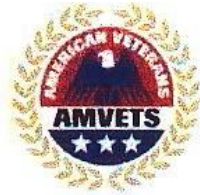


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February 15, 2016

The Honorable Bruce Rauner
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State Capital Room 207
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Dear Governor Rauner,

As required by 330 ILCS 45 (The Military Veterans Assistance Act) I am submitting the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending November 30, 2015.

Routine Functions of the VAC of McHenry County

- **Client Review:** Provide a complete review of every case for any additional programs or benefits to which the applicant may be entitled. This includes working closely with other agencies to ensure that clients receive the tools needed to become or remain independent.
- **Veterans Financial Assistance:** Veterans Assistance is available to eligible low income veterans. Assistance is paid directly to vendors for Rent or Mortgage, Utilities, Food, and Gasoline. Emergency Veterans Assistance is available to eligible veterans who are not eligible for Veterans Assistance and in need of a onetime assistance for arrears housing, heat, or electric.
- **VA Claims Prosecution:** The Veterans Service Officers (VSO's) for the VAC of McHenry County are recognized by the VA General Council to represent veterans and/or eligible dependents all the way to the VA Board of Appeals. We assist our veterans with Disability, Pension (Aid & Attendance), Special Monthly Compensation, and VA Healthcare claims.
- **VA Hospital Transportation:** Through the operation of four vehicles the Commission provides free transportation services for veterans and their aide to the Capt. James Lovell Federal Health Care Center (Lovell FHCC). Veterans meet the bus at designated stops in Woodstock, McHenry, and Crystal Lake.
- **Other Advocacy Work:** The VAC of McHenry County continues to educate Local, State, and Federal officials and legislators to support resolutions and legislation that positively impacts the veterans' community. Additionally, the VAC works with numerous local agencies in order to match client needs with the appropriate services.

Summary of 2017 Highlights – McHenry County Taxpayers can be proud in the care and respect of how their money is being used. Our staff filled over 2575 transportation requests to the Lovell FHCC, addressed 279 requests for financial assistance, and began prosecution of over 450 new VA claims. Thanks to an exemplary team, for every budget \$1 spent, the VAC has assisted veterans and surviving spouses receive \$6.84 in new payments from the VA. Most of this money is statistically spent locally on goods and services. Thanks to a positive relationship with the VA Regional Office (VARO) in Chicago, the VAC of McHenry County received more comprehensive access to VARO based programs such as VBMS. This has provided our clients with up to date information on how their claims are progressing through the VA system.

VA Claims prosecuted by the VAC over 2017 resulted in just under \$3.0M in new claims dollars reaching the pockets of our Veterans. Reoccurring payments resulting from VA claims development and prosecution from 2014 through 2017 resulted in over \$10.5 million in VA Disability and Pension cash benefits to our Veterans and their families over 2017. This figure does not include other benefits such as VA Health Insurance (CHAMPVA) for dependents, Veteran and/or Dependent Education Benefits, or Vocational Rehabilitation

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The State of Illinois experienced an average 9.52% increase in VA compensation and pension dollars in 2016 over 2015. This was slightly below the national average of 10.87%. Overall, Comp and Penn dollars increased in Illinois slightly above the national average. Compared to the rest of Illinois McHenry County was below the State average achieving only a 7.64% increase.

A Veterans Resource Fair and Stand Down was held in April 2017 which was organized by the VAC, TLS Veterans, the McHenry County Housing Authority, and the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Funding for the Stand-Down was provided by the VAC Inc. Numerous agencies including the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, the Illinois Department of Employment Security, and members of the Continuum of Care provided information and services to over 40 veterans. This is down from the previous two years. We will be looking at ways to better communicate with the veterans' community including providing evening benefits education programs

The VAC Inc, Student Veterans of America (SVA), and TLS Veterans working with Mike Splitt of In-Sync Systems organized McHenry County's third annual Patriot Run 5K in support of local veterans programs. Over \$25,000 was raised to support veterans' programs within McHenry County.

The VAC provides transportation to the Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Of the 2,575 transportation appointments filled by the VAC over 2017, approximately 93.3% were for veterans aged 55 and older. Senior Care Volunteer Network and Senior Service Associates volunteers provided door to door transportation to and from the designated VAC Bus stops for veterans who can't drive. Use of our transportation service is down most likely resulting from expanded service being offered by the VA Outpatient Clinic in McHenry. The Commission is examining the need for service to doctors who are part of the VA Veterans Choice Program. In anticipation of a change the VAC plans to reduce its transportation capacity by replacing up to two of the larger vehicles with Minivans.

The total amount of Veterans Financial Assistance Granted continues to decrease. It is believed that this is resulting from the combination of successful VA claims prosecution, Federal Assistance Programs, and decrease in population. The VA's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) alone placed around numerous formally homeless McHenry County veterans and some families into permanent housing.

Our Outreach Education Program proactively reaches veterans and their families through a variety of venues. This past year the VAC provided Educational Outreach at numerous locations including;

Task Force on Aging	Elderwerks Senior Fair	Huntly Radio Interview
TLS Veterans Food Pantry 12x	Cary Grove Rotary Club	Valley Hi Rehab & Skilled Care
Veterans Resource Fair	American Legion District	Various Chamber Events
VietNow National Conference	McHenry Public Library	St Johns Senior Fair
Warrior Games Soldier Field	Lake in the Hills Rotary Club	Multi-Agency Resource functions for flood Victims
People in Need Forum	Student Veterans of America – MCC	McHenry County Fair
McHenry Chamber Veterans Fair	SVA Veterans Town Hall	Lovell FHCC Mental Health Summit

The members of the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County are proud to be serving our military veterans and their families. Working with the Federal, State, and local public and private agencies McHenry County Veterans can expect quality service and assistance valuable to maintaining or reaching independence.

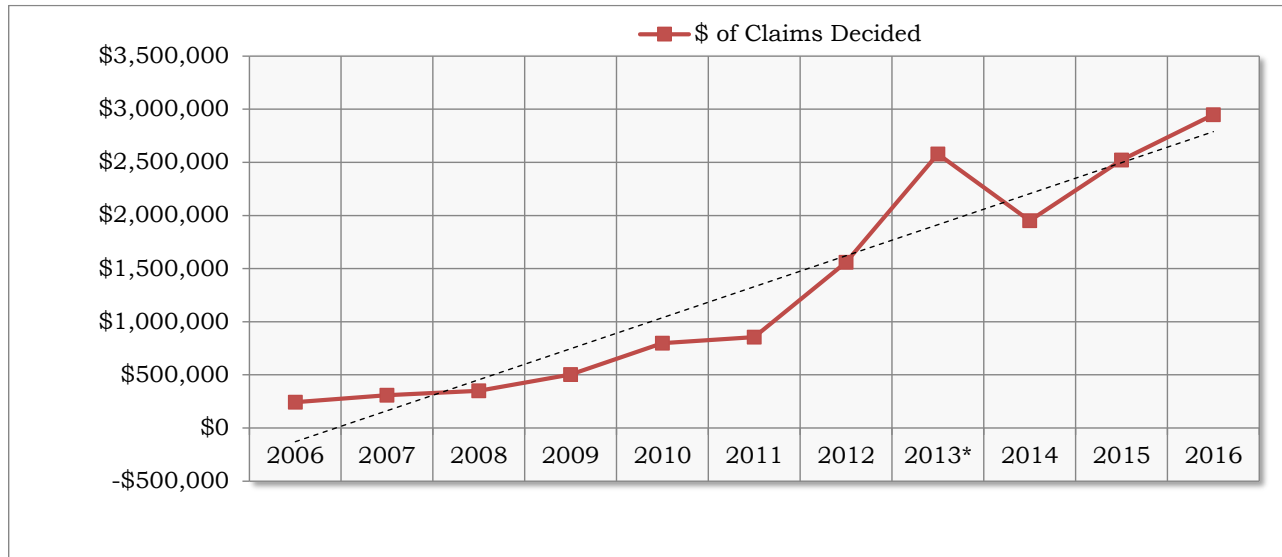
Very Respectfully,

Michael A. Iwanicki

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 Superintendent / VSO
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US Department of Veterans Affairs VA Claims Prosecution



Back in 2004 the VAC Executive Board agreed that greater emphasis needed to be placed on assisting our veterans and surviving family members with presenting and prosecuting Disability & Pension Claims before the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Although helpful, local Veterans Assistance (financial support) was not sufficient to assist our clients with becoming as independent as possible. The above chart illustrates the upward trend from new VA Disability and Pension dollars resulting from VAC Claims Prosecution.

