



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF COOK COUNTY
FY23 ANNUAL REPORT
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December 29, 2023

The Honorable J.B. Pritzker
Governor of Illinois
State Capital Room 207
Springfield, Illinois 62706-0001

Dear Governor Pritzker,

Pursuant to the Veterans and Service Members 330 ILCS 45/8, of the Military Veterans Act, it is with great pleasure that I submit the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County's FY 2023 Annual Report to you.

At the core of our mission, as the sole Veteran-specific department in Cook County that provides direct, immediate financial assistance, lies a steadfast commitment to provide supportive services to our Cook County Veterans and their families.

In the Fiscal Year 2023, our efforts resulted in the disbursement of \$488,121.59 in financial aid to alleviate the burdens faced by Cook County Veterans confronting financial and economic adversities. This figure represents a significant increase from the \$269,254.67 disbursed in the preceding Fiscal Year of 2022.

The tangible impact of our emergency financial services resonated profoundly, impacting the lives of 2,227 Cook County Veteran residents. We view this as a baseline in which we are committed to surpassing in the ensuing year through enhanced advocacy and the implementation of new targeted programs tailored to the needs of our Veteran community.

We extend our sincerest gratitude for your continued support and look forward to your continued partnership as we strive to uphold our commitment to those who have served our country with distinction.

Elizabeth D. Soto
Superintendent

I. MISSION STATEMENT



OUR MISSION

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County's mission is to be the leading provider of immediate financial and comprehensive services to Cook County Veterans and their families. We pride ourselves on offering a distinct competitive advantage by delivering prompt access to all possible benefits through effective and dynamic advocacy.

With commitment and dedication, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County continues to be the trusted partner that Cook County Veterans and their families can rely on for assistance. In addition to our financial aid programs, we are committed to delivering non-financial services and identifying other needs the Veteran community may have.

By continuously improving our services and advocating for the rights and well-being of Cook County Veterans and their families, we contribute to the betterment of our Veteran community and honor their invaluable service to our nation.



II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County (VACCC) is designed to assist and provide immediate financial assistance to eligible Cook County, Illinois Veterans in need, who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The VACCC is committed to efficiently and effectively delivering these services, recognizing the importance of timely support and assistance to meet their needs. The range of services that were provided in Fiscal Year 2023 and the time frames in which they were distributed by the VACCC office to said eligible and qualified Veterans were as follows:

- **Rental/ Mortgage Assistance:** In support of housing needs, the VACCC offered immediate financial assistance towards Veteran's rent or mortgage payments. This benefit assisted eligible and qualified Veterans with up to \$1,400.00 in direct financial assistance towards past due rental or mortgage payments, or, as a first month's payment for a new rental or mortgage.

This benefit could be requested by an eligible and qualified Veteran once, every 12-month time period.

- **Utility Assistance:** To provide support in this area, the VACCC offered immediate financial assistance towards Veteran's utility bills. This benefit offered eligible and qualified Veterans up to \$550.00 in financial assistance towards each individual past due electric, gas, and/or water utility bill(s).

This benefit could be requested by an eligible and qualified Veteran once, every 12-month time period.

- **Food Assistance:** To address emergency food assistance needs, the VACCC offered immediate food assistance. Through this benefit, eligible and qualified Veterans received a \$100.00 Aldi store gift card to cover immediate food needs.

In recognition of the importance of supporting the entire household, the VACCC also provided an additional \$100.00 Aldi store gift card to each qualifying dependent of the Veteran. This ensured the needs of the Veteran's family members were also met during times of food insecurity. While the food assistance provides immediate relief,

we also encouraged Veterans and their families to explore other long-term solutions, such as local food banks, community programs, and government assistance programs such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

This benefit could be requested by a Veteran once, every 6-month time period.

- **Public Transportation Assistance:** Reliable transportation for Veterans to access medical appointments, educational institutions, and workplaces is of utmost importance. To support Veterans transportation needs, the VACCC offered eligible and qualified Veterans free CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) and PACE single or 7-day transportation cards. These cards served as a means of travel, enabling Veterans to secure transportation for their medical, school and/or work-related needs.

By providing these transportation cards, the VACCC aimed to alleviate the financial burden of travel expenses and enable Veterans to reach their destinations safely, while ensuring they have the means to attend crucial appointments.

This benefit could be requested by a Veteran on a weekly basis, or as needed.

- **Funeral/ Burial Assistance:** At the VACCC, we understand the emotional and financial challenges that can arise when a Veteran passes away. To provide support during this difficult time, we offered funeral/burial assistance to the next of kin, immediate family member, or Power of Attorney of a deceased Veteran.

Through this benefit, eligible individuals received up to \$1,500.00 in financial assistance towards the payment of a Veteran's funeral or burial expenses.

- **Work Attire Assistance:** The VACCC recognized the importance of professional attire when pursuing gainful employment. To support Veterans in their job search efforts, we offered work attire assistance. Through this benefit, eligible and qualified Veterans received a \$100.00 Walmart store gift card to assist with the purchase of new clothing for confirmed interviews.

By offering work attire assistance, we aimed to empower Veterans to make a positive first impression during interviews and increase their chances of securing employment.

This benefit could be requested by a Veteran once, every 12-month time period.

