Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2026

Chair Jessica Reith gaveled the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Director Beatty and all commissioners were present except for Commissioner Davis.

The minutes from the September 28, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Foell moved approval of the minutes. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The financials were reviewed. There were no bills presented for Commission Approval. Commissioner Johnson moved approval of the Financials. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Director Beatty noted that the office had gone on line and purchased a number of personal care items. The individual items were then packaged into 200 care packages for use by either GA or VA recipients. The cost is approximately $400.00. Beatty also reported that the commission will be represented at the SALT Forum on Tuesday, October 26. Sean Gillam will be our representative. The 2027 Commission Calendars have arrived and will be distributed in November. In recognition of Veterans Day, the office will serve coffee November 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th. Following the Commission Meeting on Monday, November 23rd , it is planned that the commission will hand out Holiday hams and turkeys starting at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room. Donors are Star Auto Body and Cargill.
The Claims Report was reviewed. There are 27 claims currently in process. This includes 10 new claims during the reporting period. This includes 3 out of county claims.

Veterans Day activities were discussed. The Veterans Association will present the program at 11:00 AM in Central Park. The Mason City Honor Guard will be present to Honor the Colors.

The VFW will Present the Colors at Lincoln School and Chapter 790 of the VVA will Post the Colors at John Adams Middle School.

There were no members of the public present.

The next meeting of the commission will be at 9:00 AM, November 23,2026. The commission will hand out Holiday turkeys and hams to Cerro Gordo County veterans beginning at 10:00 AM that day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Following the meeting, the commission handed out 40 pork tenderloins to local veterans. The tenderloins were donated by Iowa Select Farms in recognition of Veterans Day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daryl Johnson, Secretary