

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, October 28, 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 month's minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from September 30th, 2024, second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed, Shred Right. 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. Paul is waiting to hear the decisions allowing VSO to utilize the TMS free classes, that offer the required content.

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. This will run from November 6th through the 12th.

Paul received pork lion donations from Deb/Jeff Hanson Foundation. He will be offering veterans a pork lion between November 1st through the 8th until gone. Pork lions can be picked up at the CG County Veterans affairs office.

Turkeys will be picked up November 20th. Turkeys will then be offered to veterans on November 25th starting at 10am. First come first served until gone. Turkeys can be picked up at the CG County Veterans affairs office.

Oct-24				Oct-24			
Open Service Connection Claims		35		New this Month Service Connection Claims		11	
Out of County				Out of County			
	Floyd	1	Butler		Floyd		Butler
	Franklin				Franklin		
	Hancock				Hancock		
	Kossuth				Kossuth		
	Mitchell				Mitchell		
	Winnebago	1			Winnebago		
	Worth	1			Worth		
	Wright				Wright		
Current Open Pensions		1		Current Open Pensions			
Iowa Trust Funds				Iowa Trust Funds		4	
Appeals		4		Appeals		3	
Congressional Health Care				Congressional Health Care		6	
DIC Claims		2		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** – Cecil Foell informed the commission that the cost of engraving on the monument wall will be increasing from \$150 to \$175. He requested a \$250 donation to support veterans and cover the cost of the increase for one year. Daryl Johnson motioned to donate \$250 to the Cerro Gordo County Veterans Memorial Association to offset the additional \$25 per engraving, ensuring the increase would not be passed on to veterans and their families for the year. Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cecil Foell informed the commission that the All-Vets center will provide a tenderloin dinner to veterans on November 12th from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

6. **Next Meeting Date** -Scheduled for November 25th, 2024 at 9:00 am

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

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis