



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 September 12th, 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, Bernhard, Molsberry and Forsythe. Absent: Commissioner Brandt
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business: METRICS:
 - a. Number of Open Claims in System: Open 42, Pending Development 21, Ready for decision 2, Secondary RFD 1, Rating Decision Complete 0, Ready for Work 0.
Number of Veteran Records: 1227. 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: 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 0 YTD
Veterans tracked in the Iowa Veterans Home 2.
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Review Directors Activities for AUG2024 (Handout).
 - c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary AUG2024 (Handout). Will complete quarterly payroll for Commissioners.
 - 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: AUG2024

- Forms created/submitted 104.
- Completed claims w/Decision AUG2024* Monthly award: \$11,838.02: Retro: \$78,390.18.
- Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$26,072.15 Retro: \$121,374.03.
- 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 \$38,272.58. RETRO: \$230,939.20.

SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$12,616.21 RETRO: \$29,290.42.

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$596,223.70. RETRO: \$2,492,550.00.

SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$22,614.15. RETRO: \$91,636.75.

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

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial: \$8,919.00 Plot Allowance: \$10,025.00. Transportation Reimbursement: \$450.00.

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 11

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 54

SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death etc: \$143,868.40.

- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed IACCVSO quarterly training 12 Sep 2024. Commissioner training is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2024 at Camp Dodge with a reception to be held Sunday, October 12th. Fall CVSO school is 15-17 October in Altoona.
- f. OUTREACH: Scheduled to support CCF Vets Booth 13 Sep 2024. Coordinating Mobile Medical Unit for 8 Oct 2024.
- 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: SEP24, IDVA Commissioner Training Letter, Article on VA Budget Shortfall, Article Major Richard Star Act, Awards by County JUL & AUG 2024, VA PACT Act Second Year Review, PACT Act Performance Dashboard, Cumulative Claims totals, VA MMU Flyer.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission. Director Green informed the Commission that he received the \$10K State Grant.

- 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. Coordination assistance for attendees Commissioner training at Camp Dodge.
- d. Commissioner Remarks: None.

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

SIGNED:

DATE