

VETERANS ADVISORY NEWS

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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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Dear Veterans,

This month's newsletter contains information regarding property tax relief for veterans with service-connected disability rating of at least 30 percent and greater; the VA's campaign to *Make the Connection* helping veterans connect with resources, treatment and support to get their lives on a better track; the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration; the opening of Freedom's Path at Hines and housing information for homeless and disabled veterans; Cook County's Military and Veteran Discount Card, that now has more than 200 merchants and more than 3,000 veterans participating in the program; Veteran Rights Project, offering Illinois veterans free legal assistance; Com-Ed Utility Assistance; and the Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition (VET) Act of 2015 that allows veterans the opportunity to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations through GI Bill benefits.

Be on the lookout for these upcoming veterans benefit and resource events: Annual Veterans Appreciation Event on October 2nd; Salute to the Armed Forces on October 15th; and the Cook County Veterans Affairs Benefits Workshop on October 20th, 2015. As you see a veteran in your day- to-day activities, please be sure to say, "Thank you for your service."

Bill Browne, Director of Veterans Affairs
Cook County Veterans Affairs

Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs

SAVE THE DATETuesday, October 20th, 2015

9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Cook County Law Library, Daley Center 29th Floor
Veterans Benefits Workshop: Federal and State Veteran Benefits, Property Tax Changes for Veterans, and Pension Updates

SEPTEMBER 2015: VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

During Suicide Prevention Month, be a part of the solution by supporting the VA campaign, The Power of 1. The Power of 1 explains that *one person* can make a difference in the life of a veteran, and encourages VA crisis support. If there is a veteran experiencing warning signs of suicide, connect him with the Veterans Crisis Line 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255 or online chat: VeteransCrisisLine.net/chat.



SB-107: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS

SB107, PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

BND Article: <http://www.bnd.com/news/local/article31562267.html#storylink=cpy>

Senate Bill 107 dramatically expands upon the disabled veteran's homestead exemption that had already provided significant property tax relief. Section 5 of the Property Tax Code has been further amended concerning the Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption, providing that for taxable years 2015 and thereafter, if a veteran has a service connected disability of:

- 30% or more but less than 50%, the annual exemption is \$2,500;
- 50% or more but less than 70%, the annual exemption is \$5,000; and
- 70% or more, the property is exempt from taxation.

House Floor Amendment No. 4 adds reference to the Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption, replacing everything after the enacting clause and reinserting provisions of the engrossed bill with changes. This provides that the term "accessibility improvement" means a home modification listed under the Home Services Program administered by the Department of Human Services, including the installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening door-ways, and changes to enhance the independence of a disabled or elderly individual.

How do I qualify? SB-107 expands on a previous law that provided graduated levels of property tax relief to veterans depending on their level of disability and the value of their houses. If you already qualified for the earlier law, then your name will be automatically updated onto the county assessor of homeowners list who receive tax relief because of their level of disability.

Eligible veterans must complete a form each year certifying their level of disability and return it to the county assessor. If you haven't qualified before, then you will need to provide the assessor the following: Department of Defense Discharge Form DD-214; Department of Veteran Affairs Award Letter certifying level of service-connected disability; copy of deed to your house.

What levels of tax relief does SB-107 provide? The new law provides three levels of property relief for disabled veterans who own homes with an estimated market value of up to \$750,000. *This compares to the old law, which provided just two levels of property tax relief.*

Under SB-107, the first level deducts \$2,500 from the assessed value of homes for owners with a service-connected disability from 30 to 49 percent. The second level deducts \$5,000 from the assessed value of homes for veterans with a disability rating of 50 to 69 percent. In addition, there is the \$6,000 automatic owner-occupancy exemption.

The homeowner's actual 2016 tax bill will depend on tax rates of the taxing bodies where they live, such as school districts and towns. The third level waives property taxes entirely for veterans with a disability rating of at least 70 percent, and greater.

How many veterans are affected by SB-107? Census figures show there are nearly 28,000 veterans with service-related disabilities in Illinois. According to the Illinois Department of Revenue, nearly 14,000 property tax exemptions were awarded to veterans in 2013. For more information, visit: <http://tax.illinois.gov/LocalGovernment/PropertyTax/taxrelief.htm>.



VA CAMPAIGN: MAKE THE CONNECTION

<http://maketheconnection.net/>

The screenshot shows the 'Make the Connection' website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'CUSTOMIZE THIS SITE FOR YOU' and 'RESET'/'SAVE SETTINGS' buttons. Below this, there are filters for 'I am' (Male/Female), 'I served during' (Select an Era), 'I served in' (Select your Service), and 'I was exposed to combat' (Yes/No). The main header features the 'MAKE THE CONNECTION' logo and social media links for Facebook and YouTube. A search bar is also present. The 'Resources & Support' section is highlighted in the navigation menu. Under this section, there's a 'Locate Information and Resources' heading with a paragraph explaining the campaign's goal. Below this, there are three main resource categories: 'U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources', 'National Resource Directory Resources', and 'SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator'. The '1 Choose Location' step includes a search by Zip Code (with a dropdown for 'within 100 miles') or Search by State (with a dropdown for 'Select State'). The '2 Choose Resources' step has a 'Show Descriptions' button and a grid of checkboxes for various resources: VA Medical Centers, PTSD Program, Veterans Benefits Administration Offices, Outpatient Clinics, Suicide Prevention Coordinators, All VA Resources, Vet Centers, and VA Chaplains. A 'FIND VA RESOURCES' button is at the bottom of the form.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched the *Make the Connection* campaign to help Veterans and their families connect with services that improve their lives. The campaign encourages Veterans and their families to “make the connection” with other people, resources, and with treatment and support to get their lives on a better track.

The *Make the Connection* campaign connects veterans with resources and support to manage the issues they may be facing and find solutions for improving their lives. Many veterans have found the strength to reach out and make the connection. To find resources most helpful, visit www.MakeTheConnection.net. Fill in your zip code or state below, and then check the boxes to indicate the programs or topics you are interested in learning more about.

The success of the *Make the Connection* campaign depends on support from everyone who interacts with Veterans: people in communities nationwide as well as Veterans Service Organizations, community-based groups, and local health care providers that have direct contact with Veterans every day. These groups are partners in our efforts to build greater awareness among Veterans and their families and friends of www.MakeTheConnection.net and the numerous other resources that are available to help improve their lives. As a VA partner or Veteran supporter, you play a critical role in spreading the word about the campaign and encouraging Veterans and their families and friends to visit MakeTheConnection.net. In addition, if you know a Veteran who sought and received mental health support—from any source, including VA, community providers and faith-based organizations—and is in a better place today because of it, please send an email to info@MakeTheConnection.net.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, in accordance with Public Law 110-L81 SEC. 598. Congress authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War." To that end, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was formed.

The congressionally-mandated objectives for the Commemoration are:

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

www.vietnamwar50th.com

Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs will offer a resolution in support of the Vietnam War Commemorative. This resolution will be read at the Cook County Board Meeting on October 28th, 2015.



COOK COUNTY CHIEF OF STAFF AT RIBBON CUTTING FOR VETERAN HOUSING

<http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment/2015/08/20/chief-of-staff-speaks-at-ribbon-cutting-for-veteran-housing/>



Tasha Cruzat, Chief of Staff for Cook County Board of Commissioners President Toni Preckwinkle, attended the ribbon cutting for Freedom's Path veteran housing community at the Hines VA Campus. According to the VA, about 1.4 million veterans are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has been supportive of the County's involvement with Freedom's Path from the very beginning. "Cook County believes that providing housing for those who protect our nation is critical for our society. In addition to the vouchers that the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) will be providing, Cook County has provided a \$2,250,000 loan through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program within the Bureau of Economic Development," stated Ms. Cruzat. For more information, please [view release from Communities for Veterans](#).

HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS OPENS DOORS

http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/economicdevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Hines_pressrelease_GrandOpeningFINAL.pdf

The Department of Veterans Affairs and members of many areas of the development team gathered today to mark the opening of Freedom's Path at Hines, an affordable housing facility for homeless and disabled veterans. As the first of seven similar projects by developer Communities for Veterans to open its doors, the magnitude of what was accomplished was apparent as 72 highly deserving Veterans will now have a place to call home. "Most importantly, this day is a celebration that 72 Veterans who raised their right hand and took an oath to defend our country and have since fallen on hard times, now have a secure place to call home with all of the supportive services they need to carry on meaningful and productive lives," said Adam Gratzner of CFV.

Designed to achieve a LEED for Homes Silver certification, Freedom's Path at Hines consists of an elevator-equipped three-story-63,000 square foot housing with 72 units with private baths. Each of the 36 studio (429- sq. ft.) and 36 one-bedroom (620- to 700-sq. ft.) units features Energy Star-rated appliances, dishwasher, garbage disposal, carpeting, window blinds, and central air conditioning. Community amenities include onsite management, a fitness center, a social room, technology center, laundry facility, as well as communal areas for therapy and special needs services. Outside is ample parking, covered driveway, seating area with fireplace, and basketball court.

