

Mills County Veterans Affairs

May 8th, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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 1974-2026

Jeanne Wilkins, Commissioner 2019-2025

Yolanda Hardesty, Commissioner 2019-2025

Jess Cook, Commissioner/Secretary 2019-2026

Jim Schoening, Commissioner/Chair 2017-2025

Richard Crouch, BOS Liaison 2003 - 2025

From: Elizabeth Richardson, CVSO/Administrator

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call All present. Guests: Brian and Judy Ring, Sandi Winton, Amber Farnan

C. Old Business

1. Jess made a motion to approve minutes from the April meeting; Jeanne seconded. Motion passed.
2. Final proposed budget for 2026-2027 – discussion with Amber Farnan, County Auditor
3. Building Signage update. If the Departments here are ok with the new sign, Richard said we did not need to update the BoS.
4. HBI Update – Sandi Winton shared updated HBI businesses. Discussed having possible inspection fees waived or decreased per veteran status? will discuss further with BoS if needed.
5. Website is updated per email.

D. Reports and Outreach/Training

1. Monthly Reports/Awards
 - a. Communication and Forms Reports
 - b. Quarterly Assistance Report

No new Assistance Forms completed.
2. Running Awards C and P

March 2026: \$1,363,116

Running count of **awards only**: 650 people (veterans/widows/dependents)

*This does not include current claims and appeals

Current # **eligible** veterans for 100% Disabled Property Tax Exemption: approximately 130
3. Update on IDVA/IACVSO Training – both training was well executed. Training took two weeks in four weeks time.
4. District 7 Training: Dementia Friendly Iowa April 24 went well.
5. Hot Dog Day tentative date: July 16th – Richard has a 250th Anniversary flag to share with the office or one of our outreach events, perhaps this one.
6. Cultivate Community Courthouse event – upcoming outreach for public. David Conrad from Omaha VA Health care is scheduled to work with us.
7. 250th Anniversary Events – Glenwood Betterment and Beautification/ In discussion with Rex Theatre re Operation Pacific movie

E. New Business

1. Commissioners' Updates – various Memorial Day events and raffles were shared.
2. Service Academies Presentation June 2026 Johnston
3. New Military and Disabled Veteran homestead tax credits information shared. There is a possibility per IACVSO Legislation Liaison that these credits will be rewritten out of Code by next January, since nothing takes effect until then.

F. Adjournment

Jess made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Yolanda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

May Activity List 2026

Communication Report

Type	May	April	Totals YTD
Outreach	4	5	54
Home Visits	22	4	31
Fax	28	34	140
Office Visits	57	70	284
Phone Calls	126	134	649
Outgoing Mail	8	7	41
Email	158	178	801
Teams	163 ours- 12 others=175	102 – (42 Other) = 144	776
Other	58	85	349
Monthly communication in system	461	517	2349
Total Monthly Communication	636	661	3125

All Printed Forms Report

	May	April
ITF (21-0966)	10	9
FDC (21-526EZ)	4	3
Pension/DIC (21-534EZ, 21P-527EZ)		
Dependents (21-535c)	1	
Appeal (20-0995, 20-0996)	12	14
Medical Eligibility VA Healthcare (10-10EZ)	1	2
21-4138/20-10210/20-10208	25	16
21-22 (POA)	12	7
Records Request (SF 180)	2	2
Burial Benefits (21P-530, 40-1330)		2
All Forms (some not listed above)	78	61

Total Communications:

2018	2,637
2019	2,423
2020	4,468
2021	4,207
2022	6,003
2023	6,607
2024	5,816
2025	7415
2026 to date:	3125

Date June 12, 2026

Mills County Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Organization</u>	<u>Phone #/Email</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jim Schoenig	Commissioner	712 525-1170	6/12/26
Guannet Milkins	Commissioner	412 598-4928	6/12/26
Yplanda Hardesty	commissioner	402-304-0440	12 June 2026
PAUL HATHAWAY	COMMISSIONER	712-624-8872	6-12-26
Richard Crouch	B.O.S.	712 370 3903	6-12-26
Jess Cook via phone			

Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN

Event: June Commission Meeting

Date: 6/12/26

#	Name	Phone		Address	
1	Brian D King Sr.	402-670-2168		1016 N. Walnut	
2	DAVE Farmer	712-520-5923		24664 Kane Ave Glenview	
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