- **Records:** There is great significance for Veterans having access to their important records and documents. To assist in obtaining these records, the VACCC provided guidance and support in applying for and obtaining free certified copies of a Veteran's DD214 from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). The DD214 is a crucial document that verifies a Veteran's military service and can be used for various purposes, such as accessing additional benefits and services.

The VACCC also assisted in obtaining free certified copies of other essential documents from the Vitals Records Department of the Cook County Clerk's office. These documents included the Veteran's Cook County Birth Certificate, Cook County Marriage Certificate, or a Veteran's Cook County Death Certificate.

By offering records assistance, we aimed to help Veterans and their families access the necessary documentation to support their legal, administrative, and personal needs.

- **Programs:** The VACCC takes great pride in our commitment to supporting Veterans and their families through a range of programs designed to meet their unique needs. We understood the significance of fostering a sense of joy and togetherness during special occasions. That is why the VACCC organized a Holiday Event specifically tailored for the children of Cook County Veterans. This event created an opportunity for the children to experience the joy of the holiday season, engage in fun activities, and build lasting memories. It served as a way to honor the sacrifices made by their parents while bringing the community together in a festive and supportive atmosphere.

This program is just one example of the comprehensive support we offer to Veterans and their families. By providing these initiatives, we aimed to alleviate some of the challenges they may face, promote a sense of belonging, and express our gratitude for their service.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW



The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County operates under the legal framework established by the Veterans and Service Members (330 ILCS 45/) Military Veterans Assistance Act (MVAA).

In addition to the MVAA, the VACCC's Executive Board and Membership's Delegates and Alternates maintain oversight of the VACCC operations.

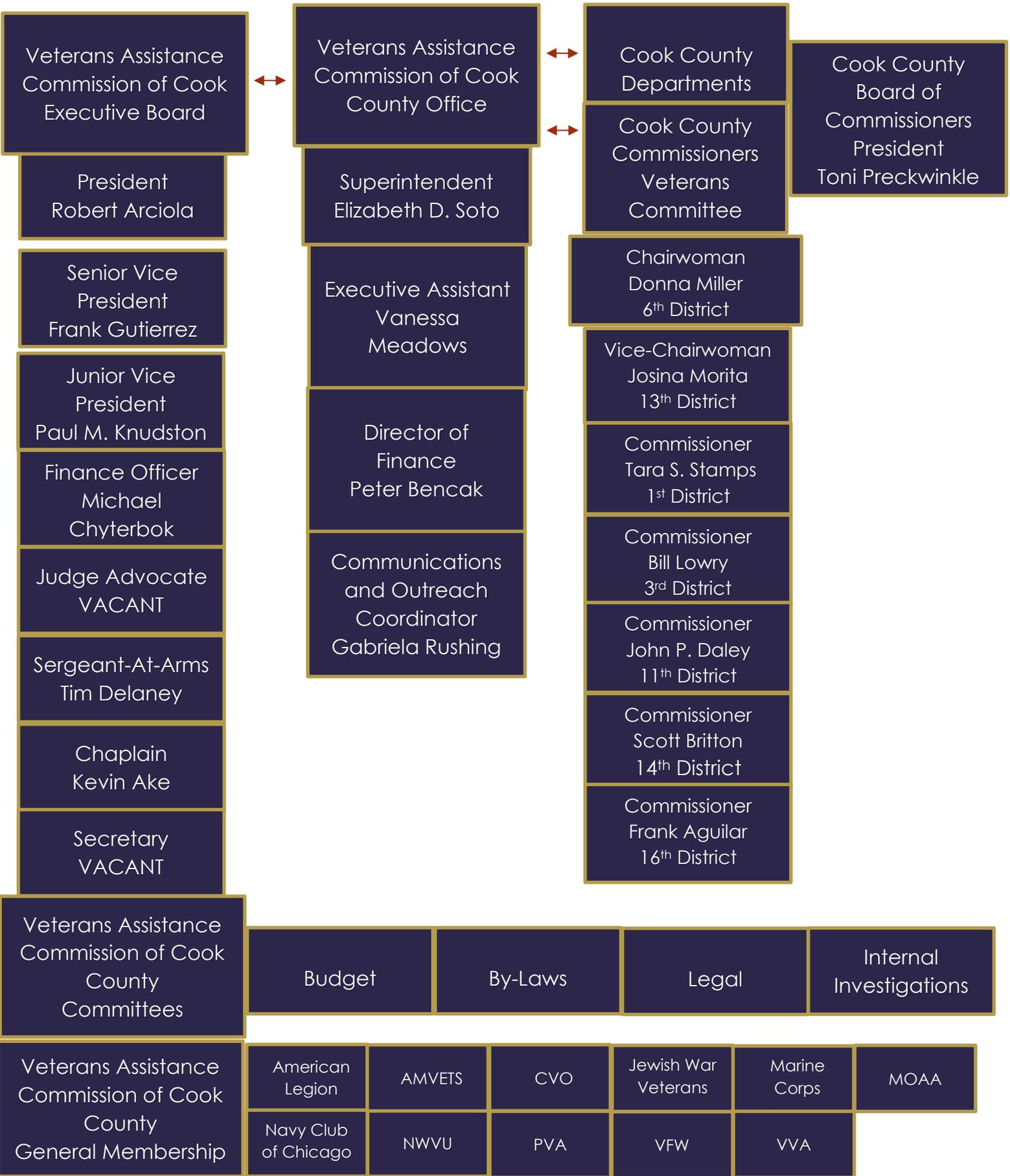
The VACCC's operations are also governed by various regulatory documents and ordinances. These include the VACCC By-Laws, the VACCC Office Policies and Procedures, and the Cook County's "Ordinance Regarding the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County."

To ensure additional ethical conduct and accountability, the VACCC adheres to the Cook County's Ethics Ordinance and the Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance. These ordinances set standards for transparency, integrity, and proper governance.

Furthermore, the VACCC complies with applicable established Cook County policies, which may include policies related to compensation, employee rights, procurement, and budget.

By following these legal and regulatory frameworks, the VACCC upholds the highest standards of professionalism, transparency, and ethical behavior in its operations. These guidelines ensure that the VACCC operates within the legal boundaries and maintains the trust and confidence of the Veteran community it serves.

IV. FY23 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



V. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT	Robert Arciola
SENIOR-VICE PRESIDENT	Frank Gutierrez
JUNIOR-VICE PRESIDENT	Paul M. Knudtson
FINANCE OFFICER	Michael Chyterbok
JUDGE ADVOCATE	VACANT
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Timothy Delaney
CHAPLAIN	Kevin Ake
SECRETARY	VACANT

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS:

American Legion Post 36	Delegate – Patrick Flannigan Alternate – Gregory Jacobs
American Legion Post 104	Delegate – Lawrence M. Kagan Alternate – Dennis Chavez
American Legion Post 183	Delegate – Peter Papuc Alternate – Timothy Bodkin
American Legion Post 208	Delegate – Greg Padovani Alternate – Dale Berg
American Legion Post 216	Delegate – Kevin Ake Alternate – Ray Ortiz

American Legion Post 335

Delegate – Lorenzo Fiorentino

Alternate – Edward Castaneda

American Legion Post 525

Delegate – Brian Mulcrone

Alternate – William Starr

American Legion Post 541

Delegate – Megan Gill

Alternate – Tom Benson

American Legion Post 615

Delegate – Ken McClory

Alternate – John Kaminecki

American Legion Post 623

Delegate – Paul M. Knudston

Alternate – Byron Watson

American Legion Post 800

Delegate – Rochelle Crump

Alternate – Ron M. Taylor

American Legion Post 915

Delegate – Gary Whyte

Alternate – Cardale Melton

American Legion Post 923

Delegate – George Mulvaney

Alternate – Clemente Rodriguez

American Legion Post 943

Delegate – John Steciw

Alternate – Michael Chyterbok

American Legion Post 974

Delegate – Anthony Siciliano

Alternate – George Horn

American Legion Post 1983

Delegate – Mark Kwiatkowski

Alternate – Maureen Magnifico

American Legion Post 1987

Delegate – Charles Henderson

Alternate – Frank B. Thomas III

AMVETS Post 66

Delegate – James Schultz

Alternate – John “Dutch” DeGroot

AMVETS Post 268

Delegate – Eddie Brown, Jr.

Alternate – Richard Nielson

Jewish War Veterans

Delegate – Dr. Jerry Field

Alternate – Howard Goldstein

Marine Corps League Det. 072

Delegate – Darnell Myatt

Alternate – George Mulvaney

Marine Corps League Det. 553

Delegate – Randall L. Tyner

Alternate – VACANT

MOAA

Delegate – John DeReu

Alternate – VACANT

Navy Club of Chicago Post 69

Delegate – Kevin Barszcz

Alternate – Leslie Rodriguez

PVA Vaughan Chapter

Delegate – Robert Arciola

Alternate – Anthony Powell

VVA Chapter 242

Delegate – Kevin Calkins

Alternate – VACANT

VFW Post 311

Delegate – Bill Browne

Alternate – Aretha Spurlock

VFW Post 981

Delegate – Timothy Delaney

Alternate – Matthew Voss

VFW Post 1337

Delegate – Wayne K. Kern

Alternate – Al Hopfer

VFW Post 2202

Delegate – John Healy
Alternate – Joseph Wein

VFW Post 2868

Delegate – Carlos Medina
Alternate – Eric Morales

VFW Post 3579

Delegate – Ramon Prieto
Alternate – Tom Davidson

VFW Post 5979

Delegate – Richard Wojewnik
Alternate – David Ruiz

VFW Post 7186

Delegate – Thomas J. Hughes
Alternate – Brian Beatty

VFW Post 8322

Delegate – Paul J. Bezazian
Alternate – Frank Gutierrez

VFW Post 9284

Delegate – Arthur J. Ellingsen
Alternate – Wallace Campbell

VFW Post 10236

Delegate – Matthew Jaeger
Alternate – Jim Ossey

STATE CHARTERED MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS:

CVO

Delegate – Larry Nazimek
Alternate – Russel Hopkins

NWVU

Delegate – Rochelle Crump
Alternate – Roy M. Taylor

VI. OFFICE SUMMARY



Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County Office – 1100 S. Hamilton Ave. Chicago, IL. 60612

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County office is located in the lower level of the Cook County Temporary Juvenile Detention Center Building.

In FY23 the VACCC was staffed by a team of four full-time members:

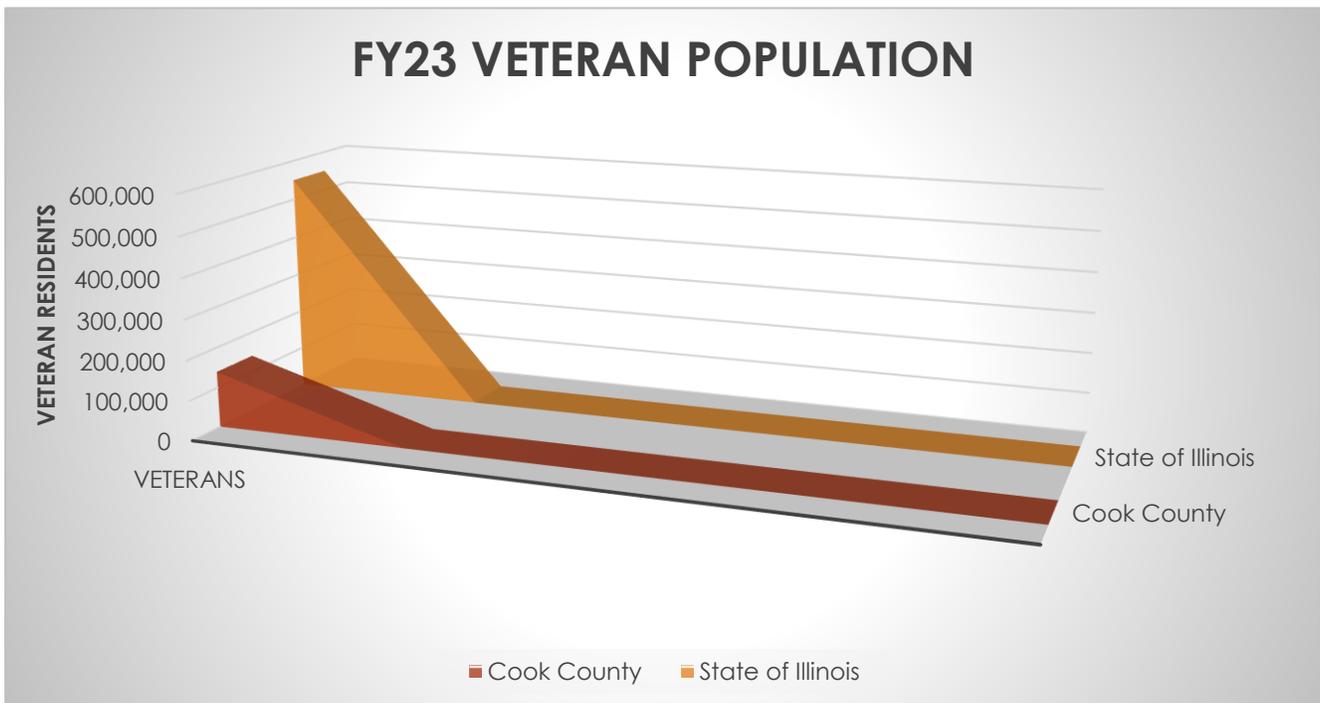
- **Superintendent**
Elizabeth D. Soto
- **Executive Assistant**
Vanessa Meadows
- **Director of Finance**
Peter Bencak
- **Communications and Outreach Coordinator**
Gabriela Rushing

These committed professionals served the needs of the Cook County Veteran population with their expertise. Their collective efforts ensured that the VACCC office operated efficiently by providing timely assistance and support to the Veterans and their families who sought out assistance and services.

The four full-time staff members worked collaboratively to fulfill the mission of the VACCC and delivered the essential services that the Cook County Veteran community relied on. With their extensive knowledge and experience in serving Veterans, these dedicated individuals played a vital role in supporting the unique needs of the Cook County Veteran community.

The staff members of the VACCC office were charged and entrusted with the responsibility of delivering direct financial assistance and outreach services to the entire Cook County Veteran population.

As of FY23, the State of Illinois was home to approximately 518,000+ Veterans. Within this population, Cook County accounted for 27% of the entire state's Veteran population, with an estimated 142,000+ identified as Veteran residents. This substantial number highlights the significance of the VACCC's role in serving a significant portion of the Veteran community in Cook County, Illinois.



Veterans by State 2023. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/cookcountyillinois/PST045223>

VII. PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County continued to partner with various local/community, state and federal organizations and agencies. Through these partnerships, the VACCC aimed to provide a comprehensive continuum of services to Veterans that extended beyond the existing services provided by the office.

By collaborating with organizations such as the Social Security Administration (SSA), Of Color Inc., the Hines and Jesse Brown VA Medical Centers, the office ensured that our Veterans continued to receive direct access to these services.

By providing space for our partnership organizations within the VACCC office, Veterans were able to access assistance during their visits, eliminating the need for multiple appointments at different locations. Having partner organizations on-site fostered a seamless coordination between the VACCC and these agencies, enabling prompt referrals and a holistic approach to addressing Veteran's diverse needs.

The VACCC office has become a centralized resource hub, offering a “one-stop-shop” for Veterans seeking a wide range of services. This integration ensured that Veterans received comprehensive support in a welcoming and supportive environment.

This strategic collaboration reinforced our commitment to empower and support our Cook County Veteran community by providing exemplary care and convenient access to vital resources.



Weekly collaboration with the Hines VA Medical Center provided Veterans with direct access to VA services, enabling Veterans to navigate their benefits, medical care, and specialized programs more effectively.

Jesus Molina, *Hines VA Medical Center*

The SSA was able to offer guidance and provided assistance with benefit claims, disability applications, and other administrative services. This collaboration streamlined the process for Veterans seeking Social Security benefits.

Josephine Mueller,
Social Security Administration (SSA)



Cognosante provided weekly assistance to our Veteran community with their Medicare and Medicaid needs. Veterans and their family members who were uninsured were able to gain access to an insurance plan that best suited their needs.

Nike Villarreal, *Cognosante*



Homes for Heroes provided bi-weekly information and assistance towards purchasing and selling property. This resource was able to guide Veterans through a seamless process, ensuring they received pertinent information on available programs.

Natahshia Antwine, *Homes for Heroes*



Additional VACC Partners (FY23):

- Aldi Grocery
- Advocate Health Advisors
- Blue Star Families, Chicago Chapter
- Chicago V.A. Regional Office
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- City of Berwyn Mayor's Office
- City of Berwyn's Park District
- City of Berwyn's Police Department
- City of Chicago Park District
- Cook County Assessor's Office
- Cook County Clerk's Office
- Commonwealth Edison
- Costco
- Edward J. Hines Jr. V.A. Hospital
- Goodman Theatre
- Habitat for Humanity Chicago
- Help Heal Veterans
- IACVAC
- Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs
- Illinois Joining Forces
- InnerVoice
- Intergovernmental Task Force on Veteran Affairs
- Jesse Brown V.A. Hospital
- Legal Aid Chicago
- Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program
- National Personnel Records Center
- Nicor Gas Company
- Of Color, Inc.
- Office of the Chief Judge | Illinois Circuit Court of Cook County | Veterans Treatment Court
- State of Illinois Attorney General's Office
- State of Illinois Department of Employment Security
- Town of Cicero Military Families
- UMAP
- UniteUs
- V.A. Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC)
- VBC Foundation
- Vet Center – Chicago
- Vet Center – Forest Park
- Ventra CTA/ PACE
- Vietnam War Commemorative Partner
- Volunteers of America

VIII. OUTREACH

In pursuit of continuous improvement through consistent, expanded and targeted outreach efforts, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County (VACCC) established meaningful connections with stakeholders throughout the region, implementing effective strategies to amplify awareness and foster collaborative partnerships. By actively participating in 245 Veteran community events across Cook County, the VACCC directly addressed the needs of Veterans, by facilitating connections to essential services and resource information offered by the VACCC and by our partnership organizations.



Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Emmanuel "Chris" Welch toured the VACCC office



The VACCC hosted the 1st ever Veteran Resource Fair at the JTDC building



Cook County Veterans and their families were provided with free tickets to see "A Christmas Carol at the Goodman Theatre



The VACCC Honored our Cook County Vietnam Veterans with the Forest Park Vet Center



Cook County Veterans and their families' received gifts for the Holiday



Senator Mike Porfiro toured the VACCC office to learn about VACCC benefits



The Oak Park/Rover Forest Townships Senior Services Center



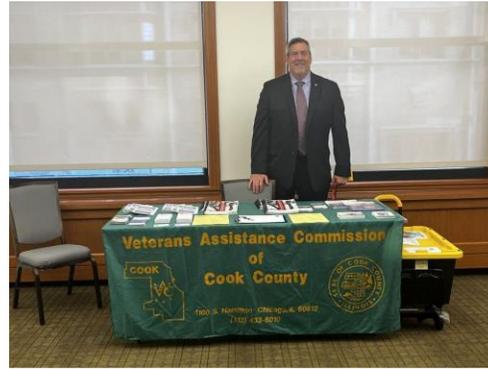
The VACCC engaged with the SANSHA/SMVFTA Center to develop a crisis intercept map and improve care services



The Combined Veterans of Berwyn's Annual Veteran Event



The VACCC attended the VFW's District 4 Seminar on Veteran Benefits



The Pritzker Military Museum & Library Veteran Resource Fair



The Annual Veteran Valor Games and Resource Fair at Soldier Field



The VACCC Co-hosted with VFW Post 8322 Congresswoman Ramirez's Veteran Town Hall



Illinois State Representative Brad Stephens' Annual Event



The VACCC attended the Village of Park Forest Veteran's Commission with Mayor Joseph Woods



The VACCC attended the Taste of Chicago with Cognosante and the JBVA



The City of Chicago's Annual Department of Procurement Symposium



Congressman Garcia's Townhall with the JBVA Market Growth Department

IX. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County (VACCC) demonstrated exceptional commitment and effectiveness in its mission to serve Cook County Veterans and their families. Throughout the fiscal year, the VACCC allocated a total of \$488,121.59 towards direct services, exceeding the total allocated budget of \$471,280.00.

This deliberate investment, constituting 100% of the allocated budget, highlights the VACCC's dedication to addressing the needs of the Veteran community in Cook County.

The impact of the VACCC's efforts is evident in the significant increase in assistance provided to Veterans and their families. With a notable 73% rise from the previous year, the VACCC was able to extend support to 2,227 Veterans, helping them navigate and overcome financial hardships. This surge in assistance not only reflects the VACCC's responsiveness to the evolving needs of the Veteran population, it also calls attention to the capacity to adapt and scale its services effectively.

