

Useful Resources

Illinois Dept. of Veterans' Affairs

2900 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435
815-730-4334

Manteno Veterans Home

1 Veterans Drive
Manteno, IL 60950
815-468-6581

LaSalle Veteran Home

1015 O'Connor Avenue
LaSalle, IL 61301
815-223-0303

IL Dept. of Employment Security

Veterans Representatives

250 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
815-740-5100

Joliet VA Outpatient Clinic

1201 Eagle Street
Joliet, IL 60432
815-740-8100

Hines VA Medical Center

5000 S 5th Avenue
Hines, IL 60141
708-202-8387

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Regional Office

2122 W. Taylor St.
Chicago, IL 60612
800-827-1000

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
815-423-9958

Veterans Crisis Line

Dial 988, Then Press 1



2400 Glenwood Ave
Ste 110
Joliet, IL 60435

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed on all major holidays



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Serving the needs of
military veterans and their
families in Will County

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Superintendent

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2400 Glenwood Ave
Ste 110
Joliet, IL 60435

You Have Questions? We Find Answers

VA Claims Assistance

Provides assistance with claims through the Department of Veteran Affairs



Financial Assistance



Provides utility, shelter, personal needs, and/or employment related transportation assistance to qualifying veterans

Emergency Assistance

Provides assistance with coordinating local organizations and resources to address veterans emergent needs



Mental Health Coordinator

Provides onsite crisis management, brief interventions, triage services and education opportunities for Veterans and their support system.



Peer Support

Provides support for Veterans on their road to recovery by utilizing a holistic approach and real life experiences.



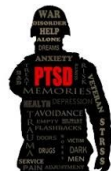
Homeless Veteran Prevention

Coordinates with VA and local organizations to assist veterans and their families with homeless prevention and housing



Readjustment Services

Provides eligible veterans the opportunity to meet with licensed clinicians through Federal partnerships



- The VACWC is governed by a Commission of Veteran Representatives from Veteran Service Organizations around the county: by veterans, of veterans, for veterans.
- The VACWC has Accredited Veterans Service Officers that represent Veterans from the initial claim to the Board of Veteran Appeals, if necessary.
- Veterans did not have to serve in combat to be eligible for VA compensation, pension, or healthcare.
- Vietnam Veterans no longer have to show “boots on the ground” to prove exposure to Agent Orange. There are several other locations, both stateside and world-wide, where Agent Orange was used or stored.
- Veterans benefits do not carry over to the surviving spouse upon death; however, there are other benefits spouses may qualify for.
- Qualifying Reservists and National Guardsmen can receive VA Healthcare as well as Service Connected Compensation.
- Veterans thinking about filing a claim should call 1-800-827-1000 and ask to submit an “Intent to File.”
- Once the VA makes a decision, Veterans can request a review of their claim within one year, while keeping their original effective date without having to file a formal appeal.
- Veterans that qualify for VA Healthcare can go to a participating Physicians Immediate Care or Urgent Care, and receive treatment per their VA Healthcare eligibility.
- Upon admission to a private emergency room, Veterans enrolled in VA Healthcare have 72 hours to notify the VA for possible coverage. Hines: 708-202-7200

All assistance provided by the VACWC is FREE

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County is here to serve all honorably discharged veterans and their families. Veterans did not have to serve during a wartime period to qualify for our assistance.

Transportation



Wheel chair accessible transportation can be provided for qualifying veterans to/from VA medical appointments.

To check availability and reserve your seat, please contact our office. (815) 740-8389

Food Pantry



Eligible veterans experiencing a financial hardship and are unable to afford food may also qualify to receive items from our food pantry.