



# The Veteran

Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs Newsletter

WINTER 2025

## VA Supermarket a Success

*Thank you for the attendance to our Annual Supermarket this year on November 9th, 2025!*



It was a rainy, chilly morning on November 9th, 2024 and despite, the County VA Supermarket of Benefits received **25 Vendors** and **over 100 Veterans** to connect our community to providers for Veterans Services. We saw speeches by Story County VA Director, Zachary Skelton and Story County Board of Supervisor Linda Murken. The event kept busy for the entire morning and Veterans were able to communicate with each vendor table.

The Story County VA offers its appreciation to all of the Veterans and Service Providers in attendance. Without your determination to work together, this event would not be possible. We documented all positive comments and improvements to build upon the success of this year's market to bring an even better event next year. Keep attention to these newsletters for the announcement of the future date of 2025's Supermarket!



*County VA Commissioner Doug Sargent serves refreshments.*



*Tables Setup for the Day's Events.*



### **Hartman Receives Atomic Veterans Award**

Congratulations to **Airman Fred Hartman** for earning the **Atomic Veterans Service Medal!**

Airman Hartman served our country in its nuclear deterrent as a pilot in the Marshall Islands, measuring radioactive exposure during and following the tests of Atomic Bombs during **Operation Castle**.



### **Colo-Nesco Invites Story County VA Director**

Thank you to the Colo-Nesco School district in providing an opportunity for Story County VA Director, Zachary Skelton to present a speech to their students. The community and school district showed great support for their Veteran Community on the 2024 Veterans Day!

**VA Mobile Clinic will be at the Story County VA Parking Lot on:**

## VA of Central Iowa Healthcare System

### Virtual Mobile Clinic

Call (515) 401-5452 to Schedule

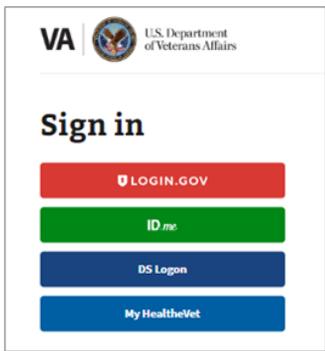


### 2025 Dates:

- February 25th
- April 24th
- June 24th
- August 26th
- October 28th
- December 23rd

**PENSION POACHING: WHAT IS IT?**

Know what to look out for and how to keep your **benefits safe**.



### Protect Your Benefits

Did you know that **it is illegal to charge a fee to file an initial claim for benefits with the VA?**

The services provided by the Story County VA is **Free**.

If you are looking at a service to help with benefits and they are looking to charge a few, read below to learn more about **pension poaching**...

### VA Login Change

VA.Gov's **MyHealtheVet** is updating its login. If you have not updated your login information to use either **LOGIN.GOV** or **ID.ME**, please contact our office for assistance.

If you are having trouble updating your login, please **click below** for answers to common issues Veterans run into while updating thier account's login information...

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## Veterans Group Life Insurance

Refer to the video below to learn more about **VGLI (Veterans Group Life Insurance)**. With VGLI, you may be able to keep your life insurance coverage after you leave the military as long as you continue to pay the premiums.

[Check Eligibility at this link.](#)



## The Wall That Heals Comes to Nevada

**The Wall That Heals** is a traveling Vietnam Memorial Monument replica. **Saluting Service** is hosting the Monument August 7-10, 2025.

However, they need your help! This monument will require 24 hour guarding and volunteers to coordinate...

Go to [this link](#) to help.

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