

Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2025

Chair Jessica Reith gaveled the meeting to order at 9:07 AM with Commissioners Ochoa, Foell, Johnson and Director Beatty present. Commissioner Davis was absent.

The Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Ochoa moved approval of the minutes and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The commission approved the payment of various bills and there was general discussion regarding the financials of the commission. It was noted that there was an application for Home Base Iowa included in the financials. Director Beatty indicated that it was the 3rd application for the year. It was also noted that the \$10,000 State Assistance check has been received for the year. Commissioner Johnson moved approval of the Financial Report with Commissioner Ochoa seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Director Beatty discussed his experience at the Stand Down event which was held the previous weekend. He attended along with a few other VSO's from neighboring counties. He indicated the attendance was very good. He was able to make contact with several veterans to discuss VA benefits available for them. He described assisting one veteran's wife in making burial arrangements for her husband in the National Cemetery in Van Meter. There was continued discussion from the August meeting regarding the inaccurate benefit information given by an Outreach member. The Chair will consider a response. The Chair noted there were 621 veterans who signed in at the event. The chair also indicated she had a supply of personal care items left over from Stand Down. The Director indicated that the office could restock their supply.

Commissioner Foell reported that the VFW hosted a very successful steak fry contest this past weekend and they also hosted a Steaks for Sheepdogs event.

Representative veterans, police, deputy sheriffs and first responders are invited to enjoy a steak meal as a token of thanks for their service to the community.

The commission discussed what, if any, activities the commission could be involved with in commemoration of Veterans Day.

There were no members of the public present.

The October meeting of the commission will be October 27th at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Foell moved for adjournment. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Johnson, Secretary

- **Current Open Claims**

Service Connection Claims:	Pensions:	Appeals:	Iowa Trust Funds:	Congressional
50	4	4		
DIC Claims:	Burial Benefits:			
	1			

- **Out of County: Total open**

Worth: 2	Kossuth:	Wright:
Floyd: 2	Franklin:	Hancock:
Mitchell:	Winnebago: 1	Butler:

New This Current Month:

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| Service Connection Claims | Pensions | Appeals | Health Care |
| 23 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Iowa Trust Funds | DIC | Burial Benefits | Congressional |
| | | | Home Base IA. |
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- **Out of County This Month that have filed with us:**

Worth:	Kossuth:	Wright:
Floyd: 1	Franklin:	Hancock:
Mitchell:	Winnebago:	Butler:

- **Work in Progress:**

1. Healthcare Hard ship request
- 2.