



**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 11 April 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: Commissioners Grandgenett, Molsberry, and Forsythe. Absent: Commissioner Bernhard and Brandt.
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes; approved.
6. Old Business: METRICS:
  - a. Number of Open Claims in System: Open 39, Pending Development 21, Ready for decision 6, Secondary RFD 0, Rating Decision Complete 1, 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  
Veterans tracked in the Iowa Veterans Home 2.
  - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for MAR2024 (Handout).
  - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary MAR2024 and Quarterly Report JAN-MAR2024. Director Green presented the monthly expense summary and quarterly budget report for approval. Quarterly budget approved.
  - 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:

- Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: MAR2024
- Forms created/submitted 108
- Completed claims w/Decision MAR2024\* Monthly award: \$5,907.07 Retro: \$9,617.19
- Completed claims w/Decision YTD\* Monthly award: \$6,078.30 Retro: \$23,038.81
- 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.

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

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

VETERAN Compensation \$50,991.00 RETRO: \$1,789,279.00

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

VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$28,000.00

VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial: \$5,127.00 Plot Allowance: \$6,233.00

VETERANS Rated IU: 11

VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 48

ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death etc: \$136,051.60 \* Dan added this metric to reflect monies owed to the veteran at the time of their passing whether it was compensation, travel, clothing allowance etc. Payments are usually made to the surviving spouse of executor of the estate.

- e. TRAINING: Director Green is reserved Spring Conference 16-18 April 2024 in Des Moines. Reserved for NACVSO School 11-17MAY2024 in Denver, CO. Completed Care Giver Support Program Virtually 09APR2024. He is developing input for D5 training in JUN2024. Continues to work on Office SOP and updating it with changes to address donations, gift cards, etc.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green completed outreach for St. Patrick's Day Activities in Emmetsburg, Algona and Whittetmore with American Legion. He is also working to re-establish Mobile Medical Unit here in Kossuth County, monthly. Upcoming events are KCEDC Intern Breakfast May 29<sup>th</sup> and KCEDC County Breakfast July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green is continuing to work on the department shirts for personnel. The Commission approved the office representation agreement for use. Director Green will implement.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: APR24, US Virtual Academy Night April 29<sup>th</sup> Senators Ernst/Grassley, House File 259, NACVSO Testimony Appeals.

## 7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission. 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.

- b. Commissioner Remarks: None

- 8. Motion to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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