

Mills County Veterans Affairs

September 11, 2026, Meeting Agenda

To: All MCVA Commissioners, Board of Supervisors Liaison, MCVA staff

Christina Hankins, CVSO/Caseworker

Lori Swisher, CVSO/Clerk

(Commissioners have staggered three-year terms)

Paul Hathaway, Commissioner 1974-2029

Jeanne Wilkins, Commissioner 2019-2028

Yolanda Hardesty, Commissioner 2019-2028

Jess Cook, Commissioner/Secretary 2019-2029

Jim Schoening, Commissioner/Chair 2017-2028

Richard Crouch, BOS Liaison 2003 - 2026

From: Elizabeth Richardson, CVSO/Administrator

August Regular Meeting 8:30 am Location: 403 Railroad Avenue, Glenwood

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Old Business

1. *The Chair is seeking a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting.*
Motion.
2. New signage on front door of building
3. Commissioner Statement
4. Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal update: Be sure VSO Contacts are aware and can reach their membership

D. Reports and Outreach/Training

1. Monthly Reports/Awards
 - a. Communication and Forms Reports
 - i. Jack from DAV/Omaha Med VA re DAV Van
 - b. Quarterly Assistance and Awards Reports
 - i. Assistance requested. Discussion for application VS # 3189.
 - ii. Running Awards C and P for June 2026: \$1,402,807 (Increase of \$7,000 monthly)
Total yearly awards amount: \$16,833,600
In comparison: FY 27 City of Glenwood Budget - \$3.4 M
FY 27 Mills County Budget - \$27.5 M
FY 27 GCSD Budget – \$35.8 M
 - iii. Running count of **awards only: 652 people** (veterans/widows/dependents)
*This does not include current claims and appeals
 - iv. Current # eligible veterans for 100% Disabled Property Tax Exemption: approx. **134**
2. Outreach
 - a. DAV Van Rider luncheon/informational meeting this fall
 - b. New folders with current address ordered

E. New Business

1. Commissioner Updates
2. Iowa Veterans Trust Fund Calendar Year 2025 Report, issued 01/15/2026
2. Legislative Updates: *Ford v. Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting, LLC*

4. IDVA Summary Report of NASDVA Summer Conference
5. IDVA Report to ISAC August 2026
5. FY 37 Allocation Report Information / No checks yet/ Due date of report moved up one month
6. Filing for Mileage Procedure
7. Page County, CVSO, Denise B retirement/upcoming changes

F. Adjournment

The Chair is seeking a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion

Next meeting: October 9th, 8:30 am in Annex Room, 403 Railroad Avenue, Glenwood, Iowa

For all future meetings, items must be on the Agenda by Wednesday before the next monthly Commissioner's Meeting per Open Meeting Laws.