Not illustrated are the additional benefits granted veterans rated 10% or more who become eligible for VA Health Care at no charge and the savings veterans experience from the reduced cost of medications through the VA (\$8 for 30 days per prescription). Veterans granted 50% or more pay nothing for their VA Health Care or prescriptions, and those granted 100% are eligible for CHAMPVA, a health insurance policy for their dependents. It also does not show reoccurring payments. The cumulative impact over 2017 for successful claims prosecution from 2014-2017 was about \$10.5 Million. The return on investment over 2017 was \$6.84 in federal dollars awarded to veterans for every local tax dollar spent by the VAC. From 1998 – 2017 that figure is \$1.72 in federal dollars awarded to veterans for each local tax dollar spent by the VAC.

Veterans rated 30% or greater are eligible for specialized vocational training or education based on their individual's ability to work. Dependents of veterans rated 100% are eligible for their education to be paid by the VA.

Veterans Service Officers who are certified by military service organizations and accredited by the US Department of Veterans Affairs General Council may be granted remote access to veterans files at the Veterans Benefits Administration. VSO's with the VAC of McHenry County were among the first to receive this coveted remote access in the state of Illinois. The accreditation and remote access does come with responsibility to safeguard veterans' information, and to ensure that every applicant receives the best possible service. To earn certification by the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers the VSO must complete a 32 hour certification class and pass an examination. To be recognized by other Military Service Organizations such as the VFW or American Legion, the VSO must successfully complete the VA's TRIP training which familiarizes the VSO with the VA's remote access programs. The VA requires and provides

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annual security training of all VSO's granted access to the Veterans Benefits System.

Since the accreditation is federal, it would be very inappropriate to discriminate against a claimant based on where he/she lives. The following information provides a breakdown of the FY 2017 claims that have been presented / awarded based on the location of the applicants home.

Townships	Claims total	Awards				New Claims 2017
Alden	2	\$2,635.93				
Algonquin	82	\$390,947.11	"Other" Awards			
Burton	5	\$55,026.13	Out of County	Boone	\$31,590.61	3
Chemung	17	\$107,608.87		Cook	\$58,673.42	10
Coral	11	\$65,340.11		DuPage	\$0.00	1
Dorr	57	\$327,636.76		Iroquois	\$0.00	0
Dunham	1	\$62,090.81		Kane	\$154,974.79	11
Grafton	34	\$153,923.13		Lake	\$134,124.56	25
Greenwood	16	\$42,266.51		Ogle	\$0.00	0
Hartland	2	\$8,071.00		Winnebago	\$12,006.64	5
Hebron	5	\$5,727.39	Out of State	California	\$141,069.00	1
Marengo	7	\$61,953.89		Florida	\$7,224.85	3
McHenry	96	\$651,747.19		Georgia	\$0.00	0
Nunda	38	\$342,816.15		Indiana	\$0.00	1
Richmond	8	\$6,744.52		Montana	\$0.00	0
Riley	1	\$22,008.52		Ohio	\$0.00	1
Seneca	4	\$64,734.58		Tennessee	\$0.00	0
Other	68	\$573,987.97		Texas	\$336.00	1
Blank	0	\$0.00		Washington	\$0.00	1
	454	\$2,945,266.57		Wisconsin	\$30,838.20	5
Total McHenry County		\$2,371,278.60	Out of Country	France	\$0.00	0
Claims	454			Japan	\$0.00	0
				Phillipines	\$19,016.90	0
			Total "Other"		\$589,854.97	68

The VAC's reputation with successful claims prosecution and quality customer service has resulted in a word of mouth campaign that has extended outside the boundaries of the United States. We strongly believe that the need for accredited Veterans Service Officers will continue well into the future.

40 plus years after the Vietnam War chronic conditions related to chemical exposures continue to be identified. In 2008 it was learned that ANY Service Member or Veteran who actively served 90 days or more is at a greater risk of developing ALS than the non-veteran population, the risk is double for those who served in the Middle East. More recently, long term contamination to the water at Camp Lejeune was found to have caused a number of cancers in not just the Marines stationed there, but the families housed there as well. As more is learned about the impact of the current war on our service members it is expected that the VA will add conditions to the growing list of ailments associated with serving in the Gulf.

Because of the varying amount of time necessary to work with a client to develop a claim, efforts to get an exact cost for claims the assistance have been cost and time prohibitive for a staff not versed in Cost Accounting. We are able to estimate that approximately \$63K+ can be attributed to service with direct client contact. This does not include other administrative costs associated with VA Claims such as research associated with claim development. We estimate that approximately 2/3rds of a VSO's time is spent working on client VA Claims.

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Veterans Assistance & Emergency Assistance

Veterans Assistance is mandated per 330 ILCS 45 the Military Veterans Assistance Act. There is a question as to the meaning of “Emergency Assistance”, however, it has been our opinion that Emergency Assistance within the Military Veterans Assistance Act (hereafter referred to as the “Act”) has the exact same meaning as laws describing Township Emergency Assistance public aid. As such, since the Act describes Veterans Assistance (similar to General Assistance) AND Emergency Assistance it is believed that the Act is instructing VAC’s to have both. The Townships MAY offer Emergency Assistance. Further, within the Townships General Assistance Guidelines the Township Administrator of General Assistance “shall” refer military veterans to the Veterans Assistance Commission if the County has one.

	Food		Housing		Utility Totals		Independent Living		Gasoline		Transportation		Denials	Grand Totals	
	Number	Total \$	Number	Total \$	Number	Total \$	Number	Total \$	Number	Total \$	Number	Total \$		Requests	Total \$
December	5	\$125.00	6	\$2,651.72	10	\$1,078.04	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	23	\$3,854.76
January	13	\$325.00	6	\$3,530.36	10	\$705.31	1	\$250.00	2	\$72.31	0	\$0.00	3	35	\$4,882.98
February	7	\$175.00	6	\$3,426.93	11	\$884.37	1	\$250.00	1	\$38.06	44	\$189.45	1	27	\$4,774.36
March	9	\$225.00	8	\$3,894.57	9	\$539.76	1	\$250.00	0	\$0.00	15	\$64.80	3	30	\$4,909.33
April	12	\$300.00	1	\$362.11	8	\$1,120.99	0	\$0.00	1	\$38.06	0	\$0.00	5	27	\$1,821.16
May	6	\$150.00	7	\$3,181.95	10	\$1,160.51	2	\$393.80	0	\$0.00	18	\$96.60	1	26	\$4,886.26
June	8	\$200.00	7	\$3,876.00	9	\$932.28	2	\$610.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$34.80	2	28	\$5,618.28
July	2	\$50.00	5	\$2,636.15	3	\$122.65	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	37	\$140.85	0	10	\$2,808.80
August	6	\$150.00	5	\$2,554.68	10	\$691.40	3	\$1,080.00	0	\$0.00	33	\$119.10	4	28	\$4,476.08
September	8	\$200.00	7	\$3,522.20	14	\$2,070.62	1	\$182.07	0	\$0.00	30	\$158.01	1	31	\$5,974.89
October	12	\$300.00	7	\$3,045.77	18	\$1,506.55	2	\$720.00	0	\$0.00	21	\$132.09	1	40	\$5,572.32
November	16	\$400.00	8	\$3,844.25	17	\$1,493.07	3	\$1,080.00	0	\$0.00	21	\$468.80	0	44	\$6,817.32
Total	104	\$2,600.00	73	\$36,526.69	129	\$12,305.55	16	\$4,815.87	4	\$148.43	223	\$1,404.50	23	349	\$56,396.54
% of Total	29.80%	4.61%	20.92%	64.77%	36.96%	21.82%	4.58%	8.54%	1.15%	0.26%	63.90%	\$0.02	6.59%		

The above chart represents the total amount of Veterans Assistance & Emergency Assistance granted over 2017. The average Veterans Assistance granted per request was \$350.29 which was divided between 2-3 different bills. The estimated cost to provide Veterans Assistance based scheduled time with the applicant is \$67,132.00 and assistance granted. This figure does not include cost for training or administration associated with the program or personnel benefits.

Assistance is granted based on a written set of guidelines approved by the Commission. Over 2015 the States Attorney’s Office also reviewed our guidelines and made recommendations for clarification and justification. A comprehensive review was done again over 2017. Adjustments made were based on recent court cases and a need for further clarification is some areas.

