



Department of Veterans Affairs

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A Message from Veterans Affairs

Dear Veterans:

This newsletter contains information to help veterans make the most of their benefits.

We celebrated Veterans Day earlier this month to honor all who've answered the nation's call to serve. This Veterans Day was especially meaningful because it is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I – 100 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 – the Great War, the war to end all wars, finally ended.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs hosted a Veterans Day recognition for all Cook County employees who are veterans on November 9. President Preckwinkle welcomed the opportunity to thank all employee-veterans in attendance for their service.

It seems like we all know someone who has served, and Veterans Day is a time to show our appreciation. Now, more than ever, it's important that we take time to thank the men and women who choose to serve in our armed forces. When you see a veteran, please reach out to them and say, "Thank you for your service."

If you have a specific topic that you would like Veterans Affairs to present, please do not hesitate to email your suggestions to veterans.affairs@cookcountyil.gov.

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Cook County Veterans Affairs encourages you to share this information with other veterans and their dependents, and to use this newsletter as a reference tool for upcoming veteran activities, events and workshops. Please visit the Cook County Veterans Affairs website at www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/veterans-affairs.

Bill Browne, Director
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The Department of Veterans Affairs was created by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in December 2012 to serve the County's employee veterans and veterans who live in Cook County through outreach and support services.

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Helpful Links

Finance 101: Making the Most of Your VA Benefits

Make sure you are taking advantage of all the benefits you've earned through your honorable service to our nation.

VA celebrates National Family Caregivers Month

The VA is honoring the estimated 5.5 million family members and friends who provide much needed care for chronically ill, injured or disabled veterans around the country.

Education and Training

Processing delays for some GI Bill students.

VA Programs for Homeless Veterans

Learn how to access services offered specifically for homeless veterans.

How to Receive Benefits as a Disabled Veteran

Veterans disability application.

Looking for a job?

When applying for employment with Cook County Government, preference is given in the application process to honorably discharged veterans who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States for more than 180 consecutive days, or during war time. For current employment information, please visit the links below.

Offices Under the President:
[www.cookcountyil.gov/
current-job-listings](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/current-job-listings)

Forest Preserves District:
<http://fpdcc.com/about/jobs/>

Health and Hospitals System:
[www.cookcountyhhs.org/about-
cchhs/human-resources/careers/](http://www.cookcountyhhs.org/about-cchhs/human-resources/careers/)



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Upcoming Events

HONOR 200 at the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office are honoring the work of 200 veterans who continue to make extraordinary contributions to the people of Illinois.

The recipients represent more than 50 counties across Illinois. Nominees were evaluated based on their achievements and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community.

Monday, December 3, 2018

Navy Pier

600 E. Grand Ave.

Chicago, IL.



Cook County veteran employees were honored for their military service on Veterans Day, November 9, 2018.