

State of Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

Key Contacts

- Illinois Dept. of Veterans Affairs:** www.veterans.illinois.gov/ (800) 437-9824
- Illinois Military Family Relief Fund:** www.il.ngb.army.mil (217) 761-3452 or (866) 524-4564
- Illinois Student Assistance Commission:** www.collegezone.com (800) 899-4722
- Illinois Department of Employment Security:** www.ides.state.il.us/veterans/default.asp
- Illinois Tax Filing Requirements for Military Personnel:** www.tax.illinois.gov or (800) 732-8866
- Illinois Tax on Military Retirement:** www.tax.illinois.gov
- Illinois Department of Public Health:** www.idph.state.il.us/
- Illinois Attorney General Veterans Rights Bureau:**
www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/veterans.html or (312) 814-6594
- Secretary of State:** www.cyberdriveillinois.com or (800) 252-8980
- Veterans Outreach Program:** www.work.illinois.gov/
- Illinois Association of County Veteran Assistance Commission:** www.iacvac.org or (618) 227-0040
- Veteran Assistance Commission of Cook County:** (312) 433-6010
- Health Coverage for Illinois Parents:** www.familycareillinois.com or (866) 255-5437
- Casualty Assistance Center for Active Duty Service Members and Retirees and Veterans (Fort Lenerwood, MS):** (800) 350-7746
- Illinois Military Funeral Honors Department of Military Affairs:** (217) 761-3873
- Military Funerals:** 217-761-3873
- Legal Services:** (217) 761-3510
- Inspector General:** (866) 204-7704 or (217) 761-3730
- IL Department of Human Services:** www.dhs.state.il.us or (800) 843-6154
- American Red Cross:** www.redcross.org/il/springfield.com or (217) 787-7602

Veterans Affairs Centers

- Chicago Veterans Resource Center:** 7731 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60620 (773) 962-3740
- Chicago Heights Center:** 1600 Halsted St. Chicago Heights, IL 60411 (708) 754-0340
- Chicago VA Regional Office:** 2122 W. Taylor St. Chicago, IL 60612 (800) 827-1000

Veterans Affairs Hospitals

- **Jesse Brown VA Medical Center:** 820 Damen Av. Chicago, IL 60612, (312) 569-8387
- **North Chicago VA Medical Center:** 3001 Green Bay Rd. North Chicago, IL 60064, (800) 393-0865 or (847) 688-1900
- **Auburn Gresham Clinic:** 7731 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60620, (773) 962-3700
- **Lakeside Chicago VA Outpatient Clinic:** 211 E. Ontario St. Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 469-4850
- **Chicago Heights VA Outpatient Clinic:** 30 E. 15th St. Suite 207 Chicago Heights, IL 60411, (708) 754-8880
- **Manteno Veterans Outpatient Clinic:** 1 Veterans Dr. Manteno, IL 60950, (815) 468-1027

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Offices near Illinois' 2nd Congressional District

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs in the James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph Suite 5-570

Chicago, IL 60601

(312) 814-2764

Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM

Kankakee Veterans Outpatient Clinic

581 William Latham Drive Suite 301

Bourbonnais, IL 60914

(815) 932-3823

Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm

IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs

National Guard Armory

1551 N. Kedzie Ave. Chicago, IL 60651

(773) 292-7894

Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm

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IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs Clinic

1010 Dixie Hwy-Suite 101

Chicago Heights, IL 60411

(708) 754-8880

Hours: 8:00AM-4:30PM

Chicago Regional VA Office

2122 Taylor St. Suite 127

Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 980-4255

IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Dept. of Employment Security

16845 S. Halsted St.

Harvey, IL 60426

(708) 225-8030

Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM

Village of Orland Park

14700 S. Ravinia Ave.

Orland Park, IL 60462

(708) 403-2011

Hours: 8:00AM-4:30PM

Manteno Veterans Home

#1 Veterans Dr.

Manteno, IL 60950

(815) 468-6581

Hours: 8:00AM-4:30PM

National Guard Armory

2900 W. Jefferson St.

Joliet, IL 60435

(815) 730-4334

Hours: 8:

Housing For Veterans

Both the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs provide a wide range of housing programs and benefits. For help in choosing or applying for any program, contact the nearest Veteran Service facility (listed on page 7).

