



Memorandum

**To:** Tina Hoffman  
**From:** Mark Gaul  
**Date:** 07/02/15  
**Subject:** Sioux County Iowa Welcome Package

Tina;

Please find attached to this email the Sioux County Welcome package for Home Base Iowa. Each Community Chamber of Commerce will act as the local point of contact for the veteran and be the liaison to receive each of the incentives. We have left it open to additional businesses to participate as awareness of the program increases.

We will create a Home Base Iowa page on the Sioux County Website once we receive approval to become a certified Home Base Iowa County.

Please let us know if you require additional documentation. Thanks.

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# Sioux County

## Welcome Package



**Pre-Application** – We will offer a pre-application job form on the Sioux County Home Base Iowa page that can be completed and sent to the employer of the veteran’s choice. The employers will then contact the veteran for the next step.

**Community Single Point of Contact** – The Chamber of Commerce representative contact information for Hull, Rock Valley, Orange City and Sioux Center will be listed on the Sioux County Home Base Iowa Page to be the contact person for the veteran. The Chamber representative will then arrange for the veteran to receive their welcome package incentives. There will also be a link to each Chamber website for additional community information.

**Welcome Basket** – Each veteran that visits Sioux County will receive a welcome basket from the respective Community that they visit.

**Community Tour** – The respective Chamber of Commerce for the community / communities visited will arrange for a community tour and facilitate arranging meetings with various service providers in their community.

**Hotel Incentive** – The following hotel incentives will be made available for each veteran visiting the respective Sioux County Community. Please contact the respective Community Chamber of Commerce to arrange for lodging and taking advantage of the incentive.

- Orange City – Orange City Chamber of Commerce will pay for a hotel room for any veteran visiting an Orange City employer for potential employment (Hampton Inn or Super 8 subject to availability).
- Sioux Center – Contact the Chamber to make the reservation and to receive the discount. Econolodge - \$49/night plus tax, subject to availability. Holiday Inn Express \$79.99 / night plus tax, subject to availability.
- Rock Valley – Contact the Chamber to make the reservation and to receive the discount. Knights Inn will offer 20% off for a one night stay for a veteran.

### Closing Cost Incentive

- American State Bank – Waive \$500 origination fee for a residential real estate loan for a veteran.
- People’s Bank - \$250 off closing costs of a new home mortgage. \$10 deposited into any new checking or savings account. These are available to any veteran who relocates to Sioux County.

**Telecommunication Incentive** – Premier Communications will offer free installation for any residential services to any veteran relocating to Sioux County.

## **Housing Incentive**

- Rock Valley - \$5,000 interest free loan for new home construction. \$3,000 grant for new home construction.
- Orange City Iowa – 2 year tax abatement for new construction. First time home buyer credit of 1% on the first \$100,000 or a maximum of \$1,000 for any veteran purchasing a home in Orange City for the first time.

**Sioux County Veterans Affairs Office** – Sioux County has a full time veterans affairs office in the Sioux County Courthouse to assist veterans. Sioux County is located less than 70 miles from the Sioux Falls VA Hospital.