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Welcome Home

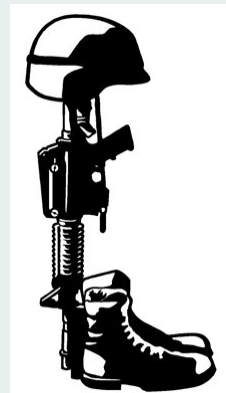
PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS BLUE WATER NAVY ACT

On June 25th, 2019, President Trump signed the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 in to law. This legislation extends disability benefits for medical conditions related to Agent Orange exposure to those veterans that served aboard ships that were off the coast of Vietnam.

H.R. 299 also includes the provision that all veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange should receive the same presumptive benefits. It states, "A veteran who, during active military, naval, or air service, served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975," will be eligible for disability compensation for presumptive conditions of herbicide exposure.



- Are you newly discharged from the military? Were you injured or do you have health issues that may be related to your service? Make an appointment to see if you qualify for disability compensation.
- Are you a service member, veteran, or the surviving spouse of a service member? Make an appointment to see what types of benefits may be available to you.



SCOTT COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS

The Veteran Services program provides assistance to all veterans and their dependents in applying for federal and/or state benefits and other related matters. Federal benefits include:

Applying for:

- Compensation (Service connected disability)
- Pension (Non-service connected disability)
- Widow's Benefits
- Survivors Benefits Plan
- Certificates of Eligibility for Home Loans
- Aid and Attendance for Nursing Home and Housebound Veterans
- Iowa's Veteran's Home Admittance
- Apportionments
- Overpayments
- Appeals
- Obtaining military records and medals
- Upgrading discharge
- Distributing grave markers and flag holders

QUAD CITIES VETERANS ART INITIATIVE

The Quad Cities Veterans Art Initiative was started by two local artists to assist local veterans in expressing themselves through visual art. The QCVAI allows Active Duty and veterans, along with their families, the chance to explore the benefits of art. The QCVAI is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization that currently travels to meet the needs of its students, but intends to maintain their own space for the study of art.

One of the veterans that started the QCVAI is Ken Cunningham. Ken spent eight years active duty as a Paratrooper, stationed at Vicenza, Italy and Fort Bragg, NC. After his tour of active duty, he joined the Army Reserves serving as a military police officer. Ken was deployed twice as a reserve: in connection with Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

If you would like more information, contact the Quad Cities Veterans Art Initiative at qcveteransartinitiative@gmail.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2nd-4th– Operation Horses and Heroes, Blue Grass, IA

August 3rd– Blue Grass Legion Post 711 pancake and omelet breakfast

August 4th– Mississippi Valley Fair Veterans Day/Parade

August 4th– Davenport Legion Post 26 pancake breakfast

August 10th– Veterans Car Club Cruise In, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds

August 12th– Iowa Sate Fair Veterans Day/Parade

August 24th– Quad Cities Veteran Outreach Center Food Giveaway

September 1st- Davenport Legion Post 26 pancake breakfast

September 7th- Blue Grass Legion Post 711 pancake and omelet breakfast

September 21st- Quad Cities Veteran Outreach Center Food Giveaway

September 21st- Veterans Car Club Cruise In, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds