Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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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 **12NOV2026**

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)"

3b. Public notice open meetings HF2490. Discussion/Decision KCVA Resolution Open meetings

4. **Guests:** _____
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes**.
6. **Old Business:**
7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records**:1309, **Active Records**: 1043
   Number of Open claims in VBMS: 44
   Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 2
   Claim Secondary Ready for Decision: 2
   Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
   Claims undergoing development:28
   Claim response – rework to VA: 1
   Claim Higher Level review: 3
   Healthcare Applications Completed YTD: 14 Pending: 1
   CHAMP VA Claims Completed YTD 2 Pending 1
   Congressional Submitted: 3 Discharge, 1 Correct DD214 Admin, 1-ADMIN Awd **ICM**
   Claims suspended -nonaction: 1 Claims, KCVAM8719

8. **Other Federal and State Programs**
   Number of Iowa Veteran Trust Funds (IVTF) application **2 approved YTD, 2-denied 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 **NOV**(Handout).
   REVIEW/Discussion Department Budget November

VETRPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Work in progress due to limited report features Calendar Year)

- **Interactions/Utilization** Reports Summary: **October**
- **Activity Workload Report Monthly**: Added New Person **11**, Created Actions **38,** Created forms **131,** Submissions **35,** Uploaded files **209**, Entered Decisions **12,** Entered Interactions **192.**
- **Completed claims w/Decision OCT2026***Monthly Award: **$2,277.15** Retro: **$1,925.00**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD*** Monthly award**: $63,881.18 Retro: $89,417.27**

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 **CUMLATIVE**: **$54,083.35** RETRO: **$256,390.8**
SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension **CUMLATIVE: $16,203.14 RETRO: $34,124.00**
SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation **CUMLATIVE**: **$1,027,036.07 RETRO: $3,414,030.99**
SYSTEMVETERAN Pension **CUMLATIVE**: **$50,377.57** RETRO: **$150,139.80**
SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service-Connected **YTD**: **$4,000.00**, Transportation reimbursement **$780.00**
SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service-Connected **YTD**: Burial **$6,966.00** Plot Allowance, **$4,986.00** Transportation – re-imbursement: **$2896.00**
SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Individual Unemployability (IU) **CUMLATIVE:** 17
SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100% **CUMLATIVE**: 83
SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death **YTD**: **$2277.15**

10. **TRAINING**:
    - None completed, focused on claim development

11. **OUTREACH:**
    - Coordinated w/American legion for the pickup of pork loins for veterans
    - Attended County Legion meeting District 8th 26OCT2026

12. **DUE OUTS:**
    - Drafting cost analysis for additional part-time person for the department. WIP
    - Drafting cost analysis for additional PSA w/KLGA "Coffee Corner" etc…WIP
    - Develop Draft Commissioner Meeting Dates 2027
    - Present Agenda/Training for Commissioners Tuesday 19JAN2027 Altoona
    - Present Agenda/Training IACVSO VSO training 20-22JAN2027 Altoona

INFORMATION HANDOUTS: What Every Veteran Should Know November 2026, HIPPA Attendance and Participation training Certification, Legislative Priorities Discussion.

13. **New Business**:

    Discussion/planning Commission Outreach Activities Veterans Day
    Discussion/Commission training this fall/winter – January
    Discussion/Planning for part-time assistant for KCVA Department
    Commission remarks.

14. **Motion to Adjourn**. Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.