



**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 November 13, 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: All
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business:
  - a. METRICS:
    - I. Number of Claims in System:
      - i. Open Claims: 25
      - ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 1
      - iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
      - iv. Claims in Development: 18
      - v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 3
      - vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 0
      - vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 2
      - viii. Congressional Submitted: 2
      - ix. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 3
      - x. Number of Veteran Records: 1275 –Active records 1015
    - II. Other Federal and State Programs:
      - i. Number of Iowa Veteran Trust funds (IVTF) applications 0 submitted/1 approved YTD: 1  
Pending Development
      - ii. Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants YTD: 1
      - iii. Number of Veterans in IA Veterans Home from Kossuth County YTD: 1

- b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Commission reviewed Directors Activities for OCT2025 (Handout).
- c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary OCT2025 (Handout).
- 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: October 2025
  - ii. Forms created: New persons: 17, Created actions 29, Created forms 112, Submissions 35, Uploaded files 193, Entered decisions 19, Entered interactions 153
  - iii. Completed claims w/Decision OCT2025\* Monthly award: \$1,904.21: Retro: \$8,114.55
  - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD\* Monthly award: \$61,067.84 Retro: \$191,085.20
  - 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 \$50,946.33 RETRO: \$256,390.80
    - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$12,126.14 RETRO: \$32,142.00
    - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$857,248.30 RETRO: \$3,131,159.00
    - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$39,353.41 RETRO: \$125,130.80
    - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected:
      - a. Burial \$46,000.00
      - b. Transportation Reimbursement \$750.00
    - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
      - a. Burial: \$12,855.00
      - b. Plot Allowance: \$14,939.00
      - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$56,075.00
    - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 16
    - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 73
    - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$161,574.20
- e. TRAINING: Commissioners completed training 13 October 2025 at Stoney Creek all Commissioners registered and attending. Director Green completed IDVA Fall School 21-23 October 2025. Upcoming trainings; Spring IDVA 14-16 April 2026, National training 31 May-5 June 2026.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green participated in Hunting for Heros—delivered a food box to a veteran who was unable get to the drive-thru.
- 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: October and November 2025, VA GDX Report by State-Co., HF 1000 Bill to establish a VSO Grant Program, KCVVA Emergency Contact Info, Boots to Suits 1-14 NOV, Veterans Luncheon 9NOV Luverne, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Honor Flight Ball 15 NOV.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission: Discussed GDX & the Kossuth County ranking and how this is not reflective of the efforts of the VSO; there are a lot of variables that affect this and they are out of the VSO's control. Bottom line; Director Green has improved our numbers since his hire.
  - b. Director Green shared that he was voted in as President for IACVSO District 5. He continues to mentor and support surrounding counties.
  - c. Commission expressed concern about communication from IDVA—they are behind on getting us information.
  - d. The Commissioners and Director Green discussed the value of training from IDVA vs the VSO Association and other CEU providers. They agreed that IDVA is doing well providing a quality education to Commissioners, the VSO training they provide is not as comprehensive, nor is it fully accredited for CEU credit as yet. Director Green attends IDVA training, but also attends the association and national trainings to ensure he receives enough CEU credit.
  - e. Received Dan's self-assessment.
  - f. Commissioner Remarks: Request that Outreach be placed on next month's agenda.
8. Commissioner Bernhard motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Brandt seconded and the Commission adjourned at 5:45pm.

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