For general information, visit www.veterans.illinois.gov, www.va.gov, or call 1-800-437-9824.

Home Loan Guaranty

VA offers a Home Loan Guaranty to help Veterans, reservists, and unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes and refinance loans. Applicants must have a good credit rating, sufficient income, certificate of eligibility, and agree to live in the property.

This can be used to buy a home as well as build, repair, or improve a home.

For more information, please visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>

Illinois GI Home Credit Program

The Illinois GI Home Credit Program allows Illinois Veterans and active duty members who are first time home buyers to take advantage of the MCC Mortgage credit certificate. The credit reduces the amount of federal income tax the borrower must pay.

For more information, please call (312) 836-5200

Specially Adapted Housing Grant

The Specially Adapted Housing Grant is a federal benefit available to Veterans or service members who are entitled to compensation for permanent and total service connected disability.

The Specially Adapted Housing benefit amount is set by law, but may be adjusted upward annually based on a cost-of-construction index. The maximum dollar amount allowable for Specially Adapted Housing grants in fiscal year 2013 is \$64,960. No individual may use the grant benefit more than three times up to the maximum dollar amount allowable.

For more information, please visit <http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>

Specially Adapted Housing Tax Exemption

The specially adapted housing tax exemption is a state exemption allowed on the assessed value of real property for which federal funds have been used for the purchase or construction of specially adapted housing for as long as the Veteran, spouse, or unmarried surviving spouses reside on the property.

For more information, please call your local Veteran Service Officer (page 7)

Disabled Veterans' Tax Exemption for Mobile Homes

The disabled veterans' tax exemption for mobile homes applies to the tax imposed by the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Act when that property is owned and used exclusively by a disabled veteran, spouse, or unmarried surviving spouse as a home. Veteran must first receive authorization of the Specially Adapted Housing Grant by the USDVA. Applicant must be a permanent resident of the State of Illinois on January 1 of the tax year for which the exemption is being claimed. Disabled veterans that now live in a mobile home and never received the Specially Adapted Housing Grant are not eligible.

For more information, please call your local Veteran Service Officer (page 7)

Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption

The returning veterans' homestead exemption is a one-time \$5,000 reduction in EAV on the principal residence of a veteran upon returning from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the United States. Although the exemption is only for a single year, a qualifying veteran can receive the

exemption for another tax year in which he or she returns from active duty. Applicants must file Form PTAX-341, Application for Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption, with the chief county assessment office.

For more information, please call your local County Assessor's office

Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption

The disabled veterans' standard homestead exemption is an annual reduction in EAV on the primary residence occupied by a qualified disabled veteran. The disabled veteran must own or lease a single family residence and be liable for the payment of the property taxes. The amount of the exemption depends on the percentage of the service-connected disability as certified by the U. S. Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. A qualified disabled veteran with a disability of at least 50% but less than 70% will receive a \$2,500 reduction in EAV, and a disabled veteran with a disability of at least 70% will receive a \$5,000 reduction in EAV.

The initial application Form PTAX-342 Application for Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption must be filed with the chief county assessment office. The Form PTAX-342-R, Annual Verification of Eligibility for Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption must be filed each year to continue to receive the exemption. For a single tax year, the property cannot receive this exemption and the Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption or Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemption. For more information contact the chief county assessment office.

For more information, please call your local County Assessor's office

Illinois Veterans Homes

Aging Illinois veterans with one day or more of service during any wartime period of war may qualify to reside in a Veterans Home. Veterans must have entered military service from the state of Illinois or been a resident for one year prior to applying to an Illinois Veteran's Home. Applicants must pass background checks.

- Veterans Home at Quincy:** Largest in the state and located in Adams County – (217) 222-8641
- Veterans Home at LaSalle:** Located in LaSalle County - (815) 223-0303, ext. 210
- Veterans Home at Anna:** Located in Union County - (618) 833-6302
- Veterans Home at Manteno:** Located in Kankakee County - (815) 468-6581
- Prince Homeless/Disabled Veteran's Home:** Located at the Veteran's Home at Manteno – (815)468-6581