

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, September 30, 2024 9:00 am

Commissioner attendance: Jessica Reith, Richard Ochoa, Cindy Davis, Cecil Foell and Daryl Johnson. Other representative Paul Beatty Director, CVSO

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jessica Reith at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26th, 2024, second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included the VISA Bill and subscription for Our Iowa Magazine and American Legion Magazine. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills, Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office:** Paul Beatty informed the board about the requirements for VSOs to complete 16 Credits annually. HE stated if the spring class offers the credits then he and Sean will attend. Paul is however advocating for VSO to utilize the TMS free classes, that offer the required content. He has asked NAVSCO if they will accept the certificates.

There were no updates on the Honor Flight for Cerro Gordo County.

Paul shared Operation Green Light- by shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Stand Down was a success this year with an estimated 500 veterans served.

Sep-24				Sep-24			
Open Service Connection Claims		36		New this Month Service Connection Claims		6	
Out of County				Out of County			
	Floyd	2	Butler		Floyd		Butler
	Franklin				Franklin		
	Hancock				Hancock		
	Kossuth				Kossuth		
	Mitchell	3			Mitchell		
	Winnebago				Winnebago	1	
	Worth	2			Worth		
	Wright				Wright		
Current Open Pensions		1		Current Open Pensions			
Iowa Trust Funds				Iowa Trust Funds			
Appeals		1		Appeals			
Congressional				Congressional			
Service Connected claims				Service Connected claims			
Health Care				Health Care		4	
DIC Claims				DIC Claims			
Burial Benefits				Burial Benefits			
Work in Progress				Work in Progress			
	S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign				S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign		
	Pension waiting on supporting docs				Pension waiting on supporting docs		
	Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter				Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter		

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Next Meeting Date** -Scheduled for October 28th, 2024 at 9:00 am

7. **Adjourn** – Daryl Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis