



office of veterans affairs

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Commissioners:
David Streets, Chairman
Bob Grimes
Herschel Edwards

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING Regular Meeting – November 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 pm by Chairman Streets. Also in attendance were Commissioners Bob Grimes, Herschel Edwards, Executive Director Kevin Huseboe, County Veterans Service Officer Shari Coughenour, Ex-officio member Board of Supervisor Jarret Heil. Absent: Chairman Streets.

Roll Call: Present: Grimes, Edwards, fully participated by phone.

Edwards moved to approve regular minutes dated October 7, 2025, second by Grimes. Motion carried 2-0.

Grimes moved to approve the claims as presented, second by Edwards. Motion carried 2-0.

The Commission reviewed the following reports

- a. Budget / expenses through the last month's financial report.
- b. Number of Veterans helped, by county and what type of reports were filed to the Veterans Affairs on behalf of the Veterans.
- c. New report from the State IDVA, lists by county number of veterans/survivors receiving VA monies.
Total monies flowing from VA to support our County Veterans from January 2025 – August 2025: \$11,980,821. September data not available due to federal shutdown.

The budget process for FY 2026-2027 was discussed. Commissioners received prior years' expenditures and last year's budget requirement. It is anticipated staff will present recommendations for the Commission to consider at the December meeting.

Director Report:

1. Coffee & Camaraderie speaker: Drilon Zogaj, Chief of the Consular Mission of the Kosovo Consulate in Iowa.
2. Home Base Iowa quarterly meeting was held October 14. Priorities discussion, county website updates to link to the state's HBI website completed.
3. Outreach Activities – ordered carabiner key clips and beanies.
4. Banner sales should begin November 1, 2025, by MCB. Director Lekin is working on a new banner design, anticipating 110 banners available, and a new program to "adopt a Veteran banner." Banner locations include West Main Street, 13th Street and the viaducts.
5. Local businesses and service groups inquired about veteran families to help at Christmas. Looking for interested families.
6. McGregor's will be sponsoring Veteran "Star" Trees again for IVH veterans Christmas gifts.
7. Advertisements for new van drivers continue.

Commissioner Report:

1. Edwards noted his employer is honoring veteran employees on internal message boards.
2. Edwards attended the IDVA Commissioner training.
3. Edwards anticipates a new relocation application for a new hire at his employer within the next few weeks.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm, Motion by Grimes, second by Edwards. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huseboe, Executive Director

*The Mission of the Marshall County Veteran Affairs
Commission is to assist all Veterans of Marshall County
and other veterans with their VA Disability Claims*