Veterans Assistance is provided to eligible veterans or eligible surviving spouses based on income and need. The applicant must provide documentation showing all sources of income and current expenses. An applicant who had previously been provided a referral to another agency (such as Workforce Network) must provide proof of working with the agency prior to granting further assistance. Veterans Assistance may be granted month to month (30 day cycle) as long as the applicant can show eligibility for each eligibility period. Over 2016 the Commission approved a

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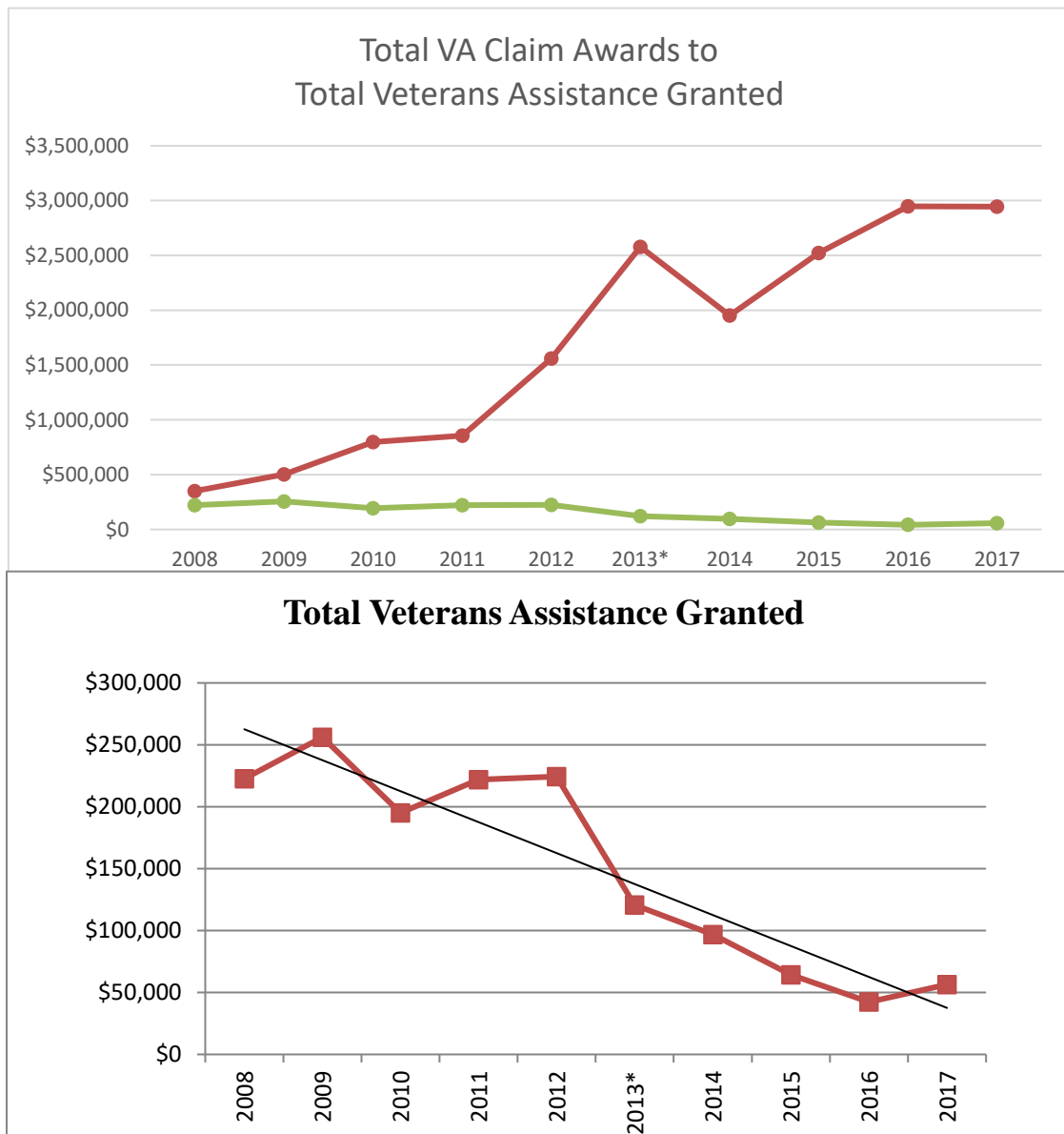
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change to increase the income guideline to 150% of the US Health & Human Services Poverty Level Guideline.

Emergency Assistance as described in the Public Aid Code may be granted to applicants NOT eligible for General Assistance. For our purpose the applicant must not be eligible for Veterans Assistance and must meet written eligibility guidelines. Veterans Emergency Assistance may only be used for Utilities or Housing. Emergency Veterans Assistance may only be granted one time over a 24 month period.

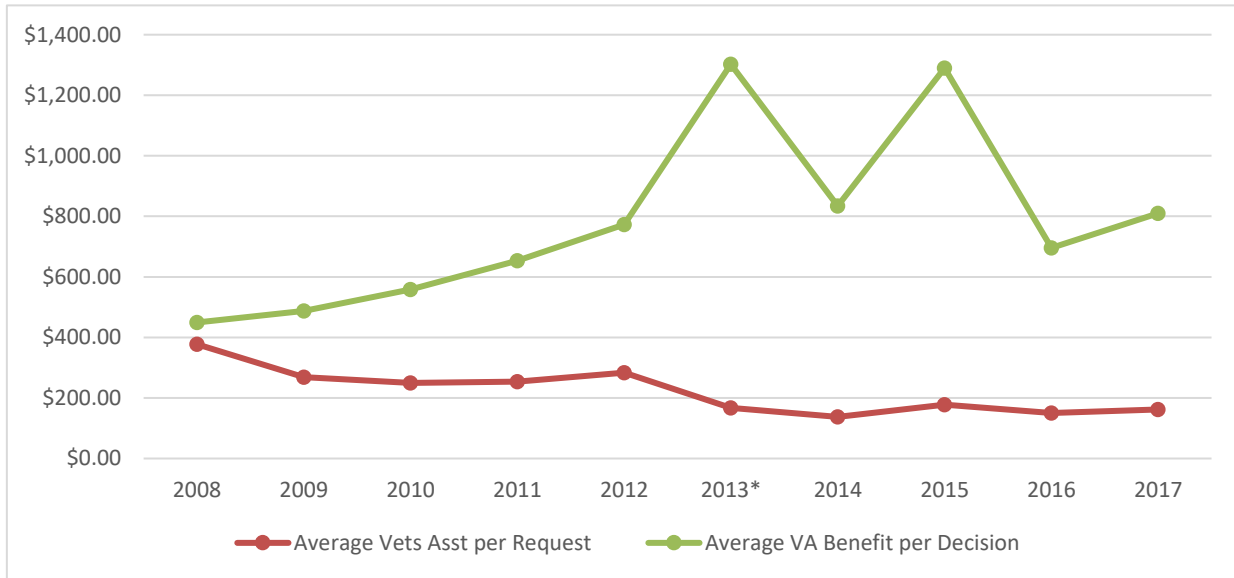
Disaster Veterans Assistance is granted in coordination with other emergency assistance from qualified agencies when, through no fault of the applicant, an applicant's home is severely damaged or destroyed. It is treated as Veterans Assistance however, no income information is used to determine eligibility. As with other Assistance, no monies go to the applicant only to the vendor. Disaster Veterans Assistance may only be granted once in a lifetime.

Since 2012 there has been a considerable drop in the amount of local Veterans Financial Assistance Granted. We believe this is a result of success with the presentation and prosecution of VA Claims which provide the applicant with cash benefits from the VA. Below is a graph showing the relationship between Total VA Claims Awarded and Total Veterans Assistance Granted:



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Veterans Assistance and Emergency Assistance is a very helpful tool to assist low income veterans or their surviving spouses when other options are not available. All too often it means the difference between being housed and being homeless. For veterans and service members who have developed chronic conditions as a result of military service Veterans Assistance assists the family throughout the VA Claim process. If the VA awards the claim, in most cases the family no longer requires local Veterans Assistance. Below shows the difference between monthly Local Veterans Assistance and VA Disability / Pension cash benefit per month.



