

## Page County Veterans Affairs Flag and Grave markers Policy

### Congressional Appointed War Periods

Mexican Boarder Period May 9, 1916 thru April 15, 1917

WWI April 6, 1917 thru November 11, 1918 service in Russia April 6, 1917 thru July 1, 1921

WWII December 7, 1941 thru December 31, 1946

Korean Conflict June 27, 1950 thru January 31, 1955

Vietnam Era August 5, 1964 (February 28, 1961 for veterans who served "in country" before August 5, 1964) thru May 7, 1975

Gulf War August 2, 1990 thru a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation (ie: Afghanistan and Iraq, Afghanistan-Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan-Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Iraq-Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq-Operation New Dawn)

### Flag and Grave Markers

Page County Veterans Affairs provides flags and grave markers to special organizations for Memorial Day observances and burial. These flags and markers are used to decorate the graves of veterans buried in the County. The Department of Veterans Affairs provides the markers free to various organizations which will assume the responsibility of placing them on the appropriate graves. They are also available to individual families requesting them from the department.

Veterans organizations interested in obtaining such flags and markers should submit a request on their official stationary to Page Count Veterans Affairs, 615 Northwest Rd., Shenandoah, IA PO Box 569, for record keeping.

There will be a onetime replacement flag and/or marker by Page County VA Office with the proper documentation.

The following are the types of grave markers available:

- Revolutionary War
- War od 1812
- Indian War
- Civil War
- Spanish-American War
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean Conflict
- Vietnam Era
- Persian Gulf War
- War Veteran

Whoever steals or attempts to steal any veteran's grave marker is guilty of larceny, a felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or to undergo imprisonment for one year of both.

Whoever buys or receives for use as junk or scrap metal any veteran's grave marker or emblem is also subject to the same penalties.

### Graves Registration Records

The Commission will work closely with all funeral directors within our county in acquiring two (2) copies of graves registration records of deceased veterans buried in our county. One copy is placed in the county file, the other copy forwarded to the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs for a permanent State record.

### Markers for Graves

The County Commission of Veterans Affairs may furnish some suitable and appropriate marker for the grave of each veteran, as defined in section 35.1 Code of Iowa, who is buried within the limits of the county. The marker shall be placed on the right side of the individual's headstone and/or grave marker to permanently mark and designate the grave for memorial purposes. The expense shall be paid from any funds raised as provided in the Code of Iowa 35B. Page County cannot allow any payments towards headstones. Markers will be stored at the Page County Veterans Affairs office located at 615 Northwest Rd., PO Box 569, Shenandoah, IA 51601.

This policy document prescribes the Veteran Affairs Flag and Grave Markers Policy of Page County, Iowa. Be it enacted by the Page County Veterans Affairs Commission of Page County, Iowa on

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