

## Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, April 28, 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 9:08 a.m.
2. **Approval of the previous month's minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 31, 2025, Second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed, Radio ad, Hy Vee gift cards, Kwik Start gift cards, SALT Forum and electric bill for a Veteran. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills, Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office:**

Operation "Crossing Branches" was on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. To date 50 trees have been given out to veterans.

The VA office will move to the third floor. The June meeting will be held in the new location.

Apr-25					Apr-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	1		
	Kossuth					Kossuth			
	Mitchell					Mitchell			
	Winnebago	1				Winnebago			
	Worth	2				Worth	1		
	Wright					Wright			
Current Open Pensions					Current Open Pensions				
Iowa Trust Funds					Iowa Trust Funds				
Appeals					Appeals				
Congressional					Congressional				
Health Care					Health Care			5	
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		1			Pension waiting on supporting docs		1	
	Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter		4			Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter		5	

**5. Updates-announcements from commissioners –**

- May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Christian School there will be a veteran's breakfast- Medal of Honor recipient will speak. All vets are invited.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Vietnam recognition ceremony at the veteran wall in Des Moines.
- Band Fest – Fundraisers at Walmart with the Vietnam veterans of America
- Beginning next month commissioners will inform about the activities they are attending and outreach they are doing.

**5. Public Comments – None**

**6. Next Meeting Date -Scheduled for May 27,2025 at 9:00 am**

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

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis