



Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

September 1, 2020



TRIBUTE IN LIGHT FROM THE 9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM. PHOTO: JIN LEE

Hello Allan,

It's hard to believe we're already looking at "back to school" - whatever that means for all of us, our children and our grandchildren. While I'm grateful that Joanne and I are retired, and our grand children have finished or are in college, I can't help but be scared for all our young vets and active duty warriors who are struggling with the decisions about whether to send their kids to classrooms or to spend the day in front of a computer.

I only hope that the school systems will ultimately find the wisdom to allow the children to succeed so they don't lose a whole year of education.

Amidst all the challenges we're all still facing, please take a few moments to remember where we were on that fateful moment on the morning of September 11, 2001. (I was in Pennsylvania on a televideo conference call with the Netherlands - They told us to "turn on your TV".)

Stay safe out there!

Dates for Veterans Assistance Commission Meetings in 2020

The VAC Commissioners meetings for rest of 2020 will be held on the following dates (**Watch for notices about Covid-19**):

September 16, 2020
November 18, 2020

At the Gurnee American Legion Post (749 Milwaukee Ave).
All meetings will be held at 10:30 am.
Visitors are welcome to attend.

Veteran Memorials
Around Lake County - Zion



Thanks to all our Veterans from Vietnam



New ID Cards Being Issued for Military Family Members, Retirees

Karen Jowers - Military Times
The Defense Department began issuing Next Generation Uniformed Services Identification Cards on July 31, 2020, the first time since 1993 that changes to the card have been made. Don't rush (yet) to get your new card - the complete roll-out will take until 2026, and most locations don't have the equipment yet. Click here to read the complete, and very interesting, article.

Do you know anyone who needs medical equipment?

A Pride Mobility Power Wheelchair "Jazzy Select" model is now available - needs batteries.
Two Stair Lifts - a full 2-story one and a pair of shirt ones for a split level home.
Email **Allan Ayers - aayers3667@gmail.com** if you know someone who could use it.

Military Students Face Uncertainty Heading Back to School

This article by Hannah Graf and Leo Shane III originally appeared n **Military Times**

As colleges and universities across the country begin reopening for the fall semester, **hundreds** have made the transition to mostly or completely online learning. Online learning is **common** for military students, but the abrupt transition may leave some unsure of how to succeed in an online learning environment.

Arlington Cemetery Eligibility Changes: Here's How You Can Have Your Say

The public comment period for changes to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) eligibility will open in late summer, a senior DoD official informed MOAA – giving you a chance to make your voice heard on plans to dramatically reduce the number of people who qualify for in-ground burial.

The proposed changes, **which can be viewed in full here**, are part of an effort to prolong the life of ANC.

Lake County Veterans and Family Services Holds RuckUp2020

The Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation's (a non-profit 501c3 charity for all service members and their families) annual Ruck March to raise awareness of Veteran suicides has changed for 2020. YOU can help us make a difference. RuckUp2020 is a virtual ruck march. What is a "virtual" ruck march? You have 22 days from September 1st to the 22nd to complete 22 KM in your own style, at your pace and place. You can walk, march, run, crawl, bike, or swim the distance in 22 days while carrying 22 pounds in a backpack (22 is symbolic of the suicides per day and is optional). It is better than the live event of our past!.

We need you to participate or donate, or both to raise the awareness during Suicide Awareness Month. Everything at our Foundation is to support a Service Member in a crisis situation. But we need your help to make a difference. Please join us to support this important cause. **Click here** to register or to make a donation.

8 Things Savvy Investors Understand

By: Shane Ostrom - Source - MOAA 8/20/20

In conducting financial classes and presentations on benefits, I run into recurring misconceptions about investment management. A good chunk of time during and after these sessions goes toward breaking down these misconceptions.

Many people who consider themselves “savvy investors” cling to at least some of the items listed below. This list is by no means complete; keep up with **finance news from MOAA** for further guidance.

1. Don’t chase trends or time markets. There is no need to trade within your portfolio as a normal course of events.

2. Play the long game. The trading mentality leads people to think investing is a short-term game. It’s not. It’s based on a lifetime of work, having a plan, and patience.