The direct impact of these financial assistance programs extends far beyond mere numbers, bringing tangible benefits to the lives of Veterans and their families. By alleviating financial burdens, the VACCC has played a pivotal role in restoring stability, security, and peace of mind to those who have served our nation. Whether through emergency financial aid towards housing assistance, or access to essential resources, the VACCC's interventions have provided vital lifelines to Veterans in their time of need.

Furthermore, the success of the VACCC in Fiscal Year 2023 reaffirms its position as a cornerstone of support within the community. As a trusted and reliable resource, the VACCC has earned the respect and gratitude of both Veterans and stakeholders alike.

The VACCC's ability to deliver impactful services with efficiency has become an essential role in fostering the well-being and resilience within the Cook County Veteran community.

X. FINANCIAL REPORTS

FY23 1st Quarter:

PERSONNEL (Office Staff)	DECEMBER 2022	JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023	1st QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	1st Qtr. 2023 BUDGET
SALARIES/Wages - Regular EE	\$ 16,747.80	\$ 20,451.00	\$ 6,817.00	\$ 44,015.80		\$ 44,132.00
SALARIES/Wages - Part-Time EE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
MANDATORY MEDICARE (1.45%) - ER	\$ 242.85	\$ 296.55	\$ 98.85	\$ 638.25		\$ 817.00
MANDATORY WORKMAN'S COM. (1.5%)						
ADP Pay-by-Pay	\$ 63.65	\$ 77.73	\$ 25.91	\$ 167.29		\$ 250.00
MANDATORY FICA (Social Security 7.65%) - ER	\$ 1,038.37	\$ 1,267.98	\$ 422.66	\$ 2,729.01		\$ 2,960.00
FUTA (STATE - IL TAX) - ER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (State 1.050) - ER	\$ -	\$ 197.70	\$ 71.58	\$ 269.28		\$ 524.00
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TRAINING PROGRAM for Staff	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,721.54	\$ 1,721.54		\$ 1,300.00
TRANSPORTATION and TRAVEL Exp.	\$ 246.95	\$ 40.54	\$ 239.65	\$ 527.14		\$ 635.00
				\$ -		\$ -
SUBTOTAL: PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 18,339.62	\$ 22,331.50	\$ 9,397.19	\$ 50,068.31		\$ 50,618.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (Indigent Veterans & Minors)	DECEMBER 2022	JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023	1st QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	1st Qtr. 2023 BUDGET
VETERANS DISBURSEMENTS (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 23,539.37	\$ 21,841.50	\$ 29,471.66	\$ 74,852.53		\$ 64,750.00
COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
GRAPHICS & REPRODUCTION SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100.00
MANDATORY INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Fidelity Bonds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE (Directors & Employees) per IGA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
MANDATORY BANK FEES - AMALGAMATED	\$ 98.55	\$ 158.18	\$ 155.46	\$ 412.19		\$ 188.00
PAYROLL / ACCOUNTING - ADP Invoice	\$ 448.08	\$ 298.72	\$ 298.72	\$ 1,045.52		\$ 1,000.00
POSTAGE (Sent on behalf of Veterans)	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.00		\$ 249.00
MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Government Tax Filings)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
IACVAC Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
SUBTOTAL: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 24,318.00	\$ 22,698.40	\$ 29,925.84	\$ 76,942.24		\$ 66,287.00

OFFICE (Supplies, material, Website)	DECEMBER 2022	JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023	1st QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	1st Qtr. 2023 BUDGET
OFFICE SUPPLIES & MATERIAL	\$ -	\$ 197.47	\$ 627.37	\$ 824.84		\$ 437.00
COMPUTER OPERATIONS SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
RENTAL & LEASING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
WATER (Quench)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
PETTY CASH	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 225.00
WEBSITE / OUTREACH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 250.00
SUBTOTAL: OFFICE	\$ 250.00	\$ 197.47	\$ 877.37	\$ 1,324.84		\$ 912.00

TOTAL	\$ 42,907.62	\$ 45,227.37	\$ 40,200.40	\$ 128,335.39		\$ 117,817.00
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VETERANS IN OFFICE VISIT	CALLS HANDLED	OUTREACH EVENTS		ACTUAL	BUDGET
375	744	56	1st QTR.	\$ 128,335.39	\$ 117,827.00
0	0	0	2nd QTR.	\$ -	\$ 117,817.00
0	0	0	3rd QTR.	\$ -	\$ 117,817.00
0	0	0	4th QTR.	\$ -	\$ 117,819.00
375	0	0	YTD	\$ 128,335.39	\$ 471,280.00

FY23 2nd Quarter:

PERSONNEL (Office Staff)	MARCH 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2023
SALARIES/Wages - Regular EE	\$ 26,742.20	\$ 19,005.16	\$ -
SALARIES/Wages - Part-Time EE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MANDATORY MEDICARE (1.45%) - ER	\$ 387.78	\$ 275.59	\$ -
MANDATORY WORKMAN'S COM. (1.5%)			
ADP Pay-by-Pay	\$ 101.65	\$ 72.23	\$ -
MANDATORY FICA (Social Security 7.65%) - ER	\$ 1,658.04	\$ 1,178.30	\$ -
FUTA (STATE - IL TAX) - ER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (State 1.050) - ER	\$ 177.10	\$ 24.28	\$ -
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TRAINING PROGRAM for Staff	\$ -	\$ 43.53	\$ 457.48
TRANSPORTATION and TRAVEL Exp.	\$ 167.60	\$ 348.97	\$ 305.62
SUBTOTAL: PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 29,234.37	\$ 20,948.06	\$ 763.10

2nd QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	2nd QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 45,747.36		\$ 54,132.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 663.37		\$ 785.00
\$ 173.88		\$ 250.00
\$ 2,836.34		\$ 2,822.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 201.38		\$ 1,000.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 501.01		\$ 1,000.00
\$ 822.19		\$ 629.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 50,945.53		\$ 60,618.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (Veterans & Dependents)	MARCH 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2023
VETERANS DISBURSEMENTS (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 39,568.23	\$ 46,105.16	\$ 34,480.05
COMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAPHICS & REPRODUCTION SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -
MANDATORY INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Fidelity Bonds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE (Directors & Employees)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MANDATORY BANK FEES - AMALGAMATED	\$ 116.00	\$ 119.11	\$ 349.79
PAYROLL / ACCOUNTING - ADP Invoice	\$ 298.72	\$ 468.24	\$ -
POSTAGE (Sent on behalf of Veterans)	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ -
LEGAL Fee (Lawyer)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Government Tax Filings)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IACVAC Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 39,982.95	\$ 46,942.51	\$ 34,829.84

2nd QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	2nd QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 120,153.44		\$ 54,750.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 10.00		\$ 100.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 584.90		\$ 125.00
\$ 766.96		\$ 1,000.00
\$ 240.00		\$ 249.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 121,755.30		\$ 56,224.00

OFFICE (Supplies, Material, Website)	MARCH 2023	APRIL 2023	MAY 2023
OFFICE SUPPLIES & MATERIAL	\$ 571.80	\$ 580.05	\$ 1,141.35
COMPUTER OPERATIONS SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RENTAL & LEASING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WATER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PETTY CASH	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
WEBSITE / OUTREACH	\$ 300.00	\$ 103.17	\$ -
SUBTOTAL: OFFICE	\$ 1,121.80	\$ 683.22	\$ 1,141.35

2nd QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	2nd QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 2,293.20		\$ 500.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 250.00		\$ 225.00
\$ 403.17		\$ 250.00
\$ 2,946.37		\$ 975.00

TOTAL	\$ 70,339.12	\$ 68,573.79	\$ 36,734.29
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\$ 175,647.20		\$ 117,817.00
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VETERANS IN OFFICE VISIT	CALLS HANDLED	OUTREACH EVENTS	
0	0	0	1st QTR.
527	906	64	2nd QTR.
0	0	0	3rd QTR.
0	0	0	4th QTR.
527	906	64	YTD

ACTUAL	BUDGET
\$ -	\$ 117,827.00
\$ 175,647.20	\$ 117,817.00
\$ -	\$ 117,817.00
\$ -	\$ 117,819.00
\$ 175,647.20	\$ 471,280.00

FY23 3rd Quarter:

PERSONNEL (Office Staff)	JUNE 2023	JULY 2023	AUGUST 2023
SALARIES/Wages - Regular EE			
SALARIES/Wages - Part-Time EE			
MANDATORY MEDICARE (1.45%) - ER			
MANDATORY WORKMAN'S COM. (1.5%)			
ADP Pay-by-Pay			
MANDATORY FICA (Social Security 7.65%) - ER			
FUTA (STATE - IL TAX) - ER			
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (State 1.050) - ER			
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT fee			
TRAINING PROGRAM for Staff		\$ 129.08	
TRANSPORTATION and TRAVEL Exp.	\$ 300.98	\$ 108.30	\$ 276.13
SUBTOTAL: PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 300.98	\$ 237.38	\$ 276.13

3rd QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	3rd QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ 129.08		\$ 1,000.00
\$ 685.41		\$ 629.00
\$ -		
\$ 814.49		\$ 1,629.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (Veterans & Dependents)	JUNE 2023	JULY 2023	AUGUST 2023
VETERANS DISBURSEMENTS (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 54,140.99	\$ 38,187.57	\$ 54,187.67
COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
GRAPHICS & REPRODUCTION SERVICE			\$ 175.00
MANDATORY INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Fidelity Bonds)	\$ 100.00		
MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE (Directors & Employees)			
MANDATORY BANK FEES - AMALGAMATED	\$ 412.26	\$ 106.45	\$ 59.90
PAYROLL / ACCOUNTING - ADP Invoice		\$ 150.84	
POSTAGE (Sent on behalf of Veterans)	\$ 13.07		
LEGAL Fee (Lawyer)			
MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Government Tax Filings)			
IACVAC Membership Dues			
SUBTOTAL: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 54,666.32	\$ 38,444.86	\$ 54,422.57

3rd QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	3rd QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 146,516.23		\$ 54,750.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 175.00		\$ 100.00
\$ 100.00		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 578.61		\$ 1,000.00
\$ 150.84		\$ 125.00
\$ 13.07		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 147,533.75		\$ 55,975.00

OFFICE (Supplies, Material, Website)	JUNE 2023	JULY 2023	AUGUST 2023
OFFICE SUPPLIES & MATERIAL	\$ 1,520.78	\$ 579.25	\$ 2,483.88
COMPUTER OPERATIONS SUPPLIES			
RENTAL & LEASING			
WATER			
PETTY CASH			
WEBSITE / OUTREACH	\$ 350.52		
SUBTOTAL: OFFICE	\$ 1,871.30	\$ 579.25	\$ 2,483.88

