

Lottery Tickets Help Veterans

After its first year, a new initiative to expand services for veterans and their families has already raised \$2.8 million. In 2008, the Legislature directed the Iowa Lottery to create two additional scratch and two additional pull-tab games annually with the profits going to the Veterans Trust Fund.

The Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to qualified veterans for expenses such as:

- Travel expenses for wounded veterans directly related to follow-up medical care;
- Job training or college tuition assistance;

- Unemployment assistance during a period of unemployment due to prolonged physical or mental illness or disability resulting from military service;

- Dental, vision and hearing assistance for veterans living in a long-term care facility or under a home healthcare contract;

- Benefits for a child or children of disabled or deceased veterans following Sept. 11, 2001; and

- Individual or family counseling programs.

The lottery's latest games to benefit the Veterans Trust

Fund began in July. "The Freedom Rock™," a \$2 scratch game, features an image on its tickets of the giant boulder in Adair County by the same name that is painted each year by a Greenfield artist as a tribute to our nation's veterans. "Red White & Blue," a \$1 pull-tab game, features artwork on its tickets of several patriotic symbols including the bald eagle and Liberty Bell.

For more information about services for veterans, including the Veterans Trust Fund, visit www.iowava.org.