

Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, August 31, 2026

Chair Jessica Reith gaveled the meeting to order at 9:03 AM with the director and all commissioners present.

The Minutes from the July 27, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Davis moved approval of the Minutes with Commissioner Foell seconding the motion, The motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Foell discussed the request for help in replacing the flag poll at the country school on the North Iowa Fairgrounds. It was the consensus that a flag pole could be attached to the school house near the entrance. Foell will follow up on that.

The members reviewed the financials and signed one operational invoice. There was discussion regarding Home Base Iowa. Director Beatty related that he has a veteran scheduled to come in later in the week who may qualify for the Home Base Iowa benefit. The director also commented that he will be ordering calendars for next year. Commissioner Ochoa moved approval of the Financials. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Director Beatty reported that it has been a very busy month processing claims. There are currently 43 Service Connected Claims. This includes 20 claims filed this month. There are 2 claims that are in process from veterans from outside the county. There are also two claims that are with the Iowa Trust Fund. One involves the replacement of a vehicle and the other involves the replacement of a roof. There was then considerable discussion regarding the Stand Down event. This year Stand Down is hosting a replica of the Vietnam Wall. The Wall will arrive midday on Wednesday September 23rd. It will be erected by volunteers on Thursday September 24th and will be open to the public for viewing September 25th through noon on September 28th. It was noted that there are still 125 2X4 pieces of lumber needed to erect the wall. NIACC Building Trades will build the framing to support the Wall.

There was also discussion regarding the details of the Stand Down event which will be on Saturday September 26th. There are still volunteers needed for the event.

Other activities include Chapter 790 of the Vietnam Veterans will be holding a fundraiser at Wal Mart on September 4th and 5th. Post 101 of the American Legion will be selling poppies at Wal Mart on Sunday September 6th and Saturday September 12th. The Clear Lake VFW will host a ride for veterans on the Lady of the Lake on Wednesday September 2nd. There will be a District Meeting of the VFW at the Clear Lake VFW on Saturday September 12th.

There were no members of the public present. The next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 AM on Monday, September 28th.

Commissioner Ochoa moved adjournment. Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daryl Johnson, Secretary