With a priority to serve some of the most vulnerable, at-risk, low income and/or disabled Veterans who are able to live independently, rental subsidies will be offered through Project Based HUD, VA Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers administered by the Housing Authority of Cook County. This ensures residents pay no more than 30 percent of their income for rent and utilities. "Collaborations like this keep our country strong, and I couldn't be more proud to be a part of it," said Gratzner.



THE MILITARY DISCOUNT ADVANTAGE



As a member of the military community, you earn discounts and valuable benefits that impact your personal finances, such as the VA home loan, tax breaks, and Thrift Savings and retirement plan. This year the military began to downsize, resulting in more than 100,000 service members rejoining the civilian workforce. The information provided can help give peace of mind as you deploy, transition or retire, *and* save money. Being aware of your financial benefits allows for a successful transition and can ensure wise banking, life insurance, home-buying, and money management choices. For information about support organizations designed to protect military families in times of unexpected expenses, visit: <http://www.Military.com/discounts>.

Cook County's Military and Veterans Discount Program (MVDP) provides veterans with a free money-saving Discount Card and access to over 200 businesses committed to providing discounts. "Though we are mindful to say 'thank you' as often as we can, helping those who have served our country save money is a way our gratitude can go beyond words," said Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Recorder of Deeds (RoD). The MVDP Discount Program purpose is to build a network of businesses across Cook County who offer military and veterans' discounts. This public-private partnership is a small way to honor those who have served. Discounts range from percentages to free services, for a complete list visit: www.cookrecorder.com/militarydiscount.

Cook County veterans can visit the RoD Veterans Service Office (VSO) located in Chicago at 118 N. Clark-Room 120, and upon providing proof of service will receive the MVDP Card. A Government-Issued or Military ID and certified copy of DD-214 is required, *dishonorable discharges do not qualify*. Veterans have the option to record their DD-214 for free in the CCRD DD-214 Repository, granting the veteran to have access in case the original is destroyed or misplaced. If you previously recorded your DD-214, a photo ID is all that is required. For more information and business signup, call (312) 603-5788 or visit:



FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

The Legal Assistance Foundation - Veterans Rights Project assists Illinois veterans and their families with legal problems. Contact the CRRC Veterans Legal Hotline at: 312-347-8340.

FREE LEGAL SERVICE FOR ILLINOIS' MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS

The Legal Assistance Foundation's VETERANS' RIGHTS PROJECT assists Illinois' military personnel, veterans, and their families with a wide range of legal problems. The Veterans' Rights Project represents veterans or their families in claims for benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), including service-connected disability compensation, educational benefits, and needs-based pension. The Project represents veterans facing civil issues including reemployment rights and housing accommodations for disabled veterans, and can also assist service members in enforcing consumer protections provided by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and other consumer protection laws.



Protecting Those Who Protect the Nation

VETERANS' RIGHTS PROJECT

For more information contact: Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
Call: 312/347-8340 | veteransrights@lsfchicago.org | also on Facebook.com





THE COM-ED RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL HARDSHIP AND CARE PROGRAM

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THORNTON TOWNSHIP 333 E. 162nd St. South Holland, IL 60473 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	KANE COUNTY	COMMUNITY CONTACT INCORPORATED 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Call 847-697-4400 to schedule an appointment. Aurora, IL	
BETHLEHEM STAR CHURCH 9231 S. Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago, IL 60619 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	DEKALB COUNTY	COMMUNITY CONTACT INCORPORATED 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Call 847-697-4400 to schedule an appointment. DeKalb, IL	
SOUTH AUSTIN COALITION 5071 W. Congress Parkway Chicago, IL 60644 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	ENERGY FAIRS	August 4, 2015 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH 2622 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612	
HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH 5308 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL 60639 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM		August 6, 2015 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM GUADALUPE REYES CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTER 1951 W. 19th St. Chicago, IL 60608	
MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH 2622 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM			
TRIEDSTONE FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH 1415 W. 104th St. Chicago, IL 60643 9:30-3:30 PM			
GRACE AND PEACE COMMUNITY CENTER 2100 N. Kildare Ave. Chicago, IL 60639 9:30-3:30 PM			

When you visit, please bring the following documents:

- Proof of gross income (30-day period prior to the application date)
Examples include: Pay stubs, social security benefit letter, income affidavit, etc.
- Copy of your current ComEd electric service bill
(Not more than 30 days old)
For accounts that are disconnected, the ComEd bills may be older than 30 days
- Proof of Identification for the ComEd customer of record
(Driver's License, Photo ID, State ID, Work ID, Matricular, Passport, etc.)
- Social Security number or Tax Identification number
(For customer of record)
- Proof of hardship
Could include: medical, military, senior, disabling, loss of employment, family crisis, etc.

