

Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, September 28, 2026

Commissioner Foell gaveled the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Director Beatty and Commissioners Ochoa and Johnson were present. Commissioners Reith and Davis were absent. It was determined that a quorum was present.

The Minutes from the August 31, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson moved approval of the Minutes and Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Financials remained the same from the previous month and there were no bills presented for approval. Commissioner Ochoa moved approval of the Financials and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Director Beatty discussed the Stand Down Event which was held this weekend. It was noted that the director had taken part in the Opening Ceremony for the Vietnam Wall by assisting in the Reading of the Names on the Wall from area counties. Beatty also represented the Veterans Affairs Commission by manning a booth at the event. Traffic was brisk with several seeking advice and they were relayed to specialists in the field. It was noted that at least 735 veterans had been serviced at the event.

It was noted that there are currently 32 open service-related claims with 11 being opened during the last month. This includes 3 Trust Fund claims

The director reported that he would be traveling to Des Moines on October 23rd to pick up tenderloins from Iowa Select Farms. The tenderloins will then be distributed to veterans during the week of Veterans Day.

There was additional discussion regarding the Vietnam Wall and Stand Down event. It was noted that veterans could receive a flu shot, get a hair cut and check

into their benefits through Home Base Iowa all at one stop. The consensus was that the event was a huge success.

Commissioner Foell reported that there will be a VFW District Meeting in Mason City on November 21st and Commissioner Johnson reported that Chapter 790 of the Vietnam Veterans will post the Colors for the John Adams Middle School Veterans Day Assembly.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Commissioner Ochoa moved adjournment. Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daryl Johnson, Secretary