



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioner: Chairman - James Grandgenett
Commissioner: Vice Chairwoman/Secretary - Carole Bernhard
Commissioner: Kevin Molsberry
Commissioner: Troy Brandt
Commissioner: Gary Forsythe

Subject: Agenda, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting January 9th, 2025, at 4:45 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:
4. **Guests:** _____
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.**
6. **Old Business: METRICS (Veteran Records: 1241)**
 - Number of Open claims in VBMS: 36
 - Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 15
 - Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
 - Claims undergoing development: 15
 - Claim response – rework to VA: 2
 - Healthcare Applications Pending: 2
 - CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1
 - Claims suspended -nonaction: 4
7. **Other Federal and State Programs**
 - Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application submitted/approved YTD: None
 - Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants: None
 - Number of Veterans in the IA Veterans Home from County: 1
 - **ACTIVITIES:** Update – Review Directors Activities DEC (Handout).
 - **BUDGET:** Review of Monthly Expense Summary DEC (Handout).
 - Review Quarterly Report (Quarter 2 OCT-DEC)
 - **VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limited report features)**
 - Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: DEC2024
 - Forms created 94 Forms scanned and submitted 78
 - Completed claims w/Decision **DEC2024***Monthly award: **\$9481.64** Retro: **\$35323.73**
 - Completed claims w/Decision **YTD*** Monthly award: **\$51035.55** Retro: **\$193,863.72**

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 **\$38,285.40** RETRO: **\$242,299.10**

SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **\$13,848.14** RETRO: **\$40,197.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **\$654,274.40** RETRO: **\$2,759,456.00**

SYSTEMVETERAN Pension **\$32,295.15** RETRO: **\$135,617.80**

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: **\$42,000.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: **\$8,919.00** Burial **\$10,025.00** Plot Allowance, Transportation – re-imbursement: **\$935.00**

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): **14**

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **58**

SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: **\$156,076.90**

- **TRAINING:**

- Completed Quartey VA VBA Briefing 19 December 2024
- Completed required Annual Training on HIPPA/PII, Privacy Act and Info Security and VA Rules of Behavior, VA Employee Certification

- **OUTREACH:**

- None scheduled – Medical Unit Here in March

- **DUE OUTS:**

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- County Binders Estimate for Book

- **INFORMATION/Handouts:** What Every Veteran Should Know January 2025, Des Moines RO Stakeholder Reports, IDVA Legislative Proposals Code revision, Veteran Trust Fund, IDVA Veteran Benefits Flyer, IDVA County VSO Reimbursement Form

8. **New Business:**

- Communication to/from the Commission.
 - Work in progress to solicit interest for additional drivers WIP
 - Discussion Dept. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - Discussion Proposed rating Changes by VA in 2025
- Commission remarks.

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