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IOWA COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DANIEL J. GANNON, CHAIR

January 3, 2019

Dear General Assembly, Iowa Veterans and Friends of Veterans:

I would like to invite you to join the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs and the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs for the 2019 Veterans Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

On the First Floor of the Capitol Rotunda beginning at 9:00 a.m., you will be able to visit several vendor tables with veteran information and the Program will begin at 10:00 a.m. We will all have an opportunity to meet with our elected officials immediately following the Program. During that time, we will be able to discuss the 2019 Legislative Initiatives, which is attached.

Hope to see you on the hill!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. Gannon".

Daniel J. Gannon, Chair
Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Attachments:
Program
2019 Legislative Initiatives

PLEASE JOIN US

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs invites you to join us for the annual Veterans Day at the Capitol. You will have an opportunity to meet with your elected officials and visit a number of vendor tables of veteran-related organizations that will be available to visit. We hope to see you at the 2017 Veterans Day at the Capitol.

SCHEDULE



January 23, 2019

9:00 - 10:00 Visit vendor tables - Capitol Rotunda – First Floor

10:00 - 10:30 Veterans Day Program - Capitol Rotunda – First Floor

- Steve Lukan – Master of Ceremonies
 - Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
- Daniel J. Gannon – Chair, Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Chaplain
 - Invocation/Moment of Silence
- Governor Kim Reynolds
- Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg
- Brig. Gen. Shawn Ford – Deputy Adj. Gen.
- Chair, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
- Ranking Member, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
- Chair, House Veterans Affairs Committee
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- Timon Oujiri – Commandant Iowa Veterans Home
- Ray “Bubba” Sorensen – Freedom Rock Artist
- Small Business Administration Presentation – Jane Armstrong and Jo Eckert
- Chaplain
 - Benediction

10:30 - Locate your elected officials to discuss legislative initiatives

Noon - Depart Capitol

For more information about this event, please contact Mari Mielke at 515-252-4698 or at Mari.Mielke@iowa.gov

2019 VETERANS DAY AT THE CAPITOL



**January 23, 2019
Des Moines, IA**



***“Empowering
Veterans through
activism and unity”***

Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs 2019 Legislative Initiatives

We support the protection of the financial integrity of the following agencies and programs:

- Iowa Veterans Home
- Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
- Iowa Veterans Cemetery
- Iowa Veterans Trust Fund
- County Allocation Funds
- Military Home Ownership Program
- Injured Veteran Grant Program

We support an increase of the Military Property Tax Exemption from \$1852 to \$3700 with an annual cost of living increase.

Amend the current law (Iowa Code -Sec. 321) for driver's license/non-operator ID "veteran" designation to reflect the law as originally enacted in 2012, to provide a better service to our veteran's community.

We support legislation that would direct all state agencies in all locations to fly the POW/MIA flag directly below the United States flag and above the Iowa State flag, at least on the following federally mandated holidays: POW/MIA Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

We request that the Iowa Legislature enact legislation that would instill Americanism and Patriotism in grades K thru 12.

Awareness Issues

- We support any and all legislation pertaining to Mental Health for our Disabled Veterans, their families and all Iowans suffering from this life taking disease.
- We support any services provided to veterans as it relates to Military Sexual Trauma (MST) with particular emphasis for the growing population of women veterans.
- We support and encourage the Iowa Legislature to establish and expand Veterans Treatment Courts.