



JCVA
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VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Ray Maxey, Director
Joshua Price, CVSO

Meeting Open to Public

11 Mar 2026
1500 hours

Agenda

Call the Meeting to Order: Chairperson, Jerry Nelson

Approve Minutes: Feb 11th, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Unfinished Business:

1. Outreach discussion

New Business:

1. February 2026 Activity Report
 - 118 2/1 - 2/28 **caught walk-ins** (PII Sheet on file)
2. Training (see attached) for CUE
 - IDVA 4/14 – 4/16 Stoney Creek
 - IACVSO 5/5 – 5/7 Stoney Creek
 - NACVSO National 5/31 – 6/5 Reno, NV
3. Monthly off site Office strategy session
4. SF 2284 / SF 2466

Public Input & Announcements:

Confirm next meeting: April 8th, 2026, 1500, at the Jasper County Office Building in the Small Conference Room

Iowa Association of County Veteran Services (IACVS)

President's Monthly Update – March 2026

Below are the updates for this month:

Upcoming Events:

3/22-27/26 N/a NACVSO Legislative Summit, Washington DC – Attendees: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Legislative Liaison (IACVS funding only two members)

3/25/26 2:00 – 3:30 Single Subject Virtual Training Event – Subject: Regulatory Protections, provided by the RO

4/14/26 – 4/16/26 8:00-4:00 IDVA Spring Training (Stoney Creek Convention Center, Johnston, IA)

5/5/26 – 5/7/26 8:00 – 4:00 Association Spring Training (Stoney Creek Convention Center, Johnston, IA)

5/21/26 2:00 – 3:30 New CVSO Virtual Training – Subject: Veteran Interview Process; DD-214s, VetPro, VetraSpec

5/31/26 – 6/5/26 NACVSO National Conference in Reno, NV

5/30 – 6/4/26 NACVSO Basic Benefits/Accreditation Course, in-person, in Reno, NV

6/24/26 2:00 – 3:30 Single Subject Virtual Training – Subject: Presenting Lay Evidence, presented by Kent Eiler

7/22/26 2:00 – 3:30 Single Subject Virtual Training – Subject: HISA, SAH, SHA Grants, presented by the RO

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Webpage/social media – Nothing particularly new on this topic. We are continuing to work with the student from DMACC to create video content to be used for PSAs and/or YouTube posts that can be shared by all CVSOs.

Association Treasurer Position - Our Association Treasurer, Tammy Rector, submitted her resignation last month and your Leadership Team has appointed Carmen Fielding as our new Treasurer for the Association. Confirmation of this appointment will take place at our next Association E-Board meeting in May.

President's Comments – We have many things going on in the Association at this time from Training, to Legislation, to the By-Law updates and then to our Media efforts to try to reach more Veterans. Things are busy for sure. As I have mentioned previously, if you are interested in helping in any of our Association Committees, please reach out to the Committee Leads. I am looking forward to our Association Spring Training Event and hope that many of you will attend as well. As a reminder, our Association Quarterly Meeting will be held during our Spring Training Event. I am also looking forward to the NACVSO Annual Conference in Reno, NV from 31 May – 5 June, these events are always rewarding.

I appreciate everything that all of you do each and every day to support our Iowa Veterans and our Association! Please keep charging forward and always continue to seek more knowledge to better support our Veterans, and also to look at mentoring withing your Districts or any other County for that matter. We are all only as strong or good as our newest CVSO! Together we can accomplish almost anything.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Jones

Good morning all!

I just finished attending the NACVSO Education Committee Quarterly meeting this morning and wanted to pass along some information to everyone.

The Annual NACVSO Conference will be held in Reno, NV from 31 May – 5 June this year. The Conference will allow 600 members to attend in-person. In addition NACVSO is offering this Conference in a virtual concept as well; however, the Virtual Conference attendance is limited to 250 attendees and they have already filled the Virtual option. There are plenty of slots left for the in-person Conference, and in my opinion the in-person option is always much better. In-person you get a chance to mingle and converse with many other CVSOs from across the National, you will get to partake in the various Vendors that will be available, plus you would be able to attend the Conference Banquet – yet another opportunity to mingle and converse. There are many outstanding speakers on the agenda for this year as well, some information has been posted on the website.

If you have been thinking about attending the NACVSO Conference in-person this year, you should go to the NACVSO website and Register soon. Today NACVSO Leadership has requested all State and Association Leaders to pass along this information; therefore there will most likely be many others getting registered as well.

In addition to the normal NACVSO Conference, NACVSO will also be offering their Certified Veterans Advocate (CVA) Course in Reno, NV. That course will take place on 30-31 May 2026. Also during the Reno Conference will be a Basic Benefits Course (In-person) taking place from 31 May – 4 June. This course will take place at the same location but in a different room as the main Conference. You would need to register for any of these additional courses separately on the NACVSO website.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you and I hope you all have a great week!

Sincerely,

Jim Jones

**Director, Plymouth County Veteran Affairs & Iowa Association of County Veteran Services (IACVS) –
President**

Ramon Maxey

From: Ramon Maxey
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 8:37 AM
To: Jerry Nelson; Ed Spangenburg; Katherine Thompson; Marta Ford; Robert Suesakul; Marta Ford
Cc: Joshua Price
Subject: FW: 2284 data

Good morning all,

I have forwarded an email that was sent out by one of our CVSO members that shows the effect of SF 2282 / SF 2466 on our county as it is currently worded. The below email I sent to Kara Warme and David Blom. I highly recommend you reach out to any and all contacts you have to go against this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Maxey

Good morning,

I am reaching out to you today concerning SF2282. This bill is bad for veterans. It is bad for County Veteran Service Officers. It is especially bad for the less populous counties. I currently can, do and will help veterans from any county. Different veterans don't always work well with their respective county CVSO's, or the less populous counties already have less hours per week so are not available when the veteran needs assistance during a normal 40 hour week. If this bill passes, I and many CVSO's will NOT(not be allowed to) assist veterans from other counties because of the performance incentives associated with this bill. Jasper County Board of Supervisors and my Office have a great relationship. Resources however are limited and I will not be able to justify assisting veterans from other counties when it will cause my county to lose funding. Another issue is that the numbers from the VA that are being used to justify this states DIRECTLY ON THE WEB PAGE, THAT THESE NUMBERS SHOULD NOT BE USED AS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, yet the IDVA chooses to use them anyway. The next problem with the way this bill is currently using this bad data from the VA is that mid-westerners in general, and Iowan's in particular don't want handouts (even though they have earned disability compensation from serving) as some of our veterans look at it.

