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Removal Technician Update

Upcoming C.E. & Events

*Featured Education Sessions
in Partnership with
Community Educators*

IFDA Package w/Special
Pricing
Attend all three for 9 hours
of CEUs

11/9/23

9 am – 11:45 am

Medicare and The Growth
of Medicare Advantage

11/21/23

9 am- 11:45 am

Home Healthcare in
Retirement

12/5/23

1 pm – 3:45 pm

Social Security Review and
Taxation of Benefits

Register here:

<https://communityeducators.net>

ANNOUNCEMENT Annual OSHA Training

Join us for one of three session offerings for 2023 hosted by Barbara Kazmierczak. You may register using the following applicable time selection link, a one-time charge of \$25.00 is required for this course.

Please use the link below to make payment via credit card or mail a check with OSHA in the memo to us at:

IFDA, 6909 Vista Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

Session ONE October 26, 3pm CST

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9AtDifo-SWeVqAN23Z-Khg

Session TWO October 27, 2pm CST

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x7rzR5wcQoKy61vVFEjK6w

Session THREE October 30, 6pm CST

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7TfuqVEJQWOdUWIJaJ9AaA

Stripe Credit Card Payment Options Click [HERE](#).

District 2 Meeting

October 25, 2023

Stewart Baxter Funeral
Home

715 10th Ave

Mount Vernon, IA 52314
5PM – Social 6PM Program

District 3 Meeting

November 8, 2023

Café Dodici

122 S Iowa Avenue

Washington, IA 52323
5PM – Social 6PM Program

Supporting our Veterans

Veterans benefits are beginning to evolve and burial and funeral costs are at the forefront of those changes. The expanded benefits include reimbursements for transporting remains to state and tribal veterans cemeteries, in addition to previously eligible national cemeteries; allowances for VA plots or interments for tribal organizations; and higher payments for non-service-connected burial benefits, according to a news release Friday.

"Last fiscal year, VA delivered more than 84,000 burial benefits to families of veterans," Joshua Jacobs, the VA's under secretary for benefits, said in the news release. "Expanding burial benefits means we are able to ensure veterans are honored in their final resting place, and assist their family, caregivers, and survivors during the difficult time of their loved one's passing."

To read the full article and supporting articles click [HERE](#).



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SHUTDOWN GUIDE FOR VETERANS

For an additional timely set of guidance available to help veterans manage possible impacts in times of government shutdown you can also refer to the recent email from the US Department of Veteran Affairs, click [HERE](#) to view the guide.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Gov. Reynolds Announces Iowa Budget Surplus of \$1.83B

On September 27, 2023, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced the State of Iowa will end Fiscal Year 2023 with a balance of \$1.83 billion in the General Fund, \$902 million in reserve funds and \$2.74 billion in the Taxpayer Relief Fund. IFDA Lobbyist Mike Triplett shares "It is possible that Governor Reynolds will look to accelerate the income tax changes made over the past few years, either by moving up the four-year phase-in or reducing the final rate in TY 2026 from 3.9 percent to something smaller."

"Some see a surplus as government not spending enough, but I view it as an over collection from the hard-working men and women of Iowa," said Gov. Kim Reynolds. "We've seen what the powerful combination of growth-oriented policies and fiscal restraint can create, and now it's time for Iowans to directly receive the benefits. I look forward to cutting taxes again next legislative session and returning this surplus back to where it belongs – the people of Iowa."



"As a result of the Governor's great budget management, we are in an extremely strong financial position, making it possible to meet the needs of Iowans while leaving more money in the pockets of Iowa taxpayers," said Kraig Paulsen, Director of the Department of Management. Last week, Gov. Reynolds announced that [Iowa's corporate tax rate will drop](#) to 7.1 percent from 8.4 percent for Tax Year 2024 due to corporate tax receipts exceeding \$700 million.