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After Action Report 07222023 Clarinda Iowa MHI Cemetery

On 7/22/23 Missing in America Project Iowa held a memorial service for 11 veterans buried within the Clarinda Mental Health Institute Cemetery. Veterans served the country during the Spanish American War, Civil War, and WWI.

Mary Crouse and Colleen Homan visited the cemetery three times before the service. With the assistance of the Director of the Clarinda Department of Corrections which now manages the cemetery, after the institute closed in 2016 the veterans' graves were temporarily marked. Following the marking by Department of Corrections Mary and Colleen visited once again, and with the assistance from American Legion Post 98 the veteran grave marker and American flags were placed for each veteran. The Department of Corrections will also allow the American Legion to place a flagpole within the cemetery so a flag can be placed each Memorial Day. The American Legion will keep watch over the veterans' graves to make sure the bronze veteran markers will stay in good order and in place.

With the Army Honor Guard not expected due to emails received. Mary requested American Legion Post 98 to handle the rifle volley and flag folding for the ceremony. 40 minutes prior to the ceremony the Army Honor Guard arrived, and Mary Crouse welcomed them and requested they perform the flag folding. Kris Fish Kuhlmann Hon performed Taps for the ceremony.

The American Legion provided flag bearers, dog tags were made for each veteran, and accompanied each flag as the names were read and bell rang.

Upon completion of the ceremony Denise Bryant – VSO for Page County approached Mary Crouse and asked if MIAP could help her search for veterans in each of the 89 cemeteries within Page County. Mary will be contacting Denise next week for information,

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Crouse, State Coordinator