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Iowa Veterans Council Coalition 2017 Legislative Initiatives

1. In order to continue the programs that support Iowa veterans and their families, we support the protection of the financial integrity of the following agencies and programs:
 - Iowa Veterans Home
 - Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Iowa Veterans Trust Fund
 - County Allocation Funds
 - Injured Veteran Grant Program
 - Military Home Ownership Program

2. Allow Iowa disabled veterans with a 50% or greater service-connected disability rating as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, that the State of Iowa will waive registration and license fees for one personal vehicle.

3. Allow an increase of the Military Property Tax Exemption from \$1852 to \$3,700.

4. Iowa Legislature enact legislation to fly the POW/MIA Flag directly below the United States Flag and above the Iowa Flag on the following Federally mandated holidays: POW/MIA Day, Armed forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

The Iowa Veterans Council Coalition is comprised of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Veterans (AMVETS), 40 & 8, Marine Corps League, and Ex-Prisoners of War.

Ex-official members include the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Iowa Veterans Home, Iowa Commission of Veteran Affairs, Iowa County Association, Des Moines VA Regional Office, VA Central Iowa Health Care System (Des Moines), Iowa City VA Health Care System, and Sons of AMVETS.