

# Veteran Benefit 101 Newsletter

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## Message from VACKC!

Message from Chad Lockman, Superintendent:

Greetings! Ushered in along with the unseasonably nice weather this year has been very positive growth at the VACKC. Outreach efforts, headed by Assistant Superintendent Olivia Laschober, continue to expand and draw more veterans and their families to our office. Internally, our newest employee, Donovan Torres, recently became a new father to a baby girl. The VACKC has been full of positive energy so far this year, and we anticipate many more positive things in the months to come. Although we have seen growth at an exponential rate, we still make time for coffee and conversations. Please feel free to reach out to



us with any questions, concerns, or to just shoot the breeze.

Our office would like to encourage any veterans who were at Camp Lejeune to know:

“The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published regulations to establish presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases associated with exposure

to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C.” The presumption of service connection applies to individuals who served a minimum of 30 days here between Aug 1, 1953 and Dec 31, 1987. Contact our office if you had served here and are experiencing health ailments such as cancer, Parkinson’s, and more.

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## Veterans Needs to Know:

Have you heard of Honor Flight Chicago? What about VetsRoll.org.

These two organizations have been honoring veterans who have served in WWII, Korea,

and Vietnam by taking them to Washington DC to visit multiple memorials. They are FREE to veterans, and everyone who has participated in these

events has absolutely loved the experience. The forms for both organizations can be found online, or feel free to stop by the office, and we can assist in filling them out & mailing them.



SEARCH: Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County

Benefit Highlight

The Veterans Health Administration offers healthcare that ranges from Blind Rehabilitation, PT, Dermatology, Psychiatry, and so much more.

A benefit that veterans may not be aware of is Hospice and Palliative care. This expands into consultation services, home hospice support, recreational therapy, in home services and so

much more. A veteran must be enrolled in VA healthcare which our office can assist in applying for. We strongly encourage all eligible veterans to stay active within the VA healthcare system as life brings us unexpected moments. A veteran has the option to continue to use their private doctors, but should get a yearly physical to stay active in the VA

healthcare system. This would result in easier access to specialty services if the time had come for that.

At any time you have questions about getting into the VA healthcare system, call our office at 630-553-8354 and we will gladly help.

Events

Our office is planning for an informational and fun 2017 for veterans and their families.

Did you know our office does events at various facilities around the County? On April 8th, we will be attending a Veterans BBQ at Bickford of Aurora at 7 S. Orchard Rd., Aurora, IL 60506. We hope to see you there at 11am

Salute to Veterans will be held on June 23rd at the Kendall County Fair Grounds! FREE steak dinner for all veterans. Call the office for ticket information during the month of June.

The Vietnam Moving Wall will be coming to Oswego this summer: June 29th to July 3rd. The location of

The Wall will be at Plainfield Road at the Oswegoland Park District's Prairie Point Park.

We are very excited to announce that our office will be at the Plano Walmart on April 29th from 9am -2pm for a food drive to benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans! Please stop by any time and say hello!

“My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

-John F. Kennedy

Office Contact Information

Our office is open Monday through Friday (8am-4pm) and closed most government holidays.

We would love to schedule time for you to visit so we can better fulfill your needs.

Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling : 630-553-8354

Our office is located at: 811 West John St. Yorkville, IL 60560

We look forward to assisting you and your family with veterans benefits FREE of charge.

If you wish to opt out of this newsletter, please contact us at 630-553-8354 and we would be happy to remove you.