

Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

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 Mar 14th, 2024, 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
 - a. Number of Open Claims in System: Open _44_, Pending Development _13__, Ready for decision __6__, Secondary RFD__0_, Rating Decision Complete __0_, Ready for Work _0__. Number of Veteran Records: _1205__
 Number IA VET Trust Fund Applications previous month: __0__. Number IA VET Trust Fund Applications current month: __1__
 Number IA VET Trust fund approved YTD: __0___
 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 __0_YTD
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update <u>Review Directors Activities FEB2024</u> (Handout).
 - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary. FEB2024. (Handout)
 - d. VETRPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limit report features)
 - Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: FEB2024
 - Forms created/submitted _64_
 - Completed claims w/Decision FEB2024*Monthly award: \$0.00 Retro: \$0.00
 - Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$171.23 Retro: \$668.99

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.

SPOUSE DIC \$33,434.33 RETRO: \$190,883.20

SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$10,481.00 RETRO: \$23,678.00

VETERAN Compensation \$49,039.30 RETRO: \$1,749,219.

VETERAN Pension **\$17,261.15** RETRO: **\$87,537.75**

VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$28,000.00

VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: \$4,179.00 Burial \$5,285.00 Plot Allowance

VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): 11

VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 45

ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death etc: **\$136,051.60.**

e. TRAINING:

- Reserved for Spring Conference 16-18APR24 Des Moines
- Reserved for NACVSO School 11-17MAY2024 Denver CO
- No-Change Working Office SOP and updating it with changes to address donations, gift cards, etc

f. OUTREACH:

• St. Patrick's Day Activities Emmetsburg, Algona and Whittemore with American Legion

g. DUE OUTS:

- Representation Agreement
- Working on getting Department Shirts etc.
- h. **INFORMATION/Handouts**: What Every Veteran Should Know MAR2024, VA Expansion Healthcare for Toxic Exposed Veterans, IVH Expanding Capacity, Donation List to IVH, HF 2345 county Compensation Board, HF 2259 Open records request, Q&A on IACCVSO Legislation 10K Allocation

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission.
 - County Binders Estimate for Book 4 awaiting estimate from Mr. Jim Morey
- b. Commission remarks.
- 8. **Motion to Adjourn**. Motion by ______ and seconded by ______ to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at ______ p.m.