3. Keep it simple. The knowledge and processes required behind successful investing are not that complicated – certainly not as complicated as financial service firms would lead you to believe.

4. Manage your managers. You can’t always stick with a good mutual fund manager.

5. See through the sales pitches. Most financial advisers are salespeople, not advisers.

6. The system isn’t “rigged” ... The markets are not stacked against us, but it’s easy to understand how investors who play hunches (and get burned) might have that impression.

7. ... and neither is the news. Similar to the above, it’s easy to understand how emotional investors can blame world events and political maneuvering for failed investments.

8. Expect ups and downs. The presence of these short-term fluctuations is one of few guarantees in the financial-planning world you can actually count on.

See the complete article.

Meet Military Outreach USA

Military Outreach USA (MOUSA) was founded in 2010 by Major General James (Jim) Mukoyama with the vision of building "A nation where no one in the Military Community lacks the mental, spiritual, physical or material support needed to live a full and productive life." The board of MOUSA sees its mission as: "... a faith-based Judeo-Christian organization focused on Veterans and First-Responder Communities, regardless of their denomination or beliefs, demonstrating the compassion, love and healing of Christ our Lord."

MOUSA operates four specific programs focused responding the Veteran needs:

- **Moral injury** is an invisible wound of war that can also affect those in other professions. Military Outreach USA provides a variety of resources and programs to be used in working with those who suffer from a moral injury. Use the resources and programs on this page to enhance and expand existing knowledge of this and other issues affecting those who have served us.
- **Stand-by-me Heroes** NFP is a 501_C_3 focused on answering the call of our heroes, Veterans and First Responders, silently crying out for someone to Stand-by-me while suffering from PTSD or other traumas. Our foundation is based on three (3) non-negotiable principles as we are faith-based, utilizing a grass-roots approach, and our leadership operates in unanimity.
- The **Veteran Exiting Homelessness Program**, a collaborative effort between Military Outreach USA and the Department of Veterans Affairs, seeks to provide Move-In-Essentials to the veteran as they transition to permanent housing. A list of recommended Move-In-Essentials is provided so that there is uniformity in collections across the region.
- **Adopt-a- VA** is a partnership between houses of worship, businesses, Veteran service organizations, schools, civic groups and caring individuals with their local VA facility to serve Veterans within their community.

Click here to explore this organization and see how you can become involved.

Allen J Lynch
Medal of Honor Veterans Foundation

Heroes for Veterans Sponsorship Program

Become a Sponsor to support the Lynch Foundation work assisting veterans in need. In lieu of having publicity at the golf event, you will have your logo and company information published in a special edition of

the newsletter and posted on the Lynch Foundation website. **Click here** to see the entire application document.

AJ Lynch MOH Foundation Has Another Successful Shoot!

A "Motley" Lynch Foundation Board has a hand in helping everyone compete at the ASC shoot!

(Note, the VAC is seen front and center!)



This editor has never fired a 9 mm pistol, and never hit the target the one time he fired an AR15. At the shoot he did both, reasonably successfully even hitting the target. He was the amateur though. Others were well prepared to move through several target Bays, each with a different challenge.

Oh, by the way, if you've never fired a 50 cal sniper rifle, it's a kick and a half both for the kick (through the shoulder right down my back!) and for the power and precision at several hundred yards.

Some of the Emergency Services Your VAC Can Help You With During the Virus

In all the situations below, you can always contact the VAC (847-377-3344) directly for further assistance

- Food - Northern Illinois Food Bank - **See Schedule**

Midwest Veterans Closet (Fridays 10-12:00 only)

- Emergency Housing
- Medical Care - Contact VAC when civilian benefits lost - Do not go to VA if not registered with them

Contact the VAC to get you registered.

- Most VA visits are currently by Video Conference
- Family problems - Contact 211 for referral to proper resource.

Job Opportunity with U.S. Census Bureau

Needless to say, Covid-19 has has a significant impact on the Census Bureau's ability to accurately count folks and where they lived on April 1st. They are now trying to get caught up and are actively hiring census takers. Working hours are flexible. These jobs are still available through the end of September.

If you are interested, there is not much time left for the field counting positions, but there are other positions available. There are on-line workshops to learn more about the process and the jobs. The contact information for the workshops and to be interviewed are on the **attached flyer**.

Lake County hourly pay starts at $29.50 per hour.



Mundelein Part District restarts the Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies program.

Mundelein Park District receives grant for Veterans program from Lake County Community Crisis Relief Fund – Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies – serves disabled veterans. **Read the full article here**. This program is part of the Allenforce Veterans program. Click for **more information** on Allenforce and their work with Veterans.

What Is Illinois' Most Popular Veteran Benefit? Source: MOAA Newsletter 8/20/20

Illinois

"Illinois' newest benefit is the Veteran designation for Illinois state driver's licenses. This has quickly become our most popular benefit in terms of the number of Veterans who have obtained it. Our most popular monetary benefit is the Illinois Veterans Grant/Illinois National Guard Grant." – Linda Chapa LaVia, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
Illinois Veterans and their families can learn more about these programs at **Illinois website**.

MOAA's Military State Report Card and Tax Guide Source: MOAA Newsletter 8/20/20

Illinois Taxes

Sales Tax

- Statewide: 6.25%
- Counties can levy an additional sales tax of no more than 4.75%.
- Current average sales tax (with local taxes included): 7.781%
- Common Exceptions at State Level:
  - Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicine: 1%
  - Unprepared Foods: 1%
  - Prepared Foods: 8%
- Gasoline Tax: 72.05 cents/gallon (Includes all state, local, and federal taxes)
- Diesel Fuel Tax: 86.30 cents/gallon (Includes all state, local, and federal taxes)
- Cigarette Tax: $2.98/pack of 20

Personal Income Tax

- Personal Income Tax Rate Range: 4.95%
- Standard deduction: None
- Personal Exemption Allowance: $2,275. Dependent Exemption: $2,275. Phases out if Adjusted Gross Income is over $250,000
- Itemized Deductions Allowed? Yes, subject to limitations.
- Retirement Income
  - Social Security: Exempt
  - IRAs: Exempt
  - 401Ks/Defined contribution employer retirement plans: Exempt
  - Private pensions: Most are exempt
  - Public Pensions: Exempt
- Military Pay
  - Active Duty Pay: Exempt
  - Military Retirement Pay: Exempt
  - Military Disability Pay: Exempt
  - VA Disability Dependency & Indemnity Compensation Benefits: Exempt
  - SBP/SSBP/RCSBP/RSFPP: Exempt

Property Tax

- Local municipalities average 2.31% of the property's assessed value.
- Calculation of assessed value: One-third of fair market value.
- Relief programs for:
  - Owner-occupied: Increase in assessed value over 1977 assessed value is exempt from taxation. Capped at $6,000 ($10,000 in Cook County)
  - Over 65: $5,000 of assessed value is exempt from taxation.
  - Over 65 Freeze: Freezes assessed value for households with income less than $65,000. Can defer taxes.
  - Returning Veterans: $5,000 ($8,000 in Cook County) of assessed value exempt from taxation.
  - Disabled Veterans/Surviving Spouse (not remarried): Up to 100% exemption based on percentage of service-linked disability. ($100,000 reduction if specially adapted housing)
  - Disabled: $2,000 of assessed value exempt from taxation.

- Long-time Occupant: Limits increase in assessed value for long-time occupants with income less than $100,000.
- Personal Property Tax: Yes. Rates and exemptions vary.

Property Tax Comments: Exemptions related to properties impacted by catastrophic events are available.

Inheritance & Estate Taxes: Estates over $4 million are taxed at a maximum rate of 16%. There is no inheritance tax.

For more details, go to **Department of Revenue website**



Illinois Joining Forces Virtual Luncheon: Salute to Women Veterans with Command Sergeant Major Michele S. Jones, US Army Reserve (Ret.)

Dear Friends,
In our efforts to continue to connect veterans and their families to community partners and support growing programming, Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) is excited to host the Salute to Women Veterans Virtual Luncheon. Please join me and our dynamic keynote speaker, Command Sergeant Major Michele S. Jones.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jones was the first woman in the U.S. Army Reserve to reach the position of Command Sgt. Maj. in the U.S. Army Reserve. She was also the first woman in U.S. Army history to be selected as the senior non-commissioned officer in any of the Army's components. At one time, she was the highest-ranking African American female enlisted person in any branch of the United States Military.

This is a powerhouse speaker and event you won't want to miss!

WHO: Command Sergeant Major Michele S. Jones, US Army Reserve (Ret.)
WHAT: Illinois Joining Forces Virtual Luncheon: Salute to Women Veterans
WHEN: Wednesday, September 30th, 2020
11:30 a.m. VIP Reception and Q&A session (See details on Registration Page)
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Luncheon
WHERE: Via Zoom Webinar
COST: While the luncheon is complimentary, a donation is greatly appreciated.

For event registration, VIP Reception ticket information and sponsorship opportunities, please visit Eventbrite.

Call 211 for Social Services in Lake County

Anyone in Lake County who needs help finding health and human service support can call 211 and get quickly connected to available resources. **Lake County 211**, provided by **United Way of Lake County**, is a free, confidential information and referral helpline that will enable Lake County residents to get the help they need 24 hours a day, regardless of the language they speak or where they live.

The 211 network also answers dozens of crisis hotlines, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Know Someone Who Can Use Our Help?

If you have a veteran parent or know someone who might be eligible for some kind of benefits for their service, we encourage you to mention the VAC to them. We can assist with many different issues:

- Aid and Attendance Assistance
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Survivor spousal benefits
- Burial arrangements
- Upgrading disability status
- Job skill preparation
- Referrals for services we cannot support.

If you or another veteran you know needs help, give us a call at 847-377-3344.

Get Your Coin and Help Vets In Need Through the VAC Not For Profit

Coins are $5.00 and you can pick one up when you come into the office, or you can send a check (make the check out to "Lake County VAC - Not-for-Profit - and mail to the address below) and we'll mail it to you. Mail check to:

Veterans Assistance Commission
501 North Route 21, Suite 106, Gurnee, IL 60031

Watch the VAC Calendar for Other Upcoming Events

If you're wondering what the VAC and other veterans organizations are doing. Be sure to call first since many of these events and activities have been cancelled or deferred during the Covid-19 pandemic:

Friday Hero Workouts and
Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies
Mundelein Park District
1401 N. Midlothian Rd, Mundelein, IL
mundeleinparks.org - 847-566-0650
Click for details

Lake Zurich American Legion Post
51 Lions Drive
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Coffee and Donuts -
Now back in operation as of July 1st.

Every Tuesday
8:30 - 10:30 AM

LCVFSF (Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation)
100 S Atkinson Road,
Ste 110
Grayslake Il 60030

Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation
has a lot of things going on, so rather than trying to copy it here, we suggest you visit their website to see their calendar of monthly events at **LCVFSF** .

Chicagoland North Chapter, Team RWB
Click for Chapter website
Contact Levy Cordero
levy.cordero@teamrwb.org
Lots of events scattered around Lake County

