

Veterans Resources, Chicago/Northeastern Illinois

1. General

• The Department of Veterans Affairs

- Website – www.va.gov
- Enrollment options for VA medical care:
 - Go to admissions at a VHA medical center
 - Go to a local Veterans service officer
 - Call the enrollment number (877 222 8387) for an enrollment interview.
- **Documents needed**
 - POA letter
 - Sep papers/DD 214 of Veteran
 - Birth date, place of birth of Veteran
 - IDs – Veteran and medical POA
 - SSN of Veteran
 - Annual family income
 - Out of Pocket medical expenses.

- **To apply for separation papers/DD214 or replace medals and awards – www.archives.gov or go to a Veterans Service Officer.**

- **Burial and Memorial Benefits** – The main contact is usually a funeral director for all VA benefits related to burial and memorial benefits except for claims for certain allowances.

Funeral directors coordinate:

- Military Funeral Honors
- Burial in national cemetery
- VA provided headstone/marker/medallion
- VA provided flags
- Presidential Citation

NOTE – Burial and plot allowances require claims. Recommend seeing a Veterans service officer.

2. Veterans Service Officers

Regional/Department Service Officers, Veterans' Service Organizations

All co-located with the VA regional office at 2122 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612

- **American Legion** – Room 106, Service officers Ray Toczek, Kanya "Toy" Jenkamchang, Wayne Macejak, Al Pizarro, 312 980 4266
- **AMVETS** – Room 109, Service officers Horacio Suarez-Patino, Gregory Wiza, Connie DeLeonardis, (312) 980-4256 and (312) 980-4252
- **Disabled Veterans of America (DAV)** Room 104, 312 980 4242
- **Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**, Room 127, Joe Petrosky supervisor, 312 980 4512
- **Military Order of the Purple Heart**: Room 108, Service officer Delores Cooley, 312 980 4271
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**, Room 105, Service officer Carl DiGrazia, 312 980 4284
- **Vietnam Veterans of America, Room 107**, Service officer Dorothy LeClear. 312 980 4268

AMVETS service officer at Hines VAMC – Bldg 1, Rm D-107, Joel Varela, 708 202 2564 or 217 494 4897 (cell). By apt only.

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs service officers

- **Aurora/DuPage County #1**, Wesley Yi svc officer, 750 Shoreline Drive, Aurora, Illinois. 630 585 5372.
- **Chicago, Cook County # 2**, svc officer Sharon Buchanan, 773 363 1492 and Michelle Richards, 773 363 9851. General Jones Armory, 5200 S. Cottage Grove, rooms 101 – 103, Chicago, IL 60615.
- **Chicago, Cook County #3**, service officer Angel Montes. National Guard Armory, 1551 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago. 773 292 7894.

- **Chicago, Cook County #5**, Service officers Joseph Petrosky, Chuck Bosko, Israel Dominguz. _2122 Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612, suite 127. 312 980 4512.
- **Chicago Heights, Cook County #4** (Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri only), svc officer Charles Lawrence, 1010 Dixie Hwy, Chicago Heights; 708 754-6403.
- **DuPage County #1**, svc officer Marcus Woodward, DuPage County Government Bldg, 421 N County farm Rd, Room 2-600, Wheaton, IL, 630 690-9449
- **DuPage County #2**, Cynthia Mckee svc officer, Leyden Township, 2501 N Mannheim Rd, Franklin Park, IL 60131, (847) 451-5111
- **Elgin**, John Fanning svc officer, Elgin National Guard Armory, 254 Raymond Street. (847) 608 0138.
- **Forest Park**, Svc officer Anthony Hernandez, Jr, 1515 S. Harlem Ave, Forest Park, IL 60130. 708 366 5020.
- **Freeport**, DHS Building, 1631 S. Galena Ave, Freeport, IL. Tina Paggi Service Officer. 815 233 5092
- **Lake County/Deerfield**, Pat Comet and Walter Wilson service officers, 1755 Lake Cook Road, ste 1409. Deerfield, IL 60015. 847 948 6982 or 847 948 6981.
- **Manteno** – Service officer Kurt Schierholz, 815 468 6581, ext 230; or service officer Malon Norfleet, 815 468 6581, ext 218. Manteno veterans Home, #1 Veterans Drive, Manteno, IL
- **Orland Park, Cook County #10**, svc officer Charletta Lutchter-Hayes, 14700 S Ravinia Ave, Orland Park, IL; 708 403-2011.
- **Palatine**: Jim Lopez svc officer, 721 S Quentin Rd, Suite 102. 847 485 2772. (In Schaumburg on Thursdays, 847 884 0030).
- **Rockford** - Machesny Park Armory, 10451 N 2nd St, Machesny Park, IL 61115; Service Officers: Jessica Parker, (815) 633-7840; Frank Delatore, (815) 633-5875; Matthew Taylor (815) 633-8945. Mon – Fri 8 AM – 3:30 PM.
- **Woodstock**: Ted Bieber svc officer, Woodstock Armory, 1301 Sunset Ridge Road (Route 14). (815) 338 9292.

