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66th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice

State Proclamation Honoring Korean War Veterans of Iowa



IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, Americans have been called upon to protect freedom and liberty on foreign shores; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1950, armed forces from North Korea shattered the peace in the Land of the Morning Calm as they crossed the 38th Parallel and launched an invasion of South Korea; and

WHEREAS, from 1950-1953, brave and noble Americans joined United Nations Forces from 15 other nations to defend and preserve the freedom of the Republic of Korea for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, in later years, the Korean War would sometimes be called "the Forgotten War" however, we have not forgotten. We pay honor to the courage of our veterans who fought in Korea and to the thousands who died there or whose fate is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, negotiators signed an armistice agreement at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953; North Korea withdrew across the 38th Parallel, and the Republic of South Korea regained its status as a free, democratic nation; and

WHEREAS, we recall the grief of their families and the gratitude of the people of South Korea. We remember that in the Korean War, our soldiers' brave stand against communism laid the foundations of peace and freedom that so many nations enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea has risen from occupation and ruin to become one of the world's most vibrant democracies. While carefully defending the peace won 66 years ago, the South Korean people have built an advanced, dynamic economy; and

WHEREAS, we will never waver in our commitment to fully account for the captured and missing, nor will we ever stop striving to give our veterans the care and opportunities they have earned:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2019 as

KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY

in Iowa.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS ____ DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

GOVERNOB OF IOWA

PAUL PATE



6th Annual Cedar Rapids AsianFest



Photos courtesy of Iowa Asian Alliance: AsianFest and Mr. Ben Jung

The 6th Annual AsianFest sponsored by Collins Aerospace was held in Cedar Rapids on July 20th - approximately 3,000 people attended this summertime, regional highlight. Performers from far and near took center stage at the MacGrath Ampitheatre and were joined by guest performers Celestial Padalins and Tay Phuong Lion Dance from Minnesota. This year's food vendors were the highlight of AsianFest with dishes from Thailand, India, the Philippines, Laos and Korea - just to name a few. There were also vendors showcasing cultural diversity spanning all of Asia - from the art of Henna to vibrant jewelry from India and playful masks from Japan.

Pictured in the photo collage (left to right): 1) Hmong dance troupe - Celestial Paladins; 2) Festival board & volunteers: Jason Drugg, Ming Tan, Kanupriya Salaria, Karishma Huddar, Bhumika Nayak, Pankit Kotecha, Mayor Brad Hart, Althea Hasse, Sarika Bhakta, Emma Aquino-Nemecek, and Miss Iowa 2018 Jenny Valliere; 3) Vietnamese Dancing Lion; 4) CAPI Chair Ben Jung with former Iowa legislator Swati Dandekar; 5) Fashionable Filipino women; 6) Festival Grand Finale; and 7) Fashion from India

CENSUS 2020: Timeline

2020 Census

What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail (some will be delivered by a census taker).

Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone, or by mail.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL		
On or between	You'll receive:	
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)	
March 16-24	A reminder letter.	
	If you haven't responded yet:	
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.	
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.	
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.	



CENSUS 2020: Languages & Assistance

For the first time, the census will offer online participation in 2020. The goal is to make it easier for people to complete the questionnaire more efficiently. However, some rural places have limited access to broadband internet service.

2020 Census Non-English Support Changes

Data Collection Instruments and Materials

Instrument/Material	2020 Non-English Support	2010 Non-English Support
Internet Self-Response	Non-English Languages Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Japanese	Not in Scope Fulfillment and Be Counted Questionnaires in 5 non-English languages, available via phone request or pickup:
	Language Selection Criteria: 60,000 or more housing units	Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese, Russian Language Selection Criteria: 100,000 or more housing units
Census Questionnaire Assistance	Non-English Languages Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Japanese	Non-English Languages Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Korean, Vietnamese, Russian
	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf also available Language Selection Criteria: 60,000 or more housing units	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf also available Language Selection Criteria: 100,000 or more housing units
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Source: 2020Census.gov (click to read detailed memo re: non-English Language support)

Language Resources & Assistance Guide: Asians Advancing Justice Factsheet

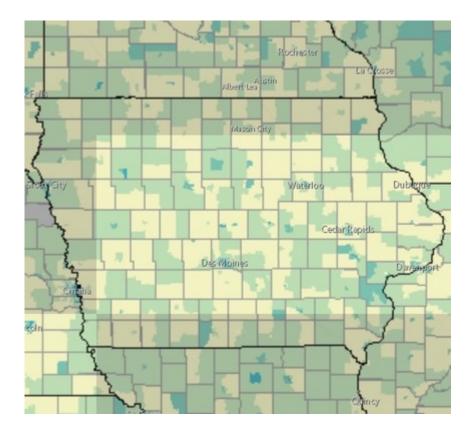
Searchable Map of Iowa Complete Count Committees (cities & counties)

Related article: <u>Government Executive</u>. "Why the 2020 Census Matters for Rural Americans".