Other Services

The VAC is a member of the Continuum of Care and maintains relationships with many of the local government and social service agencies. When a VSO interviews a client the goal is not only to address the immediate need of the veteran, but also identify needs of the family. Where the VA can provide wonderful health care services to the veteran, the VA is not typically available to assist family members or provide services outside of health care. Part of being an advocate for the veteran or surviving spouse is identifying other services that can help. In addition to the VA, the VAC has also provided referral counseling numerous local agencies and service groups including:

McHenry County Housing Authority	Joe's Wish	IL Dept of Veterans Affairs
American Legion Family Assistance	TLS Veterans	Consumer Credit Counseling
Public Action to Deliver Shelter - PADS	Senior Services	McHenry County College
Senior Care Volunteer Network	Elderwerks	Mental Health Board
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	Family Alliance	Local Posts
Small Business Development Center	McRide & Pace	Townships, & Church's
ComEd CHAMP Program		

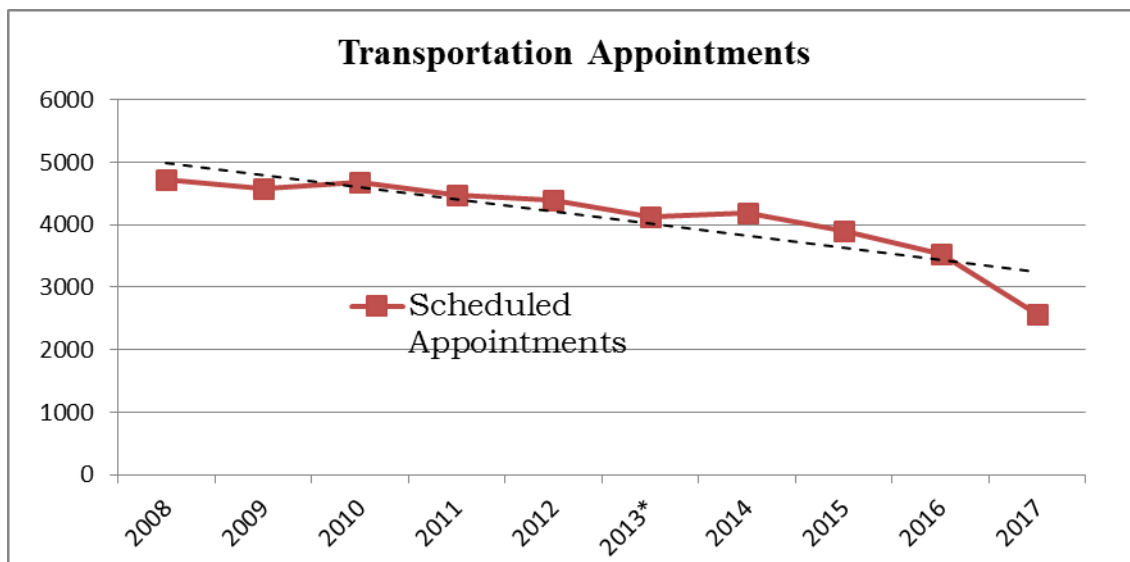
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VA Hospital Transportation Service

The Commission has been providing some form of transportation service to the hospital in North Chicago since we opened the doors in December 1989. Initially, volunteer drivers were reimbursed for mileage. Eventually the Commission organized a fundraiser to purchase a van to transport passengers the North Chicago VA Medical Center. After the purchase a driver was hired on a per-diem basis and transportation was provided up to 5 days a week with special days to take patients to Milwaukee VA, Madison VA, or Hines VA.

Over 2007 there was a considerable increase in the number of appointments the program was asked to fill. As a result, the Commission went to VAC Bus Stops. In addition to being a more economical choice, going to bus stops allowed more time at the Lovell FHCC for patient appointments. Prior to 2009 the VAC Transportation Service arrived at the hospital by 9:00pm and needed to leave by noon. Now patients can make appointments as early as 8:00am and leave as late as 2:00pm.

Over the past few years we have seen a drop in the number of passengers transported. This is likely the result of improved and expanded services offered locally at the VA's Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in McHenry, as well as greater availability of local rehab services covered by VA Health Care. In late 2015 the VAC began looking to identify possible changes to the VAC transportation service. It was decided to allow the transportation of local housebound veterans to the CBOC. Additionally, the Commission offered to transport veterans from the County's Valley Hi Skilled Care and Rehab facility to the Lovell FHCC in North Chicago. The Commission will be reviewing the possibility of providing transporting veterans who can't drive and have appointments with private providers who are compensated through the Veterans Choice Program. Under Veterans Choice Lovell may refer a veteran to an outside provider if the VA is unable to get the veteran scheduled in a timely manner.



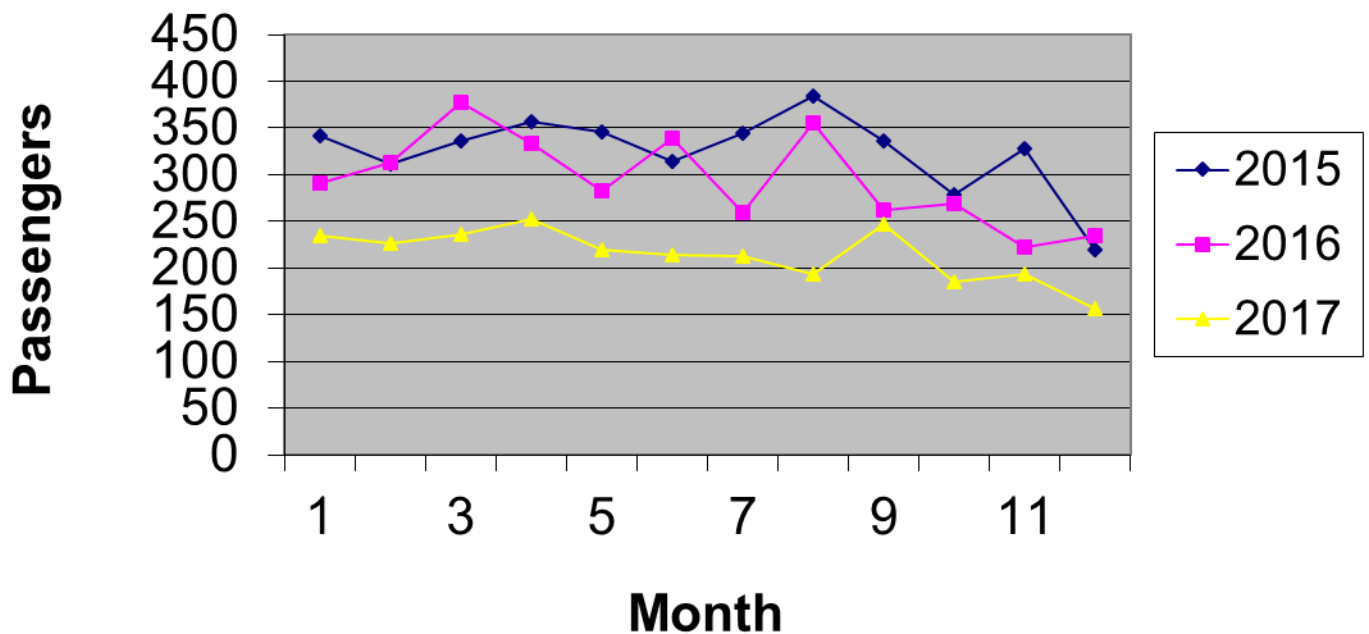
As a result of the decline and anticipated changes to the program the VAC is reducing its transportation capacity and replacing the Maxivan with a 2018 minivan. It is likely that the VAC will eventually replace one of the 13 passenger Champion Bus' with another minivan.

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The below chart shows recent changes in transportation month to month. Not included in the total are the 14 transportation appointments to the CBOC in McHenry for clients unable to drive.

Month	2015	2016	%Change 2015	Ave. % Change	2017	%Change 2016	Ave. % Change
December	341	291	-14.7%	-14.7%	235	-19.2%	-19.2%
January	312	313	0.3%	-7.5%	227	-27.5%	-23.5%
February	336	378	12.5%	-0.7%	236	-37.6%	-28.9%
March	357	333	-6.7%	-2.3%	253	-24.0%	-27.7%
April	346	283	-18.2%	-5.6%	220	-22.3%	-26.7%
May	314	339	8.0%	-3.4%	214	-36.9%	-28.5%
June	345	259	-24.9%	-6.6%	213	-17.8%	-27.2%
July	384	356	-7.3%	-6.7%	194	-45.5%	-29.8%
August	336	262	-22.0%	-8.4%	247	-5.7%	-27.5%
September	279	269	-3.6%	-8.0%	186	-30.9%	-27.8%
October	328	222	-32.3%	-10.1%	194	-12.6%	-26.8%
November	219	235	7.3%	-9.2%	156	-33.6%	-27.3%
Passengers	3897	3540			2575		
Equal Time	3350	3083			2575		
Percent Capacity	55.1%	50.1%	Goal <70%		41.3%		
Percent Change		-9.16%			-17.56%		

