

# VETERANS BENEFITS

Did you know that Illinois is one of only seven states with a veteran population of one million or more? 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. The agencies listed below can answer questions or provide additional information.

## **Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA)**

833 S. Spring Street  
P.O. Box 19432  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
**(217) 782-6641**  
[www.state.il.us/agency/dva](http://www.state.il.us/agency/dva)



**DuPage Office:** 421 N. County Farm Road  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, rear of the cafeteria  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
**(630) 690-9449**

Provides a wide variety of benefits to veterans and their families. VA benefits include pensions for wartime veterans; compensation for service related and non-service related disabilities; education and training; home mortgage loans; specially adapted homes, clothing, autos for disabled veterans; life and mortgage insurance; burial fees; various forms of employment assistance; and medical care. This office can also assist veterans in obtaining military separation/discharge papers, fishing licenses, military license plates, pension's applications, and widow's pensions.

## **Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County (VAC)**

421 N. County Farm Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, rear of the cafeteria  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
**(630) 407-5655**  
[www.dupageco.org/vac](http://www.dupageco.org/vac)

Provides emergency financial assistance to veterans and their families in DuPage County. Assistance may include mortgage/rent payments, utility payments and emergency essentials. Transportation arranged to Hines Hospital for qualified veterans for medical trips only, limited to twice a week. This office can also assist veterans in obtaining military separation/discharge papers. Provides information on local veterans' organizations.

## Veterans' Medical Benefits

Congress appropriates funds each year to provide medical coverage for veterans. The number of veterans who can be served each year is determined by this appropriation. Since funds are limited, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) developed priority groups to insure that the neediest are served. There are no premiums for this coverage but there may be co-payments. For more information contact the VA at **1-800-827-1000**, or visit their website at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility).

### **Military One Source (MOS)**

**1-800-342-9647**

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

A Department of Defense contracted resource to provide help to any military member or one of their families, whether on Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve. Via phone call or Internet, questions will be answered or resources provided on just about everything from maintaining a budget to issues of deployment. MOS also provides short term counseling for military members and their families. MOS can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days per week with interpreter services available.

### **Illinois Veterans Care**

Offers affordable, comprehensive healthcare for Illinois veterans age 19-64, providing medical, dental and vision coverage. Veterans pay a premium of \$40 or \$70 depending on their income. To pre-register stop by one of the 50 veteran service offices, call **1-877-4VETSRX (483-8779)** or visit the web site [www.illinoisveteranscare.com](http://www.illinoisveteranscare.com).

## **AID AND ATTENDANCE & HOUSEBOUND BENEFIT**

Little known benefits, the **Aid and Attendance Benefit** and the **Housebound Benefit**, are paid in **addition** to monthly pension for veterans and surviving spouses who need in home care, or live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. To qualify, applicants must be 65 years of age or older, need assistance with activities of daily living, and must be eligible for a pension. For additional information or to apply, call **(630) 690-9449** or online at [www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov](http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov).

## **VA MEDICAL CENTERS**

Eligible veterans can access services through the VA Medical Center or VA outpatient clinic nearest their home. Once enrolled, veterans may use services at any one of the 1,200 VA locations nationwide.

### **Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital**

5000 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hines, IL 60141-5000  
**(708) 202-8387**

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**

820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612  
**(312) 569-8387**

The center consists of a 200-bed acute care facility, and four community based outpatient clinics. Jesse Brown VAMC provides care to approximately 62,000 veterans who reside in the City of Chicago and Cook County Illinois and in six counties in northwestern Indiana.

### **North Chicago VA Medical Center**

30001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064  
**(847) 688-1900**

Services provided include comprehensive mental health services, extended and primary care, a homeless domiciliary, and a drug and alcohol program.

## **VA CLINICS**

Offer primary care services and outpatient pharmacy services.

### **Aurora Veterans Outpatient Clinic**

1700 N. Landmark Road, Aurora, IL 60506  
**(630) 859-2504**

### **Elgin Veterans Outpatient Clinic**

450 Dundee Avenue, Suite 100, Elgin, IL 60120  
**(847) 742-5920**

### **Joliet VA Clinic**

1201 Eagle Street, Joliet, IL 60432  
**(815) 740-8100**



## **VET CENTERS**

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

### **DuPage County Vet Center**

750 Shoreline Drive, Suite 150, Aurora, IL 60504  
**(630) 585-1853**



### **Oak Park Veterans Center**

1515 South Harlem Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60130  
**(708) 457-8805**

### **Veteran's Crisis Line**

Lifeline connects veterans in crisis, their friends or family with  
**Department of Veterans Affairs** responders 24/7. Call  
**1-800-273-8255** or text a message to **838255**.

## **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS** **AND SHELTERS FOR VETERANS**

### **ReVive Center for Housing and Healing**

1668 W. Ogden Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60612  
**(312) 997-2222**  
**[www.revivecenter.org](http://www.revivecenter.org)**

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

### **VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans**

**1-877-424-3838**

Call for yourself, or someone else!

**Eddie Beard Homeless Veterans**

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

**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, male and female, on the grounds of Manteno Veterans Home. Skilled nursing facility on site with separate Alzheimer's unit.

**Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans**

119 N. West Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
**(630) 871-8387**  
**[www.helpaveteran.org](http://www.helpaveteran.org)**

Provides transitional housing, education, therapy, legal assistance, and job training. Veterans can receive clothing, furniture, household and personal need items. VA per diem program. Veteran must present with diagnosis or symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, substance abuse or depression. Serves both male and female with greater than dishonorable discharge.

**St. Leo's Residence for Veterans**

7750 S. Emerald  
Chicago, IL 60620  
**(773) 651-9950**  
**[www.stleoveterans.com](http://www.stleoveterans.com)**

Housing with case management services to assist homeless veterans become self-sufficient. VA clinic on site.

**Veterans Administration Medical Center**

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Roosevelt Road

Hines, IL 60141

**www.catholiccharities.net**

A partnership of the Veterans Administration and Catholic Charities provides the following two housing resources on the grounds at Hines Hospital.

**Bishop Goedert Residence**

**(708) 273-6600**

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

**Cook's Manor**

**(708) 343-2873**

500 W. Roosevelt Road

Hines, IL 60141

Transitional housing for homeless veterans.

**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 law and Department rules determine specific eligibility for admission to one of the Veterans Homes.

**Illinois Veterans Home Anna**

792 N. Main Street

Anna, IL 62906

**(618) 833-6302**

**Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno**

1 Veterans Drive

Manteno, IL 60950

**(815) 468-6581**

**Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle**

1015 O'Connor Avenue

LaSalle, IL 61301

**(815) 223-0303 Ext. 210**

**Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy**

1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Quincy, IL 62301

**(217) 222-8641**

Several local long term care facilities within 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** or call **Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500**.

## **MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES**

**(An alternative to institutional long term care)**

Matches a veteran who is frail or terminally ill and cannot live independently with an individual or family who commit to providing personalized care in their home. The caregiver must own or rent a home on one level without any stairs, must live in the home and have a plan for relief caregivers. The veteran must have a private bedroom and the expectation that this is his or her permanent home. Payment to the caregiver is provided by the veteran, his family or legal representative. For further information contact the **Medical Foster Home Coordinator at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital at (708) 202-7878.**

### **DuPage Veterans Memorial, Inc.**

421 N. County Farm Road

Wheaton, IL 60187

**email: [veterans.memorial@comcast.net](mailto:veterans.memorial@comcast.net)**

**[www.dupageco-il-vetsmemorial.org](http://www.dupageco-il-vetsmemorial.org)**



The DuPage Veterans Memorial, Inc. is a not for profit corporation formed by veterans to assist in the maintenance, care, and enhancements to the Veterans Memorial site, which is located on the grounds of the DuPage County Government Center in Wheaton. The corporation also organizes and hosts veteran related ceremonies and activities for presentation to the community.

A web page is dedicated to presenting a positive image of all members of the United States Armed Forces, and promoting patriotism. The web page also provides a variety of Internet links to DuPage County, State, and Federal information and resources specific to the interests and needs of veterans.

## **MORE HELP ON THE WEB**

### **Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

List of state benefits for veterans; location of offices

**[www.state.il.us/agency/dva](http://www.state.il.us/agency/dva)**

### **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Access information and linkage to Veterans benefits and services.

**[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)**

