

THE COMMISSION:

The Veterans Assistance Commission oversees the operation of the VACCC Office. ***This Commission is comprised of Delegates and Alternates*** from the various Federal and State chartered Veteran Service Organizations located in Cook County such as ***The American Legion, VFW, VVA, DAV***, etc. The Commission meets once a month and has a leadership structure similar to other organizations with an elected Commander and Staff.

All Posts, Detachments, Units, etc. are encouraged to join and be represented by a Delegate and Alternate. ***Dues are \$20.00 per year.*** A letter from the leadership of the organization must accompany the dues stating that the selected Delegate and Alternate are members in good standing.

BENEFITS OF JOINING:

Being a member of the VACCC is a great way to become acquainted with the many Veteran Organizations in our County and their activities: You'll receive the latest information on state and county programs, events and activities for Veterans. You'll meet a lot of wonderful people. ***Our membership is diverse and from all parts of Cook County.*** We have a common bond. ***We're all Veterans helping Veterans.***

Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Sign in window closes at 3:00 p.m.)

(Please Note: On Wednesdays Veterans are assisted by appointment only.)



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"VETERANS HELPING VETERANS"



Organization Profile

Mission Statement

The mission of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County is to provide help to eligible Veterans who are in need of assistance with meeting basic living expenses.

The Veterans Assistance Commission was formed under Statutes of the State of Illinois (330ILCS). Cook County provides the funds for the VACCC Office which is charged with coordinating the assistance given to Veterans.

Our goal is to provide assistance on a timely basis to Veterans and their families who are experiencing financial hardship and are in need of immediate aid.

We are Veterans helping Veterans. We treat the Veterans that come through our doors with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

Available Benefits

Qualified Veterans/ Dependents may be eligible for the following benefits/ assistance from the V.A.C. of Cook County:

- Transportation
- Mortgage
- Rental
- Utilities
- Uniforms
- Shoes
- Food
- Employment Counseling
- Burial Assistance



Benefits Process:

• Intake:

- Once a Veteran arrives he/she will sign in and have a seat in the lobby. Coffee and tea will be made available for all Veterans and guests to enjoy while they wait.
- The Veteran will then be called into the office by an Assistance Coordinator.
- The Veteran will then be asked to provide the following documents to the Assistance Coordinator in order to apply for VAC Benefits:
 - DD214 (Honorable Discharge)
 - Verification of Income/No Income
 - Photo I.D.
 - Additional documents may be required based on the benefit the Veteran is applying for:

TRANSPORTATION

- Referral form
- School Schedule
- Work Schedule
- Medical Appt.'s

UNIFORM/PAYLESS

- Referral form from VA
- Letter from school/Work
- With annotated specifics of required uniform/shoe request.

Food

- Marriage Lic.
- Dependents B.C.

MORTGAGE

- Current mortgage
- Statement showing Arrears

RENT

- Current Lease
- Intent to Lease
- Notice from the Property Mgmt. Co.
- Notarized Notice from Private Landlord

UTILITIES

- Current bill showing the arrears

• Interview/ Final Step:



- The Assistance Coordinator will then call the Veteran into the office to sit for an interview to verify the need. If the Veteran is found eligible and qualified, he/she will receive the assistance the same day.