

VSO Locations

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North Chicago, IL 60064
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Chicago, IL 60652
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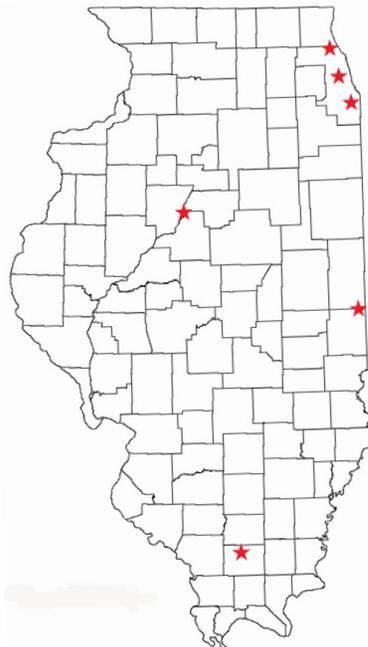
Central Region

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Southern Region

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** Limited days; call for details.*



Illinois AMVETS Veterans' Claim Services

*Knowledgeable representatives helping veterans
obtain the benefits they earned*



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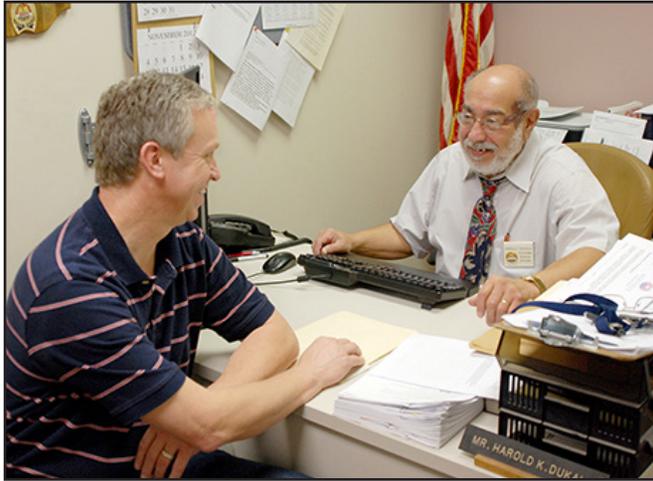
Who are the Illinois AMVETS Veterans' Service Officers?

We are veterans, just like you! Illinois AMVETS Veterans Service Officers (VSO) function as attorneys-in-fact for the veterans and families they represent. VSOs are there to counsel veterans on the full range of programs provided under federal, state and local benefit laws.

How can we help you?

Illinois AMVETS VSOs strive to provide unparalleled service to our nations veterans in a consistent manner. We can offer information, counseling and claims service to all honorably discharged veterans and their dependents concerning: disability compensation, hospitalization, rehabilitation, pension, education and employment.

Illinois AMVETS VSOs thoroughly understand a veteran's needs, desires and expectations involving their claim, and follow through with dedicated work on that claim to get the best results.



Why choose us?

Illinois AMVETS VSOs are trained in all aspects of veterans' benefits and are knowledgeable about changes in VA regulations, entitlements, policies and procedures. Each VSO will personally develop and manage your claim to ensure you receive the maximum benefits legally entitled.

Illinois AMVETS Veterans' Service Officers have helped thousands of veterans households. In fact, our cadre of VSOs, ranging from as many as 10 to as little as just 5, have filed **over 23,500 claims** since 2005! This represents millions of dollars of benefits going directly to veterans and their families.

Our VSOs have handled an average of 2,136 claims each year in the last 10 years!

Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

Transitioning from military life to civilian life can be challenging. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides help for military members transitioning to civilian life. TAP helps make the connection for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Benefit Programs, education, employment or relocating your claim to your new hometown.

Our VSOs attend TAP classes on a regular basis to help explain the complexities of transitioning to civilian life. The Illinois AMVETS VSOs will help specify what claims you may be eligible for and what documentation is needed to move forward on these claims. *TAP represents 20% of our total VSO-secured benefits per year!*



So, how do I file a claim?

If you're thinking of filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs for disability compensation, here are three simple steps to follow that will facilitate the process.

Step 1

Consult With Your VSO

Talk with your VSO about the condition for which you are considering filing a claim. If, as a result of your discussion with the VSO, the claim appears warranted, go to the next step.

Step 2

Collect Documentation

Gather the following documents to support your claim:

- Service medical records
- Applicable photographs
- Marriage certificate
- Copies of dependents' Social Security cards
- Private physician's records
- DD Form 214
- Birth certificates of children

After assembling these records and forms, move on to the last step.

Step 3

Contact Your VSO Again

Discuss with the service officer your findings and what more, if anything, needs to be done to document your claim.

Our Veteran Service Officers provide assistance for free!