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

**TOP PRIORITIES:**

We fully support an increase and sustainable subsequent funding for the **Military Home Ownership Assistance Program.**

We strongly support improving the **Military Property Tax Exemption Program**, and advocate a disability-based, tiered implementation, effective upon application approval.

**County Veterans Service Officer and Education**, we support the HF 2618 bill from last year, that would provide Educational Funds to increase and maintain Education for County Service Officers National Training.

**Veterans Treatment Courts**: SF2287 was voted for, but did not reach the floor in 2020.

**AWARENESS ISSUES:**

We support any and all legislation pertaining to **Mental Health** for our Disabled Veterans, their families and all Iowans suffering from these diverse life-taking conditions.

We advocate **civic responsibility**, and support measures requiring K-12 schools teach and model patriotism and Americanism.

We affirm proper protocol used when flying **POW/MIA flag**. This is a national flag that should be flown directly below the U.S. flag and above the Iowa flag.

We support adoption of the **Sgt. Brandon Lay “Green Alert” Bill** to help prevent veteran suicide by augmenting existing “Amber Alert” capabilities.
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