



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner President/Secretary: Carole Bernhard
Commissioner Vice Chairperson/Kevin Molsberry
Commissioner Troy Brandt
Commissioner Gary Forsythe
Commissioner (Position Vacant)

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting May7th, 2025 at 4:00p.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: Jim Hartshorn
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business:
 - a. METRICS:

I. Number of Claims in System:

- i. Open Claims: 35
- ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 7
- iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
- iv. Claims in Development: 15
- v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 1
- vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 1
- vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1
- viii. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 0
- ix. Number of Veteran Records: 1255 –Active records 998

II. Other Federal and State Programs:

- i. Number of Iowa Veteran Trust funds (IVTF) applications submitted/approved YTD: None
- ii. Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants YTD: 1
- iii. Number of Veterans in IA Veterans Home from Kossuth County: 1

- b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Commission reviewed Directors Activities for APR2025 (Handout).

- c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary APR2025 (Handout). Director Green informed the Commission that the 25-26 Budget was approved as presented.
- 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: APR2025
 - ii. Forms created: New persons: 20, Created actions 19, Created forms 76, Submissions 21, Uploaded files 200, Entered decisions 39, Entered interactions 147
 - iii. Completed claims w/Decision APR2025* Monthly award: \$13,797.08: Retro: \$47,082.20
 - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$27,359.55 Retro: \$76,288.30
- 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 \$45,168.06 RETRO: \$245,564.91
 - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$16,364.14 RETRO: \$41,640.00
 - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$760,103.70 RETRO: \$2,847,689.00
 - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$34,728.15 RETRO: \$135,617.80
 - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$44,000.00
 - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
 - a. Burial: \$9,897.00
 - b. Plot Allowance: \$11,981.00
 - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$4,095.00.
 - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 17
 - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 64
 - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$156,936.09
- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed Advanced Appeals 2025. Director Green is registered for the National Conference in Kentucky. 13-18 July 2025.
- f. OUTREACH: The Mobile Medical Unit is scheduled to be in Algona June 2025. Director Green is decorating several area cemeteries for Memorial Day.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green continues to await 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 medical recovery.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: MAY25, HOF 706 Penalties Open Meetings Records, SF 93 Qualifications to Serve as Commissioner, ISAC Salary Comparison VA, US Service Academy Virtual Info Night, IDVA Training Plan.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission: Commissioners signed letters of non-selection.
- b. Director Green informed the Commission that the recruitment of new drivers for the department to drive veterans to appointments continues to be a work-in-progress. He is without any drivers at the moment.
- c. Director Green is still working on draft for Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Discussion deferred.
- d. Commissioner Remarks: None

8. Commissioner Bernhard motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Molesberry seconded and the Commission adjourned at 4:55pm.

Carole L Bernhard
SIGNED:

12 June 2025
DATE