783 from more than 900 donors. This total includes the land donated by the VFW. Veterans and Veteran Families constitute 55% of all donors and 65% of the dollars raised. More than 70% of all donations received range between \$1.00 and \$999.99.

Marv Schumacher is the Chair of the fundraising effort. He and his Leadership Cabinet are seeking donations and pledges from Waverly and the surrounding area. Additionally, the Board is pursuing in-kind support from local contractors. Opportunities for grants, wills, trusts, and endowments have been initiated.

Projected Operating and Maintenance Costs

The projected revenue for Year One from the reception hall rental, food and beverage sales and investment income is estimated at \$371,600. Projected expenses for Year One totals \$323,670. A five-year Profit & Loss Statement is included in this document.

In addition, many individuals are giving memorial gifts to the WAVP that support the building fund. To date, more than 200 persons have been memorialized. It is the Board's plan that the programs and services provided at this new facility will encourage continuing participation in this memorials program.

General Manager: The WAVP Board of Directors has hired a full-time General Manager for the facility. Under the general direction of the Board, she serves as the Manager of the facility and is responsible for the general direction and control of the program and activities. She is responsible for the direction of the work of all members of the Staff in conformity with the policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

Five-Year Operating Projections

WAVP Budget Summary

Acct#		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
Income						
1100	Member Share/Special Events	40,000	40,750	41,695	42,864	44,293
1300	Program Fees	300	315	334	357	386
1400	Food & Beverage/Vending	303,800	318,990	338,129	361,798	390,742
1600	Rentals	24,500	25,725	27,269	29,177	31,511
1700	Foundation/Grants	3,000	2,625	2,783	2,977	3,215
	Total Income	371,600	388,405	410,209	437,174	470,148
Expense						
2100	Salary/Wage	80,000	84,000	89,040	95,273	102,895
2200	Payroll Fringe Benefits	4,000	4,200	4,452	4,764	5,145
2300	Payroll Taxes	11,800	12,390	13,133	14,053	15,177
2400	Fees & Contract Services	17,050	17,903	18,977	20,305	21,929
2500	Supplies	142,700	149,835	158,825	169,943	183,538
2600	Telephone	5,000	5,250	5,565	5,955	6,431
2700	Postage/Shipping	1,000	1,050	1,113	1,191	1,286
2800	Utilities	30,800	32,340	34,280	36,680	39,614
3100	Printing/Promotions	1,000	1,050	1,113	1,191	1,286
3300	Property Taxes	12,800	13,440	14,246	15,244	16,463
3400	Sales Tax	12,320	12,936	13,712	14,672	15,846
3500	Repair & Replacement	3,000	3,150	3,339	3,573	3,859
3900	Miscellaneous	2,000	2,100	2,226	2,382	2,572
4050	Bank Service Charges	200	210	223	238	257
	Total Expense	323,670	339,854	360,245	385,462	416,299
	Net Surplus/Deficit	47,930	48,552	49,965	51,712	53,849

Managing the New Facility

Rationale for Operating Projections:

The 5-year projections are based on an analysis of prior years of operating experience at the AMVETS and VFW facilities. We also analyzed VFW operations after the inception of the WAVP when it became the primary location for all Posts.

Our projections are conservative and reflect our best estimates at this time. The new facility has much more to offer in terms of accessibility, aesthetics and capacity than the former VFW building. We estimate the volume of activity to increase approximately 20%-25% when the new facility is complete.

It is important to note the numbers now include the provision for a modest facility mortgage and interest payments. Our intention is to raise 100% of the dollars needed to complete the project.

We will need to finance the multiple-year pledges made to the WAVP during this interval of time we are receiving these pledge payments. The interest expense we will incur financing pledges is included in the “operational” projections and is included with our fundraising objectives.

Membership and Business Volumes

From purely a business perspective, we conservatively expect to use the banquet and reception center eight (8) times per month. The eight monthly rentals will include: wedding receptions; family gatherings; birthday/anniversary functions; community gatherings, service clubs and; most important, usage by other veteran groups for local, regional, divisional, and state level meetings and functions

We base this on the fact we will have a state of the art facility, with the potential to bring many more veterans into the fold, and we will be providing “first class” service to our veterans and to the greater Waverly community.

