



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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109 West State Street. Algona. Iowa 50511

Commissioner: Chairman -
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 February 13th, 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: (1248)**
 - Number of Open claims in VBMS: 34
 - Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 12
 - Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
 - Claims undergoing development: 23
 - Claim response – rework to VA: 2
 - Healthcare Applications Pending: None
 - CHAMP VA Claims Pending: None
 - Claims suspended -nonaction: 3
- 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 JAN (Handout).
 - **BUDGET:** Review of Monthly Expense Summary JAN (Handout).
 - **VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limited report features)**
 - Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: JAN2025
 - Forms created 88 Forms scanned and submitted 62
 - Completed claims w/Decision DEC2024*Monthly award: **\$3747.13** Retro: **\$18,129.00**
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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 **\$43,163.97** RETRO: **\$245,564.90**
SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **\$15,543.14** RETRO: **\$40,197.00**
SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **\$95084.57** RETRO: **\$2,784,653.78**
SYSTEM VETERAN Pension **\$33,265.15** RETRO: **\$1135,617.80**
SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: **\$40,000.00**
SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial **\$8919.00** Plot Allowance, **\$10,025.00** Transportation – re-imbursement: **\$2165.00**
SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): **14**
SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **59**
SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: **\$156,076.90**

- **TRAINING:**
 - Scheduled to attend State Spring Conference 14-18APR2024
 - Pending schedule of Advanced Appeals 2025
- **OUTREACH:**
 - Attended Vets Day at the Capitol
- **DUE OUTS:**
 - County Binders Estimate for Book
- **INFORMATION/Handouts:** What Every Veteran Should Know, Legislative Update from NACVSO Mike Farmer, Updated Commissioner Table of Service, Cancer Updates Post 911 and Gulf War Veterans, Info Retrieving Freedom. Running Awards By County

8. New Business:

- Communication to/from the Commission.
 - Work in progress – hire additional driver
 - Discussion – hire of replacement commissioner
 - Discussion Dept. Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - Discussion Proposed legislative items SF29, SF36, SF93, SF1048, SF1050

- Commission remarks.

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