



# The Veteran

Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs Newsletter

Spring 2025

## Senator Joni Ernst honors Story County Veteran

*Congratulations to SSgt Larry Snavelly, US Air Force and Vietnam Veteran (73-74)*



Senator Joni Ernst presented SSgt Larry Snavelly with a shadow box of his military awards and rank from his years in service. This award was the end result of coordination between SSgt Snavelly and the Story County VA.

SSgt Snavelly met with the Story County VA in January after seeing the awards his son received in Afghanistan. His concern was that he only had two ribbons that he could document and in planning for later in life, he would like his records to be correct for his family. We assisted SSgt Snavelly with retrieving his Military Records from the National Archives and Record Center (NARA). After getting his Military Records and establishing his service history, awards, and rank the Story County VA coordinated with the U.S. Air Force to receive these items. Upon receipt, we put together a shadow box and were fortunate to have Senator Joni Ernst present the awards to SSgt Snavelly.

SSgt Snavelly's experience in not having the records is common, and this is an example of the benefit of having Story County VA in your community. If a Veteran or family member of a Veteran is looking to establish their military history, Story County VA is here to help!



The Des Moines VA held an annual recognition lunch for our community volunteers to thank them for their time and dedication to helping our community. The Story County VA has 5 volunteers who spend time helping to transport our local Veterans to their VA Scheduled appointments.

If you know of Veteran needing a ride, our office can provide transportation options!

*Volunteer Driver Beth Lycke after receiving an award for contributing over 100 hours in transporting Story County Veterans.*



## **New Community Event: June 14th @ 4-7pm**

*Click the Register button below for more information...*



Jun 14

**Franks 4 Your Service**

Come join the Story County VA for a celebration of our local Veterans!

**Register**

Free

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

June 24th  
August 26th  
October 28th  
December 23rd



**Call (515) 401-5452 to Schedule**



## **ISU Students Conduct Ruck March**

The ISU Military Affiliated Student Center conducted an 8 Mile Ruck March in Ames on May 3rd.

Part of the proceeds and some freewill donations went to the James Rasmussen Memorial Fund to help get this Veteran's headstone placed.

**The event raised a total of \$500 to the Memorial fund!**

To Learn more about the James Rasmussen Memorial Fund, [click here](#).

*Thank you to the Story County VAs VSO, Erin Rewerts and her husband Jerome for participating. They completed the ruck march of 8.13 miles in 2 hours and 7 minutes!*

## The Wall That Heals Comes to Nevada

The **Wall That Heals** is a traveling Vietnam Memorial Monument replica. [Main Street Nevada](#) 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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