



Department of Veterans Affairs

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Vietnam veterans honored at the 2017 50th Vietnam Commemoration Event at Brookfield Zoo.

A Message from Veterans Affairs

Dear Veterans:

This newsletter contains information regarding events and services that affect veterans in Cook County. We hope you will take advantage of the benefits that you have earned through your service to our nation.

Veterans Affairs will recognize veterans at the 50th Vietnam Commemoration Program at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe on August 1. Veterans Affairs will also sponsor a veteran picnic and veteran outreach forum on August 30 at Brookfield Zoo. This forum provides an opportunity for veterans to engage with experts from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran Assistance Commission of Cook County as well as other organizations.

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.

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
Cook County Veterans Affairs



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Helpful Links

National Desert Storm War Memorial

Find information about the planned memorial.

VA Mission Act Signed into Law

The VA Mission Act of 2018 is designed to greatly improve veteran access to VA healthcare.

Waters in or near Vietnam

If you served on the coastal waterways of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, and you came ashore, you may have had contact with Agent Orange and could be eligible for disability benefits.

Community Care Programs

Veterans may be eligible for community care if they need care that VA cannot provide.

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.cookcountyl.gov/
current-job-listings](http://www.cookcountyl.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/)

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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Upcoming Events

Valor Games

brings together disabled veterans and wounded, ill or injured service members and engages them in three days of Paralympic sport competition. The event celebrates sport as a means of empowering individuals and strengthening community.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Soldier Field – Gate O
1410 Museum Campus Dr.

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[https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/
programs-memberships/programs-
services-veterans](https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs-memberships/programs-services-veterans)

Convoy of Hope

Chicago Community Event
Serving guests of honor by providing them with free groceries, health and dental screenings, haircuts, family portraits, meals and much more.

Saturday, August 25, 2018

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Marquette Park
6743 S. Kedzie Ave.

For more information, please contact:
icaconnect@gmail.com or (708) 246-2780

[https://www.convoyofhope.org/outreach/
chicago/](https://www.convoyofhope.org/outreach/chicago/)

Cook County Veterans Picnic and Outreach Forum

Thursday, August 30, 2018

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Brookfield Zoo – Swan Pavilion
8400 W. 31st St., Brookfield

You may download the event registration form on our **website**.