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AMERICAN RED CROSS – ROCK RIVER CHAPTER

Director, Emergency Services:

727 N. Church St.

Rockford, IL 61103

Phone (815) 963-8471

Fax: (815) 963-0407

Website: <http://chapters.redcross.org/il/rockriver/contact.html>

Email

Lisa LaSala Executive Director

Lisa.LaSala@redcross.org

Dave Pattengale Emergency Services

David.Pattengale@redcross.org

Preparedness Health and Safety Services 1-800-REDCROSS

Services to the Armed Forces 1-877-272-7337

Assistance is provided to veterans and their dependents in the preparation and development of claims for service-connected compensation; disability pension; medical benefits including CHAMPVA/CHAMPUS; education benefits; upgrading discharge or correction of discharge; burial benefits; headstone or reimbursement allowance; insurance: counseling and referral.

Services are primarily provided to retired veterans.

Limited services:

a) Financial assistance

b) To veterans of other countries who are residing in the U.S.

No fees are charged.

Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

CARPENTER'S PLACE

Executive Director, Kay Larrick:
Veteran Counselor: Patty Quinn
1149 Railroad Ave.
Rockford, IL 61104
Phone: (815) 964-4105
Fax: (815) 964-4106
Website: <http://www.carpentersplace.org>
Email: KayL@carpentersplace.org

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:15 am –3:00 pm
(Devotions – Dayroom – Classes)

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Case management by appointment

The Veteran's Housing Program is a Transitional Housing Program established primarily for honorably discharged homeless male veterans who desire to make positive changes in their lives. Carpenters Place strives to make the home a safe and supportive home-style environment of like-minded men who commit to encourage and support one another in their goals of achieving an independent and positive lifestyle. Carpenter's Place will provide support, guidance and training as needed to enable residents to gain strength and stability. The goal for residents is to obtain their own individual, private housing and become productive and independent members of society within 24 months of entrance into the program. Growth and development will be encouraged in all areas of one's life including: Physical, Mental, Emotional, Financial, Educational, Social and Spiritual.

RAMP

LOCATIONS

BELVIDERE

Serving Boone County
530 S. State St.
Suite 103
Belvidere, IL. 61008-3711
(815) 544-8404 voice/tty
(815) 544-1896 fax

DEKALB

Serving DeKalb County
115 N. First St.
DeKalb, IL. 60115-3201
(815) 756-3202 voice/tty
(815) 756-3556 fax

FREEPORT

Serving Stephenson County
2155 W. Galena Ave.
Freeport, IL. 61032-3013
(815) 233-1128 voice
(815) 233-0743 fax

ROCKFORD

Serving Winnebago County
202 Market St.
Rockford, IL. 61107-3954
(815) 968-7467 voice/tty
(815) 968-2401 tty
(815) 968-7612 fax

RAMP is a non profit, non residential Center for Independent Living. RAMP empowers people with disabilities to realize there are no limits to what they can do. RAMP staff and board are made up over 51% persons with disabilities. RAMP's Mission is "to promote an accessible society that allows and expects full participation of people with disabilities."

Services for Veterans/Adults with Disabilities Information and Referral – RAMP responds to inquiries from people with disabilities, family members, etc., on programs, resources, and other issues related to disabilities. Ex: Accessible housing, transportation, employment services, personal assistants, assistive technology, and accessibility requirements. **Peer Support** – There are times when people with disabilities simply need the assistance of someone who has faced similar barriers and successfully achieved their goals **Advocacy** - We provided individual advocacy and advocate on systemic levels. **Independent Living Skills Training** - We can teach/re-teach skills necessary for one to fulfill their goals of independence. **Bus Training**- We assists in teaching people how to navigate the public transportation system. **Personal Assistant Services** - We assist qualified recipients of Home Services learn how to hire and manage their PA's. Also assist consumers in becoming qualified for Home Services so they can remain independent in the community. **Community Reintegration/Money Follows the Person** - We assist qualified people who reside in nursing homes move back into the community with safe and appropriate services. Services may include: PA services, homemaker services, home modifications, home delivered meals, emergency home response...**Traumatic Brain Injury Case Management** - RAMP is a case management agency for DHS/ Home Services Consumers who are eligible for the TBI Home Services Program. Services may include: PA services, homemaker services, home modifications, home delivered meals, emergency home response...**Employment Services** - Program is designed to assist people with disabilities to find employment by assisting them with job readiness skills, benefits counseling, job development, and case management **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services** - All of RAMP's services are available with the assistance of RAMP's Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Advocate. RAMP is also a selection center for free amplified phones. **Equipment Loaning** – RAMP offers a small selection of equipment available for short term loan. This equipment can be checked out for a period of two weeks. Equipment loaned may consist of manual wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath/shower benches, commodes, and portable ramps. Photo identification and a security deposit are required at time of pick up. No large durable medical equipment is available

ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION

MEN'S CRISIS:

715 W. State Street

815.965.5332

Supervisor – Mike Hedrick 815.316.4184

Open 24/7

Entrance on Rockton Street 815.316.4148

Day Shelter 5:00 AM – 5:00 PM Always open except meal times

Night Shelter 7:00 PM – 5:00 AM Minimum age 18 - NO sex offenders

Services include Shelter, Clothing, Showers, Meals, Case Management

Drop-offs accepted with a prior call providing the individual is not unruly.

Meals (entrance at NE corner of the building)

Doors open

Breakfast 6:30 AM – 7:10 AM

Lunch 11:30 AM – 12:10 PM

Dinner 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Program Director – Renade Cossey/emergency contact only: 815.316.4166 or 815.540.3801

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER:

Rockford Rescue Mission 815.986.0393

Supervisor – Brenda Reddic 815.986.0393 / 815.316.3060

809 Cedar Street, Rockford

Open 24/7

Intake Time – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Day Shelter 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM No registered Sex-Offenders

Night Shelter 6:00 PM – 8:00 AM Intake Hours 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Services include Shelter, Meals, Showers, Clothing and Case Management

Emergency & Temporary Housing

Drop-offs accepted with a prior call and providing the individual is not unruly.

Meals

Dinner 7:00 PM after Check-in

Serving women, women with children and families

Length of Stay – 90 days

Program Director – Renade Cossey/emergency contact only: 815.316.4166 or 815.540.3801

ROSECRANCE HEALTH NETWORK

ROSECRANCE HARRISON CAMPUS:

3815 Harrison Ave
Rockford, IL 61108
815.391.1000

The Harrison campus is a modern 97-bed facility offering a full continuum of inpatient and outpatient care serving almost 4,500 families each year. The campus offers a health center with 24 beds for detoxification, fitness center, newly renovated residential spaces and 15 acres of park-like grounds.

Intensive Co-occurring Treatment Program:

14-bed inpatient unit serves individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. This inpatient unit will offer priority access to veterans of the U.S. armed forces and a program track designed for individuals suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) combined with substance abuse issues. Clinical staff, which includes veterans, has had training in co-occurring disorders and veterans' issues.

Core components of the program include, free assessments, individualized treatment plans, medically monitored detoxification, residential treatment, partial hospitalization, aftercare program, family program, Life skills group, relapse prevention, 12-step groups, spirituality, emergency consultation services, and 24-hour crisis line.

SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES

Interim Executive Director: Sarah Parker-Scanlon
412 N. Church Street (Emmanuel Episcopal Church/Jubilee Center)
Rockford, IL 61103
Phone: 815-964-5520
Fax: 815-720-4653
E-mail: sparker@shelter-care.org
Website: <http://shelter-care.org/>
All services are contingent on funds being available for use.

JUBILEE CENTER: The Jubilee Center provides a day center for people with mental health disabilities. Five days a week, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm, members find the doors open, the lights on and coffee brewing. Staff members provide advocacy, case management, intervention and, more importantly, a caring, nurturing environment of hospitality and welcome when mental illness has worn their family of origin down and exhausted scant resources. Members enjoy activities, hot meals, and social events. Throughout the year, staff invites members to attend community functions, providing transportation and resources that enrich their lives and offer fullness that would otherwise be missing in their world. **Members must be able to provide verification of mental health disabilities.**

