



**Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

**Daniel D. Green, Director**

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

Commissioner Chairperson/Secretary: Troy Brandt  
Commissioner Vice Chairperson/Kevin Molsberry  
Commissioner Gary Forsythe  
Commissioner Jim Hartshorn  
Commissioner JohnHyink

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting February 12th, 2026 at 4:45p.m.

Location: Conference Room #110, Court House Annex, 109 West State Street, Algona, IA 50511.

1. Call to Order 4:45 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.
3. Roll Call. Present: Troy Brandt, Kevin Molsberry, Gary Forsythe, James Hartshorn (by phone)  
Absent: John Hyink
4. Guests:
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes. Motion by Kevin second by Gary Approved
  - (A) Motion by Kevin that Troy Brandt to be Chairman/Secretary for commission, Gary seconded motion, no discussion. Ayes: Kevin, Gary, Jim, Absent John Passed
  - (B) Motion by Troy that Kevin Molsberry be Vice Chairman for commission, Gary seconded motion, no discussion. Ayes: Kevin, Gary, Jim, Absent John Passed
6. Old Business:
  - a. METRICS: Number of Claims in System: Number of Veteran Records: 1284 –Active records 1024
    - i. Open Claims: 20
    - ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 1
    - iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
    - iv. Claims in Development: 16
    - v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 1
    - vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 2
    - vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1
    - viii. Congressional Submitted: 2
    - ix. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 0

- II. Other Federal and State Programs:
  - i. Number of Iowa Veteran Trust funds (IVTF) applications 2 Drafted/1 submitted/1 approved
  - ii. Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants YTD: 1
  - iii. Number of Veterans in IA Veterans Home from Kossuth County YTD: 1, 0YTD
  
- b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Reviewed Directors Activities FEB (Handout).
  
- c. BUDGET: Review of Monthly Expense Summary FEB (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: **February 2026**
  - ii. Forms created: New persons: 4, Created actions 23, Created forms 66, Submissions 15, Uploaded files 169, Entered decisions 16, Entered interactions 124
  - iii. Completed claims w/Decision JAN 2026 Monthly award: \$3601.31: Retro: \$4591.75
  - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD\* Monthly award: \$3601.34 Retro: \$4591.75
  - 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 \$52,383.99 RETRO: \$256,390.80
    - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$12,126.14 RETRO: \$32,142.00
    - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$8887262.70 RETRO: \$3,182,864.00
    - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$43,590.41 RETRO: \$125,144.80
    - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected:
      - a. Burial \$48,000.00
      - b. Transportation Reimbursement of \$750.00
    - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
      - a. Burial: \$14,859.00
      - b. Plot Allowance: \$16,943.00
      - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$7,705.00
    - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 17
    - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 75
    - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/2026 death: \$0
  
- e. TRAINING:
- f. Director Green conducting New CVSO Training, Budget, Open Meetings, Reports and IACVS Website on 15 January 2026
- g. IACVS Single Subject Training VA Award, Code sheet, DBQs, VA Decisions on 28 January 2026.
- h. Upcoming trainings for Director Green: Spring IDVA 14-16 April 2026,
- i. National training 31 May-5 June 2026.

j. OUTREACH:

- (1) Preparing for VA Medical unit in March 3rd
- (2) VA Medical unit in April 7th

k. DUE OUTS: Mr. Morey on County Binders on an estimated cost for grave records scanning Book 4 sent email on 1/23/2026

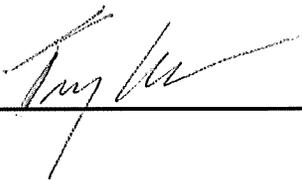
l. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: Department Metrics. What Every Veteran Should Know and the VA Stakeholder Reports.

7. New Business:

- a. Discussion about the SSB 3079
- b. Motion made by Kevin that we support CVSO Green to attend the May conference if time and resources are limited, seconded by Troy. No discussion, motion passed.
- c. Look into metrics for part time staff
- d. Look at the possible future events for commissioners' outreach
- e. Commissioners to get information for advertising through cable station information channel, and other public service notes.

8. Commissioner Hartshorn motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Forsythe seconded and the Commission adjourned at 6:18 pm.

SIGNED:



DATE

3/12/2026