



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 **09APR2026**.

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 **CUMLATIVE: \$52,383.99** RETRO: **\$256,390.8**
 SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **CUMLATIVE: \$14,645.15** RETRO: **\$34,124.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **CUMLATIVE: \$901,752.40** RETRO: **3,242,915.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Pension **CUMLATIVE: \$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) **CUMLATIVE: 17**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **CUMLATIVE: 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

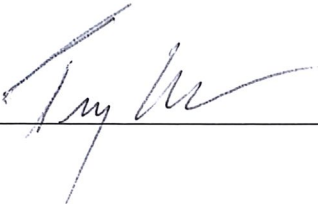
INFORMATION HANDOUTS: What Every Veteran Should Know Month of MARCH 2026, VA RO Stakeholders report, Email Commissioner Login IACVS Website, Assessor email on SF 2124, Quick look VSO Annual Training Requirements

10. New Business:

- Administered to Veteran in need for rental assistance. Messaged Commissioners for approval, 4 of 5 responded agreeing to provide support for the current month.
- HIPP/PII Training State of IA <https://courseforhipaa.com/states/iowa>
 - i. Discussion was about the Commission completing this training yearly online for compliance with privacy laws. Discussion was that the training could be done in a group setting with a date to be set (Perhaps Commissioner Brandts residence)
- Discussion from Commissioner Hartshorn on a department budget category. Dan explained the account classification and monies allocated to the line-item number
- Discussion about Bill SSB 3079, 2282, and SF 2466 only supported if HF 8341 is with the bill. Iowa American Legion has the same resolve.
- Commission remarks.

11. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Jim and seconded by Gary to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

SIGNED



DATE

5/14/2026