Careers Program: This is an employment / empowerment program. The program teaches concepts that are embedded in a personal empowerment program taking people from unemployment to employment. In a classroom setting these are some of the strategies students explore: personal hygiene, literacy assessment, dressing for success, work habits such as timeliness, building constructive relationships with coworkers, telephone interviewing, job search skills, mock interviews that are recorded and viewed together with the instructor, personal organization and much more. Students meet four hours a day for four weeks and have the opportunity to role play and choose how they will move forward in achieving the goal of acquiring employment. **Individuals must call for an appointment. DD214 must be provided before any services can begin.** **Veteran Housing Programs ~ Veteran Permanent Supportive Housing:** This program is designed for veteran families experiencing homelessness who need and desire ongoing supportive services, in addition to affordable housing. Initially, monthly rent will be paid in full by Shelter Care Ministries. If this changes in the future, you will be notified within 60 days and the maximum amount of rent assessed will be 30% of your monthly income. In addition, by entering PSH, you are agreeing to create a program plan, meet with a Housing Advocate regularly and be accountable for your choices. **Your family may qualify if you meet the following criteria:** Your family is currently homeless: An adult member of the household is a Veteran with an honorable discharge; Family is comprised of parent(s) and dependent children in his/her custody; Family has a verifiable monthly income to pay utility bills; An adult residing in the household can establish both Nicor gas and ComEd electric services in his/her name
Veteran Low Cost Supportive Housing: Low cost supportive housing for Veterans with vouchers supplied by the Veteran's Association. Renter must be able to obtain their own utilities.

VETERANS DROP-IN CENTER

Executive Director – Pat Ambrose
1539 S. 4th Street
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-713-8843
E-mail: director@veteransdropincenter.com
Website: www.veteransdropincenter.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/VeteransDropinCenterRockfordIL

The Veterans' Drop-In Center is located at 1539 S. 4th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no cost associated with any of the activities. **Note:** You MUST present a DD214 or VA ID card the first time you visit the Center. Fun with your fellow veterans; Computer usage; A pool table; Television / lounge area; Dinner (**if** you're around at dinnertime); Weekly Tai Chi classes; Haircuts (offered twice a month); Onsite meetings with VA and Vet Center representatives (weekly); Direct referrals to area veterans' resources; Local musicians; and much, much more!

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Veterans Employment Representative: Peter Johnson

303 North Main Street, Suite 200

Rockford, IL 61101

(The office is in the Workforce Connection)

Office Phone: (815) 395-6600

Direct line: (815) 395-6628

Fax (815) 395-0548

Websites: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov>

<http://www.theworkforceconnection.org>

<http://IllinoisJoblink.com>

E-mail: peter.johnson@illinois.gov

Provides veterans with priority in referral to job openings listed with the Employment Service, employment coaching, job development and referral to training programs; Assists veterans with resume writing; Screens veterans for eligibility for tax credit, training and other special State and Federal employment related programs; Advises veterans and employers regarding veteran re-employment rights and Federal contractor veteran affirmative action programs; Provides local, State and Federal civil service employment information; Assists veterans with registering on Illinois Job Link and information on other employment web sites; Provides monthly employment workshops to Veterans; Provides labor market information; Referral of veteran to other agencies or programs as appropriate; All services are without a fee; A DD214 is only required for certain programs.

Unemployment insurance claims are taken at this office **but not** by the Veteran Representatives. Apply in the unemployment area on the 3rd floor or online.

Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm except state holidays

No appointment is necessary

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DHS Family Community Resource Center in

Boone & Winnebago County

Family Community Resource Center
1111 North Avon Street
Rockford, IL 61101
Phone: (815) 987-7620
TTY: (866) 322-2681
Fax: (815) 987-2380

DeKalb County

Family Community Resource Center
1629 Afton Road
Sycamore, IL 60178
Phone: (815) 895-8667
TTY: (866) 322-8423
Fax: (815) 895-8679

Ogle County

Family Community Resource Center
106 North 2nd Street
Oregon, IL 61061
Phone: (815) 732-2166
TTY: (866) 323-4144
Fax: (815) 732-4223

Stephenson County

Family Community Resource Center
1631 South Galena Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032
Phone: (815) 232-6123
TTY: (866) 324-3554
Fax: (815) 232-7625

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday (except state holidays)

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/>

MISSION: To assist our customers to achieve maximum self-sufficiency, independence and health through the provision of seamless, integrated services for individuals, families and communities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: DHS will be guided by the principle that there is "No Wrong Door" for any of our customers. This dictates that we have a seamless service delivery approach that is: Customer Centered - Pro-active - Innovative - Collaborative - Performance and Outcome Driven - Dynamic Efficient and Effective - Solution Oriented - Technology Sensitive - Receives applications for Cash, SNAP, and Medical Assistance by fax, mail or in person.

