

Dear Congressman, Candidate, Legionnaire,  
Veteran, Citizen, and Community Member

Invitation to Informational Town  
Hall Meeting –

*see reverse side for details.*

September 30, 2011 3 p.m to 6 p.m.  
910 Main Street, PO Box 81,  
Van Meter, IA 50261

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Our need is great, but our purpose  
is even greater.  
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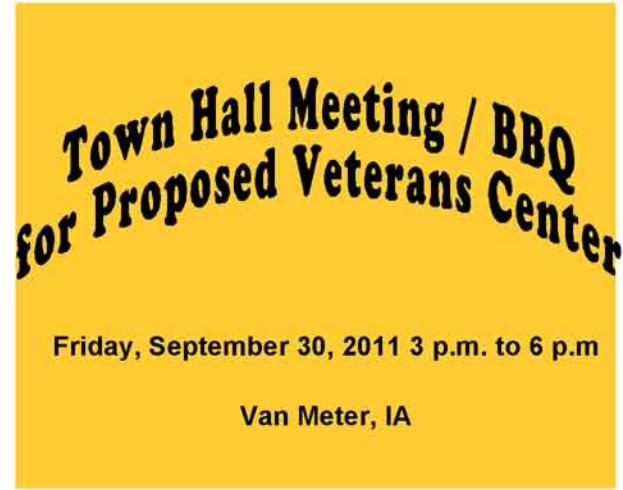
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*"Is there a place for our family to meet? Our son, our daughter has traveled far and endured much and now we want to gather one more time to remember their sacrifice."*





# Town Hall Meeting / BBQ for Proposed Veterans Center



**What / Why:** Town Hall Meeting to Raise Awareness of new -- Veterans Reception Center / Community Center / Post

**When:** Friday, September 30, 2011 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (same date as Van Meter Homecoming game with Earlham)

**Where:** New building site location at 910 Main Street, Van Meter, IA  
1 mile south of Iowa's only State Veteran's Cemetery at exit of I-80 and County R-16

- > Proposed building would address need of veteran's families having a place close to gather while Veteran staff perform internment activities after their loved ones Committal Service on the Cemetery Grounds. Currently family members are requested to leave the Cemetery Grounds while staff use equipment to accomplish ground internment. Families may come back after an hour to visit their veteran's gravesite and say final good-bye. Proposed structure would provide "free of charge" a gathering place for family members to meet while Cemetery staff accomplish internment.
- > Proposed building would address communities' lack of place to meet for personal and business purposes. There is no similar structure in Dallas County to accommodate family reunions, class reunions, wedding receptions, graduation receptions, ad-hoc business seminars for agricultural and non-agricultural companies, other non-profit organizations, civic organizational meetings, city administration meetings (City Council), youth education clubs, youth athletic group meetings, Senior Citizens groups, etc.
- > Proposed building would address local American Legion Post needs for a meeting place, store supplies and weapons used for military honors and community activities, community breakfast and future Post Auxiliary needs.

**Who Should Attend:** Political candidates seeking to learn and meet the needs of their constituents, legislators at all levels – national, state, county, and city; Veterans organization members, citizens of Iowa and nation being served by Iowa State Cemetery, and Community members of towns in the Dallas County area.

## Friday, September 30, 2011 3 p.m. to 6 p.m

**Proposed Agenda:** Meet your constituents and neighbors 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. "Free will" meal from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Barbecued pork loin sandwiches (meat cooked and prepared by Jim Carmen of Minburn Post) \*Carl Lyons Baked Beans \*Potato Chips \*Dessert \*Drink

Informational meeting and program from 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Q & A session** on site plan, utilities, building, fundraising, time schedule, building usage, others

