



**Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

**Daniel D. Green, Director**

**109 West State Street. Algona. Iowa 50511**

**Commissioner/Chairman/Secretary – Troy Brandt**

**Commissioner: Kevin Molsberry Vice Chairman**

**Commissioner: Gary Forsythe**

**Commissioner: James Hartshorn**

**Commissioner: John Hyink**

Subject: Agenda, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting **12FEB2026**.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

6. **Old Business:**

7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records: 1284, Active Records: 1025**

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: 1

Healthcare Applications Pending: 2

CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1

Congressional Submitted: 2

Claims suspended -nonaction: 0

8. **Other Federal and State Programs**

Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application **2- Drafted; 1 submitted, 1 approved**

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

Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants: **1-submitted, 1 YTD**

9. **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: **JANUARY**

- **Activity Workload Report:** Added New Person **4**, Created Actions **23**, Created forms **66**, Submissions **15**, Uploaded files **169**, Entered Decisions **16**, Entered Interactions **124**.
- **Completed claims w/Decision JAN2026\*** Monthly award: **\$3601.34** Retro: **\$4591.75**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD\*** Monthly award: **\$3601.34** Retro: **\$4591.75**

**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 **\$12126.14** RETRO: **\$32,142.00**  
 SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **\$887,262.70** RETRO: **3,182,864.00**  
 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-imbursement: **\$7,705.00**  
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU): 17  
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% 75  
 SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death for 2026: **\$0.00**

- **TRAINING:**
  - Completed 15JAN2026 New CVSO Training, Budget, Open Meetings, Reports, IACVS Website
  - Completed 28JAN2026 IACVS Single Subject Training VA Award, Code sheet, DBQ's, VA Decisions
  - Registered for Americal Legion Workshop 14FEB2026 Des Moines
- **OUTREACH:**
  - Preparing for VA Medical unit in March
- **DUE OUTS:**
  - WIP County Binders estimate on grave book 4 – Sent email to Jim on 1/23/2026

**INFORMATION HANDOUTS:** What Every Veteran Should Know Month of JAN/FEB26, Spring 2026 Commissioner Training 18FEB2026, 2026 IACVS Training Plan, Rebranding VA Disability Article, Veterans Benefits Administration Reports, IDVA 2026 Veterans Service Excellence Legislation, VetPop Census info 2024

**10. New Business:**

- Communication to/from the Commission.
- VSO Outreach Activities
- Discussion/Decision KCVA MFR Approval to pay identified warrants
- Discussion/planning Commission Outreach Activities
- Discussion/Planning for part-time assistant for KCVA Department
- (TABLED) Review of Departments COOP Plan – Operations in a degraded mode or re-located.

Discussion of State of IA SSB 3079 A bill for an act relating to county veteran's services and making appropriations.

- Commission remarks.

11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.