



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioner: Chairman - James Grandgenett

Commissioner: Vice Chairwoman/Secretary - Carole Bernhard

Commissioner: Kevin Molsberry

Commissioner: Troy Brandt

Commissioner: Gary Forsythe

Subject: Agenda, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting December 12th, at 4:45 p.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:
Absent:
4. **Guests:** _____
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.**
6. **Old Business: METRICS**
 - Number of **Open Claims in System**: Open 39, Pending Development __, Ready for decision 9, Secondary RFD 0, Rating Decision Complete 0, Ready for Work 0.
Number claims suspended/inactive: 3
Number of Veteran Records: **1237**
Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application submitted/approved YTD: 1 - Dental
Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants: None
Number of Veterans in the IA Veterans Home from County: 2
 - **ACTIVITIES**: Update – Review Directors Activities NOV(Handout).
 - **BUDGET**: Review of Monthly Expense Summary NOV(Handout).
Review and discuss department budget for 2025, input adjustments on worksheets due back to the Auditor NLT 18DEC2024
 - Dan will begin drafting quarterly report for BOS and Auditor to be presented in January
 - **VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limited report features)**
 - Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: **NOV2024**
 - Forms created 70 Forms scanned and submitted 60
 - Completed claims w/Decision **NOV2024*** Monthly award: **\$8693.88** Retro: **\$4,560.40**
 - Completed claims w/Decision **YTD*** Monthly award: **\$46,470.37** Retro: **\$156,827.70**

AD HOC Reports developed (Works In Progress) tracking in system: 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.

SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC **\$41,510.90** RETRO: **\$242,299.09**

SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **\$12,333.14** RETRO: **\$25,380.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **\$637,415.15** RETRO: **\$2,673,458.83**

SYSTEMVETERAN Pension **\$30,636.15** RETRO: **\$135,617.80**

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: **\$40,000.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: **\$8,919.00** Burial **\$10,025.00** Plot Allowance, Transportation – re-imbursement: **\$935.00**

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): **11**

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **57**

SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: **\$52,032.00**

- **TRAINING:**

- Completed Virtual training on M21-1 December 4th, 2024, IACVS
- Completed District 5 Training December 5th Algona
- Mentor training December 16th Algona w/Hamilton Co. VSO

- **OUTREACH:**

- None scheduled

- **DUE OUTS:**

- Awaiting magnetic name plates, requested this month
- County Binders Estimate for Book 4 awaiting an estimate from Mr. Jim Morey. Mr. Morey is recovering from a medical issue.

- **INFORMATION/Handouts:** What Every Veteran Should Know DEC2024, 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:**

- Communication to/from the Commission.
 - Work in progress to solicit interest for additional drivers WIP
 - Discussion Dept. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - Dan Evaluation
 - Discussion of Login.gov or ID.me account
 - Discussion Proposed rating Changes by VA in 2025
- Commission remarks.

8. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.