MOST REQUESTED SERVICES:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Cash - Illinois Link Card

Medical Programs - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) - Change of Address, Income or Assets

Emergency Services

Emergency Food - Sexual Assault Prevention Program - Emergency Food and Shelter

Domestic Violence Helpline Toll Free, Confidential, 24 Hour, Multilingual

1-877-TO END DV (1-877-863-6338) (Voice) 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

(The office is located in the Illinois National Guard Building)

10451 N. 2nd Street
Machesney Park, IL 61115-1455

Veteran Service Officers (VSO):

VSO: Jessica Parker (815) 633-7840

VSO: Matthew Taylor (815) 633-8945

VSO: Frank Delatorre (815) 633-5875

FAX: (815) 633-6392

1631 S. Galena Ave
Freeport, IL 61032

VSO: Tina Paggi (815) 233-5092

Website: <http://www.illinois.gov/veterans>

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is a State Agency created for the purpose of assisting and advising veterans, service members, their dependents and survivors. This office, at the request of the veteran, dependent or survivor, endeavors to obtain the requestor to obtain all the state and federal benefits for which the veteran qualifies under the law of the United States, the State of Illinois, or any other State or Government Agency, by reason of the veteran's military service. {Title 38 of the CFR - <http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/38>} The list of services is extensive and includes assistance with Veteran's claims and benefits for hospitalization, pensions, disability compensation, education, widows' and survivors' claims for veteran burial allowances, grave markers and widows' pensions. FHA home mortgage insurance and farm loan benefit applications are taken. Also assist with National Service Life claims and conversions.

Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

No appointment necessary.

THE WORKFORCE CONNECTION

Career Services

www.theworkforceconnection.org
815-847-7574

Services available free of charge at The Workforce Connection offices in Rockford, Belvidere and Freeport include:

- computer and internet access
- job search and resume assistance
- the latest local and national job listings
- help with on-line job applications
- career information, including *Career Cruising*
- access to copy and fax machines, telephone and printer
- information about job training and other educational opportunities
- assistance for veterans and disabled workers
- refugee and immigrant services

Our Resource Room is open to the public Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

Illinois Joblink & Illinois workNet

Individuals are encouraged to set up an account on-line with [Illinois Joblink](#), a no-cost internet-based job search tool, and post a resume to match with potential employers. [Illinois workNet.com](#) has a wealth of information for individuals needing assistance connecting to jobs and new careers. Many of the services available in our Resource Room are also available on-line.

Monthly Workshops, Job Clubs & Basic Skills Classes

- Monthly workshops and information sessions covering topics such as Career Exploration, Resume/Cover Letter assistance, Interviewing Skills, Personal Development.
- Job Club meetings with potential employers
- Basic skills classes in reading, math, high school equivalency test prep and ESL.
- Introductory computer classes

**303 North Main Street, Suite 200
Rockford, IL 61101**

Belvidere satellite office: 998 Belvidere Road, Suite 7, Belvidere, IL 61008

Freeport satellite office: 27 W Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032

The Workforce Connection-an Illinois workNet Center and partner in the American Job Center network

THE WORKFORCE CONNECTION

Individualized Services

Financial Assistance available for Job Training

The Workforce Connection provides career counseling, financial assistance and other support services for eligible individuals interested in new job training with an emphasis on training for in-demand jobs in the northern Illinois region, including, but not limited to manufacturing, health care, transportation/logistics, information technology, aviation/aerospace and customer service.

For more information about individualized services or job training assistance:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/twcdwpapp> or call 815-847-7574

More information available online at www.theworkforceconnection.org

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Workforce Connection ELEVATE program helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 in Winnebago, Boone and Stephenson Counties stay in school or earn their high school equivalency diploma. Participants also get help with career information and job skills along with opportunities for work experience. Call 815-921-2260.

The Workforce Connection

303 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101

27 W Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032

998 Belvidere Road, Belvidere, IL 61008

Some services are contingent on funds being available for use.

Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
“JOBS FOR VETERANS ACT” PUBLIC LAW 107-288, WHICH
PROVIDES PRIORITY OF SERVICE TO VETERANS AND
SPOUSES OF CERTAIN VETERANS.**

*The Workforce Connection-an Illinois workNet Center and partner in the American Job
Center network*

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

Workforce Connection - Student Center
3301 N. Mulford Road
Rockford, IL 61111
Phone: 815-921-4160

Coordinator of Veteran Services: Sue Swanson 815-921-4163
Email: s.swanson@rockrivercollege.edu

Director of Financial Aid: Cyndi Stonesiser 815-921-4158

The Veteran services Office at Rock Valley College serves veterans in Winnebago, Boone and part of Ogle counties. The goal of the office is to inform and advise all eligible veterans of their educational benefits and to provide assistance, through various Rock Valley programs, in attaining the veteran's educational goals.

