

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 28, 2025 9:00 am

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

1. **Meeting called to order** by Richard Ochoa at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of the previous month's minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from June 30, 2025, Second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included keyboards, Home Base Iowa reimbursements, IACUS membership, insurance premiums for workman's Comp and General Assistance, Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills; Cecil Foell seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office:**

Paul Beatty has completed his required schooling.

Jul-25				Jul-25			
Open Service Connection Claims		44		New this Month Service Connection Claims		9	
Out of County				Out of County			
	Floyd	2	Butler		Floyd		Butler
	Franklin				Franklin		Story
	Hancock				Hancock		
	Kossuth				Kossuth		
	Mitchell				Mitchell		
	Winnebago	1			Winnebago		
	Worth	3			Worth	1	
	Wright				Wright		
Current Open Pensions		3		Current Open Pensions			
Iowa Trust Funds				Iowa Trust Funds		1	
Appeals		12		Appeals		1	
Congressional				Congressional			
Service Connected claims				Service Connected claims			
Health Care				Health Care		4	
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
- Richard informed the group that he learned at Vietnam Vets National Convention this summer – a resolution to move the Vietnam Veterans of America to The Vietnam Veteran Legacy Society.
- Cindy dropped off new business cards and Home Base Iowa information to the Clear Lake VFW.
- Commissioners want to get the information out about Home Base Iowa. [Home Base Iowa: Moving Veterans to the Next Step | Home Base Iowa](#)

Officers

Voting took place for new officers for a one-year appointment.

Chair – Jessica Reith

Vice Chair – Cecil Foell

Secretary – Daryl Johnson

Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the new slate of officers, Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Public Comments – None

6. Next Meeting Date -Scheduled for August 25, 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