In the end, with the way this bill is currently worded, out of 99 Iowa Counties, only 10 will have an increase in their funding, and the other 89 will lose funding. That means that veterans in 89 Counties will lose as well. This bill is very bad for veterans and extremely bad for our Iowa Counties! We as Veteran Service Officers want to assist ALL VETERANS to the best of our abilities! This bill will make giving the veterans the assistance they DESERVE and HAVE EARNED very difficult if not impossible for 89 out of 99 Iowa Counties.

I am a retired Marine having given 24 years of service to this Nation. I am the Director of Jasper County Veterans Affairs. I want to serve all my sister and brother vets regardless of their location in Iowa. This bill would make that impossible as it basically would be taking money from my county if I helped a vet from a different county which I currently am able to do now.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me out.

Rank	County	Change	Rank	County	Change	Rank	County	Change	
1	Polk	\$69,580	34	Winneshiiek	-\$5,071	67	Guthrie	-\$7,328	Gain
2	Linn	\$27,462	35	Jackson	-\$5,250	68	Louisa	-\$7,331	
3	Scott	\$18,921	36	Fayette	-\$5,277	69	Hancock	-\$7,334	1-5k Loss
4	Johnson	\$16,151	37	Poweshiek	-\$5,463	70	Winnebago	-\$7,359	
5	Black Hawk	\$12,205	38	Cedar	-\$5,508	71	Mitchell	-\$7,362	5-7k Loss
6	Dallas	\$7,965	39	Dickinson	-\$5,631	72	Montgomery	-\$7,451	
7	Woodbury	\$7,574	40	Delaware	-\$5,705	73	Franklin	-\$7,520	7-10k loss
8	Story	\$6,677	41	Clayton	-\$5,866	74	Keokuk	-\$7,532	
9	Dubuque	\$6,051	42	Madison	-\$5,889	75	Cathoun	-\$7,575	
10	Pottawattamie	\$5,498	43	Tama	-\$5,911	76	Sac	-\$7,606	
11	Warren	-\$142	44	Hardin	-\$5,959	77	Clarke	-\$7,616	
12	Clinton	-\$823	45	Iowa	-\$5,989	78	Humboldt	-\$7,645	
13	Cerro Gordo	-\$1,276	46	Clay	-\$6,000	79	Howard	-\$7,688	
14	Muscatine	-\$1,292	47	Crawford	-\$6,034	80	Emmet	-\$7,731	
15	Marshall	-\$1,634	48	Jefferson	-\$6,158	81	Davis	-\$7,758	
16	Des Moines	-\$1,938	49	Floyd	-\$6,259	82	Palo Alto	-\$7,823	
17	Jasper	-\$2,037	50	Page	-\$6,319	83	Lucas	-\$7,858	
18	Webster	-\$2,203	51	Hamilton	-\$6,400	84	Greene	-\$7,868	
19	Sioux	-\$2,361	52	Harrison	-\$6,465	85	Monona	-\$7,903	
20	Wapello	-\$2,548	53	Mills	-\$6,478	86	Decatur	-\$8,127	
21	Marion	-\$2,812	54	Kossuth	-\$6,489	87	Monroe	-\$8,219	
22	Lee	-\$2,934	55	Butler	-\$6,546	88	Adair	-\$8,239	
23	Boone	-\$3,735	56	O'Brien	-\$6,582	89	Worth	-\$8,285	
24	Plymouth	-\$3,868	57	Allamakee	-\$6,590	90	Van Buren	-\$8,330	
25	Benton	-\$3,874	58	Cass	-\$6,815	91	Pocahontas	-\$8,394	
26	Bremer	-\$3,965	59	Wright	-\$6,897	92	Ida	-\$8,431	
27	Washington	-\$4,430	60	Grundy	-\$6,998	93	Wayne	-\$8,560	
28	Mahaska	-\$4,582	61	Appanoose	-\$7,041	94	Fremont	-\$8,565	
29	Jones	-\$4,789	62	Lyon	-\$7,048	95	Osceola	-\$8,659	
30	Buena Vista	-\$4,831	63	Union	-\$7,089	96	Taylor	-\$8,705	
31	Buchanan	-\$4,845	64	Chickasaw	-\$7,123	97	Audubon	-\$8,757	
32	Carroll	-\$4,870	65	Shelby	-\$7,132	98	Ringgold	-\$8,904	
33	Henry	-\$5,032	66	Cherokee	-\$7,188	99	Adams	-\$9,062	

Redistribution of \$990,000 Based on County Population

The current version of SF 2282 redistributes approximately \$990,000 by dividing funding based on county population size.

Impact of the Current Formula

- 10 counties gain funding
- 89 counties lose funding

This approach shifts funding toward larger population counties, while most rural counties experience funding reductions. Rural counties already face limited revenue due to smaller property tax bases and little commercial tax revenue, meaning even small reductions can have meaningful impacts on county services.

Data provided on behalf of Curt Hartlieb – Louisa County