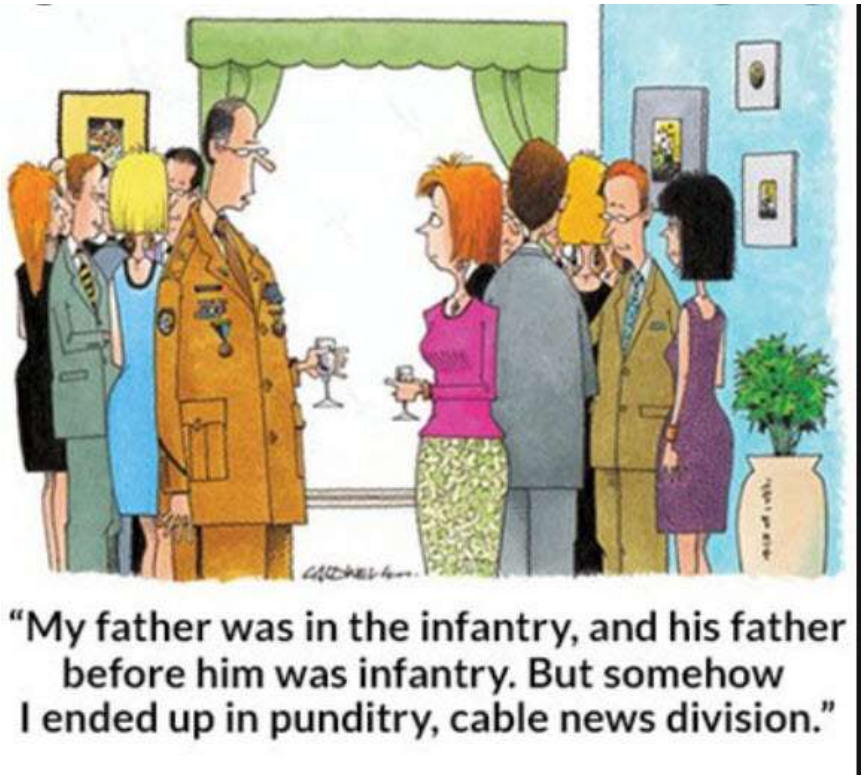
Midwest Veterans Closet
Mobile Food Pantry and Summer Clothing
September 4, 2020
Sponsored by Caterpillar
2323 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL
847-354-2108

Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry

These are troubling times, and even in the best of times, there are a large number of military families (both active and veteran) who need to take advantage of the food pantries for support. Now, with the number of unemployed skyrocketing, there must be many more who need emergency help. The Northern Illinois Food Pantries provide some relief. Here is the schedule for the mobile pantry stops during the next month. If you need to check other counties, the entire schedule is available at **Mobile Food Pantry.**

Lake		
9/8/2020	10am-11:30am	Mt. Moriah Christian Center Food Pantry, 523 10th St., North Chicago, IL 6
9/11/2020	4pm-5:30pm	Highwood Rec Center, 428 Green Bay Rd., Highwood, IL 60040
9/19/2020	9am-10:30am	Foss Park, 1730 Lewis Ave., North Chicago, IL 60064
9/19/2020	10am-11:30am	The Chapel, 330 S Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047
9/22/2020	10am-11:30am	Mt. Moriah Christian Center Food Pantry, 523 10th St., North Chicago, IL 6
9/25/2020	4pm-5:30pm	Highwood Rec Center, 428 Green Bay Rd., Highwood, IL 60040
9/26/2020	10am-11:30am	Christ Church Vernon Hills, 480 Ring Dr., Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Just for Fun



Contents From Our Previous Issue

To read the July newsletter, go to our **prior edition**.

Here are the key articles from that issue:

- Two Critical Issues During Covid-19
- Renewal Applications for Senior Freeze, Disabled Persons and Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemptions Will Not Be Required This Year Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Legislation Moving to Support Reserve Component Credit for COVID Response
- H.R.5717 - Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act of 2020

Reminder about C&P Exams

What are C&P Exams? The **C&P Exam** (short for "Compensation and Pension")is an exam performed by a VA salaried or contracted physician to document the current severity of a condition that is being considered for VA Disability.
During Covid-19, these exams will be conducted by telephone or using Video Conferencing.

Quick Links

Lake County VAC

EBenefits
USA Jobs
Lake County Job Center
Navy Exchange

It Helps to Stay In Touch With the James A. Lovell FHCC

To stay in touch with the James A. Lovell FHCC, subscribe to the "Launch", the Lovell Newsletter.
To get a subscription, – **click here**.

