



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 11JUN2026.

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

1. **Call to Order 4:46 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.**
3. **Roll Call.** Present: __Troy, Kevin, Gary, Jim, John_____
Absent: _____ N/A _____
- 3a. **"May be possible closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(a)(k)"**
4. **Guests:** _____ N/A _____
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.**
6. **Old Business:**
7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records: 1297, Active Records: 1034**
 - Number of Open claims in VBMS: 39
 - Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 1
 - Claim Secondary Ready for Decision: 0
 - Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
 - Claims undergoing development: 17
 - Claim response – rework to VA: 1
 - Healthcare Applications Pending: 0
 - CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1 Congressional
 - Congressional Submitted: 3 Discharge, 1 Awards/Medals, 1 Correct DD214 Admin
 - Claims suspended -nonaction: 0
8. **Other Federal and State Programs**
 - Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application **1- 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 MAY (Handout).
- **BUDGET:** Review of Monthly Expense Summary MAY (Handout).
- **VETPRO UPDATES:** *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Work in progress due to limited report features)
 - **Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: MAY**

- **Activity Workload Report Monthly:** Added New Person **15**, Created Actions **23**, Created forms **94**, Submissions **25**, Uploaded files **159**, Entered Decisions **11**, Entered Interactions **131**.
- **Completed claims w/Decision MAY2026*** Monthly Award: **\$2101.32** Retro: **\$0.00**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD*** Monthly award: **\$30,532.60** Retro: **\$43,507.95**

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.

SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC **CUMULATIVE: \$54,083.35** RETRO: **\$256,390.8**
 SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **CUMULATIVE: \$16,203.14** RETRO: **\$34,124.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **CUMULATIVE: \$939,380.60** RETRO: **3,320,053.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Pension **CUMULATIVE: \$47,565.91** RETRO: **\$142,336.80**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service-Connected YTD: **\$2000.00**, Transportation reimbursement **\$780.00**
 SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service-Connected YTD: Burial **\$2982.00** Plot Allowance, **\$1002.00** Transportation – re-imbursement: **\$1,722.00**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU) **CUMULATIVE: 17**
 SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **CUMULATIVE: 79**
 SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death YTD: **\$2277.15**

- **TRAINING:**
 - Completed training NACVSO Conference Reno NV virtually 31MAY26-05JUN2026
- **OUTREACH:**
 - Completed Memorial Day activities Whittemore Legion
 - Decorated the following cemeteries: Riverview, Eastlawn, Laurel Hill, Burt
- **DUE OUTS:**
 - Pending training District 5 in Ft. Dodge IA on 12JUN2026
 - Pending training with new CVSO ft. Dodge, Webster County date TBD
 - Working with Humboldt Co. Commission on re-establishing CVSO operations for their county. New hire interviews is on 10JUN2026 at 10:00am. Completed initial assessment and provided to Commissioners along with budget update. Need to complete annual grant report.

INFORMATION HANDOUTS: What Every Veteran Should Know JUN2026, IDVA Letter CVSO Education and Accreditation Policy, IA VA Benefits Stakeholder Report Apr2026, Extract SF 2472 pgs 55-58 addressing property tax's and tax exemption for surviving spouses and veterans.

10. New Business:

- VSO Outreach Activities
- HIPPA/PII Training State of IA <https://courseforhipaa.com/states/iowa>
 - i. Chairperson to set up training for Commissioners to attend.
- Discussion/planning Commission Outreach Activities
 - i. Discussion was about the Hunting with Heroes race coming to Algona July 23rd 2026. For the Commissioners to have an information booth open to give out information and try and get the word out about veteran benefits.
 - ii. Also for Commissioners to think of other outreach ideas.
- Discussion/Planning for part-time assistant for KCVA Department
 - i. Tabled trying to continue to get more information.
- Commission remarks.
- Humboldt County CVSO and Commissioners
 - i. Dan met with group and is still trying to get CVSO access to required systems.
 - ii. Troy attended Commissioner meeting with Dan and Mary Jo in June.

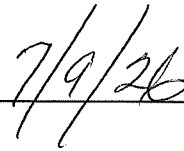
iii. Mary Jo is assigned as a mentor for CVSO

11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion by _Kevin_____ and seconded by _Troy_____ to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at ____6:14_____ p.m.

Commissioner Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Troy", written over a horizontal line.

Date

A handwritten date "7/9/26" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.