The office assists the veteran in applying for educational benefits under Federal chapters 31, 32, 34 & 35; Illinois Veteran State Scholarship; Illinois National/Naval Militia; MIA/POW; and VA Work Study programs. A file is maintained for the veteran attending Rock Valley College under any of these programs. All necessary paperwork is processed by the Veteran Services Office. A DD214 Member #4 copy may be required.

Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
No appointment is necessary

VA PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

C-BOC Community Based Outreach Clinic

816 Featherstone Road
Rockford, IL 61107
Phone (815) 227-0081
Fax: (815) 227-5854

Tavares Moore, LCSW
OEF/OIF/OND Program
Phone (608) 280-0081 Ext. 16184

Primary medical care services with limited specialty treatment in Addiction Therapy, Nutrition, Physical Therapy, Psychiatry, Podiatry and Social services. VA health services include the provision of medication prescribed by VA physicians only. Prescriptions written by non-VA physicians cannot be obtained at the clinic. Veterans may be required to make financial co-payments for medical treatment and for medications based on income.

Services are not available for veteran's spouse or dependents.

Inpatient care and additional specialty services are available through the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

Office hours: **Services are provided by appointment only.** Emergency treatment or walk-in services are not available.

Apply for medical benefits on the WEB or obtain an application:
www.1010EZ.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010EZ/1010EZR.asp

(Fillable version of VA form 10-10EZR)

Other VA Offices:

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital VA Regional Office
2500 Overlook Terrace P.O. Box 8136
Madison, WI 53705 Chicago, IL 60680
608-256-1901 800-827-1000
Internet: www.va.gov

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS –
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION
DIVISION**

536 S. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60605
1-800-827-1000

Note: The VA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor's out based office is located in the Quad cities. While initial appointments are normally scheduled in Chicago, IL or in Davenport, IA, follow-up appointments are scheduled in the Rockford area at the IETC, the Vet Center or Rock Valley College.

Vocational Rehabilitation is a program to help the service connected disabled veteran obtain and maintain suitable employment or for the most seriously disabled veterans who are unable to work, achieve maximum independence in daily living. VA counselors will help formulate an individual program which includes the services and financial assistance to carry out the program.

Services and benefits might include: education and training needed to qualify for suitable employment; educational, personal or vocational counseling; tutorial assistance, reader service or other special restorative services needed to enter and stay in training; job counseling, planning, placement and adjustment to obtain and maintain suitable employment; assistance needed to maximize independence in daily living.

Office hours: By appointment only. Application must be sent to the VA in Chicago where it is processed and then referred to the out-based counselor who will then schedule the appointment.

Application Procedure:

File 28-1900 form on line at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp> or

Obtain application by calling 1-800-827-1000 and mail to address shown above or

Apply online www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/

VET CENTER

7015 Rote Road, Suite 105
Rockford, IL 61107

815-395-1276 – For general information about VA services call (800) 827-1000

Team Leader: Howard A. Harris

Social Worker: Dorothy Carskadon, MSW

Counselor: James Elliott

The Vet Center provides one-to-one readjustment counseling, chemical dependency assessments. The Center has groups for combat veterans, substance abuse and anger management. Please contact the Center if you are interested in participating in a group. The Center also provides benefits information and referral to community support services. A DD 214 is required for service.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Friday by appointment only

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF BOONE COUNTY

Superintendent: Ashley C. “Dave” Davis
175 Cadillac Court
Professional Suites Suite 3C
Belvidere, IL 61008 – 1729
(815) 544-6464
Email: vacboone@frontier.com

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County, Illinois Inc., is a County Government Agency that is operated by and for Veterans. The Commission provides services and financial aid to military Veterans and their families who reside in Boone County and qualify for and/or need assistance.

The Veterans Assistance Commission provides assistance in the preparation of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) & Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA)) forms and other documents, which relate to benefits available to the Veteran and their dependents. This assistance can include answering questions about the benefits they have applied for or are receiving, assistance with applicable forms, assistance in applying for additional benefits if entitled, follow up services on pending claims and general assistance.

