



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Chairwoman/Secretary – Carole Bernhard

Commissioner: Kevin Molsberry Vice Chairman

Commissioner: Troy Brandt

Commissioner: Gary Forsythe

Commissioner: James Hartshorn

Subject: Agenda, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting **08JAN2026**.

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: _____

3a. “May be possible closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(a)(k)”

4. **Guests:** _____ *Mr. J. Hyink* _____

5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.**

6. **Old Business:**

7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records: 1283, Active Records: 1024**

Number of Open claims in VBMS: 20
Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 1
Claim Secondary ready For Decision: 0
Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
Claims undergoing development: 16
Claim response – rework to VA: 4
Healthcare Applications Pending: 1
CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 2
Congressional Submitted: 2
Claims suspended -nonaction: 3

8. **Other Federal and State Programs**

Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application 2- Drafted; 0 submitted, 0 approved

Number of Veterans in the IA Veterans Home from County: **1 YTD**

Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants: **0 YTD**

9. **ACTIVITIES:** Update – Review Directors Activities DEC (Handout).

Review Directors Activities 2025 (Handout)

• **BUDGET:** Review of Monthly Expense Summary DEC (Handout).

• **VETPRO UPDATES:** *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limited report features)

• **Interactions/Utilization** Reports Summary: **DECEMBER**

- **Activity Workload Report:** Added New Person **24**, Created Actions **19**, Created forms **83**, Submissions **21**, Uploaded files **179**, Entered Decisions **22**, Entered Interactions **123**.
- **Completed claims w/Decision DEC 2025*Monthly award: \$0.00 Retro: \$0.00**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$65,933.05 Retro: \$205,962.10**

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 **\$52,383.99** RETRO: **\$256,390.8**
 SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **\$10,454.00** RETRO: **\$32,142.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **\$888,041.20** RETRO: **3,160,580.00**
 SYSTEMVETERAN Pension **\$43,590.41** RETRO: **\$125,144.80**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: **\$48,000.00**, Transportation reimbursement **\$750.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected: Burial **\$14,859.00** Plot Allowance, **\$16,943.00** Transportation – re-imbusement: **\$7,705.00**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): **16**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **75**
 SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death for 2025: **\$8,229.25**

- **TRAINING:**
 - 15JAN2026 New CVSO Training, Budget, Open Meetings, Reports, IACVS Website
 - 28JAN2026 IACVS Single Subject Training VA Award, Code sheet, DBQ's, VA Decisions
- **OUTREACH:**
 - None Scheduled due to Holidays and Budget Planning for the department
- **DUE OUTS:**
 - WIP County Binders estimate on grave book 4

INFORMATION HANDOUTS: What Every Veteran Should Know Month of JAN26 Not Available, Stake Holder report Not Available, Department Annual Metrics 2025.

10. New Business:

- Communication to/from the Commission.
- Discussion/Decision of 2026 County Commission meetings schedule.
- Sign off Dan Job performance evaluation 2025
- (TABLED) Review of Departments COOP Plan – Operations in a degraded mode or re-located.
- Discussion/Decision VA Commission Vacancy and position fill
- Commission remarks.

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