CENSUS 2020: ROAM Map & Low Turn-Out Areas

The Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM) application was developed to make it easier to identify hard-to-survey areas and to provide a socioeconomic and demographic characteristic profile of these areas using American Community Survey (ACS) estimates.

Learning about each hard-to-survey area allows the U.S. Census Bureau to create a tailored communication and partnership campaign and to plan for field resources including hiring staff with language skills.



Source: US Census Response Outreach Area Mapper

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE: New Study

Racial Differences on the Future of Work: A Survey of the American Workforce

The 36-page "Racial Differences on the Future of Work: A Survey of the American Workforce" was produced by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington-based think tank focused on issues affecting people of color.

Key findings include:

- Workers are interested in employer-provided training. Respondents from all racial backgrounds were very interested or somewhat interested in participating in employer-provided training, with Asian Americans most interested at 85 percent compared to about 70 percent of White, Black, and Latino workers.
- Regardless of race, financial constraints were the most-cited barrier to obtaining additional job training. Roughly half of the respondents from each racial group reported that money issues stood in the way. The least-cited barrier was feeling personally incapable of acquiring new skills.
- Americans across racial groups generally see the federal government, individuals/families and employers as bearing greater responsibility than schools and state governments for preparing the workforce for a changing economy.
- African-Americans were more likely to believe that the federal government has the greatest responsibility, and they were less likely to believe that individuals/families

bear the greatest responsibility. Whites and Asian Americans were more likely than African-Americans and Latinos to believe that employers bear the greatest responsibility.

Source: Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies

Related Article: <u>Diverse Education</u>
Related Article: <u>Inside Higher Ed</u>

CITIZENSHIP: Fall/Winter Classes at LSI-Des Moines

LSI CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

LSI and Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors will provide eligible English Language Learners with citizenship classes and legal support to assist in the naturalization process.

LSI Citizenship Education Program:

- Leveled citizenship classes
- One-on-one tutoring and interview practice
- Specialized study materials
- Educational assessments and suppor





Iowa JFON Legal Services:

- Eligibility screening
- Filing of the N-400 application with full legal representation
- Ongoing immigration case management
- Filing of fee waivers, N-600 for minor children, and Disability Waivers as needed

INTERESTED? COME TO WALK-IN REGISTRATION HOURS:

Tuesday – Thursday, 3-5 p.m. Mondays by appointment Bring your green card and \$20 (cash or check).

REGISTER HERE

3200 University Avenu Des Moines, IA 50311

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

FALL CYCLE

October 7 – December 12 Last day to register: October 4

WINTER CYCLE

January 6 – March 12 Last day to register: January 3



To find out more, call the Refugee Connection Center at 515.271.7335 or leave a message at 515.271.7473

3200 University Ave. Des Moines, IA 50311 | LSIowa.org/Refuge

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

State of Iowa Page Program

Each year, the Iowa Senate and the Iowa House of Representatives employ ambitious high school juniors and seniors of high academic standing to serve as Pages for the legislative session. To be eligible, applicants must be at least 16 years old by January 13, 2020.

Pages will be allowed to participate in their official school functions and social activities whenever possible. Pages will begin work on January 13, 2020, and work the entire legislative session, which should be finished around the end of April 2020.

Serving as a Page is a professional working environment. Pages learn to accept a large degree of personal responsibility for their work, and the experience helps prepare them for the future demands of academic and professional careers. They learn to respond to organizational priorities and directives and to uphold the standards of confidentiality and professional service. Pages gain a greater understanding of the lawmaking process.

Apply here before the 10/4/19 deadline.

CULTURE

TAI VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The public is invited to join various Southeast Asian communities celebrating this Labor Day Weekend with a festival taking place in Des Moines. Come and learn more about these Southeast Asian communities. Tai Village is grantee of the Iowa Arts Council, a part of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. <u>IDCA Website & Calendar of Cultural Events</u>



New Documentary Series on Asian Americans Coming May 2020

PBS and WETA announced ASIAN AMERICANS, a new five-part documentary series currently in production and expected to broadcast in May 2020 on PBS. The series examines what the 2010 U.S. Census identifies as the fastest growing racial/ethnic group in the United States. Told through individual lives and personal histories, ASIAN AMERICANS explores the impact of this group on the country's past, present, and future.

Source: Public Broadcasting Station

REAL ID - Driver's License or Identification Card

A gold star in the upper-right hand of your driver's license or identification card will indicate whether you have a REAL ID or not. Beginning October 1, 2020, a REAL ID will be required to clear airport security. Please refer to the flyer below to ensure you take the proper documents to be issued a REAL ID.



Source: <u>lowa Department of Transportation</u>

Please contact Mindi Nguyen, IADOT Community Outreach Coordinator, by email: mindi.nguyen@iowadot.us or phone: 515-357-4094 with questions.



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