



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 November 19th, 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 Commissioners present.
 4. Guests: None
 5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
 6. Old Business: METRICS:
 - a. Number of Claims in System:
 - i. Open: 32
 - ii. Pending Development: 15
 - iii. Ready for decision: 8
 - iv. Secondary RFD: 0
 - v. Rating Decision Complete: 2
 - vi. Ready for Work: 0
- Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 3
Number of Veteran Records: 1232
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: 1
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 YTD: 0
Veterans tracked in the Iowa Veterans Home 2

- b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for OCT2024 (Handout).
 - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary OCT2024 (Handout).
 - 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:
 - i. Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: OCT2024
 - ii. Forms created: 68 Forms scanned/Submitted: 78
 - iii. Completed claims w/Decision OCT2024* Monthly award: 5686.04: Retro: \$25,911.36
 - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$31,278.57 Retro: \$147,494.32
 - v. 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.
 - (1) SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC \$41,510.90 RETRO: \$242,299.09
 - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$12,333.14 RETRO: \$25,380.00
 - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$625,827.73 RETRO: \$2,650,735.65
 - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$30,096.15 RETRO: \$135,617.80
 - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$38,000.00
 - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
 - a. Burial: \$8,919.00
 - b. Plot Allowance: \$10,025.00
 - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$935.00.
 - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11
 - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 54
 - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death etc: \$147,639.80
- Director Green discussed his difficulties in processing some claims; where the system showed receipt, but not the claims were not getting to VBMS for processing.
- e. TRAINING: Director Green is preparing for virtual training on M21-1, December 4th, 2024, IACVA and Preparing for District 5 training December 5th in Algona. The Commission discussed the Fall Commissioner Training. Lots of good information was provided regarding Privacy Act, financial oversight, and outreach opportunities.
 - f. OUTREACH: Director Green has a flag folding class scheduled with the Boy Scouts 5 November. The Mobile Medical Unit is suspended during the winter months for safety and will resume March 3, 2025.

- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green has begun working on design/purchase for department shirts. 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.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: NOV24, Running Awardds by County SEP/OCT, VA to bring back Travel Claim Kiosks, FAVA Flyer, VA Facts—Veterans Guns, VA Home Loan Info, Roberts Rules of Order, Basics.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission. Commissioner Bernhard asked Director Green to research some items from the Commissioner Training.
- 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. Commissioner Remarks: None.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 17:58pm.

SIGNED:

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