Passenger Load



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Out in the Community

Over the past fiscal year representatives from the VAC provided Educational Outreach to groups throughout the community. The purpose is to provide basic information about benefits available to eligible veterans / service members and their family. Over 2017 the VAC of McHenry County provided Educational Outreach to:

Task Force on Aging	Elderwerks Senior Fair	Huntly Radio Interview
TLS Veterans Food Pantry 12x	Cary Grove Rotary Club	Valley Hi Rehab & Skilled Care
Veterans Resource Fair	American Legion District	Various Chamber Events
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People in Need Forum	Student Veterans of America – MCC	McHenry County Fair
McHenry Chamber Veterans Fair	SVA Veterans Town Hall	Lovell FHCC Mental Health Summit

In 2014 the VAC organized its first Veterans Stand Down which was hosted by the VFW Post in Woodstock. Planning the event with other local agencies, the goal was to have an event that would be able to address immediate needs such as emergency housing and food. With funding from the Department of Labor the January Stand Down went well, however, the VAC and the steering committee believed that restrictions imposed by the DOL hindered our ability to reach and make service available to a larger population of our local veterans and service members. The 2015 “Veterans Resource Fair” was funded by the VAC Inc. with public donations and sought more effectively reach the general veterans population. By opening the Fair up to all veterans and those with an interest in veterans concerns the steering committee believes that our Veterans Resource Fair is more in line with the intent of a Stand Down which would be and emphasis on service rather than “stuff”.

April of 2017 The VAC along with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the McHenry County Housing Authority, US Department of Veterans Affairs, and TLS Veterans organized and hosted the 4th Veterans / Service Members Resource Fair, and a Hiring event. The Resource Fair was provided in the morning and the Hiring Event in the afternoon. There was not the turn out anticipated for either program. Although the vendors supported continuing the annual Resource Fair it appeared that the program may have run its course. Later in the year the VAC was invited to participate in a veterans event sponsored by the McHenry Chamber of Commerce. The Chambers event took place in the evening for a couple of hours and was very well attended. This confirmed that the VAC should focus on another venue.

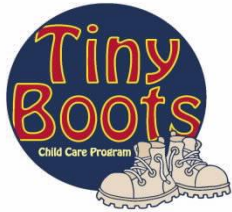
In addition to joining the local Task Force on Aging, the VAC also joined the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce. The desire is to educate about the availability of VA Benefits and the services provided by the VAC.

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Other Issues and Accomplishments

The Fall of 2017 became a considerable challenge when two of our Accredited Veterans Service Officers were hired away by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. This put a considerable strain on the remaining team members. It also illustrated a concern over proper compensation for VAC employees. As the County was performing a compensation study, the Commission sought assistance from the County to help with the issue. The VAC Superintendent was also asked to review past salary studies and provide a report in 2018.



The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs had kicked off its Tiny Boots program. The program helps veterans with young children with licensed day care. This is very helpful for vets who struggle to find baby sitters so he/she may go for VA medical care, or a job interview. The VAC very enthusiastically worked with the IDVA to identify local daycare centers and educate both daycare centers and veterans of the programs availability. The YWCA of Chicago coordinates the State funded program.

The VAC took two of its minivans out of service over 2017. One was replaced thanks to local donations and funding from the Annual Patriot Run. A second minivan was approved for purchase by the Commission. The 2018 minivan will be replacing the PACE maxivan. Funding for the 2018 minivan will come from a Senior Services Grant and from the VAC budget.

By late fall two candidates for the open Veterans Service Officer I positions were identified. The candidates who accepted the position were recommended by surrounding Veterans Assistance Commissions. They will be attending Accreditation training in the early spring of 2018

Who We Are

VAC Chairman Joseph Kersten – Joe was inducted into the US Army on 20 January 1969. After training he served in the 213th Engineer Detachment in Vietnam from June 1969 thru August 1970 before being Honorably discharged. Mr. Kersten served as the Commission's first Chairman which he served for 10 years. Joe reengaged with the Commission in 2008 and has served as the Chairman since 2010.

Superintendent Michael Iwanicki – Michael joined the US Navy in September 1980 and became an Electricians Mate. Mike served aboard the USS Elliot DD-967 which participated in the investigation of the 1983 Soviet downing of KAL-007. Michael earned the rate of EM1(SW), and was Honorably discharged from the Navy in 1986. Mr. Iwanicki was hired by the Commission in 1998 as a Veterans Service Officer and was selected as the Superintendent in 2003. Michael also served as the President of the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions from 2011 through 2017, and was elected to the Executive Board of the Illinois Association of County Officials.

Veterans Service Officer II Jane Dorfner – Jane is the spouse of a US Navy veteran. She joined the VAC in 2008 and served as the Administrative Specialist before becoming a Veterans Service Officer in 2010. Jane was promoted to the Lead Service Officer in 2015 and manages the claims flow, training of new VSO's, assists the Superintendent with Outreach Education, and coordinates with various agencies during the holidays to provide food and gifts to local veteran families in need. Mrs. Dorfner represents the VAC as a member of the Continuum of Care, the Lovell FHCC Patient Advisory Council, Task Force on Aging, and the Emergency Food & Shelter Program.

Veterans Service Officer I Matthew Fetrow – Matthew Fetrow is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served from 2009-2013 with one tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2011. He served

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as an Aviation Supply Specialist with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31 in Beaufort, SC for his entire enlistment. He had completed his degree in Social Work and had accepted a position with the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Service Officer I Sonia Castaneda – Sonia Castaneda has served in the U.S. Army National Guard for 10 years as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Specialist. During 2008-2009 Sonia was activated along with her unit to assist with Security Forces for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Sonia currently holds the rank of Staff Sergeant and continues to be in the Illinois Army National Guard. After completing her degree work Mrs. Castaneda accepted a internship (which typically becomes a job offer) with the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Office Clerk / Dispatcher James Koch – James Koch served honorably in the US Navy Veteran, from 1965 to 1968 at US Naval Air Station Twin Cities in Minneapolis, MN. Jim worked thirty four years at Centel and Sprint/Centel in various positions in the telephone industry and retired from Sprint in 2002. James came to the VAC in 2008 as a Transportation Specialist transporting Veterans to and from the James A. Lovell FHCC in North Chicago. Mr. Koch started in the office as the VAC's Clerk / Dispatcher in 2010.

Transportation Specialist Dave Ayers – Dave is a veteran of the US Marine Corps serving from 1956 – 1958 as a small arms specialist. After the military Dave worked as a Commercial Truck Driver until his retirement. He joined the VAC in 2004 as a Transportation Specialist.

Transportation Specialist Roy Allsup – Roy is an honorably discharged veteran of the US Marine Corps (1968-1970) where he served in artillery and was in country Vietnam from 1968-1969. After the military Roy was self-employed in the flooring industry until his retirement. Mr. Allsup joined the VAC as a Transportation Specialist in 2009.

Transportation Specialist Ron Nickels – Ron Nickels served honorably in the US Navy from 1955 – 1958 as a Communications Technician at Skag Island CA. Ron worked in McHenry County for 40+ years as a Tool & Die Mold Maker. Mr. Nickels joined the VAC as a Transportation Specialist in 2008.

Transportation Specialist Frank Guignon – Frank served honorably in the US Army from 1967 – 1971 as a radio and tape player repairman. He also served in country Vietnam from 1967 – 1968. After the military Frank worked as a Telecommunications Sales Engineer until his retirement. Mr. Guignon joined the commission as a Transportation Specialist in 2016.

Veterans Service Officer I Cecelia Gaines – Cecelia served honorably in the US Navy from 1993 – 1997 as a Dispersing Clerk. She has a background in the medical field which is useful when speaking to veterans about potential service connected injuries. She was hired by the VAC in October.

Veterans Service Officer I Victor Somoza – Victor served honorably in the US Army from 2008 – 2015. Victor is a combat veteran having served in Iraq. He was helping veterans with their education benefits at Lake County College when he was referred to the VAC by the VAC of Lake County. He was hired by the VAC in October.

