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**APPLICATION FORM FOR WOODBURY COUNTY
BOARD/COMMISSION**

Please Return To:
Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, Room 104, Woodbury County Courthouse,
620 Douglas St., Sioux City, Iowa 51101
Phone: (712) 279-6525 Fax: (712) 279-279-6577 Website: <http://woodburyiowa.com>

Application For: Veteran Affairs Commission (Board/Commission)
Date 04/26/2024 E-mail Address phillip.hinds@yahoo.com
Name Phillip Hinds
Address 2420 West 20th St Sioux City Iowa 51103
Phone Number 712-202-4455 Fax Number _____
Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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Female Male

Place of employment and position (and/or activities such as hobbies, volunteer work, etc. that you feel may qualify you for this position):

Dakota Supply Group - Counter/Inside Sales, 185th ARW Civil Eng. (19-Current), NMCB
15 and ACB2 Navy Reserve (08-19), Active Navy (04-08), Knights of Columbus South Sioux City
(14-Current), VFW Post 5065 Ute Iowa (08-Current)

The following questions will assist the Board of Supervisors in its selection.

■ **How much time will you be willing to devote in this position?**

As much as my employment will allow, along with the office needs.

■ **Interest in Appointment: Describe in detail why you are interested in serving on a county board or commission. Include information about your background that supports your interest.**

With having dealt with this program as a Veteran, I understand the needs of the Service Members
and the issues which bring them to the office. I am willing to support and volunteer my time
to help assist with any outreach events along with monthly meetings and or emergency situations.
I am a current Service Member and speak highly of the office and what they are doing for the local
Veterans in the county.

■ **Contributions you feel you can make to the Board/Commission:**

With being both Navy and Air Force I bring different back ground and knowledge of the branches
and what the Veterans will be facing when they return from deployments, and other careers that the
branches have. I also have backgrounds in both active duty and guard.

■ **Direction/role you perceive of this Board/Commission:**

To communicate with the office on what the needs of current veterans are and positively bring Veterans to the office to assist with notifying what services and resources are available for them.

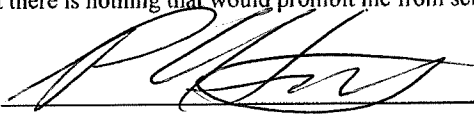
■ **In lieu of/in addition to the above, do you have any comments to add that may assist the Board of Supervisors in its selection?**

With having previously used the services of the office I am well versed in the process and what the office does. With that in mind I am able to converse with other Veterans to make sure they know what is available for them. I am very dedicated with supporting the local Veterans and the local office with all things they are able to complete with the office.

■ **Please provide two references who may be contacted on your qualifications for this position.**

Name	Address	Phone number	Email address	Relationship
Andy Groh	Osage Iowa	712-389-0554		CE Supervisor
Sarah Vogel	Sioux City Iowa	605-728-1090		Current Manager
Jerad Olson		402-310-2021		CE Commander

I certify that there is nothing that would prohibit me from serving on this board or commission.

Signature  Date 4/26/24

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5 MAY 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR WOODBURY COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

FROM: Master Sergeant Andrew Groh
185th Air Refueling Wing
2920 Headquarters Ave
Sioux City, IA, 51111

SUBJECT: Letter of Endorsement

I fully endorse TSgt Phil Hinds as a board member on the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs. His Service before Self attitude is reflected in both his military and civilian life. His commitment to volunteer his time both while deployed and here at home makes an enormous difference in the lives of those affected. He carries with him and empathy and understanding of the people around him, and a want to help them improve. TSgt Hinds would be an asset of great knowledge in both Military and civilian life, and the paths that move between them.

TSgt Hinds has served in the active-duty Navy, the Navy Reserves, and is currently serving in the Air National Guard. He has been an Airman of excellent quality, a mentor, and a great friend to those around him, and would have a positive impact on those that he would interact with and affect while serving on the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs.

TSgt Hinds dedication to his community, the state, and his country are an amazing asset. I have had the privilege of being his mentor and friend for many years and hope he can further serve a greater number of Woodbury County residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Groh".

Andrew Groh, Master Sergeant, USAF
185th Heavy Equipment Supervisor



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FROM: Lt Col Jared Olson
185th Air Refueling Wing
2920 Headquarters Ave
Sioux City, IA, 51111

SUBJECT: Letter of Endorsement

I strongly recommend TSgt Phil Hinds as a board member on the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs. His dedication and service to his community and country are unparalleled. Throughout his decorated 20-year military career, he has gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience through numerous overseas deployments and state activations. Through his vast military experiences, TSgt Hinds has developed the aptitude, critical thinking skills, empathy, and patience required of a board member.