County Veterans Assistance Commissions

- **Cook County** – 312 433 6010, 1000 S Hamilton (Lower Level #C011), Chicago, Illinois 60612
- **Boone County** – Robert Ryder Superintendent, 815 544-6464. Located at the PNC Bank Building, 130 S. State Street, ste. 212, Belvidere, IL 61008.
- **DeKalb County** – Tammy Anderson, Superintendent. 2500 N Annie Glidden Road, Ste A 60115. 815 756 8129
- **DuPage County** – Steve Fixler, Superintendent, (630) 407 5655, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.
- **Grundy County** – Ken Buck Superintendent, 815 941 3152, 132 Union Street, Morris, IL 60450.
- **Kane County** – Jake Zimmerman, Superintendent. 719 South Batavia Avenue, Bldg A, Room 104, Geneva, IL 60134. (630) 232 3550. (**Pension/Aid and Attendance specialist** – Steven Wells, service officer, 630 232 3552)
- **Kankakee County** – Service officer Karen Smietanski, 815 937-8489, 189 E. Court Street, 4th Floor, Kankakee, IL 60901
- **Kendall County** - Chad Lockman, Superintendent. 630 553-8357s. 811 John St., #250, Yorkville, IL 60560
- **Lake County** – Andrew Tangen, Superintendent. 20 S Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085. (847) 377 3344.
- **McHenry County** – Michael Iwanicki, Superintendent. McHenry County Government Center, Administrative Building, 667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098. (815) 334 4229.
- **Will County** – Kristy McNichol Superintendent. 815 740 8389. 2400 Glenwood Ave, Joliet, IL.
- **Winnebago County** – 555 N Court Street, Suite 300, Rockford, IL 61103. 815 516 2850.

3. Veterans Health Administration Facilities

Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center – 3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064, (847) 688 1900, (800) 393 0865

Edward Hines Jr VA Hospital, 5000 S 5th Street, Hines, IL 60141, (708) 202 8387

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center – 820 S Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612, (312) 569-8387, (888) 569-5282

VHA Community Based Outpatient Clinics

Aurora Clinic – 161 S. Lincolnway, North Aurora, IL 60542; (630) 859 2504; Social worker Tony Grego..

Chicago (Auburn-Gresham) – 7731 S Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60620. 773 962 3700.

Chicago (Lakeside) – 211 E Ontario, Chicago, IL 60611. 312 469 4850.

Chicago Heights – 30 E 15th St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. 708 754 8880.

Hoffman Estates Clinic – 4885 Hoffman Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192, 847-645-1443

Evanston Clinic – 1942 Dempster St, Evanston, IL 60202; (847) 869 6315

Joliet Clinic – 1201 Eagle Street, Joliet, IL 60432; 815 740 8100.

McHenry Clinic – 3715 Municipal Drive, McHenry, IL 60050; (815) 759 2306

Oak Lawn – 10201 S Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. 708 499 3675.

Rockford Clinic – 816 Featherstone Road, Rockford, IL; (816) 227-0081

4. VA defined war periods

WW I – April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918.

WW II – Dec 7, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946

Korean War – June 27, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955

Vietnam War – Aug 5, 1964 (Feb 28, 1961 for veterans serving "in-country before 1964) to May 7, 1975

Gulf War – Aug 2, 1990 through a date yet to be set.

5. National Cemetery Administration, United States Department of Veterans Affairs

800 535 1117; www.cem.va.gov

National Center for Scheduling - 800 535 1117

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, IL 60421; (815) 423 9958