WAVP Leadership

WAVP Board of Directors - 2016/2017

Darrell Blasberg	Chair	VFW	Hank Bagelmann	VFW
Carl Benning	Vice-Chair	AMVETS	Jim Brandau	AMVETS
Larry Buchholz	Vice-Chair	VFW	Bob Davidson	Marine Corps League
Richard Miller	Secretary	American Legion	Martin Heering	American Legion
Lee Schissel	Treasurer	Marine Corps League	Mike Kukral	American Legion
			Bob O'Hare	AMVETS
			Roger Metzger	Marine Corps League

Advisors to the Board

Carol Jahnke
Charlie Meier
Judy Strotman

Finance Committee

Jim Brandau, Chair
Lee Schissel

Building Committee

Mike Kukral, Chair
Linda Austin
Darrell Blasberg
Larry Buchholz

Interior Design Committee

Chaired by Linda Austin
a collaboration of the four Auxiliaries.

WAVP - The Founding Board of Directors - 2009

Jim Beam	Chair	Bob Davidson
Darrell Blasberg	Vice Chair	Don Dietz
*Arnie Waldstein	Vice Chair	Terry Goro
Carl Benning	Secretary	Roger Hirsch
Martin Heering	Treasurer	*Ralph Juhl
		Roger Metzger
		Richard Miller

*Deceased

BOOTS ON THE GROUND Fundraising Capital Campaign

Leadership

Campaign Steering Committee

Marvin Schumacher, Chair
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Bob Brunkhorst

Larry Buchholz
Carol Jahnke
Dave Klamfoth
Dan Lampe

Judy Lampe
DyAnn Longseth
Judy Strotman
Jerry Woodin

Boots on the Ground - 2012/14 Fundraisers

Marv Schumacher, Chair
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Hank Bagelmann
Darrell Blasberg
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Bob Brunkhorst
Larry Buchholz
Gary Burke
Rich Carlson
Bob Cousin
Gene Drape

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Brian Happel
Larry Helmers
Don Huston
Carol Jahnke
Dave Klamfoth
Al Koeneman
Dennis Kruckenberg
Judy Lampe
Vern Latwesen

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Richard Miller
Tom Rasmussen
Ron Roelfs
Lee Schissel
Judy Strotman
Paul Sturges
Elmon (Tate) Tatroe
Scott Whitley
Jerry Woodin

Focus Group Participants - 2013

Don Benson
Rich Carlson, *First National Bank*
Lois Coonradt
Edna M. Corson Family
Bob Cousin, *Cousin Custom Builders*
Jim and Deanna Darrah
Gene Drape
Ed and Phyllis Droste
Stephen Egli, *Attorney at Law*
Jerry Elsamiller, *Elsamiller Electric Co*
Sandra Hagemann
Mark Hanawalt, *United Equip. Access, Inc*
Dennis and Ronda Happel, *BNKD, Inc.*
Larry Helmers

Gaylord Hinderacker
Ralph Juhl
David Klamfoth
Reid Koenig, *CUNA Mutual Group*
George Miller, *Miller True Value Hardware*
Craig Moerer, *Bremer County Mutual Ins. Assoc.*
Mark Phillips, *State Bank and Trust Co.*
Jerry Roling, *Jerry Roling Motors, Inc.*
Jeff Soash, *Dean's Light Box*
Dave Takes, *TDS Automation*
James Trask, *Sons of AMVETS*
Mark Vaughan, *FSB Warner Financial, Inc*
Jerry Woodin, *Edward Jones Investments*

Levels of Giving



Contribution (dollars or in-kind)

Levels by name

\$ 200,000 and	Greater	Theatre
100,000 to	199,000	Fleet
75,000 to	99,999	Division
50,000 to	74,999	Regiment
25,000 to	49,999	Battalion
10,000 to	24,999	Company
5,000 to	9,999	Platoon
1,000 to	4,999	Squadron
500 to	999	Troop
100 to	499	Patrol
1 to	99	Patriot

Naming Opportunities

The Entire Building	\$ 1,000,000	
Patriots Hall	500,000	
Kitchen	250,000	
Lounge/Bar	250,000	<i>Reserved</i>
Resource Center	150,000	<i>Reserved</i>
Board Room	100,000	<i>Reserved</i>
Catering Kitchen	100,000	
Elevator	100,000	<i>Reserved</i>
Deck	100,000	
Upper Level Deck	100,000	
HQ (shared by the 4 Posts)	75,000	
Armory	50,000	
Chapel	50,000	<i>Reserved</i>
General Manager's Office	50,000	

Naming opportunities are subject to the approval of the WAVP Board of Directors.

