



Consent Agenda Reports

Department
Executive
Committee

SAL Committee Chairman's Report 6/2/25

Iowa is Currently sitting 32nd in the National Standing at and 5th in the Midwest Region. As of May 29th.

Iowa's 2025 Year end goal is 5,264. Needing 416 to 100%. The State of Iowa currently is sitting at 4,970, which is 94.41% of their goal and Iowa has an 85.80 renewal rate.

Iowa has 18 possible squadron closures. 33 possible squadrons.

Iowa has 3 new Squadrons West Point Chartered on October 18th. Blue Grass Chartered on October 15th and Delhi Chartered on October 25th. Delhi is having their chartering ceremony on June 14th. At 10:30am Churdan # 198 paperwork was submitted 5/27/25.

DEC Executive meeting was held on 5/22/25 to join the Department of Iowa American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary in donating \$100 to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown Mega Bingo game on July 15th, 2025; motion carried.

Lake Park # 371 submitted paperwork to DEC May 27th, 2025, for closure.

17 squadrons are charter only. 10 squadrons are at zero.

Iowa currently has 52 squadrons at 100% or better

Respectfully submitted

SAL Committee Chairman

Gary J Quinlan

To: DEC. Department of Iowa

Date: 6-2-2025

Subject: JSSP Report

I am excited to report that Junior Shooting Sports Program had an excellent season in 2025

We had growth in the competitors registered at the IA Department State Championship match resulting in the biggest match we have had in quite some time.

This was due to, in a large part, by the awesome growth of the Ames JSSP team.

The invitational matches held every year in the First District were excited to have shooters from the Ames Post participating. One of those shooters was competing for the last season as a junior shooter and I want to wish Sadie good luck in the future. She is an excellent shooter and I hope she continues in the sport

The program saw many State champions be crowned in a number of different venues including Illinois.

To many to mention in this report.

I would thank all the coaches and supporting parents that are the backbone of this program. Also want to thank Eric Less for his excellent support and work with the program. A big thank to John Derner and his wife for doing an excellent job with the food concession at the state match at Camp Dodge

These are the people who make this worldwide sport available to our youth to experience. An experience that helps them learn gun safety, work ethic, discipline, focus, and concentration that will be valuable to them for the rest of their lives

I cannot overstate the value of a program like JSSP to a legion post. The post pride it creates is inspirational and helps membership recruitment

Our youth are our future and our job is to mentor them for success

Gary Palas
JSSP Chairman

National Affairs Committee Report for the State of Iowa DEC Meeting on June 21, 2025 at the State Headquarters in Des Moines, IA.

The National Affairs Committee is responsible for selecting the Fire Fighter and the Law Enforcement Officers of the year. This year the applications for both were due by Nov 30th to the State Legion Office.

This year we had 1 Firefighters and 3 Law Enforcement Officer to choose from.

This year's Firefighter of the year is Tim Kronlage from Dyersville, Ia. The post submitting him was American Legion Post 137, Dyersville, IA

This year's Law Enforcement Officer is Judy Kellan from Sioux City, IA. The post submitting him was American Legion Post 241 of LeMars, IA.

This concludes my report, but I would like to thank each and every one of you for your assistance.

Also, Please continue to help get more applications in to us.

Thank You,

Fidell Wadsworth
National Affairs Chairman.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Benefits Committee

I recently attended the 2025 Spring School of the Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, held in Altoona.

Service Officers were trained using peer training and small group discussion to increase participation and discussion. They worked through building a claim, receiving the decision and advising the veteran. Amy Kretkowski, Iowa Law Professor, discussed changes and the appeal process. They also covered reporting to the County and State about the office work.

As I attended Veterans Day on the Hill, January 22nd, I reflected on how far Iowa has come in the area of veteran's benefits, over the past several years. Yes, we have more to do. Included in the top Priorities of the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, was Property Tax Relief and support for Veterans Service Organizations. A few years ago, neither of these would even be considered. My sincere appreciation goes to those who work legislative issues. I have always heard that if you are not telling your story, the other guy is telling his. Meaning that we need to keep telling legislators why it is good to maintain and improve benefits for those who have served this great nation. I urge you to communicate with your state legislators, letting them know you support these initiatives. Whether you attend legislative briefings in your own area or talk the legislators yourself. Let them know you care about veterans benefits in Iowa.

Our recommendation for filing compensation and pension claims remains to use County Veterans Service Officers to organize and file the claim. Gather evidence on the local level, and then forward the claim to Shane and his staff at the American Legion Service Office in the Federal Building. We feel this makes the best use of available services.

Jerry Hansen

Chairman

VA&R Commission, Benefits Committee