



## Organizational Overview

The Iowa Veterans' Welcome Center (IVWC) exists to help meet the needs of all active duty, reserve and honorably discharged military veterans, past present and future. We are committed to providing a place for veterans to interact with fellow veterans, network together and share in the camaraderie that all have experienced, while proudly serving Our Country. We work diligently together within our organization and with other veteran organizations to assist our military veterans in need of lodging, financial, physical, medical and mental health assistance with the providing of resource information and the direct assistance our veterans so desperately need and deserve. We strive to create close personal relationships, trust and an emotional safety net for all veterans. Our goal is to serve veterans and their family members' needs in any way that we can. We honor our fellow veterans by remaining true to our mission of 'Veterans Helping Veterans'. Within the IVWC itself, veterans have access to a Food Pantry, Computer Lab, TV Lounge and Gaming Area, "READY TO SERVE" A Veterans Employment and Staffing Service and during the Winter season, a Winter Clothing Distribution Program. Veterans and their family members are always welcome and encouraged to visit and tour our military veterans' center.

The IVWC was founded out of the desire of a group of local military veterans who saw the need for a veteran to veteran approach to assisting veterans navigate the challenges of everyday life. After several months of exhaustive research, our first location was realized on July 31, 2013 at 816 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW, with the donation of the location by a local military veteran. Our hard work and dedication provided us the opportunity to relocate to our current location, the Veterans Memorial Building at 50 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Bridge, Cedar Rapids, on February 3, 2014. Relocating to our present location allows us to serve our military veterans and their family members with an easily accessible and highly visible venue.

Currently, the IVWC is operated and served by a staff of volunteers. The IVWC Board of Directors consist of the following individuals:

**President:** Roger A. Wiest

**Vice-President:** Kevin Ringold

**Treasurer:** Jim Payton

**Sergeant of Arms:** Jerry Lint

**Director:** Doug Adamson

**Director:** Jan Bloomhall

**Director:** Charles F. Elias

**\*\*\* 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR \*\*\***

**APRIL 30th 1975**



**ALL MILITARY VETERANS/FAMILIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:**

**MISSION: "WE ARE HERE FOR YOU"**

**A WELCOME HOME AND THANK YOU CELEBRATION  
FOR ALL VIETNAM/ERA VETERANS,  
THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

**\*WHEN: APRIL 30, 2015 @12:00PM**

**\*WHERE: THE IOWA VETERANS' WELCOME CENTER  
THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING  
50 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52401**

**Guest Speakers**

**The Honorable Ron Corbett - Mayor Of Cedar Rapids  
Mr. Donald Tyne – Director Of Linn County Veterans Affairs**

**Entertainment Provided By  
Terry P. McCauley – Acoustic Pop Guitarist**

**Refreshments will be served**

**SPONSORED BY: "THE IOWA VETERANS' WELCOME CENTER"**