

Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, March 30, 2026

Chair Jessica Reith gaveled the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Commissioner Davis was absent.

The Minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Foell moved approval of the Minutes with Commissioner Ochoa seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Commission reviewed several invoices along with the March financials. Commissioner Ochoa moved approval of the financials with Commissioner Foell seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Director Beatty informed the group that he has a booth at the SALT Forum on April 28. The forum will be held at Grace Evangelical Free Church. The doors open at 8:30 AM. There will be speakers and lunch will be served.

Director Beatty noted that he would be picking up the 150 seedling trees on April 17th. It was the consensus of the members to hold the regular April meeting on Monday April 20. Following the meeting, commission members could assist in handing out the trees to Cerro Gordo County Veterans. With Earth Day being April 22nd and Arbor Day being April 24th, the timing of the event should be good. The goal of the program is to introduce all veterans of the county to the services that are offered.

The director explained that they had been handing out some additional gas cards because veterans are being sent out of town for hearing tests.

The commissioners discussed which members' terms will mature in July. Chair Reith and Commissioner Foell's terms will be ending. Both members expressed a willingness to be considered for re-appointment.

Under Commissioners Reports, Chair Reith related that she spent Sunday at the Motorcycle Expo as a member of the Stand Down Team and was impressed by the number of veterans who are utilizing benefits being offered through the commission. Commissioner Johnson noted that May 14th is Iowa Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day. There will be a ceremony beginning at 11:00 AM that day at the Vietnam Memorial on the Capital Grounds. Chapter 790 of the VVA posts the colors each year for the program.

There were no members of the public in attendance. The next meeting will be April 20, 2026 at 9:00AM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM by a motion from Commissioner Ochoa and a second by Commissioner Foell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Johnson, Secretary