

Veteran Benefit 101 Newsletter

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Message from VACKC!

Hello and warmest greetings from the VACKC Staff!! We hope everyone is enjoying the holidays and having a safe New Year! We welcome 2017 and all of the adventures to come.

Message from Chad Lockman, Superintendent: The VACKC has had an exceptionally prosperous year, and has experienced growth more than ever before with regard to the number of veterans assisted. We continue to grow and very much look forward to an even more prosperous 2017. The VACKC thanks all Kendall County Veterans for their ongoing support in choosing us to assist them.



We would like everyone to know that our office has expanded in personnel! We welcome Donovan Torres, an Army veteran, to our full time staff as our CVSO Coordinator. In addition to office staff, we have a new driver on our team! We welcome Maurice "Morris" Leyland.

We would like to let all individuals who haven't been to our office in recent years and are coming in for appointments, to come in a few minutes prior to the appointment to fill out new intake paperwork. Additionally, signing in at the front desk is required for accountability and safety in our building.

Veterans Need To Know

Pre-need Burial Eligibility

This is brand new from the National Cemetery Administration. The VA has implemented this program to "assist

anyone who would like to know if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery".

This plan-ahead program was designed to

eliminate unnecessary delays and reduce stress on families.

Please stop by or call if this is something you would like to look into.



SEARCH: Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County

Benefit Highlight

The Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) offers a benefit known as VA Pension. The public may erroneously be labeling this as "Aid and Attendance".

VBA offers VA Pension to eligible veterans based on their medical expenses, physical limitations, and income & asset information.

VBA raters will take all the

criteria (wartime service, income, expenses etc) into account and place a veteran or their widow(er) into one of three VA Pension levels. Those levels are known as Basic Pension, Housebound Pension, or Aid & Attendance Pension.

There is no exact amount to which an individual may be entitled as everyone's income, assets, and medical expenses vary.

If you are currently experiencing high medical expenses (home health care, assisted living, caregiver, etc etc), please give us a call, and our office will be happy to go over criteria with you.

If you're unsure whether or not your medical expenses are high enough or are curious about this benefit in general, please give us a call! We will be happy to help.

Events

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

Our first event of the year will be on Feb 1st, 2017. We are hosting "Benefits and Brunch" at 10am at the Health and Human Services Building. This event is for interested individuals, families, or providers to learn more

about what the Veterans Benefit Administration, the Veterans Health Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration have to offer. Space is limited.

Salute to Veterans will be celebrating their 10th year in June 2017. We hope to see you there!

ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS!!!

We will be having another Women Vet Let's Connect event coming up this February 9th! Our event will be held at the Yorkville Legion from 1130am-1:30pm. If you know you will be attending, please let us know., but please know you can show up without an RSVP! We look forward to seeing you!!

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause"

-Abraham Lincoln

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.