

## Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, March 31, 2025 9:00 am

Commissioner attendance: Jessica Reith, Cindy Davis, Richard Ochoa, 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 the previous month's minutes:** Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24th, 2025, Second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed, office supplies printer and paper shredding. Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the bills, Cecil Foell seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office:** Shaun completed his VFW Accreditation. This allows him to work with the VFW during an appeal for a veteran.

Operation "Crossing Branches" will commence on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The VA office has purchased 200 seedlings to give away to veterans. The seedlings will be available at the VA office.

The SALT Forum will be held on April 22, 2025 at Grace Church beginning at 8:30am.

Coffee and Camaraderie is held on the last Saturday of the month at the VFW in Mason City.

A watch party for the commissioning of the USS Iowa will be held at the VFW beginning at 8:00am.

Mar-25				Mar-25			
Open Service Connection Claims			32	New this Month Service Connection Claims			18
Out of County				Out of County			
	Floyd	2	Butler		Floyd		Butler
	Franklin				Franklin		
	Hancock				Hancock		
	Kossuth				Kossuth		
	Mitchell				Mitchell		
	Winnebago	1			Winnebago		
	Worth	2			Worth		
	Wright				Wright		
Current Open Pensions			1	Current Open Pensions			3
Iowa Trust Funds				Iowa Trust Funds			
Appeals			4	Appeals			2
Congressional				Congressional			
Health Care				Health Care			9
DIC Claims			1	DIC Claims			1
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 April 28,2025 at 9:00 am

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

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis