



**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 **12MAR2026**.

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

1. **Call to Order 4:40 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.**
3. **Roll Call.** Present: Troy Brandt, Kevin Molsberry, Gary Forsythe, James Hartshorn, John Hyink  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_
- 3a. **“May be possible closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(a)(k)”**
4. **Guests:** \_\_Sharon Hyink and Supervisor Joshua Waechter to swear in John Hyink
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.** Motion by Jim second by Kevin unanimous approved
6. **Old Business:**
7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records: 1288, Active Records: 1029**
  - Number of Open claims in VBMS: 21
  - Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 0
  - Claim Secondary Ready for Decision: 0
  - Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
  - Claims undergoing development: 18
  - Claim response – rework to VA: 0
  - Healthcare Applications Pending:1
  - 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 approved YTD**
  - Number of Veterans in the IA Veterans Home from County: **1 YTD**
  - Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants: **1 approved YTD**
9. **ACTIVITIES:** Update – Review Directors Activities FEB (Handout).
- **BUDGET:** Review of Monthly Expense Summary FEB (Handout).
- **VETPRO UPDATES: \*VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Work in progress due to limited report features)**
  - **Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: FEBRUARY**

- **Activity Workload Report Monthly:** Added New Person **11**, Created Actions **22**, Created forms **92**, Submissions **24**, Uploaded files **183**, Entered Decisions **25**, Entered Interactions **133**.
- **Completed claims w/Decision FEB2026\*** Monthly award: **\$7236.38** Retro: **\$8105.12**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD\*** Monthly award: **\$10837.72** Retro: **\$12696.87**

**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, spouses and new claims adjudicated and recorded in the program.

**Cumulative** means **continuously adding to a total overtime.**

**YTD** means **period starting January 1 up to today's date.**

SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC CUMULATIVE: **\$52,383.99** RETRO: **\$256,390.8**

SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension CUMULATIVE: **\$14,645.15** RETRO: **\$34,124.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation CUMULATIVE: **\$901,752.40** RETRO: **3,242,915.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Pension CUMULATIVE: **\$45,043.41** RETRO: **\$136,936.83**

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service-Connected YTD: **\$0.00**, Transportation reimbursement **\$0.00**

SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service-Connected YTD: Burial **\$0.00** Plot Allowance, **\$0.00** Transportation – re-imburement: **\$0.00**

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU) CUMULATIVE: 17

SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% CUMULATIVE: 75

SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death YTD: **\$0.00**

- **TRAINING:**
  - Completed IA American legion training 14FEB2026 4.0 CEU's obtained
  - Completed 1.5 hrs training HLR's and Informal Conference
- **OUTREACH:**
  - VA MMU was here on 02MAR2026
- **DUE OUTS:**
  - None

**INFORMATION HANDOUTS:** What Every Veteran Should Know Month of MARCH 2026, VA RO Stakeholders report, Email Commissioner Login IACVS Website, Assessor email on SF 2124, Quick look VSO Annual Training Requirements

#### 10. **New Business:**

- Communication to/from the Commission. Swearing in John H, Signature approval for routine authorization to pay warrants/claims of the department as required.
- VSO Outreach Activities
- HIPAA/PII Training State of IA <https://courseforhipaa.com/states/lowa>
  - i. Discussion was about Commissioners are to do yearly training online for privacy laws.
  - ii. Discussion was that training could be at Troy's house date to be announced later.
- Dan's Training and Training opportunities.
  - iii. Discussion was that 2 trainings were on the same budget so we are over budget year in this category only.
  - iv. Discussion that that preference was for Dan to try for National conference online first but currently it is locked for online conference.
  - v. In person National conference in Las Vegas to high a price and out of budget
  - vi. The commission's preference for training for Dan was to go CVSO's training.
- Discussion/planning Commission Outreach Activities
  - vii. Dan explained that this year's budget is tight.

- viii. Discussion about reaching out to cable stations for advertising.
  - ix. Discussion about public services ads that radio station already does.
  - x. Discussion about having a booth beside the TAL and or VFW at the Hunting For Heroes Race.
  - Discussion/Planning for part-time assistant for KCVA Department
    - i. Winneshiek County provide information on adding a staff to their county.
    - ii. Troy is going to work with this information and **Iowa VA Benefits Report** and **County VA Benefits Report to present at next Commissioner Meeting.**
  - Discussion on what Commissioners responsibilities are:
    - Supervise CVSO positions
    - Oversee budget
    - Recommend things to County Supervisor's
    - Making sure that we attend training to keep up to date with our responsibilities.
  - Discussion about Bill SSB 3079, 2282, and SF 2466
    - Unanimous is the commission opposing bills.
    - Discussions about the data from VA is about only veterans that are registered in VA VBMS system
  - Commission remarks.
11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by Jim and seconded by Kevin to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

SIGNED

*Kevin Moloney*

DATE

*9 Apr 26*