Wall of Honor



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Waverly Area Veterans Post

Donor recognition - as of October 28, 2016

(Please notify us if any names are inadvertently left out or require correction)

Theatre **\$ 200,000 +**

Vern and Josephine Iserman
The Bolger Foundation
Schumacher Elevator Company
Vision Iowa
American Legion Post 176
AMVETS Post 79
VFW Post 2208

Fleet **\$ 100,000 - \$ 199,999**

City of Waverly
Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

Division **\$ 75,000 - \$ 99,999**

Denver Underground & Grading

Regiment \$ 50,000 - \$ 74,999

John and Marcia Meyer
The Arlin Wittenburg Family
Croell Redi-Mix, Inc.
Elmon and Barbara Tatroe
Bremer County

Battalion	\$ 25,000 - \$ 49,999
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Hank and Jo Bagelmann
Marvin and Eileen Behrens and Family
Edna M. Corson
David Klamfoth
Vernon and Mary Latwesen
State Bank
Waverly Utilities
Jerry and EaVon Woodin

Company *\$10,000 - \$ 24,999*

Jerry Aleff and Sandra Rada-Aleff
Carl and Wanda Benning
Darrell and Joann Blasberg
James and Mary Ellen Brandau
Bremer County Community Foundation
Crescent Electric Supply Co
CUNA Mutual Group
Eugene W. Drape Family
Edward Droste Family
Farmers Savings Bank - Frederika
First National Bank
Dennis and Ronda Happel
Robert and Kelli Lenz

Lincoln Savings Bank Foundation
Dick Luloff
Jim Mango Family
Howard and Fran Mueller
Duane and Ilene Petersen
Ivan and Barbara Price
Jerry and Marti Roling
Gregory and Susan Steege
Arne and Marianne Waldstein
Waverly Tire Company
John R. Wild
Anonymous

Platoon **\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999**

The Accel Group
AgVantage FS, Inc. - The Growmark Foundation
Jim and Yvonne Beam
Benton's Sand and Gravel, Inc.
Bev C. Besh
Black Hawk Roof Company
Bremer Mutual Insurance/BCM Agency, Inc
Larry and Mary Buchholz
Ellison Enterprises, Ltd.
Edward Fuoss
Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson
Leland and Pam Hinrichs
Joe and Carol Jahnke
Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes
Jon and Patti Kaiser
Kwik Trip, Inc.

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The Future

In addition to being an entity with a “going concern”, the WAVP is thinking BIG! We are developing an endowment fund that will serve many purposes. Among those purposes will be support for WAVP operations, capital improvements and expanded services for veterans.

We encourage individuals and families to consider the WAVP Endowment for inclusion in their estate planning, be it through wills and trusts or as a designated beneficiary on life insurance policies and similar gifting vehicles.

The WAVP has received gifts "In Memory of..." and "In Honor of ..." for more than 220 designated individuals over the past 3 years. We are grateful to know families and friends who remember loved ones in this fashion.

Please Join Us

We hope all community members will continue to generously support the Waverly Area Veterans Post capital campaign because they believe this new facility will truly be a valuable community asset. Individuals and families may wish to make special pledges to memorialize those who have passed away or to pay tribute to living loved ones.

All contributors will be acknowledged on the Wall of Honor unless the contributor prefers to remain anonymous. The "Wall" currently appears on our website and will be installed on the walls of the new facility. To date more than 900 individuals, families and businesses have made contributions to our fundraising efforts.



How to Give

1) Direct cash or pledge tax deductible donation to WAVP

WAVP is a **501(c)(19)** tax-exempt organization. All donations are tax deductible under the IRS Code, Tax ID # 27-0443329.