TSgt Hinds has served in the active-duty Navy, the Navy Reserves, and is currently serving in the Air National Guard. Having a board member with that breadth of experience would be a tremendous asset for the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs.

TSgt Hinds has dedicated his life to serving his community, state, and country, and it has given him great reward. I am lucky to have him in my squadron, and you would be lucky to have him as a board member.

Jared W. Olson

Jared W Olson, Lt Col, USAF
185th Civil Engineer Commander

Karen James

From: Zane Chwirka
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 11:02 AM
To: Karen James
Subject: Veterans Commission application

Good morning,

Would please consider my last years application for the Veterans Commission board for this year. If you need something else, please let me know. I am off work until June 17th. Vacation time, yea! My cell number is 712-898-2121.

Thank you very much,
Deputy Zane Chwirka

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Application For: COMMISSION, VETERAN AFFAIRS (Board/Commission)

Date 1-19-2023 E-mail Address zane.chwirka@woodburycountyiowa.gov

Name ZANE CHWIRKA

Address 1700 S. CORNELIA ST

Phone Number 712-898-2121

Fax Number _____

Business Phone (712) 279-6010 EXT. 2679

Cell Phone (712) 898-2121

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- WOODBURY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - DEPUTY
- I'M AN ASSISTANT COACH AT SIOUXLAND CHRISTIAN W/ FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL
- TRY TO STAY IN SHAPE, RUN & LIFT

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■ How much time will you be willing to devote in this position?

A COUPLE HOURS A MONTH

■ Interest in Appointment: Describe in detail why you are interested in serving on a county board or commission. Include information about your background that supports your interest.

I AM LOOKING TO GAIN INFO ON HOW I CAN ASSIST OTHER VETS AND MYSELF BETWEEN THE ARMY BUND AND AIR BUND I RETIRED AROUND A YEAR AGO W/ 21 YEARS OF SERVICE.

■ Contributions you feel you can make to the Board/Commission:

BEING EMPATHETIC AND JUST TRYING TO HELP OTHERS. I CAN RELATE TO ALOT OF OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

■ Direction/role you perceive of this Board/Commission:

TO BE AN ADVOCATE FOR OUR VETS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

■ In lieu of/in addition to the above, do you have any comments to add that may assist the Board of Supervisors in its selection?

SASHA DOWNS ASKED ME IF I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A POSITION W/ THE VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION. I DO NOT KNOW A LOT OF WHAT THIS JOB ENTAILS BUT AM WILLING TO LEARN AND HELP OUR VETS.

■ Please provide two references who may be contacted on your qualifications for this position.

Name	Address	Phone number	Email address	Relationship
WILLIE GARRETT	203 3RD ST. P.O. BOX 655 56T BLUFF	712-635-6448	wgarrett@woodburycountyia.gov	FRIEND/co-worker
TIM CHRISTENSEN	3221 ORLEANS AVE. S.C. IA	(712) 898-7442	tlmtimc76@gmail.com	FRIEND

I certify that there is nothing that would prohibit me from serving on this board or commission.

Signature [Signature] Date 1-19-2023

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Lisa Robinson

From: Loni Kuhlmann
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Lisa Robinson
Subject: FW: Referral Letters

Loni Kuhlmann, Executive Director
Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs
1211 Tri View Ave
Sioux City, IA 51103
Phone: (712) 279-6605 or 6606
Fax: (712) 224-4093
Email: lkuhlmann@woodburycountyiowa.gov

From: Tim Christensen <timmtc76@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Loni Kuhlmann <lkuhlmann@woodburycountyiowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Referral Letters

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Loni,

Zane is one of my closest friends and an amazing human being. I have personally witnessed this man help so many people not only at the guard but in the civilian world as well, myself included. He was there for me in some serious times of need and would reach out to me just to make sure I was ok. He is a highly motivated individual that has empathy by the truckloads. He is a very fluent speaker and wise beyond his years. His leadership qualities are some of the best I have ever seen in my 27 years of military experience and he was very inspiring to his troops and even to his officers over him. I even considered him a role model and he was very helpful in guiding me through some tough times in my life. I highly recommend Zane Chwirka for the position of commissioner and I have complete confidence he will do amazing things!!

V/r
LtCol Tim Christensen

On Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 10:51 AM Loni Kuhlmann <lkuhlmann@woodburycountyiowa.gov> wrote:

I am still in need of your referral letters for our new commissioner applicants. Please respond by the end of the week with them. Thank you .