

State of Illinois
Governor J.B. Pritzker
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706-0001

Dear Governor Pritzker,

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

As an up-and-coming veteran advocacy agency in Illinois' 13th most veteran populous county, we provide services in the following categories:

- 1.) Advocacy
- 2.) Veteran Benefits and Claims Management
- 3.) Emergency and Temporary Assistance for Indigent Veterans

In Fiscal Year 2023 (12/01/22 – 11/30/23), the Commission was instrumental in securing new benefits for Champaign County veterans, their dependents, and their survivors from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Beginning FY 2024, Champaign County Veterans Assistance Commission will track total dollar amounts for benefits received by our county veterans from the VA. The amount will not include other benefits the veterans receive including access to VA health care, home loan, or education benefits. Always progressing, the Commission continues to be a significant and judicious governmental entity at the county level.

Regarding emergency and temporary assistance provided to indigent veterans, our Commission financially assisted with over \$80,000 in rent and utility assistance. This financial assistance kept over 90 county veterans from being displaced from their domiciles due to their inability to pay.

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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