Information can be obtained from this office on Educational Benefits, VA Disability Compensation, VA Pensions, VA Burials, VBA Healthcare, lost discharges and other elements administered by the VA.

The Boone County Veterans Assistance Commission has a Financial Assistance Program. Financial assistance is provided to Military Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose last discharge from the service is honorably discharged and Under Honorable Conditions the Veteran MUST provide proof of an Honorable Discharge (DD Form 214). This assistance is designed to help Veterans and their families, who are in need, meet basic living expenses such as food, shelter, utilities, etc. All assistance is paid by voucher to the vendor. Any applicants who are currently receiving financial aid from other governmental agencies, whether County, State, Federal or Township programs, are usually not eligible.

Office hours: Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
No appointment necessary

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF DEKALB COUNTY

Tammy Anderson – Superintendent
Steven Kreitzer – Assistant Superintendent
Luz Gilkey – Veteran Service Officer
Linda Drake – Veteran Service Officer
Health Facility - Community Outreach Building
2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, Suite A, DeKalb, IL 60115

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Phone: (815) 756-8129 FAX: (815) 217-0417
Email: tanderson@dekalbcounty.org - skreitzer@dekalbcounty.org – lgilkey@dekalbcounty.org
– ldrake@dekalbcounty.org
Website: <http://www.dekalbcounty.org/VAC/>

The Veterans Assistance Commission of DeKalb County, Illinois Inc., is a County Government Agency that is operated by and for Veterans. The Commission provides services and financial aid to military Veterans and their families who reside in DeKalb County and qualify for and/or need assistance.

The Veterans Assistance Commission provides assistance in the preparation of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) & Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA)) forms and other documents, which relate to benefits available to the Veteran and their dependents. This assistance can include answering questions about the benefits they have applied for or are receiving, assistance with applicable forms, assistance in applying for additional benefits if entitled, follow up services on pending claims and veterans' assistance.

Information can be obtained from this office on Educational Benefits, VA Disability Compensation, VA Pensions, VA Burials, VBA Healthcare, lost discharges and other elements administered by the VA.

The DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission has a Financial Assistance Program. Financial assistance is provided to Military Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose last discharge from the service is "HONORABLE." The Veteran MUST provide proof of an Honorable Discharge (DD Form 214). This assistance is designed to help Veterans and their families, who are in need, meet basic living expenses such as food, shelter, utilities, etc. All assistance is paid by voucher to the vendor. Applicants who are receiving financial aid from other governmental agencies, whether County, State, Federal or Township programs, are usually not eligible.

Non-emergency transportation to and from the Veterans Healthcare Medical Hospitals, is provided for Veterans residing in DeKalb County.

An Executive Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Community Outreach Building (COB) as well as our regular meeting at 7:00pm

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF OGLE COUNTY

Clint Strouse – Superintendent
Marcy Egyed – Administrator
112 N. 4th St. PO Box 181
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-6101
Hours: Monday thru Friday 8am – noon

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle County, Illinois Inc., is a County Government Agency that is operated by and for Veterans. The Commission provides services and financial aid to military Veterans and their families who reside in Ogle County and qualify for and/or need assistance.

The Veterans Assistance Commission provides assistance in the preparation of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) & Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA)) forms and other documents, which relate to benefits available to the Veteran and their dependents. This assistance can include answering questions about the benefits they have applied for or are receiving, assistance with applicable forms, assistance in applying for additional benefits if entitled, follow up services on pending claims and general assistance.

Information can be obtained from this office on Educational Benefits, VA Disability Compensation, VA Pensions, VA Burials, VBA Healthcare, lost discharges and other elements administered by the VA.

The Ogle County Veterans Assistance Commission has a Financial Assistance Program. Financial assistance is provided to Military Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose last discharge from the service is "HONORABLE." The Veteran MUST provide proof of an Honorable Discharge (DD Form 214). This assistance is designed to help Veterans and their families, who are in need, meet basic living expenses such as food, shelter, utilities, etc. All assistance is paid by voucher to the vendor. Applicants who are receiving financial aid from other governmental agencies, whether County, State, Federal or Township programs, are usually not eligible.