2) Gifts utilizing the 501(c)(3) option are tax deductible through our Partnership with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Tax ID # 42-6060414

The Fund has been established for donors required to give through a **501(c)(3)** tax-exempt entity, such as donations coming from private foundations. A gift to the WAVP via the Waverly Community Fund will satisfy all the requirements the donor must meet, giving to a 501(c)(3), and will allow the gift to benefit the Waverly Area Veterans Post charitable activities.

3) Endowments, securities, real estate, insurance, and personal property

Your gift may take whichever form provides you with the maximum tax benefits. You may give outright securities, real estate, insurance, and personal property such as art or cash.

Your gift may either be given outright or may be made through a bequest or trust agreement as a deferred gift. Many donors name the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa as the beneficiary of their retirement plan, charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, etc., or through their wills.

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa also manages Charitable Gift Annuities where the donor receives lifetime income as a result of their gift. There is no form of giving that is too complicated. SPECIAL TAX BENEFITS include 25% State Tax Credit through Endow Iowa and IRA Charitable Rollover.

- **For more information, contact the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**

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Neither the Waverly Area Veterans Post nor the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is engaged in rendering tax or legal advice. Please consult your legal, tax or other professional advisors on all matters considering charitable giving.

Appendix "A"

The WAVP Logo and Its Meaning



The four red stripes represent each veteran organization:

- American Legion
- AMVETS
- Marine Corps Detachment
- VFW

The Star represents unity - all organizations under one roof.

The points of the star represent our "reaching out" to serve Veterans.

Appendix "B"

History of Waverly Area Veterans Post (WAVP)

WAVP was established in 2009. The floodwaters of 2008 caused great damage to two of the three veteran facilities in our community. The damage was such that it was no longer feasible or practical to occupy these separate buildings. And, although the facility owned by the VFW was out of harm's way and sustained no flood damage, the building had outlived its useful life.

Former State Senator and Veteran Arne Waldstein played a major role in bringing the four veteran organizations together to discuss how they might address ways in which they might work together as one to build a new home. The VFW site, overlooking the Cedar River, was selected as the most favorable location.

Articles of Incorporation were filed in 2009 and a 12-member Board was established, comprised of three representatives from each of the four member organizations. The member organization representatives serve staggered three-year terms to facilitate continuity within the Board.

In an effort to build community partnerships, and to leverage funds, the Waverly Area Veterans Post has established a relationship with the Waverly Community Fund, a Fund of the Bremer County Community Foundation, and affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (Tax ID # 42-6060414).

The fund has been established to collect donations from donors, required to give through a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity, such as donations coming from private foundations. A gift to the fund at the Waverly Community Fund will satisfy all the requirements the donor must meet, giving to a 501(c)(3), and allow the gift to benefit the Waverly Area Veterans Post charitable activities.

The Waverly Area Veterans Post is a not-for-profit organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(19), (Tax ID # 27-0443329).

Appendix "C"

Four Veteran Organizations under one Roof



American Legion Post 176

Waverly American Legion Post History

In 1919, Waverly American Legion Post #176 organizational meetings were held at the Bremer County Courthouse. The first meeting of Waverly Post #176 was held in the Relief Corps Hall on September 16, 1919, with Albert Beebe acting as chairman. In 1920 the Legion met in the Relief Corps Hall and paid \$1 to the Corps for the use of the hall for each meeting. In 1921 the Legion moved to the Guild Hall of the Episcopal Church for its meetings. In September of 1921 the Auxiliary was formed with Mrs. Martha Downing as president and a membership of 50. In September of 1922 the Legion and Auxiliary moved to the third floor of the Giles Building, later known as the Harrison Building.

In 1923, the Legion started a Building Fund for its own hall. In 1925 work began on the new building to be known as the Community, Legion and Masonic Building, an 84 by 100 foot brick building. The first meeting in the new building was on May 10, 1926 and cost \$68,000. The Post Office occupied the west side of the building, and Palace Theatre occupied the east side. The Auxiliary presented the Legion with \$1,000 that year to pay toward the building.

The present Legion Hall property was acquired in 1982 and was remodeled to serve as the post home. The north addition was completed in 1996, which more than doubled the size of the existing building. The Legion Hall suffered minor flood damage in 1999 when the floor was covered with about six inches of water. The damages at that time were quickly repaired. The flood damage in 2008 was more extensive when the flood level rose to around three feet in the Legion Hall. It was restored to usable condition at considerable expense and with much volunteer labor.