Other Key Articles from MOAA Newsletters

August 27, 2020

- **'Our Nation Made a Promise': Latest on the Fight for Agent Orange-Related Relief**

MOAA and other veterans service organizations are turning up the pressure on federal lawmakers to approve a defense spending bill that expands the VA's list of conditions presumptive to Agent Orange exposure.
That change would make veterans suffering from bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinson's-like symptoms eligible for VA benefits, just like those suffering from **14 other "presumptives" already covered** by the VA. Negotiations on the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) are expected to wrap up by the end of the year.
[TAKE ACTION: Ask Your Lawmakers to Cover These Conditions Via the NDAA]

- **MOAA Webinar: Interview Quicksand (and How to Steer Clear of It)**

Join us, for free, on **Sept. 2** for expert help landing your next job.

- **IRS Reopens Deadline for Veterans Who Missed Coronavirus Stimulus Checks**

This article by Leo Shane III originally appeared on Military Times, the nation's largest independent newsroom dedicated to covering the military and veteran community.

Veterans Affairs officials are reminding families who **missed out on some coronavirus stimulus checks** last spring that they have a few more weeks left to claim that cash.

In a social media post Friday morning, **VA Secretary Robert Wilkie** urged veterans who think they may be eligible for the money to **contact the Internal Revenue Service** and see if they are owed any money.

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- **Stay Alert for Financial Scams, Especially Those Connected to COVID-19**

Military retirees, veterans, and servicemembers make tempting targets for fraud.
Turns out the “Amazing Wealth System” wasn’t so amazing.

More than 13,000 people who bought into that system will receive **a combined $9.1 million in refunds** from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) as part of a 2018 settlement. The system claimed it could make people rich by training them to sell products on Amazon, per an Aug. 11 FTC press release, but its owners had no relation to Amazon, and some of the online stores ended up banned from selling anything at Amazon.com.

You may not be in the market for an “Amazing Wealth System,” but you’ve likely received similar pitches via phone, text, email, or your mailbox. Over the past few months, some scammers have taken pandemic-based approaches, offering everything from **miracle cures** to personal protective gear that, once ordered, never shows up.

[MOAA’s 3-PART SERIES: Don’t Be Scammed]

- **High-Stakes NDAA: From Pay Raises to Medical Cuts, What You Need to Know**
- **Summer Storm: MOAA Answers Your Questions on Planned Health Care Cuts**
- **Let MOAA's Job Board Jump Start Your Next Career Move**
- **Stay Alert for Financial Scams, Especially Those Connected to COVID-19**
- **MOAA, Military Coalition Ask Lawmakers to Restore Funds to Key Medical Pipeline**
- **TRICARE Emergency Refill Rules in Place for 9 States**
- **Planning a PCS Move? Avoid Fraudulent Rentals by Asking These 6 Questions**
- **7 Free Training Resources for Military Spouse Entrepreneurs**

August 20, 2020

What These 2 Big News Stories Mean for MOAA’s Health Care Advocacy

A letter from service leaders to DHA. A message from President Trump. Get caught up, and find out what’s next.

- First, the service secretaries and chiefs penned a **letter to Defense Secretary Mark Esper** asking him to halt all transfers of military treatment facilities to the Defense Health Agency (DHA).
- Second, Esper found himself at the center of an Aug. 16 **report by Politico** on proposals within DoD that would cut $2.2 billion from DoD’s health care budget. It is not clear if any of this amount was the result of previous Pentagon reviews.

August 13, 2020

- Stop Handover of Military Hospitals to DHA, Service Chiefs Tell SecDef
- What's the Status of Reserve Component Duty Status Reform?
- Ask Your Lawmakers to Support NDAA Reforms to TRICARE's ECHO Program
- Ace Your Virtual Interview With 10 Do's and Don'ts From MOAA Experts
- Job Search Strategy: How MOAA Can Help You (or Your Spouse) Find Success
- COLA Watch: Get the Latest Update
- Free MOAA Webinar: Key Survivor Programs and Planning Actions
- VA Grants $583.8 Million in Retroactive Payments for Blue Water Navy Claims
- Top VA Medical Officer Reminds Veterans, Staff to Get Flu Shot
- Here's How MOAA Is Working to Expand Spouse Employment Resources
- LAST CHANCE: Apply to Join One of the President's Advisory Councils
- DoD Must Address 'Desperate Need' for Child Care Support
- Space Force Members Called 'Space Warfighters' in New Doctrinal Publication
- How to Apply for COVID-19 Relief Through a MOAA Chapter

