



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner President: James Grandgenett
Commissioner Vice Chairwoman/Secretary: Carole Bernhard
Commissioner Kevin Molsberry
Commissioner Troy Brandt
Commissioner Gary Forsythe

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting December 12th, 2024 at 4:45p.m.

Location: Conference Room #110, Court House Annex, 109 West State Street, Algona, IA 50511.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.
3. Roll Call. Present: All Commissioners present.
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business: METRICS:

a. Number of Claims in System:

- i. Open: 39
- ii. Pending Development: 18
- iii. Ready for decision: 9
- iv. Secondary RFD: 0
- v. Rating Decision Complete: 0
- vi. Ready for Work: 0

Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 3

NOTE: Director Green informed the commission of challenges regarding claims forwarded from VSO, but not loaded in VBMS. This affects timeline requirements for claims. He discovered it is a nation-wide issue and has been given a way to push his claims through when needed.

Number of Veteran Records: 1237

Number IA VET Trust Fund Applications previous month: 0

Number IA VET Trust Fund Applications current month: 0

Number IA VET Trust fund approved YTD: 1 - Dental

Number IA VET Trust fund disapproved YTD: 0

Number of VA Caregiver applications submitted previous month: 0

Number of VA Caregiver applications submitted current month: 0

Number of VA Caregiver applications approved YTD: 0

Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grant YTD: 0
Home Improvement Structured Alterations Grant Pending: 0
Brushy Creek Honor Flight Applications mailed out 0
Iowa Veterans Home Application YTD: 0
Veterans tracked in the Iowa Veterans Home 2

- b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for NOV2024 (Handout).
- c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary NOV2024 (Handout).
- d. VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limit report features) Director Green provided a snapshot of VetPro reports:
 - i. Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: NOV2024
 - ii. Forms created: 68 Forms scanned/Submitted: 70
 - iii. Completed claims w/Decision NOV2024* Monthly award: \$8,693.88: Retro: \$4,560.50
 - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$46,470.37 Retro: \$156,827.70
- v. AD HOC Reports developed (Works in Progress). Numbers will be adjusted based upon transfers in and out of the county, deaths of veterans and new claims adjudicated and recorded in the program.
 - (1) SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC \$41,510.90 RETRO: \$242,299.09
 - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$12,333.14 RETRO: \$25,380.00
 - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$637,415.15 RETRO: \$2,673,458.83
 - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$30,636.15 RETRO: \$135,617.80
 - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$40,000.00
 - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
 - a. Burial: \$8,919.00
 - b. Plot Allowance: \$10,025.00
 - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$935.00.
 - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11
 - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 57
 - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$52,032.00
- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed virtual training on M21-1, December 4th, 2024, IACVA and Completed District 5 training December 5th in Algona. Scheduled for mentorship of VSO on December 16th in Algona with Hamilton County VSO.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green does not have any outreach scheduled for the next month.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green, at the request of the Commission provided Commissioners with magnetic name tags. Director Green is awaiting information from Mr. Morey on County Binders


on an estimated cost for grave records scanning Book 4 and the Count Veterans War Binder. Delay is due to Mr. Morey's recovery.

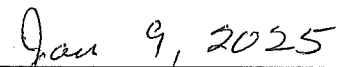
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: DEC24, Copy of IDVA MFR on Travel Reimbursement Policy, VA ROB Info from Tracie Pinkston, Updated Emergency Contact Information VA Department, Military retirees by District (Economic Impact) and metrics 2021 Healthcare Benefits Summary

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission.
- b. Director Green informed the Commission that the recruitment of new drivers for the department to drive veterans to appointments is still a work-in-progress.
- c. Discussed Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- d. Commission discussed preparation and presentation of Director Green's performance evaluation prior to the Commission meeting with the Board of Supervisors on January 7, 2025.
- e. Dan informed the Commission the VA is pushing through the Login.gov or ID.me.account requirements for online access of records and information.
- f. Briefly discussed the proposed rating changes by VA for 2025—handout provided.
- g. Commissioner Remarks: None.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 17:40pm.

SIGNED: 


DATE