



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 August 8, 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, Brandt and Forsythe. Absent: Commissioner's Molsberry and Bernhard
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business: METRICS:
 - a. Number of Open Claims in System: Open 38, Pending Development 24, Ready for decision 6, Secondary RFD 1, Rating Decision Complete 1, Ready for Work 0.
Number of Veteran Records: . Of this, records are inactive.
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: 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 3 .
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for JUL2024 (Handout).
 - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary JUL.
 - 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: JUL2024
 - Forms created/submitted 90 .

- Completed claims w/Decision JUL2024* Monthly award: \$2,697.21. Retro: \$2,055.76.
- Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$16,251.22 Retro: \$26,448.53.
- 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.

SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC \$36,659.83. RETRO: \$223,975.70.

SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$10,661.00 RETRO: \$25,380.00.

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$584,234.21. RETRO: \$2,420,663.12.

SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$22,097.15. RETRO: \$91,636.75.

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$36,000.00.

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial: \$7,971.00 Plot Allowance: \$9,077.00. Transportation Reimbursement: \$0.00.

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 53

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

- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed initial planning for IDVA Fall Training School-- Commissioner training July 9-10 at Camp Dodge. Commissioner training is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2024 at Camp Dodge with a reception to be held Sunday, October 12th. Director Green held new CVSO Mentor Training (virtual) Special Monthly compensation (SMC) August 7, 2024.
- f. OUTREACH: Completed Mobile Medical Unit saw 5 veterans on August 5, 2024. Director Green attended KCEDC County Breakfast July 31st.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green has begun working on design/purchase for department shirts.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: JUL24, Awards by County JUN 2024, KCVA MFR assistance to veterans ending 13JUL24, CVSO & Commissioner's Code of Ethics, IA and Behavioral Health Brochure AUG24.

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. Delay is due to Mr. Morey's recovery.
- 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. Director Green provided updated copy of New Commissioner Manual.

d. Coordinated ads for KLGS Radio and Community Calendar

e. Commissioner Remarks: None.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 17:45pm.

SIGNED:

DATE