



# Montgomery County

## Home Base Iowa County/Community Incentives

### Overview

Founded in 1851, Montgomery County was named after a Revolutionary War general, Richard Montgomery. Veterans are welcome to enjoy a rural living while choosing from many job opportunities in Montgomery County. Employers are hiring now within a diverse mix of industries, from manufacturing to healthcare to technology. County communities have assembled a helpful collection of incentives to attract veterans to the area and are ready to provide a personal tour today.

Covering 425 square miles in southwest Iowa, Montgomery County (pop 10,416) is made up of a beautiful, terraced landscape dotted with seven rural communities: Red Oak (county seat pop 5,476), Villisca (pop 1,183), Stanton (pop 648), Elliott (pop 353), Grant (pop 84) and Coburg (pop 41). Three major highways cross through the county: US Hwy 34, US Hwy 71 and Iowa Hwy 48. The county is served by 3 school districts. The 2010 census estimated a county population of 10,740 residents. The county has numerous visitor attractions, including the Montgomery Co. History Center, Burlington Northern Depot, Wilson Performing Arts Center, Red Oak Grand Theatre, Montgomery Co. YMCA, Red Oak National Guard Armory, Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center, Viking Lake, Viking Center, Swedish Coffee Pot Water Tower and Swedish Coffee Cup Water Town (birthplace of Virginia Christine a.k.a. Mrs. Olsen, Folger's Coffee), Villisca National Guard Armory, The Bank, Josiah B. Moore Family Home, and Villisca Country Club. The county has various parks such as Montgomery County Conversation where visitors can horseback ride, picnic, hunt, fish, camp and more.

### Veteran Incentives

Home Base Iowa (HBI) communities offer valuable incentives for veterans who relocate to their community. The incentives listed below are offered through the program. Contact the HBI point of contact listed on the community page at [homebaseiowa.gov](http://homebaseiowa.gov).

- **Welcome Packet** - Each veteran that visits Montgomery County will receive a welcome basket.
- **County and Community Tours** – Montgomery County Development Corporation in partnership with the Red Oak Chamber and Community Betterment Committees in each of our rural towns will arrange for enjoyable and informative tours if pre-scheduled and depending on the interests.
- **Hotel Incentive** – Stay n' Play Discount Package at Red Coach Inn, Red Oak - \$99/night plus tax. Guests enjoy a double occupancy stay in the beautiful, newly remodeled, Red Coach Inn with pass to area entertainment or a meal. <http://www.redcoachredoak.com/specials.php>

- **Housing Incentive** –City of Stanton has a new subdivision with multiple lots available to any veteran that would want to build a new home in Stanton. The City offers no building permit fees and waives monthly utilities to property while under construction. The lots are available for between \$12,000-\$18,000 per lot. Some restrictions may apply to the type of house you build.
- **Fitness Centers** – The Viking Center in Stanton offers qualified Veterans or Service Members a 50% off discount on memberships for one year and an on-going Veteran discount. Montgomery County YMCA in Red Oak will offer a veteran half price membership for one year, \$210.00 value.
- **Golf** – The Villisca Country Club offer discounts for Veterans.

## State Benefits Highlights

The Home Base Iowa Act positions Iowa as the leader in respect, support and employment of veterans. Passed by the Iowa Legislature in a broad bi-partisan manner and signed by Governor Terry E. Branstad on Memorial Day, 2014. The Act contains the following provisions:

- State income tax exemption on 100 percent of military pension
- Up to \$7,500 military and homeowner assistance
- Permissive veteran preference in employment
- Streamlined occupational licensure processes
- Automatic in-state tuition for qualified veterans, spouses and their dependents
- Veteran-specific license plates

## Local Resources

Learn more about veteran-specific resources available locally. The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), Iowa National Guard, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Iowa Workforce Development veteran services and the American Legion all play a role in assisting veterans and transitioning service members. Each county listing also includes Future Ready Iowa information based on Labor and Market Information (LMI) along with area specific Home Base Iowa businesses and higher education partners.

## Statewide Resources

Veterans living in Iowa have access to both public and private sector resources. Veterans and their spouse who are interested in local assistance with job placement and resume/interview assistance are encouraged to collaborate with Iowa Workforce Development and local Iowa *WORKS* Centers located throughout the state. Additionally, HBI uses Veteran Service Officers in each of Iowa's 99 counties as a point of contact for veterans and their families.



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