



## Story County Department of Veterans Affairs

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### QUARTERLY REPORT - VETERANS AFFAIRS

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#### SUMMARY:

Veterans Affairs increased outreach efforts over the previous quarter resulting in a consistent flow of Veterans working to establish new claims and services.

#### Tasks Completed this Quarter:

- James Rasmussen Memorial
- Veterans Supermarket
- Reorganized Files per State Code

#### ASSISTANCE:

Pursuant to Chapter 35B.10, as Director of the Story County Veterans Affairs, I hereby certify through the signature below that the Veterans Affairs Commission approved and provided the following claims for assistance:

VA CLAIM #	ASSISTANCE TYPE	AMOUNT
K2449	Rent	\$ 600.00
S6645	Rent	\$ 650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>

#### BUDGET:

FY25 budget for Veterans Affairs is **\$176,526.00**. To date, of the **\$24,000** appropriated to Services for Veterans, we've utilized **53% (\$12,736.42)** of funds.

Status	
\$ 17,457.55	Disbursed Funds
\$ 1,386.00	Funds at Auditor
\$ -	Claimed Funds
\$ 63,593.06	HR Use
\$ 94,089.39	Remaining

Year Information	
56.16%	Percent of the Year Complete
7/1/2025	Start of FY
7/1/2026	End of FY
45.91%	Percent of the Budget

#### OUTREACH:

The department conducted the following outreach efforts during the quarter:

- River Valley Veterans Network (December and January)
- Nevada American Legion (January)
- Veterans Day on the Hill (January)

**STATISTICS (As of 01/22/20226):**

Through the 2nd Quarter (October, November, December), we have exceeded the number of contacts versus the previous year indicating increase flow of clients to the office. Additionally, many of these Veterans have been younger which indicates that the outreach efforts to younger generation of Veterans may be effective.

Statistics - FY 26													
	Average Age			# of Males		# of Females		Total Cases					
	58.4			292		102		394					
By Service													
	JUL	SEP	AUG	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOT
Air Force	6	4	1	6	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	24
Army	31	32	26	20	17	28	17	0	0	0	0	0	171
Marines	5	7	4	3	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	30
Navy	7	10	12	8	10	19	9	0	0	0	0	0	75
Coast Guard	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Space Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family	16	4	6	6	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	40
Spouse	11	5	7	6	6	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	44
NA	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
By Contact Type													
Email	3	1	2	3	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	17
Home	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
No Show	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Office	42	46	39	25	25	31	20	0	0	0	0	0	228
Phone	14	10	10	12	8	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	74
Walk In	13	4	4	8	5	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	51
Outreach	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Jail	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	79	63	57	49	47	60	39	0	0	0	0	0	394
<b>Last FY</b>	51	55	46	62	45	39	65	39	65	49	42	49	607

**NEXT STEPS:**

Veterans Affairs continues to improve its procedures. Current projects over the next quarter:

- Senior Expo (Spring)
- Franks 4 Service (Summer)
- Continuing Community Outreach Efforts
- Developing Contingency Plan in office and with adjoining counties

It is with great appreciation to the Story County Board of Supervisors for your continued support that we can best serve our County's Veterans.



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