



COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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FORMAL MEETING AGENDA

Room 203 C (South), Health and Human Services Building
855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

February 18, 2025

1. Call to order 17:00
2. Public Comment
3. Retrieving Freedom presentation by Calvin Ver Mulm
4. Introduction of New County Veteran Service Officer
5. Approval of the January Minutes
6. Approval of the January Vouchers
7. Routine Office Reports Including Budget, Outreach, and Training
8. Memorandum of Agreement for Johnson County Veteran Services
9. Veterans Appreciation Event and USS Iowa SSN 797 Watch Party
10. March 18th, 2025, IACVS Commissioner Semi-Annual Training and Meeting
11. Other items not on the agenda
12. Adjourn

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING
VETERAN AFFAIRS OFFICE OPERATING AS VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE**

This Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) is made by and between the Board of Supervisors of Johnson County, Iowa (“BOS”) and the Johnson County Commission of Veteran Affairs (“Commission”).

REASONS AND GROUNDS FOR THIS AGREEMENT

In Iowa Code Chapter 35B, the BOS and the Commission each have separate yet important roles to play in the establishment and administration of the county veteran affairs office; and,

The BOS and the Commission seek to operate the office using a different name for the purpose of avoiding confusion as to the county office’s role and function which is as a part of county government and not to be confused with veteran affairs at the federal or state levels; and

Both the BOS and the Commission are interested in operating the office under the name, “Johnson County Veteran Services Office”.

TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual interests of the parties expressed in this agreement, the BOS and the Commission agree as follows:

1. The Johnson County Veteran Affairs Office shall be operated using the name Johnson County Veteran Services Office.
2. This change shall commence on March 1, 2025 and continue thereafter until either the amendment or the termination of this MOA. Upon termination of this MOA, by either party, the BOS and the Commission shall go back to and resume referring to the office as the Johnson County Veteran Affairs Office. The name of the office will revert back to the way the office is referred to by Iowa Code Chapter 35B – which was the default name of the office prior to the commencement of this MOA.
3. Each Party shall take reasonable care to ensure the functions and operations of the office are not harmed or disrupted by initiating this change in the way the office is named or identified. Both parties shall take reasonable and prudent measures to timely update their references to the office (such as in writing, on signage, on websites, and elsewhere) so as to minimize the risk of confusion or misunderstanding.
4. No other changes are included or intended by this agreement. This MOA is not intended to modify or amend any other contracts, documents, or agreements that may already be in place between the parties which shall remain in full force and effect. To the extent any provision contained in this MOA conflicts with the terms of any other agreements between the parties, the terms and provisions of this MOA shall prevail but only with respect to the way the office is referred to.

SIGNATURES

BOS

Board of Supervisors, Johnson County, Iowa

COMMISSION

Johnson County Veteran Affairs Commission

By: _____
Name: _____

By: _____
Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____