

2007-'08 UIVA President Stephanie Linn:

I want to personally thank each one of you for a great year! We accomplished many great things this year and our efforts were recognized by the Hawkeye Award we received. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all next year!

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ATTENTION!

This message is to remind you that your VA benefits were last certified ending with this spring term. If you have recently completed the worksheet for the next academic year you can disregard this message. I intentionally sent it to all of you to make sure I did not miss anyone.

In order to continue your benefits for the summer or fall of 2008 at this institution you should complete the "Veteran's worksheet" we have you do once a year. You can do this by coming to our office in room 1 Jessup Hall, or by going to this web site <http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/veterans> and downloading the 2008/2009 worksheet. Since the VA is usually 3-8 weeks behind I suggest that you complete the worksheet as soon as is convenient. Do not wait until August to sign off on the fall semester. If you do this your first check will likely arrive sometime in late October.

If you are taking courses at another institution this summer it is likely you can get VA coverage for doing so. Stop by and we can explain how this works.

If you have exhausted your benefits or are transferring to another school you do not need to make contact. If you do not complete the worksheet we will place your file in "inactive status" and nothing beyond the spring 2008 semester will be reported to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Good luck with finals.

Skip Kempnich
Office of Registrar



CHEERS!

UIVA SPRING BAR
CRAWL 2008

Sometimes you
want to go...
Where everybody
knows your name
(rank, number, and
date of birth)
And they're
always glad you
came.

Vets with Disabilities- *Golden Access Pass*

The Golden Access Passport is a free, lifetime admission pass issued to U.S. citizens or persons who permanently reside (are domiciled) in the United States, regardless of age, and who have a medical determination and documentation of blindness or permanent disability. The pass is valid at National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and Tennessee Valley Authority sites with admission fees.

The Golden Access Passport admits the pass owner and accompanying passengers in a private vehicle*. At parks that charge individual fees, the pass admits the pass owner, spouse, parents, and children. At parks that charge individual fees, the pass admits the pass owner, spouse, parents, and children. The pass also entitles other persons accompanying the owner, such as a care assistant.

The Golden Access Passport also provides a 50% discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, parking, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where use fees are charged, only the pass owner will be given the 50% price reduction. The Passport is nontransferable and does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

UIVA in 2007-2008

Student Activities Fair in August
Sep 9th Picnic to be repeated this fall
Sep 28 Homecoming Parade -2nd Place
Nov Pizza hut card sales / Veterans Day card drive
Veterans Day Banquet
Nov 27th Ladies Only Night Veterans Meeting
Homeless Campout
Dec 7th Fall Bar Crawl
Dec 15th Wreaths Across America
27th Homeless Veterans Rally in CR
Jan 11-12 SVA Organizational Conference
Jan 15th Veterans Lobby in Des Moines
6 Feb 109th Med BN MFO Send off
March- Hawkeye Leadership Award for contributions to the greater community by a student group
March 31 - VA Home Loan Seminar
Riverfest – Booth activities for all ages
May Bar Crawl
Memorial Day and Bell ringing at the old Capitol

How do Veterans Benefits in surrounding states compare to Iowa?

Click on the state link for a full list of state benefits

Iowa - The state last year expanded a longstanding War Orphans Fund to include dependents of soldiers killed in action in a combat zone after 9/11.

South Dakota - No legislation was introduced in 2007 pertaining to special tuition rates for veterans. But there were several laws passed in 2006 and 2004 that improved educational access for military members and their families:

Minnesota - Veterans attending public or private colleges in the state who served in the armed forces on or after 9/11, and who have exhausted other federal and state benefits, can be reimbursed \$1,000 per semester up to \$10,000 under a law that took effect this month.

From www.military.com...

Missouri - In April, lawmakers failed to approve a bill that would give combat veterans a 75% reduction in credit-hour costs. State universities likely would have seen high revenue losses. With no state money earmarked to make up the difference, University of Missouri projected a \$1.3 million tuition shortfall while Missouri State University, projected an \$850,000 tuition shortfall,

Nebraska - No new legislation regarding tuition assistance for veterans or Guard members was introduced this year. In 2005, a bill was enacted that changed the tuition waiver for Guard members from 50% to 100%. Tuition has long been waived for dependents of veterans killed in combat.

Illinois - Veterans have generally been given a free ride at state schools since 1920, but state funding in recent years has come up short. A proposal this year would ensure colleges that absorb the cost get reimbursed by the state.

Wisconsin - In 2006, Wisconsin passed legislation that waived 100% of tuition for veterans, up from a 50% waiver, enacted in 2005. But as the program's costs balloon, some lawmakers want to stop funding graduate school tuition and create a 10-year limit for claiming benefits.

