



**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 June 13, 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: All present. Absent: None.
4. Guests: Jim Hartshorn
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes; deferred until next month.
6. Old Business: METRICS:
  - a. Number of Open Claims in System: Open 36, Pending Development Not Reported, Ready for decision 15, Secondary RFD 0, Rating Decision Complete 1, Ready for Work 1.  
Number of Veteran Records: 1216. Of this, 270 records are of the deceased.  
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 3.
  - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for MAY2024 (Handout).
  - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary MAY2024 and JUN2024. Director Green is prepping for the quarterly report for JUL24. GDX Report was discussed.
  - 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: MAY2024

- Forms created/submitted 118.
- Forms scanned/submitted 69.
- Completed claims w/Decision MAY2024\* Monthly award: \$1,700.37. Retro: \$8,788.21.
- Completed claims w/Decision YTD\* Monthly award: \$10,363.04 Retro: \$24,392.77.
- 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 \$35,047.08. RETRO: \$190,883.20.

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

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$540,041.30. RETRO: \$2,275,923.13.

SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$21,006.15. RETRO: \$90,309.75.

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$30,000.00.

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial: \$7,023.00 Plot Allowance: \$8,129.00. Transportation Reimbursement: \$0.00.

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 51

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

- e. TRAINING: Director Green attended NACVSO School 11-17MAY2024 in Denver, CO and discussed with the Commission how valuable the training was for the VSO community. The training included a practical on the claims process and an actual appeal the VSOs were allowed to observe. He is developing input for D5 VSO training in JUN2024. Initial planning for IDVA Fall Training School--Commissioner training July 9-10 at Camp Dodge. Continues to work on Office SOP and updating it with changes to address donations, gift cards, etc. Director Green new CVSO Mentor Training (virtual) Special Monthly compensation (SMC) August 7, 2024.
- f. OUTREACH: Continues to re-establish Mobile Medical Unit here in Kossuth County; first planned date is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Attended KCEDC Intern Breakfast May 29. Is scheduled to attend KCEDC County Breakfast July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green has deferred the department shirts for personnel until next Fiscal Year.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: JUN24, Affiliate Spotlight: Veterans Affairs, Updated modified Iowa State Laws—pertaining to Veterans, Iowa Works Newsletter, a new initiative—Radio Ad development ideas and proposals, Running Awards by County.

## 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 is continues to seek new drivers for the department to drive veterans to appointments. VA Commissioners can also help get this word out, and Director Green will advertise in local papers.
  - c. Commissioner Remarks: None.
8. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Bernhard and Seconded by Commissioner Molesberry. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 17:45pm.

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DATE