

VETERANS BENEFITS

Veterans in Illinois are a vital and thriving part of our community, but many are unaware of the Veterans' benefits that may be available to them, a spouse, a surviving spouse, or a dependent.

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA)

833 S. Spring Street
P.O. Box 19432
Springfield, IL 62794-9432
(217) 782-6641
www.illinois.gov/veterans



DuPage County Offices:

421 N. County Farm Road, 2nd Floor, rear of cafeteria, Wheaton **(630) 690-9449**
750 Shoreline Drive, Suite 150, Aurora **(630) 585-5372**

Provides a wide variety of benefits to Veterans and their families:

- Pensions for wartime Veterans and widow's pensions
- Compensation for service-related and non-service related disabilities
- Education, training, employment assistance, licensing for military equivalency
- Home mortgage loans, specially adapted homes, mortgage insurance
- Aid and Attendance - monthly pension for caregiving assistance
- Burial fees
- Medical care
- Military separation/Discharge papers

Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County (VAC)

421 N. County Farm Road, 2nd Floor, rear of the cafeteria
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-5655
www.dupageco.org/vac

Provides information on local Veterans' organizations, assistance programs and emergency financial assistance to Veterans and their families in DuPage County.

- Mortgage/rent payments
- Utility payments
- Transportation to Hines VA Hospital
- Military separation/discharge papers
- Emergency essentials

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTERS

Congress appropriates funds each year to provide medical coverage for Veterans.

Illinois Veterans Care

1-877-4VETSRX (483-8779)

1-877-204-1012 (TTY)

www.illinoisveteranscare.com

The Veterans Care Program is a program designed to provide comprehensive, affordable healthcare to Illinois' uninsured Veterans. The program covers those Veterans who have the least access to reliable healthcare.

- Offers affordable, comprehensive healthcare for Illinois Veterans ages 19-64
- Veterans pay a premium of \$40 or \$70 depending on their income
- Provides medical, dental and vision coverage with a limited co-payment
- Can call or apply through one of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs offices

Military One Source (MOS)

1-800-342-9647

www.militaryonesource.com

A Department of Defense contracted resource to provide help to any military member or family members, whether on Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve.

- MOS can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, with Interpreter services available
- Questions will be answered, and resources provided
- MOS provides short-term counseling for military members and their families

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

1-800-827-1000

www.va.gov/healthbenefits

The Veterans Health Administration is the US largest integrated health care system.

- Uses priority groups to ensure the neediest are served
- Offers tools and information to help Veterans reach their optimal health
- Provides support services for Veterans and their caregivers

VETERANS MEDICAL CENTERS

Eligible Veterans can access services through the closest VA Medical Center or VA outpatient clinic. Once enrolled, Veterans may use services at any of the VA nationwide locations.

Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (North Chicago VA Medical Center)

3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064

(847) 688-1900

www.lovell.fhcc.va.gov

Services include comprehensive mental health services, extended and primary care, a homeless domiciliary and walk-in center, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital

5000 S. 5th Avenue, Hines, IL 60141-5000

(708) 202-8387

www.hines.va.gov

Services provided include specialized clinical programs in areas such as Blind Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Injury, Cardiovascular Surgery and Residential Care.

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center (VAMC)

820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 569-8387

www.chicago.va.gov

The center consists of an acute care facility and community-based outpatient clinics. The VAMC provides care to Veterans who reside in the City of Chicago and in Cook County in Illinois.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) CLINICS

Offer primary care services and outpatient pharmacy services.

Aurora Veterans Outpatient Clinic

1700 N. Landmark Road, Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 859-2504



Hoffman Estates VA Clinic

4885 Hoffman Boulevard, Suite 100, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

(630) 859-2504

VETERANS CENTERS

Offer mental health counseling, job placement assistance, and information and referrals to Veterans.