Non-emergency transportation to and from the Veterans Healthcare Medical Hospitals, is provided for Veterans residing in Ogle County.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF STEPHENSON COUNTY

Superintendent Maryna Misiewicz
201 East Exchange Street
Post Office Box 612
Freeport, Illinois 61032
815-233-7282
vacsc@co.stephenson.il.us

The Stephenson County Veterans Assistance Commission has a Financial Assistance Program. Financial assistance is provided to Military Veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose last discharge from the service is honorably discharged and Under Honorable Conditions the Veteran MUST provide proof of an Honorable Discharge (DD Form 214). This assistance is designed to help Veterans and their families, who are in need, meet basic living expenses such as food, shelter, utilities, etc. All assistance is paid by voucher to the vendor. Applicants who are receiving financial aid from other governmental agencies, whether County, State, Federal or Township programs, are usually not eligible.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Superintendent: (Vacant)

Assistant Superintendent: Jerry Fox

Veteran Service Officer: Melissa Beckford

555 N. Court St., Suite 300

Rockford, IL 61103-6862

Phone: (815) 516-2850

(815) 516-2851 – Fax

(815) 516-2852 – Superintendent (Vacant)

(815) 516-2853 – Jerry Fox

(815) 516-2854 – Melissa Beckford

Email: vac@wincoil.us

URL: www.wincoil.us/departments/veterans-assistance-commission

Provides assistance for shelter and current utilities (gas, electric, etc.) for honorably discharged and Under Honorable Conditions discharged veterans of Winnebago County. The veteran must be a resident of Winnebago County and have either an original or certified copy of the DD 214, record and report or service. The office will assist the veteran in obtaining a copy of the DD-214.

Office hours: Monday through Friday

7:30am – 11:30am

1:00pm – 3:00pm

WINNEBAGO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

County Administration Building
404 Elm St. Suite 405
Rockford, IL 61101
815-319-4325
recorder@wincoil.us

County Recorder: Nancy McPherson

Provides a permanent recording of the veteran's original DD 214 on microfilm for free. A reasonable number of certified legal copies will be provided to the veteran free when requested in person or in writing. No telephone requests for copies are honored. A fee may be required when more than a few copies of the DD 214 are requested. The recording of the DD 214 is advisable in case the original becomes lost or destroyed.

Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
No appointment necessary

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES, PHONE NUMBERS

Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-8255
Combat Call Center 1-877-WAR-VETS (877-927-8387)	1-877-927-8387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Government Emergency Cell Phone – SafelinkWireless.com	1-800-977-3768
Health Care Benefits	1-877-222-8387
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)	1-800-827-0648
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Women Veterans Hotline	1-855-829-6636
Mammography Helpline	1-888-492-7844
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation	1-800-749-8387
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Spina Bifida Health Care Program	1-877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Smoking Cessation Counselors	1-855-784-8838
CHAMPVA Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative (CITI)	1-800-733-8387
Life Insurance: Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs	1-800-419-1473 1-800-669-8477
Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits	1-877-294-6380
VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS	
American Legion	legion.org
Am Vets	amvets.org
VFW	vfw.org
DAV	dav.org
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	esgr.gov

GED PREPARATION CLASSES

Are offered at these Northern Illinois area locations:

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

The Literacy Council

982 N Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103, Phone 815-963-7323

Roosevelt Community Education Center

978 Haskell Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103, Phone 815-966-3251

Rock Valley College (Several locations in Boone & Winnebago Counties)

4151 Samuelson Road, Rockford, IL 61109, Phone 815-921-2001

YMCA of Rock River Valley – Community Outreach Y

200 Y Boulevard, Rockford, IL 61107, Phone 815-489-1124

Goodwill - GoodGRADS

615 N. Longwood Street, Rockford, IL 61110, Phone 815 965-3795

Job Corp

Call 1 800 733-5627 to set up an appointment and interview

Rockford Rescue Mission – Innovative Education Center

715 West State Street, Rockford, IL 61102, Phone 815 965-533215

STAR Winnebago – Regional Learning Center

5949 Safford Road, Rockford IL 61101, Phone 815 227-84955

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Highland Community College – Adult Education

2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL 61032, Phone: 815-599-3460

Housing Authority of the City of Freeport– 2 locations

Call Dawn Switzer at Highland Community College today at 815-599-3460

NICAA (Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency) – Freeport, IL

27 South State Street, Freeport, IL 61032, Phone 815 232-3141

BOONE COUNTY

STAR Boone – Boone County Learning Center

1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 815 544-8080