To learn more about ComEd's CARE Program,
visit ComEd.com/CARE
or call 888-806-CARE, option 2.

counts may vary while funds are available.



LEGISLATION MAY ALLOW GI FUNDS FOR BUSINESS STARTUP:

S. 1870, VETERANS ENTREPRENEURIAL TRANSITION (VET) ACT OF 2015

Veterans face a daunting mission when separating from service and transitioning into civilian life, career development and the threat of unemployment. The Department of Defense spent \$1.4B on unemployment for former military personnel in FY13. With nearly 550 transitioning military personnel every day and about one million settling into American communities within the next 3-5 years, we must find innovative ways to support veterans in their professional development. In addition, veterans are 45% more likely to be self-employed than non-veterans, and \$1.2 trillion in sales is generated from 2 million veteran-owned businesses - which represent nearly 9% of all U.S. small businesses.

Veterans possess the leadership skills and a desire of continued service that give back to communities as small business owners - but often lack the capital to move forward. Now, veterans are seeking more options and want the choice to use their GI Bill benefit to start their own business. It is best to offer veterans a choice in accessing resources, training, and support to pursue the American Dream to start a small business, create jobs, and generate growth in our economy.

"The Bunker" *Veteran Incubator Survey*, recently conducted stated:

- 90% of veterans would like to use their GI Bill benefit toward starting a small business; and
- 95% of veterans would complete an entrepreneurial training program to start a small business.

The Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition (VET) Act of 2015 (S. 1870) passed in July through The Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, allows veterans the opportunity to pursue their small business and entrepreneurial aspirations by giving access to resources through the Small Business Administration (SBA) and their GI Bill benefit.

The key components of the VET Act are:

- Establishment of 3-year pilot program: Overseen by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (15 U.S.C. 657b) and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, that will enable up to 250 GI Bill benefit-eligible veterans to start a new business or purchase an existing business or franchise.
- The pilot program includes a thorough application process and requires participation in an approved entrepreneurial training program, such as the SBA's Small Business Development Centers and other SBA or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) approved training programs.
- The entrepreneurial training program requires veterans to develop a business plan - approved by their program advisor and the SBA's Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development.
- Once completed, a veteran may receive their GI Bill benefit in the form of a grant in order to implement their business plan and start their small business enterprise. The grant may be provided through installments determined by the requirements of their business plan.
- The grant available to veterans may be equivalent to the GI Bill maximum amount - 36 months of educational assistance at the effective rate for each veteran through the GI Bill benefit program.

The VET Act of 2015 is supported by: The Small Business Administration, One Vet at a Time, the National Guard Association of the United States, the American Legion, the Iraq Afghanistan Veterans of America, Veterans2Commerce, the Military Business Owners Association, The Bunker, The Kauffman Foundation and Association of Defense Communities.



Click below to apply for employment opportunities under the Office of the President, Forest Preserve District, and Health & Hospitals Systems.

Cook County Job Opportunities

<http://www.cookcountyil.gov/current-job-listings>

Forest Preserves District:

<http://fpdcc.com/about/jobs/>

Health and Hospitals Systems:

<http://www.cookcountyhhs.org/about-cchhs/human-resources/careers/>



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THE 5TH ANNUAL "SALUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES"

All branches of serviceman and women will be honored for serving their Country with pride and dedication at the Salute to the Armed Forces ceremony on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 1 p.m. Doors open at 12:30p.m. Share in an afternoon of fellowship and appreciation for your courage and dedication at the Grand Ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Alsip located at 5000 W. 127th Street. Refreshments will be served to all honorees and guests. This celebration is proudly presented by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Dignity Memorial, and Double Tree Hotel by Hilton.

Those that have served in the United States Armed Forces in war and peace time will be honored for their contribution and sacrifice to our great Nation. All military veterans will receive an Honorary "Salute Certificate" and Commemorative Pin. The Ceremony of Appreciation includes POW-MIA Remembrance Service and Color Guard presentation. If you wish to be honored at this Patriot ceremony, you must register by October 13th. Please see event flyer for registration information, listing your name, branch of service, phone number, email address and number of guests. Please contact Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy's Office at 708-389-2125 for further details.