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VAC Claims Performance 2016

VA EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2015 Expenditures in \$000							VA EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2016 Expenditures in \$000							2014-2015			
COUNTY	vp#	Veteran Population	Comp \$#	& Pension	Ave C&P Per Vet	Ave#	COUNTY	vp#	Veteran Population	Comp \$#	& Pension	Ave C&P Per Vet	Ave#	Total C&P %/	%Change	Ave Per Vet %/	%Change
BOONE	32	3,663	45	\$ 6,285	\$ 1,715.71	98	BOONE	31	3,632	44	\$ 7,317	\$ 2,014.40	97	15	16.42%	20	17.41%
CARRROLL	63	1,419	79	\$ 2,922	\$ 2,058.23	81	CARRROLL	63	1,391	77	\$ 3,186	\$ 2,290.31	80	61	9.05%	61	11.28%
CHAMPAIGN	15	10,471	13	\$ 25,071	\$ 2,394.31	55	CHAMPAIGN	15	10,279	14	\$ 27,101	\$ 2,636.55	53	70	8.10%	67	10.12%
COOK	1	192,445	1	\$ 446,088	\$ 2,318.00	62	COOK	1	185,272	1	\$ 480,926	\$ 2,595.79	56	71	7.81%	55	11.98%
DEKALB	20	6,941	24	\$ 12,647	\$ 1,822.14	94	DEKALB	20	6,923	24	\$ 14,293	\$ 2,064.56	96	28	13.02%	37	13.30%
DOUGLAS	69	1,371	73	\$ 3,112	\$ 2,270.82	65	DOUGLAS	70	1,336	72	\$ 3,465	\$ 2,594.55	57	39	11.34%	30	14.26%
DU PAGE	2	39,021	5	\$ 73,291	\$ 1,878.23	91	DU PAGE	3	37,514	5	\$ 80,298	\$ 2,140.49	93	56	9.56%	32	13.96%
EFFINGHAM	49	2,455	46	\$ 6,065	\$ 2,470.98	50	EFFINGHAM	49	2,400	50	\$ 6,083	\$ 2,534.57	62	91	0.30%	91	2.57%
FULTON	39	3,116	42	\$ 6,911	\$ 2,217.98	70	FULTON	39	3,050	43	\$ 7,483	\$ 2,453.71	71	68	8.28%	64	10.63%
GREENE	75	1,258	71	\$ 3,196	\$ 2,540.67	43	GREENE	74	1,239	78	\$ 3,072	\$ 2,479.58	69	100	-3.86%	100	-2.40%
GRUNDY	33	3,547	40	\$ 7,252	\$ 2,044.50	83	GRUNDY	33	3,545	38	\$ 8,558	\$ 2,413.79	73	13	18.01%	17	18.06%
HANCOCK	61	1,493	58	\$ 4,419	\$ 2,960.26	24	HANCOCK	61	1,449	58	\$ 4,914	\$ 3,390.30	23	40	11.20%	29	14.53%
HENDERSON	88	756	90	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,841.91	29	HENDERSON	88	748	94	\$ 1,606	\$ 2,147.72	92	102	-25.32%	102	-24.43%
HENRY	29	4,132	33	\$ 9,233	\$ 2,234.58	69	HENRY	29	4,076	33	\$ 10,319	\$ 2,531.75	63	33	11.76%	38	13.30%
IROQUOIS	52	2,146	53	\$ 5,018	\$ 2,338.37	60	IROQUOIS	53	2,086	52	\$ 5,561	\$ 2,665.24	52	46	10.81%	31	13.98%
JERSEY	51	2,177	55	\$ 4,568	\$ 2,097.85	78	JERSEY	51	2,163	57	\$ 4,948	\$ 2,287.83	81	67	8.33%	72	9.06%
KANE	7	24,436	8	\$ 38,971	\$ 1,594.79	100	KANE	7	24,084	8	\$ 43,301	\$ 1,797.93	99	43	11.11%	45	12.74%
KANKAKEE	18	7,938	20	\$ 19,136	\$ 2,410.63	53	KANKAKEE	18	7,824	20	\$ 21,646	\$ 2,766.69	47	26	13.12%	27	14.77%
KENDALL	19	7,524	27	\$ 11,698	\$ 1,554.66	101	KENDALL	19	7,659	27	\$ 12,913	\$ 1,686.06	102	51	10.39%	74	8.45%
KNOX	26	4,339	28	\$ 10,739	\$ 2,475.22	49	KNOX	27	4,228	29	\$ 11,349	\$ 2,684.18	51	76	5.67%	75	8.44%
LA SALLE	17	8,813	15	\$ 22,647	\$ 2,569.80	41	LA SALLE	17	8,653	19	\$ 22,694	\$ 2,622.52	55	92	0.21%	92	2.05%
LAKE	4	34,759	3	\$ 93,294	\$ 2,684.00	37	LAKE	4	34,150	3	\$ 102,810	\$ 3,010.52	36	55	10.20%	53	12.17%
LEE	45	2,738	47	\$ 5,993	\$ 2,188.70	71	LEE	44	2,694	45	\$ 6,803	\$ 2,524.67	65	25	13.52%	23	15.35%
LIVINGSTON	44	2,744	44	\$ 6,422	\$ 2,340.32	59	LIVINGSTON	45	2,690	48	\$ 6,324	\$ 2,351.13	76	97	-1.52%	96	0.46%
MACON	16	9,004	16	\$ 22,458	\$ 2,494.09	47	MACON	16	8,770	15	\$ 25,208	\$ 2,874.35	45	32	12.25%	25	15.25%
MACOUPIN	25	4,407	25	\$ 12,179	\$ 2,763.66	33	MACOUPIN	25	4,350	25	\$ 13,561	\$ 3,117.51	31	38	11.35%	44	12.80%
MADISON	6	24,687	6	\$ 61,701	\$ 2,499.31	46	MADISON	6	24,340	6	\$ 66,933	\$ 2,749.90	48	66	8.48%	68	10.03%
MASON	68	1,376	69	\$ 3,289	\$ 2,389.31	57	MASON	68	1,346	67	\$ 3,968	\$ 2,949.04	43	8	20.67%	8	23.43%
MCDONOUGH	48	2,459	43	\$ 6,745	\$ 2,743.23	34	MCDONOUGH	48	2,434	42	\$ 7,523	\$ 3,090.20	32	35	11.52%	48	12.65%
MCHEMRY	9	18,964	9	\$ 38,270	\$ 2,018.06	84	MCHEMRY	9	18,594	9	\$ 41,193	\$ 2,215.45	88	72	7.64%	69	9.78%
MCLEAN	14	10,574	17	\$ 22,243	\$ 2,103.45	75	MCLEAN	14	10,425	16	\$ 24,558	\$ 2,355.53	73	50	10.41%	54	11.98%
MERCER	66	1,386	63	\$ 3,743	\$ 2,700.75	36	MERCER	67	1,361	64	\$ 4,162	\$ 3,057.91	33	41	11.18%	39	13.22%
MONTGOMERY	47	2,525	48	\$ 5,841	\$ 2,313.22	63	MONTGOMERY	47	2,473	46	\$ 6,508	\$ 2,631.94	54	37	11.41%	35	13.78%
OGLE	27	4,333	37	\$ 7,779	\$ 1,795.21	96	OGLE	26	4,295	35	\$ 8,872	\$ 2,065.48	95	22	14.05%	26	15.06%
PEORIA	11	13,491	11	\$ 27,662	\$ 2,050.43	82	PEORIA	11	13,213	11	\$ 30,168	\$ 2,283.22	82	60	9.06%	59	11.35%
PIATT	65	1,390	87	\$ 2,577	\$ 1,853.78	93	PIATT	65	1,375	81	\$ 3,014	\$ 2,192.74	91	14	16.99%	14	18.28%
ROCK ISLAND	13	11,789	12	\$ 26,416	\$ 2,240.77	68	ROCK ISLAND	13	11,535	12	\$ 29,134	\$ 2,525.65	64	52	10.29%	46	12.71%
SAINT CLAIR	5	29,441	2	\$ 115,229	\$ 3,913.96	8	SAINT CLAIR	5	29,597	2	\$ 131,019	\$ 4,426.70	8	23	13.70%	41	13.10%
SANGAMON	10	16,138	10	\$ 36,364	\$ 2,253.30	67	SANGAMON	10	15,905	10	\$ 41,068	\$ 2,582.15	58	30	12.93%	28	14.59%
SCHUYLER	92	592	91	\$ 2,089	\$ 3,527.22	17	SCHUYLER	92	578	90	\$ 2,524	\$ 4,366.94	9	7	20.80%	7	23.81%
STEPHENSON	31	3,686	34	\$ 8,436	\$ 2,288.98	64	STEPHENSON	32	3,610	34	\$ 9,179	\$ 2,542.83	61	65	8.81%	62	11.09%
TAZEWELL	12	11,979	14	\$ 23,447	\$ 1,957.26	90	TAZEWELL	12	11,779	13	\$ 27,239	\$ 2,312.50	79	18	16.18%	16	18.15%
WARREN	71	1,318	84	\$ 2,647	\$ 2,008.28	86	WARREN	71	1,296	75	\$ 3,248	\$ 2,505.52	67	6	22.71%	5	24.76%
WASHINGTON	72	1,310	82	\$ 2,856	\$ 2,180.85	72	WASHINGTON	72	1,294	85	\$ 2,857	\$ 2,207.63	89	93	0.03%	94	1.23%
WHITESIDE	24	4,868	32	\$ 9,808	\$ 2,014.54	85	WHITESIDE	24	4,751	32	\$ 10,682	\$ 2,248.23	85	63	8.91%	57	11.60%
WILL	3	38,964	4	\$ 77,043	\$ 1,977.27	88	WILL	2	38,528	4	\$ 86,049	\$ 2,233.40	86	34	11.69%	43	12.95%
WINNEBAGO	8	20,568	7	\$ 42,498	\$ 2,066.23	80	WINNEBAGO	8	20,186	7	\$ 47,001	\$ 2,328.35	78	47	10.60%	47	12.69%
WOODFORD	38	3,123	54	\$ 5,009	\$ 1,603.88	99	WOODFORD	38	3,076	53	\$ 5,553	\$ 1,805.08	98	45	10.86%	49	12.54%
Illinois Total		705,582		1,687,260	\$2,391.30		Illinois Totals		690,040		1,847,960	\$2,678.05					
Average County Information							Average County Information										
Average County Total Comp & Penn		2014		Ave C&P		Ave C&P Per Vet		2014		Total Change from 14'		160,701					
Average County Total Comp & Penn		2015		\$16,542		\$2,391.30		2015		Change From 2014		-2.20%		9.52%			
Average County Total Comp & Penn		2015		\$18,117		\$2,678.05		Average Population		6765							
Total Change from 2014				9.52%		11.99%		Less Cook									
National Average C&P Increase				10.87%		12.49%		2015 DIC Benefits		\$2,763,600							
								2016 DIC Benefits				#REF!					
								Increase in DIC Benefits									
								Education Benefits McHenry County Veterans				\$6,945,733					

