

VA Medical-Related Transportation Services

DAV Post 90 (Monday through Friday, except last Friday of month and holidays)

- * For the cities of Bethalto, Collinsville, Cottage Hills, Edwardsville, Highland, Staunton, Troy, and Wood River, call Jack Perrone or Ronda Lawrence-Morris at 314-603-4856.
- * For the cities of Caseyville, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, and Staunton, call Jerry Keel at 618-304-8614.
- * **Has** a wheelchair-accessible van. Vets needing assistance must provide someone to assist. Drivers are **NOT** allowed to assist.

Jersey County VAC (Monday through Friday, except holidays)

- * For the cities of Alton, East Alton, Godfrey, Hartford, Jerseyville, and Wood River, call Greg Breden or Karl Bradshaw at 618-498-1810 for pick-up location:
Pick-up Locations: American Legion at 300 Memorial Drive in Jerseyville, McDonald's at 911 South State Street in Jerseyville, Hardee's at 2720 Godfrey Road in Alton, and McDonald's at 717 East Broadway in Alton. Pick-up at Vet's home for special circumstances must be approved by Greg Breden.
- * Appointments must be between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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- * For information on cities and pick-up locations, call the Volunteer Driver Coordinator at 314-805-6558.
- * Does **NOT** have a wheelchair-accessible van. Vets must be ambulatory. Vets needing assistance must provide someone to assist. Drivers are **NOT** allowed to assist.

Off-Site Outreach Location and Hours

- * Lewis and Clark Community College on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- * Senior Services Plus on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Granite City Library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- * Highland American Legion #439 on the 4th Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Discover More About the Veterans' Assistance Commission of Madison County.

To learn more about the VAC, visit "Veterans' Assistance Commission of Madison County, IL."



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veterans/veterans.shtml](http://www.co.madison.il.us/veterans/veterans.shtml)

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Veterans' Assistance Commission



MADISON COUNTY, IL, VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Mission Statement

The Veterans' Assistance Commission (VAC) provides needed services exclusively to Honorably Discharged Military Veterans and their families who reside in Madison County. The VAC works closely with all Veterans' organizations, as well as local, state, and federal agencies, to ensure the rights to which each Veteran is entitled have been granted. Services include Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Assistance, administrative Case Work and advocacy-related services (case management), Employment Center services, and VA medical-related transportation services (DAV Transportation Network).

Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Assistance*

- * Rent payments to avoid eviction
- * Utility payments to avoid shut-off
- * Food/Family essentials
- * Indigent burial expenses
- * Miscellaneous disability care expenses
- * Homeless/Transitional housing referrals
- * Other assistance as needed and as available



The Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Assistance Program is designed to assist Indigent Veterans and their families who meet income guidelines and/or emergency standards of indigence. The program is **NOT** permanent assistance or an ongoing financial supportive program. The Veteran must provide proof of Honorable Discharge (DD-214), along with proof of current residency within Madison County, and must meet eligibility guidelines.

Administrative Case Work and Advocacy-Related Services

- * Veterans' Benefits Administration (VBA) compensation and pension claims filing
- * Veterans' Health Administration (VHA) health care benefits enrollment
- * Local, state, and federal benefits filing
- * Application and forms processing
- * Assistance in obtaining military records and medical documentation
- * Specialized information and referral services
- * Limited estate planning (wills and advance directives)
- * Limited home adaptation and medical equipment
- * Collection of and proper disposal of flags that are unserviceable
- * Assistance in obtaining IL State ID cards

The Veterans' Service Officer aids Veterans, Service Members, families, and widows with regard to all benefit-related filings. Most notably are filings for VA service-connected compensation and pension claims, health care benefits, and Aid and Attendance (A&A) pension benefits.

Employment Center Services

- * Employment Center Intake
- * Direct specialized employment counseling
- * Employment referrals and application processing
- * Employment searches and assistance
- * Current job/career fair information
- * Academic coordination and referrals
- * Transportation assistance (bus tokens)
- * Computer lab

The Employment Center gives assistance to Veterans in their employment endeavors. The Employment Specialist provides employment and workforce-related guidance, as well as help in developing résumés, assistance in networking with local agencies and employers, and tracking information on current job openings and job fairs being held throughout the region.

** Anyone receiving Veterans' Assistance, who is not "unable to work" by a doctor's order, is required to register with the VAC Employment Center. An individual **MUST** actively seek employment and **MUST** accept an offer of suitable employment to remain eligible for Veterans' Assistance.*

** Veterans' Assistance does **NOT** include school breaks unless needs arise due to an emergency, such as a natural disaster.*

** Reserve/National Guard duty or Release from Active Duty Training is non-qualifying.*