



**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 (leave of absence)  
Commissioner Gary Forsythe  
Commissioner Jim Hartshorn

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting July 10, 2025 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: Commissioner Brandt is on a leave of absence until December 2025. He may attend meetings as a guest, but will not perform any official VA County Commissioner functions.
4. Guests: Troy Brandt
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business:
  - a. METRICS:

**I. Number of Claims in System:**

- i. Open Claims: 30
- ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 4
- iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
- iv. Claims in Development: 10
- v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 2
- vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 1
- vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 3
- viii. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 2 (B6447, C1268)
- ix. Number of Veteran Records: 1266 –Active records 1009

**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 JUN2025 (Handout).

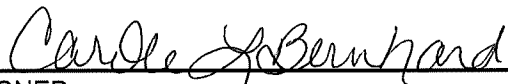
- c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary JUN2025 (Handout). Commission reviewed Quarterly report for April, May, and June 2025 for submission to the Kossuth Co Board of Supervisors.
- d. VETPRO UPDATES: \*VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limit report features) Director Green provided a snapshot of VetPro reports:
  - i. Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: JUN2025
  - ii. Forms created: New persons: 19, Created actions 29, Created forms 101, Submissions 26, Uploaded files 262, Entered decisions 18, Entered interactions 184
  - iii. Completed claims w/Decision JUN2025\* Monthly award: \$6,742.94: Retro: \$13,172.53
  - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD\* Retro: \$119,846.64
  - 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 \$807,724.14 RETRO: \$2,913,450.47
    - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$45,059.31 RETRO: \$157,979.75
    - (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: \$5,175.00.
    - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 17
    - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 66
    - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$156,936.09
- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed SBPH Intro to MIL Culture, Families & Deployments on 5 June 2025 and registered for the National Conference in Kentucky 13-18 Jul 2025. He was able to use \$900 of the \$3K allotted for training. In the future he hopes to use the full \$3K allowed.
- f. OUTREACH: The Mobile Medical Unit is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the Election Center in Algona.
- 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 now due to Mr. Morey's spouse's medical situation.

- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: JUL25, IDVA Memo C1 FY26 Training Requirements, IA VA Benefits Report MAY2025

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission:
  - i. Discussed Veteran rental assistance—CS1-20557699; as a result of this experience, he will be adjusting the policy for handling county assistance funds. Director Green will begin working on a list of local support agencies for any veterans who are seeking assistance.
  - ii. Discussed the 28E Agreement CVSO Assistance to Hamilton County.
  - iii. Discussed New County Website and a couple of Commissioner's authorized their numbers for publishing on said website.
- b. Director Green is still working on draft for Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Discussion deferred.
- c. Commissioner Remarks: Director Brandt, prior to entering leave began collecting information for an analysis of adding a part-time person to the office.
- d. Director Green has medical procedure scheduled for 18 Aug 2025 that will take him out of the office. He will reach out to fellow, experienced VSOs to assist him with any open/pending cases during his absence. September Commission meeting has been delayed to 25 September 2025 due to Director Green's absence.

- 8. Commissioner Bernhard motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Forsythe seconded and the Commission adjourned at 6pm.

  
SIGNED:

14 Aug 25  
DATE