The Legion Post is a participant in Waverly Area Veterans Post organized for the purpose of building and managing one facility for the benefit of and use by four local veterans' service organizations. The Legion building is leased to WAVP for use as the temporary home during the construction of the new building on the former VFW site. It will then be sold and the net proceeds given to help pay for the new building. *Submitted by: Marvin Behrens*



AMVETS Post 79

AMVETS Post 79 was chartered in 1946 after the encouragement of several Waterloo veterans. There were sixteen members at the first meeting when Jack Evans was elected Post Commander and Burdette Briner was elected as chaplain. Through the years, over 40 different veterans have served as Commander; all their pictures (or drawings) are currently in storage awaiting the new home.

One of the first projects of AMVETS Post 79 in the early 50's was to gather canned goods and send them to Bremer County veterans serving in Korea.

The organization decided to build a new facility in 1954. Ralph Juhl was Commander at the time, Clele Baker was the fundraising chairman, and Carl Strotman was the building supervisor. The facility suffered two fires during the next several years, but was rebuilt each time. Some additions and remodeling were added over the next couple decades. Although the location was picturesque, it was prone to flooding; approximately two feet of water invaded the building in 1993, four feet in 1999, and over six feet in 2008. The decision to sell the facility at that time to FEMA turned out to be a wise choice; the 2013 flood in SE Waverly was similar to at least the 1993 levels.

The AMVETS Auxiliary and the Sons of AMVETS were, and continue to be, instrumental in fund-raising for the various service projects. Although Post 79 members are grateful to the local VFW for the use of their facility, we are all anxiously anticipating the move into a new facility, which will allow more services and amenities to be provided to all veterans and their families. *Submitted by: Carl Benning*



Marine Corps League Detachment 1241

Incorporated by an act of Congress on August 4, 1937, the Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps.

Marine Corps League Northeast Iowa detachment 1241
56 members - established local chapter in 2006

To be able to maintain our own identity as the Marine Corps League and have the privilege to work in concert with other Veteran organizations in providing needed services and support is both exciting and rewarding. This building will provide the needed space, technology and welcoming environment that present and future veterans will need.

MISSION STATEMENT

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

PURPOSES

To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;
To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation;
To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Submitted by: Rich Miller



VFW Post 2208

The official name for VFW Post 2208 is: Joe W. Cretzmeyer Post No. 2208 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The Post charter was issued on August 11th, 1931 with 100 local members listed on the charter.

The Post was named in memory of a well-known and respected local resident, Joseph W. Cretzmeyer, who at the age of 24 died in France during World War I.

The original Post home was located in downtown SE Waverly. On September 30th, 1953 the building was destroyed along with all contents and records by a suspected gas explosion and fire. The Post met for a time in the American Legion Hall, then purchased 8 acres and a brick house in northwest Waverly. After operating the Post for about 10 years in the brick residence, the Post erected its present building, which was regarded as one of the finest small community Post Homes in Iowa at the time.

Post 2208 has a current membership of 158 members and has a small Canteen in which members can meet daily for refreshments, food and fellowship. The Canteen also hosts weekly Thursday night food specials and Saturday evening steak fries. The upper level is used for Post meetings and is rented out for receptions, reunions, etc.

The VFW is much more than a place for fellowship. It is a 501(c)(19) federally chartered, nonprofit, charitable organization. Our mission is “To honor the dead by helping the living”, promote social welfare of the community, sponsor and participate in activities of a patriotic nature and provide social and recreational activities for our members.

Our Final Tribute

These men and women and their families are ever mindful of the reality that freedom is not free. It is in this spirit that we build this very special home - a place

"Where Patriots Gather"



Our Final Tribute
To
Spc. Donald Lee "Donny" Nichols
and
To ALL of those who Serve

A footnote:

Spc. Donald Lee "Donny" Nichols lived in Shell Rock, Iowa. He was a 2009 graduate of Waverly-Shell Rock High School. He died April 13, 2011.

"Donny" served his country as a member of the Waterloo Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division. He was sent to Afghanistan in the Fall of 2010.

Donald Lee Nichols was 21 years old.

An American soldier who gave his life that we might live our lives. Freedom is not free.