August 6, 2020

- New TRICARE Select Fee: Why MOAA Wants a 12-Month Grace Period
- President Extends Title 32 Orders for National Guard Through End of 2020
- Fight Continues to Repeal '180-Day Rule' for New Retirees Seeking DoD Jobs
- Don't Let COVID Derail Your Thrift Savings Plan
- VA Caregiver Program Opens to Eligible WWII, Korea and Vietnam Vets
- VA Now Offering Phone-Based Meditation Sessions
- House, Senate NDAA Drafts Expand Support for Families With Special Needs
- Surviving Spouse Corner: Understanding the Value of Sleep

July 30, 2020

- Here's What 2 Major Appropriations Bills Mean for Military Families
- How to Avoid the Land Mine of a Poor Company Culture
- Build a Solid Portfolio by Avoiding These 7 Mistakes
- Going Back to School? Here Are the 2020-21 GI Bill Rates
- Apps Let VA Beneficiaries Get Hearing Aids Checked Without Leaving Home
- Stuck at Home? Visit These Military Museums and Monuments Virtually

Hot tips from the VA Weekly Newsletter

August 19, 2020 - VA VAntage

- Do You Know Your VA Education Benefits?
- VA Virtual Career Fairs: What to Expect
- Support for Veterans Facing Homelessness
- "Postvention": Support After Suicide Loss

August 12, 2020 - VA VAntage

- Rx Refills During the Pandemic

- **How VA helps Veteran Business Owners**

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Below are the available hot links to some of the various VA Resources available. The actual hot links can be accessed at the **bottom of the welcome kit** .



Have you ever seen the magazine Military.com?



There's an enormous amount of information in this magazine, and it arrives frequently. The trick is to find the pieces that are important to you. For example, I decided to try the the Veteran Jobs tab for Lake County. It provided over 400 postings for Lake County and Northern Cook County. You can also get notifications for new job postings.
In addition, there are a wide assortment of resource links (including discounts for vets and families) to find other specific information. You might want to **give the magazine a look**.



How do you get "Veteran" on your driver's license?

Effective January 1, 2020, it will be easier to get "VETERAN" recorded on your driver's license. To get the “VETERAN” designation, veterans can bring their DD214 or other acceptable discharge document directly to a Secretary of State Driver Services facility.
If veterans choose to add the designation prior to their renewal date, they may obtain an updated driver’s license for $5 and an updated ID card for $10. Veterans over the age of 65 can obtain an updated state ID card at no cost.
A special note - If you are an older Vet and your DD214 was lost in the St. Louis fire in the early 1970's, you can obtain a "certificate" that replaces the DD214. However, for one vet we know, the DMV didn't accept that certificate.



If you need a complete set of your military records

If you need a set of your military records for any reason, you can obtain them by faxing or mailing a request to the National Personnel Records Center. While they will accept a letter (if you get all the right information into it) it is best to use the standard form SF-180 to request it. You can download that form at **Standard Form 180**

Mail the completed form to:
National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive

OR
Fax the form to 314-801-9195

If you need the records in emergency circumstances, contact our office (847-377-3344) and we can help you expedite the process.



Where is an IDVA Office?

James A. Lovell FHCC. Located in Building 133
Room 1-D-115-116
Hours:Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am- 4:00pm

Palatine - located in the Palatine Township offices at:
721 S. Quentin Rd, Room 102

(847) 485-2772
Hours Monday -Thursday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Deerfield (call to confirm this location is still open) - co-located with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Deerfield Facility
1755 Lake Cook Rd, Ste 1409
Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
847-948-8500
Hours Monday - Friday

Have a good week,

Veterans Assistance Commission, Lake County

If you are wondering about any possible benefits you think you are eligible for, give us a call us at 847-377-3344, we can discuss your needs and point you in the right direction.

Contact Us

Sign up here for your own copy