DuPage County Veterans Center

750 Shoreline Drive, Suite 150, Aurora, IL 60504

(630) 585-1853



Oak Park Veterans Center

1515 South Harlem Avenue, Forest Park, IL 60130

(708) 457-8805

*** VETERANS CRISIS LINE ***

Lifeline connects Veterans in crisis, their friends or family with the Department of Veterans Affairs' responders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CALL 1-800-273-8255 or TEXT 838255.

VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS AND SHELTERS

Eddie Beard Homeless Veterans

2425 W. Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60612-2937
(312) 455-9767

Provides interim housing for honorably discharged Veterans. The program ensures residents receive on-going medical services and job placement assistance.

Hines VA and Catholic Charities

www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp.aspx (Veterans Services)

A partnership of the Veterans Administration and Catholic Charities provides the following housing resources.

Bishop Goedert Residence

53 Tripp Avenue, Building 53
Hines, IL 60141
(708) 273-6600

Veteran housing for those with low-incomes age 62 and older.

St. Leo's Residence for Veterans

7750 S. Emerald
Chicago, IL 60620
(773) 651-9950

Housing with case management services to assist homeless Veterans become self-sufficient. There is a VA clinic on site.

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
The Prince Home at Manteno
One Veterans Drive
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-6581, ext. 316

Provides housing and support services for disabled homeless Veterans, on the grounds of Manteno Veterans Home. A skilled nursing facility is on-site with a separate Alzheimer's unit.

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans
119 N. West Street
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 871-8387
www.helpaveteran.org

Provides Veterans with transitional housing and support services. Veterans must present with symptoms or a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, substance abuse or Depression.

ReVive Center for Housing and Healing
1668 W. Ogden Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 997-2222
www.revivecenter.org

Residential short and long term living and treatment centers for those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse disorders.

***** VA NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR**
HOMELESS VETERANS ***

To connect Veterans in danger of homelessness, **CALL 1-877-424-3838.**

LONG TERM CARE - ILLINOIS VETERANS HOMES

Each **Illinois Veterans Home** provides quality long term care services to the residents living there. Volunteers from local community and Veterans' organizations provide many additional supporting services and activities.

Illinois Veterans Home in Anna

792 N. Main Street
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-6302

Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno

One Veterans Drive
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-6581

Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle

1015 O'Conor Avenue
LaSalle, IL 61301
(815) 223-0303 Ext. 210

Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy

1707 N. 12th Street
Quincy, IL 62301
(217) 222-8641

*** DuPage County also have contracts with the Veterans Administration to provide long term care services to Veterans. For a list of Long Term Care Facilities, visit www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs

MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES

(An alternative to institutional long term care)

Medical Foster Home Coordinator at Edward Hines

Junior VA Hospital (708) 202-7878

- Matches a Veteran who is frail or terminally ill and cannot live independently with an individual or family who commits to providing personalized care in their home
- The caregiver must own or rent a home on one level, without any stairs, and must live in the home
- The Veteran must have a private bedroom and the expectation it is permanent housing
- The caregiver must have a plan for relief caregivers, when unavailable
- Payment to the caregiver is provided by the Veteran, a family member or legal representative

OTHER VETERANS RESOURCES

DuPage Veterans Memorial, Inc.

421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Email: veterans.memorial@comcast.net
www.dupageco-il-vetsmemorial.org



The DuPage Veterans Memorial, Inc. is located on the grounds of the DuPage County Government Center.

- It is a not-for-profit corporation formed by Veterans
- It assists in the maintenance, and enhancements to the Veterans Memorial site
- The corporation organizes and hosts Veteran-related ceremonies and activities for presentation to the community

eBenefits

Establish your own personal account to apply for VA benefits online, check GI Bill enrollment status, generate a VA home loan certificate of eligibility, or print VA Service Connected Disability letters.

www.ebenefits.va.gov

Myhealthvet

Establish your own personal account to check your medical records, order prescriptions, and contact your doctor.

www.myhealth.va.gov

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Access information and linkage to Veterans benefits and services.

www.va.gov

