



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 8 February 2024 at 5:05 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: All
4. Guests: James Hartshorn, Ret Veteran
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes. Previous minutes for January and December approved as read.
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
Veterans tracked in the Iowa Veterans Home 2
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for JAN2024 (Handout).
Review of Activities 5 Year Rollup is pending.
 - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary JAN2024. Director Green presented the 2025 Budget and explained the findings.

- 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: JAN2024
 - Forms created/submitted 108
 - Completed claims w/Decision JAN2024* Monthly award: \$171.23 Retro: \$688.99
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 - AD HOC Reports developed (Works in Progress):

SPOUSE DIC \$29,180.91 RETRO: \$181,690.90

SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$9,752.00 RETRO: \$22,744.00

VETERAN Compensation \$492,804.28 RETRO: \$1,739,168.30

VETERAN Pension \$7,261.15 RETRO: \$87,537.75

VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$26,000.00

VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: \$9,464.00

VETERANS Rated IU: 11

VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 43
- e. TRAINING: Director Green is reserved Spring Conference 16-18 April 2024 in Des Moines. Reserved for NACVSO School 11-17MAY2024 in Denver, CO. Continues to work on Office SOP and updating it with changes to address donations, gift cards, etc.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green has no current outreach activities scheduled. Director Green has the new ballcaps for outreach activities.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green is continuing to work on the department shirts for personnel.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: FEB24, Running Awards by County DEC23, KC MFR Dept HIPAA Training, VA Dependency Backlog, VA Grants for Suicide Prevention, IDVA Update, HF 2143, SF461, SF2076, and SF2126.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission. Director Green will reach out again to County Binders on an estimated for grave records scanning Book 4 and the Count Veterans War Binder (still awaiting estimate).
- b. Commissioner Bernhard asked about having Veteran Suicide information available for outreach efforts.
- c. Director Green explained how the Kossuth County VA Commission is structured and how the oversight of his position as Kossuth Co. VSO works.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by __Commissioner Bernhard____ and seconded by __Commissioner Gradgennett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at ____17:25pm_____ p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE