



Veteran Assistance Commission of Clinton County

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**State of Illinois
Governor J.B. Pritzker
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Dear Governor Pritzker,

It is with great pleasure that I present you with the annual report (fiscal year 2025) of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Clinton County, Illinois, pursuant to Chapter 330, Part 45, Section 8 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

**Governor's Report for the Veterans Assistance Commission of
Clinton County**

Overview and Background

The Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) of Clinton County was officially established on April 23, 2025 when the by-laws were adopted and signed. The Commission operates under the leadership of Superintendent Colbey Voss, who is in the process of becoming an Accredited Veteran Service Officer. Superintendent Voss began working September 1, 2025. He did receive accreditation from NACVSO but due to the government shut down, is waiting on the necessary Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**Fiscal Year 2025 Report (September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025)
Veterans' Compensation and Benefits**

- **Forms Assisted in Completing:** 35
- **Guidance and Clarification of Benefits:** 46
- **Total Clients Assisted:** 61

Financial Aid Provided to Veterans and/or Spouses

A total of \$0 was distributed in financial assistance to Veterans and their families, due to the maturity of the VACCC. In the future the VACCC will assist as appropriate.



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Collaboration and Support

The Clinton County VAC has extended its expertise to neighboring counties:

- Aided Washington County in establishing its own Veterans Assistance Commission.
- Collaborated with Bond County on building goals and outreach
- Collaborated with Franklin, St. Clair and Montgomery Counties on way forward of growing the Southern Illinois VACs.

The Clinton County VAC has served as a keynote speaker or event assistant organizer for outreach at the following events:

- Germantown Elementary and Carlyle Jr. High Veterans Day Programs
- Two Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Send Offs
- Jared Burke Foundation PTSD Class
- Retirement Celebration for Retired 4 Star General Minikan
- Annual Clinton County Veterans Day Program
- Enduring Freedom Celebration Event at Kaskaskia College
- Jim Beasley Veteran Tribute Board Meeting
- 9/11 Stair Climb at Carlyle Dam
- Vietnam Veterans Salute at St. James Villas
- Brought in 6 new Legion members to the American Legion Diesen Winkler Post 325

Future Goals for Fiscal Year 2026

The Clinton County VAC is committed to expanding its outreach and services in the upcoming fiscal year. Key objectives include:

- **Financial Assistance:** Utilizing financial aid available to Clinton County Veterans and their families.
- **Compensation:** Become an accredited VSO to submit new claims and increase existing claims for our local Veterans
- **Collaborations:** Continuing to support the development of VACs in other counties to ensure broader access to services for Veterans across the region, partnering with the local Veteran Service Organizations for awareness and continued growth.



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Conclusion

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Clinton County has made significant strides in its inaugural year, providing critical support, awareness and services to the Veteran community. With a dedicated team and strategic goals, the Commission is poised to achieve even greater impact in Fiscal Year 2026 and beyond.

Thank you for your support of our county's Veterans. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

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