* = Indicates a VAC **Bold** = Indicates C&P > State Average
Highlight = Mean or Center

Bold % Change = Indicates %Change > State Average
Blue % Change = Indicates %Change > National Average
= Indicates Ranking

The Following formula was used to determine the loss due to veterans moving or dying, and estimated increase due to claims development.
2016 Total County C&P times 1000.
Above result times the 12/2015 COLA increase
2016 Veterans Population in County minus 2015 Population
Difference in Population times 2015 Average C&P per Veteran
Above result times the COLA Increase (0.0%)
Total effect from loss of Veterans = sum of above 2
Non-Claim development related increase = COLA Increase minus above
Total Increase/(Decrease) in C&P = 2015 C&P minus 2016 C&P times 1000
Increase from Claims Development = above minus non-claim development

	State	McHenry		
2016 Total County C&P times 1000.	\$1,687,259,833	\$38,269,851		
Above result times the 12/2015 COLA increase	\$28,683,417	\$650,509		
2016 Veterans Population in County minus 2015 Population	-15,542	(370)	2285114.96	
Difference in Population times 2015 Average C&P per Veteran	-\$37,165,509	-\$746,937		
Above result times the COLA Increase (0.0%)	\$0	\$0		
Total effect from loss of Veterans = sum of above 2	-\$37,165,509	-\$746,937	\$ 3,670,213	
Non-Claim development related increase = COLA Increase minus above	-\$8,482,092	-\$96,350		
Total Increase/(Decrease) in C&P = 2015 C&P minus 2016 C&P times 1000	\$160,700,557	\$ 2,923,276	#REF!	Increase + DIC
Increase from Claims Development = above minus non-claim development	\$169,182,648	\$ 3,019,625		

