



## Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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Woodbury County Board of Supervisors  
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Board Members,

Please accept the following recommendations for appointment to the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs:

We recommend William Burkhart. Mr. Burkhart is both a Veteran of the Marine Corps, with a deployment to Iraq and a current Marine assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Our office has worked with him on several occasions to coordinate efforts in obtaining benefits for County Veterans. He has a working knowledge of our office and would make a committed and active member of the Commission. Please appoint Mr. Burkhart to the Commission for a three year term.

We recommend Katherine Moreno. Mrs. Moreno is a Veteran of the Marine Corps and is active in several volunteer programs, including the Marine Corps League, Siouxland Detachment. While our office does not have previous experience with Mrs. Moreno, she has expressed very strong interest in Veterans issues and a desire to serve on our Commission. Mrs. Moreno would also enable the Commission to maintain gender balance.

For our final recommendation, we are split between two candidates and request the Board appoint their choice of Lincoln Ryan or James Ferris. We feel both candidates are fully qualified.

Lincoln Ryan has completed two tours of duty during the current conflict, one as an active service member and one as a reservist. He is a currently serving reservist. He has expressed an interest in serving all Veterans, especially those who have recently deployed, to connect with their benefits. Mr. Ryan would be a valuable addition to the Commission due to experience and desire to serve.

James Ferris is a Vietnam Era Veteran who is approaching retirement. He has expressed an interest in serving to "give something back", especially to fellow Veterans. He is open to learning ways that he can

assist Veterans and ways our office can assist them. Mr. Ferris would also be a valuable addition to the Commission due to his willingness to serve.

As a Commission, we believe these applicants provide the desired diversity and interest level commensurate with a successful Commission. Please accept our recommendations and appoint both William Burkhart and Katherine Moreno to a 3 year term, and Lincoln Ryan or James Ferris to a two year term as members of the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs, in accordance with Iowa Code. Thank you for your consideration.

Leon Koster

Vicki DeWitt

(Commission Members plan to be present before the Board at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. Selections were made by electronic mail or in person, after discussion at the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 monthly meeting of the Commission of Veteran Affairs. Approval of this communication was given by electronic mail from current Commissioners Leon Koster and Vicki DeWitt, regarding the recommended candidates. Outgoing Commissioner, Ron Kerr, requested it be noted that he did not agree with the selections.)