UPCOMING VETERANS RESOURCE EVENTS

Please See the Following Inserts for More Information and Event Details

The Annual Veterans Appreciation Event

- Friday, October 2nd, 2015 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Salute to the Armed Forces – Free Patriotic Celebration for ALL Veterans

- Registration Required by Tuesday, October 13th
- Thursday, October 15th, 2015 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Veteran Families Matter – Prairie State College PSC Conference Center

- Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

SAVE THE DATE: Cook County VA – Veterans Benefits Discussion Federal & State Veteran Benefits, Property Tax Changes for Veterans, And Pension Updates

- Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Veteran's Home Buying Seminar – VA Home Loan and Repair/Restoration

- Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Women's Pre-Veterans' Day Stand Down – NWVU and Jesse Brown VA VA Health Care Services and Benefits Information, Clothes/Shoes, More

- Saturday, October 24th, 2015 from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Join Us

Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski, Chairman of
Cook County Committee of Veteran Affairs Presents:

THE ANNUAL VETERAN APPRECIATION EVENT

FRIDAY, OCT. 2
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Event Sponsors:



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The MAX Center
4750 S. Vernon Ave., McCook, IL

- ★ FREE Admission
- ★ Enjoy delicious food, beverages & entertainment
- ★ Browse veteran service booths

- ★ Reservations strongly recommended
- ★ To make a reservation contact
Heather Shore: (708) 352-2301
Email: heather9401@gmail.com
- ★ Plenty of parking close to facility
- ★ Indoor event - wheelchair accessible





Salute to the Armed Forces

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THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 2015

DOORS OPEN AT NOON PROGRAM – 1- 3 P.M.

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-Registration forms due by Oct. 12th. Mail form to:

Comm. Joan Patricia Murphy's Office at 5405 W. 127th St, Crestwood IL 60445

Or FAX to : (708) 389 – 2240

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BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

Address or Email _____

Number of guest including yourself: _____

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Personnel
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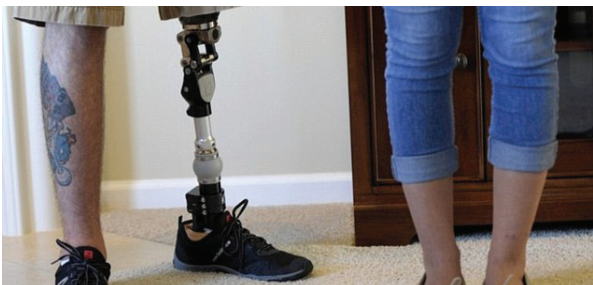
**Noted guest
speakers &
POW-MIA
Remembrance
Service**

**Refreshments &
Fellowship**

**To attend event:
Call Comm. Murphy's
Office at
(708) 389-2125
or send form by:
October 12th**

Veterans Families Matter

Sept. 16, 1-3 p.m.
PSC Conference Center
Heritage Room



Panelists

- Dr. Richard Doss, Ph.D – Clinical Psychologist
- Kim Olver – Award Winning Author
- Dr. Charles Lawrence, Ph.D – Veterans Service Officer

Service Vendors will be in the Heritage Room

- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Chicago Heights Veteran Center
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- Prairie State College Counseling Center
- and others

The purpose of this event is to bring focus to veterans' families. Panelist will discuss several different topics that families encounter in the course of their daily life. The forces at work include, but not limited, to family relationships, educational benefits, and homelessness.



For more information, please contact Georges Sanon,
gsanon@prairiestate.edu or Shannon Word sword@prairiestate.edu.

FREE Veteran's Home Buying and Financial/Credit Education Seminar



Wednesday, October 21

10am – 1pm

Benjamin O. Davis VFW

22341 Governors Hwy., Richton Park IL

Home Buying seminar discussion and financial / credit education
What you need to know to be able to purchase. Why RENT? When you can BUY!

VA Home Loans, Credit / Repair and Restoration

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For Women Veterans**



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October 24, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Jesse Brown
VA Medical Center
820 S. Damen
2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60612**

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Cook County Veterans Outreach Forum

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Veterans Benefits Workshop

THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
invites you to attend the Veterans Benefits Workshop.

Please join us at the
Cook County Law Library
Daley Center
50 W. Washington St., Room 2900.