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Non-VAC Counties

ADAMS	21	6,208	21	\$ 17,514	\$ 2,821.07	31	ADAMS	21	6,082	21	\$ 20,139	\$ 3,311.27	25	21	14.99%	21	17.38%
ALEXANDER	90	660	80	\$ 2,905	\$ 4,404.40	3	ALEXANDER	90	650	83	\$ 2,945	\$ 4,530.46	4	89	1.35%	90	2.86%
BOND	70	1,353	68	\$ 3,312	\$ 2,447.49	52	BOND	69	1,337	65	\$ 4,066	\$ 3,041.81	34	5	22.76%	6	24.28%
BROWN	99	423	102	\$ 763	\$ 1,804.24	95	BROWN	99	414	101	\$ 941	\$ 2,275.72	83	4	23.37%	3	26.13%
BUREAU	46	2,669	50	\$ 5,562	\$ 2,084.29	79	BUREAU	46	2,621	49	\$ 6,317	\$ 2,410.23	74	24	13.58%	22	15.64%
CALHOUN	98	473	100	\$ 1,066	\$ 2,253.90	66	CALHOUN	97	468	100	\$ 1,164	\$ 2,484.28	68	59	9.14%	66	10.22%
CASS	84	1,045	77	\$ 2,989	\$ 2,860.09	27	CASS	84	1,030	79	\$ 3,051	\$ 2,961.15	42	88	2.07%	88	3.53%
CHRISTIAN	42	2,943	38	\$ 7,605	\$ 2,584.42	40	CHRISTIAN	42	2,884	37	\$ 8,596	\$ 2,980.65	40	27	13.02%	24	15.33%
CLARK	64	1,410	65	\$ 3,553	\$ 2,520.60	44	CLARK	64	1,383	69	\$ 3,918	\$ 2,833.72	46	53	10.27%	50	12.42%
CLAY	85	1,022	81	\$ 2,896	\$ 2,833.12	30	CLAY	85	999	80	\$ 3,029	\$ 3,031.29	35	80	4.61%	80	6.99%
CLINTON	35	3,383	31	\$ 9,993	\$ 2,953.83	26	CLINTON	35	3,358	30	\$ 11,287	\$ 3,361.68	24	29	12.95%	34	13.81%
COLES	30	3,715	29	\$ 10,611	\$ 2,856.29	28	COLES	30	3,646	28	\$ 11,389	\$ 3,123.51	30	74	7.33%	71	9.36%
CRAWFORD	57	1,600	49	\$ 5,798	\$ 3,624.63	13	CRAWFORD	57	1,573	47	\$ 6,347	\$ 4,036.30	14	57	9.47%	58	11.36%
CUMBERLAND	87	845	92	\$ 1,959	\$ 2,318.28	61	CUMBERLAND	87	832	91	\$ 2,278	\$ 2,739.32	49	16	16.32%	15	18.16%
DEWITT	58	1,541	74	\$ 3,074	\$ 1,994.96	87	DEWITT	58	1,513	74	\$ 3,415	\$ 2,257.17	84	44	11.10%	40	13.14%
EDGAR	62	1,435	61	\$ 4,244	\$ 2,957.21	25	EDGAR	62	1,401	55	\$ 5,008	\$ 3,574.44	19	12	18.01%	11	20.87%
EDWARDS	93	549	95	\$ 1,382	\$ 2,519.09	45	EDWARDS	93	540	97	\$ 1,363	\$ 2,522.59	66	96	-1.36%	97	0.14%
FAYETTE	56	1,818	67	\$ 3,403	\$ 1,871.55	92	FAYETTE	56	1,780	68	\$ 3,922	\$ 2,203.23	90	20	15.24%	19	17.72%
FORD	79	1,118	83	\$ 2,659	\$ 2,377.86	58	FORD	79	1,103	86	\$ 2,836	\$ 2,571.16	59	75	6.65%	77	8.13%
FRANKLIN	34	3,470	22	\$ 16,280	\$ 4,692.21	2	FRANKLIN	34	3,409	22	\$ 16,930	\$ 4,965.68	1	83	3.99%	84	5.83%
GALLATIN	96	510	93	\$ 1,913	\$ 3,748.88	12	GALLATIN	96	504	92	\$ 2,261	\$ 4,485.29	5	11	18.20%	12	19.64%
HAMILTON	91	601	86	\$ 2,621	\$ 4,358.52	4	HAMILTON	91	586	86	\$ 2,891	\$ 4,928.84	2	54	10.27%	42	13.09%
HARDIN	102	345	96	\$ 1,368	\$ 3,966.88	6	HARDIN	102	336	96	\$ 1,432	\$ 4,262.95	10	79	4.72%	78	7.41%
JACKSON	28	4,246	23	\$ 14,526	\$ 3,421.36	19	JACKSON	28	4,199	23	\$ 14,981	\$ 3,567.35	20	86	3.13%	87	4.27%
JASPER	89	741	94	\$ 1,558	\$ 2,103.23	76	JASPER	89	730	93	\$ 1,702	\$ 2,332.59	77	58	9.21%	63	10.91%
JEFFERSON	36	3,317	30	\$ 10,262	\$ 3,094.16	22	JEFFERSON	36	3,274	31	\$ 11,181	\$ 3,415.55	22	62	8.95%	65	10.39%
JO DAVIESS	55	2,074	78	\$ 2,982	\$ 1,437.74	102	JO DAVIESS	55	2,041	73	\$ 3,462	\$ 1,696.66	101	19	16.11%	18	18.01%
JOHNSON	80	1,094	56	\$ 4,473	\$ 4,088.38	5	JOHNSON	81	1,078	59	\$ 4,807	\$ 4,457.60	6	73	7.46%	73	9.03%
LAWRENCE	73	1,297	72	\$ 3,196	\$ 2,463.21	51	LAWRENCE	73	1,268	66	\$ 4,063	\$ 3,203.48	29	2	27.13%	1	30.05%
LOGAN	50	2,258	57	\$ 4,426	\$ 1,960.18	89	LOGAN	50	2,217	60	\$ 4,658	\$ 2,101.52	94	78	5.23%	79	7.21%
MARION	37	3,193	26	\$ 12,045	\$ 3,771.87	11	MARION	37	3,123	26	\$ 13,110	\$ 4,197.69	11	64	8.85%	60	11.29%
MARSHALL	82	1,089	89	\$ 2,306	\$ 2,116.67	74	MARSHALL	82	1,067	87	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,561.23	60	9	18.53%	10	21.00%
MASSAC	77	1,156	62	\$ 4,174	\$ 3,609.72	14	MASSAC	77	1,134	63	\$ 4,277	\$ 3,770.57	17	87	2.48%	86	4.46%
MENARD	86	996	88	\$ 2,395	\$ 2,403.61	54	MENARD	86	985	82	\$ 2,966	\$ 3,010.35	37	3	23.85%	4	25.24%
MONROE	41	2,952	41	\$ 7,059	\$ 2,391.23	56	MONROE	41	2,903	41	\$ 7,869	\$ 2,710.59	50	36	11.46%	36	13.36%
MORGAN	40	2,962	39	\$ 7,348	\$ 2,480.48	48	MORGAN	40	2,906	39	\$ 8,542	\$ 2,939.39	44	17	16.26%	13	18.50%
MOULTRIE	81	1,093	75	\$ 2,994	\$ 2,739.57	35	MOULTRIE	80	1,081	76	\$ 3,242	\$ 2,999.36	38	69	8.27%	70	9.48%
PERRY	60	1,522	51	\$ 5,428	\$ 3,566.02	15	PERRY	60	1,494	51	\$ 5,661	\$ 3,789.71	16	81	4.29%	82	6.27%
PIKE	67	1,383	66	\$ 3,532	\$ 2,554.10	42	PIKE	66	1,366	62	\$ 4,511	\$ 3,302.11	26	1	27.72%	2	29.29%
POPE	101	382	97	\$ 1,352	\$ 3,537.73	16	POPE	101	377	95	\$ 1,494	\$ 3,958.71	15	49	10.44%	56	11.90%
PULASKI	95	527	85	\$ 2,638	\$ 5,003.12	1	PULASKI	95	518	89	\$ 2,547	\$ 4,920.85	3	99	-3.45%	99	-1.64%
PUTNAM	94	548	98	\$ 1,149	\$ 2,098.89	77	PUTNAM	94	536	99	\$ 1,193	\$ 2,225.23	87	85	3.82%	83	6.02%
RANDOLPH	43	2,800	35	\$ 8,331	\$ 2,975.95	23	RANDOLPH	43	2,774	40	\$ 8,298	\$ 2,990.88	39	95	-0.40%	95	0.50%
RICHLAND	76	1,214	70	\$ 3,244	\$ 2,672.59	38	RICHLAND	76	1,184	70	\$ 3,838	\$ 3,242.25	28	10	18.29%	9	21.31%
SALINE	53	2,134	36	\$ 8,314	\$ 3,895.54	9	SALINE	52	2,096	36	\$ 8,634	\$ 4,120.24	12	84	3.85%	85	5.77%
SCOTT	100	416	99	\$ 1,097	\$ 2,638.34	39	SCOTT	100	409	98	\$ 1,212	\$ 2,961.96	41	48	10.49%	51	12.27%
SHELBY	54	2,084	60	\$ 4,416	\$ 2,119.06	73	SHELBY	54	2,058	56	\$ 4,968	\$ 2,414.13	72	31	12.50%	33	13.92%
STARK	97	474	101	\$ 839	\$ 1,769.09	97	STARK	98	464	102	\$ 814	\$ 1,752.79	100	98	-3.04%	98	-0.92%
UNION	59	1,530	52	\$ 5,170	\$ 3,379.71	20	UNION	59	1,505	54	\$ 5,172	\$ 3,436.25	21	94	0.03%	93	1.67%
VERMILION	22	5,870	18	\$ 22,199	\$ 3,781.65	10	VERMILION	22	5,720	18	\$ 23,114	\$ 4,040.85	13	82	4.12%	81	6.85%
WABASH	83	1,079	76	\$ 2,990	\$ 2,771.36	32	WABASH	83	1,060	88	\$ 2,614	\$ 2,466.10	70	101	-12.57%	101	-11.01%
WAYNE	78	1,139	64	\$ 3,643	\$ 3,198.60	21	WAYNE	78	1,114	71	\$ 3,671	\$ 3,294.06	27	90	0.76%	89	2.98%
WHITE	74	1,270	59	\$ 4,418	\$ 3,479.60	18	WHITE	75	1,235	61	\$ 4,656	\$ 3,770.32	18	77	5.39%	76	8.36%
WILLIAMSON	23	5,531	19	\$ 21,829	\$ 3,947.00	7	WILLIAMSON	23	5,477	17	\$ 24,257	\$ 4,429.20	7	42	11.13%	52	12.22%
Illinois Total		705,582		1,687,260	\$ 2,391.30		Illinois Totals		690,040		1,847,960	\$ 2,678.05					
Average County Information																	
Average County Total Comp & Penn																	
Average County Total Comp & Penn																	
Total Change from 2014																	
National Average C&P Increase																	
Total Change from 14'																	
Change From 2014																	
Average Population																	
Less Cook																	
2015 DIC Benefits																	
2016 DIC Benefits																	
Increase in DIC Benefits																	
Education Benefits McHenry County Veterans																	

* = Indicates a VAC **Bold = Indicates C&P > State Average**

Bold % Change = Indicates % Change > State Average

Blue % Change = Indicates % Change > National Average

Highlight = Mean or Center

= Indicates Ranking

Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County

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Distribution List:

Bruce Rauner	Governor	State of Illinois
Jack Franks	Chairman	McHenry County Board (+16)
Kurt Daesch	Secretary	Illinois Association of County VAC's
Chuck Wheeler	Chairman	Public Health & Human Services Committee (+6)
	Supervisors	McHenry County Townships (17)
	Elected	U.S. and State Senators / Representatives (11)

Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County

Joe Kersten	Chairman
Pat Conley	Sr. Vice Chairman
Frank Steckelberg	Jr. Vice Chairman
Harry Van Beetz	Judge Advocate
James Koch	Sergeant at Arms
Eugene Boxlitner	Chaplain
Michael Wisniewski	Secretary
Gerald Raske	Treasurer of VAC Inc

Veterans Service Organization's

American Legion

Commander	Post 119	Fox River Grove
Commander	Post 171	Crystal Lake
Commander	Post 192	Marengo
Commander	Post 253	Richmond
Commander	Post 265	Harvard
Commander	Post 276	Cary
Commander	Post 412	Woodstock
Commander	Post 491	McHenry
Commander	Post 606	Hebron
Commander	Post 673	Huntley
Commander	Post 1231	Lake in the Hills
Commander	County Council	

AMVETS

Commander	Post 245	Cary
Commander	Post 269	Woodstock

The Marine Corps League

Commandant	McHenry County Detachment	Woodstock
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Military Order of Cooties

via VFW Post 4600

Polish Legion of American Veterans

Commander	Post 188	McHenry
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Sad Sacks

via AMVETS 269 & 245

Student Veterans of America

President via Student Advisor

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Commander	Post 4600	McHenry
Commander	Post 5040	Woodstock
Commander	Post 11496	Johnsburg
Commander	Post 12014	Crystal Lake

Vietnow

President	McHenry County	Marengo
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