

# Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter

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## Let's get to know those that work in the Courthouse!

The October Newsletter featured the picture of the little boy to the left. Did you guess **Dallas Drexler**?

***The following is a little personal information provided by Dallas:***

***Start date with Dickinson County*** 7-14-15

***Where born:*** Spirit Lake, Iowa

***Places Lived:*** Milford

***Hobbies, talents, special interests:*** Baseball, spending time with family, long walks on the beach, star gazing, taking beautiful women out to dinner or something, and proving Jarrod wrong.

***Favorite Travel Spots:*** Hawaii, Haiti, Washington DC, and New York

***Favorite Food:*** Pizza

***Least Favorite Food:*** Potatoes

***If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):*** Kendall Jenner, sunglasses and another pair of underwear.

***Something Few Know about me:*** I was once picked as the sexiest man in the world but then Bradley Cooper paid off the magazine.

***Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County:*** Hang out with my best friends at the Dickinson County Sheriff's office and family.

***Favorite Recipe:*** -Unwrap a Jack's pizza from its packaging, put it in the oven for 17 minutes, then eat once cooled off to your liking.

***Dallas's Favorite Motivational Quote:*** - "If you ain't first, your last" -Ricky Bobby

## **What is Greenlight a Vet?**

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever.

Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for out



veterans by changing one light to green. All you have to do is change one light to green in a visible location-on your porch, in your home, or at your office-and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans. Then, share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the hashtag #greenlightavet.



**There are several Veterans working for Dickinson County. Let us all join together to sincerely thank them and their fellow Veterans for their service to our County.**

### **Veteran Affairs Office:**

The Dickinson County Commission of Veteran Affairs is located in the Dickinson County Courthouse and Ann Miller, the current Director, has been serving in this position since 2011. Prior to becoming the Director for Dickinson County, Ms. Miller was an accredited Service Officer for the Franklin County Veteran Service Commission in Columbus, Ohio for 10 years. The Director is required by law to maintain accreditation with the Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs and the Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers as well as the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers.

The duties of the Commission of Veteran Affairs is to provide services to the County's Veterans and their dependents. Some of the duties include filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, enrolling Veterans in the VA Healthcare System, filing for benefits through the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs and providing financial assistance to county Veterans and their dependents.

When an application for financial assistance is submitted to the Commission, it is reviewed by the Commissioners, which are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Currently, the Dickinson County Commission of Veteran Affairs has three Commissioners. They are Mr. Donald Von Ehwegen of Terril, Mr. Bob Eilers of Milford and Mr. James Kessler of Lake Park. Requests for assistance may include rent, utilities or food. Other requests may include help with dental or health expenses. The Commissioners vote on whether or not to approve the request. If approved, the Veteran or dependent is asked to try to reimburse the county once they have recovered from their financial hardship. In FY 2015, the Commissioners approved over \$2500.00 in assistance, \$1500.00 of which was burial assistance and the balance in the form of rental or utility assistance. \$600.00 was paid back to the county's general fund.

The Commission is currently involved in Home Base Iowa. This program which was passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed by Governor Branstad is an effort to recruit transitioning military to settle and work in Iowa. Other incentives include Military Homeownership Assistance and automatic in-state tuition to Veterans, their spouses and their dependents. Even small businesses can help with this program by offering discounts to Veterans that are visiting the area to find employment or to relocate. Any business that wants to participate in this endeavor is encouraged to contact Joanne Follon of the Iowa Lakes Corridor at 712-264-3474 or visit [homebase@iowa.gov](mailto:homebase@iowa.gov). Should you have any questions regarding Veteran Benefits, feel free to stop by the office and visit with Ms. Miller or give her a call at 712-336-0883.

## **Did you know?**

Dickinson County's phone system has a nice feature for forwarding calls. Rather than going down the phone list of people in an office trying to find someone at their desk, you can simply dial the "General Department Number" and the call will ring into the office where an available person can take the call.

Assessor – 1150  
Co. Attorney – 2650  
Auditor – 1050  
Clerk of Courts – 1950  
Community Service – 1350  
DHS – 2450 – goes to voicemail  
EMA – 1800

Engineer – 1550  
IT – 2200  
Maintenance – 2202  
Recorder – 1450  
Sheriff – 1750  
Treasurer – 1250  
VA – 2050  
Zoning - 1650

## **November Spotlight:**



Find out more about this County employee in the December issue.  
In the meantime, can you guess who this is?