

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 30, 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:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27, 2025, Second by Cindy Davis. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included Laptops, Shredding, grave markers, and burial/cremation of veteran. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills; Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office:**

Cindy Davis has been approved by the supervisors to serve for another three years.

Paul explained the new policy for VSOs to complete 20 hours of CEU for accreditation. This requires cross accreditation, and VSOs must receive PIV cards within one year. He explained the role of the Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs. Paul will be attending school July 12-19.

Jun-25					Jun-25				
Open Service Connection Claims				35	New this Month Service Connection Claims				15
Out of County					Out of County				
	Floyd	2	Butler			Floyd	1	Butler	
	Franklin					Franklin		Story	1
	Hancock					Hancock			
	Kossuth					Kossuth			
	Mitchell					Mitchell			
	Winnebago	1				Winnebago			
	Worth	2				Worth	1		
	Wright					Wright			
Current Open Pensions				2	Current Open Pensions				
Iowa Trust Funds					Iowa Trust Funds				
Appeals				10	Appeals				2
Congressional					Congressional				
Service Connected claims					Service Connected claims				
Health Care					Health Care				7
DIC Claims				1	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. Updates-announcements from commissioners –

- The Iowa State Fair runs from August 7-17 – August 11th is Veterans Day at the fair. You can apply online if you would like to participate in the parade and receive free admission. Applications are due August 1, 2025.
- There is a VFW booth at the State Fair
- North Iowa State Fair - July 20th is the Vietnam Veteran breakfast from 7:30 am – 11:30 am located at the large tent north of the country schoolhouse.
- Quilts of Valor – On June 29, 10 quilts were handed out. The program is looking for names for donations. Individuals must have a DD Form 2014 and have an Honorable discharge.
- Commissioners want to get the information out about Home Base Iowa. [Home Base Iowa: Moving Veterans to the Next Step | Home Base Iowa](#)

5. Public Comments – None

6. Next Meeting Date -Scheduled for July 28, 2025 at 9:00 am

7. Adjourn – Cindy Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis