



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 May 9, 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, Brandt and Bernhard. Absent: Commissioner Forsythe.
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 22, 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 3.
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for APR2024 (Handout).
 - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary APR2024.
 - 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: APR2024
 - Forms created/submitted 85.

- Forms scanned/submitted 69.
- Completed claims w/Decision APR2024* 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.

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

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

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$521,744.96. RETRO: \$1,806,030.59.

*CORRECTED previous minutes to reflect accurate amount.

SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$18,913.15. RETRO: \$87,537.75

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$28,000.00

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial: \$6,075.00 Plot Allowance: \$7,181.00

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 48

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

- e. TRAINING: Director Green attended Spring Conference 16-18 April 2024 in Des Moines. Reserved for NACVSO School 11-17MAY2024 in Denver, CO. 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: Continues to re-establish Mobile Medical Unit here in Kossuth County; first planned date is July 1st. Upcoming events are KCEDC Intern Breakfast May 29th and KCEDC County Breakfast July 31st. Memorial Day grave decorations are planned for the county.
- 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: MAY24, Iowa Works Newsletter for May, 2024 IA Vietnam Veterans Day 14MAY24, Email message from Mr. Mori, Awards by County March 2024.

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 seeking 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 Brandt and Seconded by Commissioner Molesberry. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 17:45pm.

SIGNED:

DATE