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 **08OCT2026**

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, Kevin, Gary, Jim, John_____

   Absent: _____N/A_____

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:** _____*None*_____
5. **Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes**.
6. **Old Business:**
7. **METRICS Total Veteran Records**:1308, **Active Records**: 1042

   - Number of Open claims in VBMS: 45
   - Claims Ready for decision in VBMS: 2
   - Claim Secondary Ready for Decision: 0
   - Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
   - Claims undergoing development:27
   - Claim response – rework to VA: 1
   - Claim Higher Level review: 1
   - 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, 1-Pending Home Repair**

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 **SEP**(Handout).

REVIEW/Discussion Quarter 1 FY27 JUL-SEP Quarterly expenditures for the department. Review the Budget

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

- **Interactions/Utilization** Reports Summary: **SEPTEMBER**
- **Activity Workload Report Monthly**: Added New Person **11**, Created Actions **24,** Created forms **109,** Submissions **31,** Uploaded files **224**, Entered Decisions **11,** Entered Interactions **197.**
- **Completed claims w/Decision SEP2026***Monthly Award: **$16,672.19** Retro: **$32,935.71**
- **Completed claims w/Decision YTD*** Monthly award**: $61,604.03 Retro: $87,492.27**

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**: **$1,019,258.52 RETRO: $3,413,200.47**
- 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**:
    - IACVS CBT Arguing CUE (Clear and Unmistakable Error) on VA Claims
    - Completed Americal Legion training Course 201, Seeking nomination for 301

11. **OUTREACH:**
    - VA Mobile VAN was here on October 5th, 2026

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
- Department Flyer Handouts KCVA Benefits

INFORMATION HANDOUTS: What Every Veteran Should Know OCT2026, NACVSO Dues and Fees for 2027, IDVA Fall county Commissioner Training Letter.

13. **New Business**:

HIPP/PII Training State of IA https://courseforhipaa.com/states/Iowa Scheduled 10/8/2026

Discussion/planning Commission Outreach Activities (Jim has set up HyVee outreach on Veterans Day , Dan has gotten pamphlets printed for event)

Discussion/Commission training this fall/winter – October, January (Jim and Gary were to attend IDVA training in Oct)

Discussion/Planning for part-time assistant for KCVA Department

Jim looking into getting Business Cards for Commissioners

Commission remarks.

14. **Motion to Adjourn**. Motion by _Jim_____ and seconded by ___Gary_____ to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at ____5:49_____

SIGANTURE:_____ DATE:_____