



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioner: President/Secretary – Carole Bernhard
Commissioner: Kevin Molsberry
Commissioner: Troy Brandt
Commissioner: Gary Forsythe
Commissioner: VACANT

Subject: Agenda, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting May 7th, 2025, at 4:00 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:
Absent:
- 3a. **“May be possible closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(a)(k)”**
4. **Guests:** _____
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.**
6. **Old Business:**
7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records: 1255, Active Records: 998**
 - Number of Open claims in VBMS: 35
 - Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 7
 - Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
 - Claims undergoing development: 15
 - Claim response – rework to VA: 1
 - Healthcare Applications Pending: 1
 - CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1
 - Claims suspended -nonaction: None
8. **Other Federal and State Programs**
 - Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application submitted/approved YTD: **None**
 - Number of Veterans in the IA Veterans Home from County: **1**
 - Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants: **1 MAR2025**
9. **ACTIVITIES:** Update – Review Directors Activities APR (Handout).
 - Interactions VETPRO Month of APRIL
 - **BUDGET:** Review of Monthly Expense Summary APR (Handout).
 - **VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limited report features)**
 - **Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: APR2025**

- **Activity Workload Report:** Added New Person **20**, Created Actions **19**, Created forms **76**, Submissions **21**, Uploaded files **200**, Entered Decisions **39**, Entered Interactions **147**.
- **Completed claims w/Decision APR2025*** Monthly award: **\$13,797.08** Retro: **\$47,082.20**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD*** Monthly award: **\$27,359.55** Retro: **\$76,288.30**

AD HOC Reports developed (Works In Progress) tracking in system: 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 **\$45,168.06** RETRO: **\$245,564.91**
 SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **\$16,364.14** RETRO: **\$41,640.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **\$760,103.70** RETRO: **\$2,847,689.00**
 SYSTEMVETERAN Pension **\$34,728.15** RETRO: **\$135,617.80**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: **\$44,000.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial **\$9897.00** Plot Allowance, **\$11,981.00** Transportation – re-imbursement: **\$4,095.00**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): **17**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **64**
 SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: **\$156,936.09**

- **TRAINING:**
 - Completed Advanced Appeals 2025 01-02MAY2025
 - Registered to attend State Spring Conference 14-18APR2025
 - Registered for National Conference in Kentucky 13-18JUL2025
- **OUTREACH:**
 - Mobile Medical Unit scheduled was here on 07 April 2025, next schedule is for June 2025
- **DUE OUTS:**
 - County Binders Estimate for Book
- **INFORMATION/Handouts:** What Every Veteran Should Know MAY, HF 706 Penalties Open Meetings Records, SF 93 Qualifications to Serve As Commissioner, ISAC Salary Comparison VA, US Service Academy Virtual Info Night,

10. New Business:

- Communication to/from the Commission.
 - Sign letters – non selection
 - Review Discussion Dept. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- Commission remarks.

11. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.