3rd QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	3rd QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 4,583.91		\$ 500.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ 225.00
\$ 350.52		\$ 250.00
\$ 4,934.43		\$ 975.00

TOTAL	\$ 56,838.60	\$ 39,261.49	\$ 57,182.58
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\$ 153,282.67		\$ 58,579.00
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VETERANS IN OFFICE VISITS	CALLS HANDLED	OUTREACH EVENTS	
375	744	56	1st QTR.
527	906	64	2nd QTR.
611	979	66	3rd QTR.
0	0	0	4th QTR.
1513	2629	186	YTD

ACTUAL	BUDGET
\$ 128,335.39	\$ 117,827.00
\$ 175,647.20	\$ 117,817.00
\$ 153,282.67	\$ 117,817.00
\$ -	\$ 117,819.00
\$ 457,265.26	\$ 471,280.00

FY23 4th Quarter:

PERSONNEL (Office Staff)	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023
SALARIES/Wages - Regular EE			
SALARIES/Wages - Part-Time EE			
MANDATORY MEDICARE (1.45%) - ER			
MANDATORY WORKMAN'S COM. (1.5%)			
ADP Pay-by-Pay			
MANDATORY FICA (Social Security 7.65%) - ER			
FUTA (STATE - IL TAX) - ER			
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (State 1.050) - ER			
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT fee			
TRAINING PROGRAM for Staff			
TRANSPORTATION and TRAVEL Exp.	\$ 111.20	\$ 159.20	\$ 407.06
SUBTOTAL: PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 111.20	\$ 159.20	\$ 407.06

4th QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	4th QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
\$ 677.46		\$ 629.00
\$ -		
\$ 677.46		\$ 1,629.00

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (Veterans & Dependents)	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023
VETERANS DISBURSEMENTS (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 47,862.02	\$ 56,981.97	\$ 41,755.40
COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
GRAPHICS & REPRODUCTION SERVICE			
MANDATORY INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Fidelity Bonds)			
MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE (Directors & Employees)			
MANDATORY BANK FEES - AMALGAMATED	\$ 80.66	\$ 41.43	\$ 71.88
PAYROLL / ACCOUNTING - ADP Invoice	\$ 40.47	\$ 44.34	\$ 38.11
POSTAGE (Sent on behalf of Veterans)		\$ 252.00	\$ 13.70
LEGAL Fee (Lawyer)			
MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Government Tax Filings)		\$ 800.00	
IACVAC Membership Dues			
SUBTOTAL: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 47,983.15	\$ 58,119.74	\$ 41,879.09

4th QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	4th QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 146,599.39		\$ 54,750.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ 100.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 193.97		\$ 1,000.00
\$ 122.92		\$ 125.00
\$ 265.70		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 800.00		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 147,981.98		\$ 55,975.00

OFFICE (Supplies, Material, Website)	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023
OFFICE SUPPLIES & MATERIAL	\$ 1,352.66	\$ 694.02	\$ 274.41
COMPUTER OPERATIONS SUPPLIES			
RENTAL & LEASING			
WATER		\$ 651.80	
PETTY CASH			
WEBSITE / OUTREACH			
SUBTOTAL: OFFICE	\$ 1,352.66	\$ 1,345.82	\$ 274.41

4th QTR 2023 ACTUAL	VS	4th QTR. 2023 BUDGET
\$ 2,321.09		\$ 500.00
\$ -		\$ -
\$ -		\$ -
\$ 651.80		\$ -
\$ -		\$ 225.00
\$ -		\$ 250.00
\$ 2,972.89		\$ 975.00

TOTAL	\$ 49,447.01	\$ 59,624.76	\$ 42,560.56
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\$ 151,632.33		\$ 58,579.00
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VETERANS IN OFFICE VISITS	CALLS HANDLED	OUTREACH EVENTS	
375	744	56	1st QTR.
527	906	64	2nd QTR.
611	979	66	3rd QTR.
714	716	59	4th QTR.
2227	3345	245	YTD

ACTUAL	BUDGET
\$ 128,335.39	\$ 117,827.00
\$ 175,647.20	\$ 117,817.00
\$ 153,282.67	\$ 117,817.00
\$ 151,632.33	\$ 117,819.00
\$ 608,897.59	\$ 471,280.00

XI. FY2024 OUTLOOK

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County (VACCC) reaffirms its dedication to serving United States Armed Forces Veterans residing in Cook County, Illinois. with a demonstrated history of success and a deep-seated commitment to its mission. The VACCC is well-positioned to continue making significant strides in supporting our Veteran and their families in the year ahead.

As we look towards Fiscal Year 2024, the VACCC recognizes the increasing demand for its services by our Veteran community. To address this, strategic enhancements will be made to expand the range of services offered, ensuring the continuation and growth of impactful programs tailored to meet the diverse needs of Cook County Veterans.

We will remain steadfast in its commitment to providing a comprehensive continuum of care, including financial assistance and resources. New support services will be introduced to address fundamental needs such as hygiene, transportation, and communication expenses, ensuring Veterans receive the necessary support to continue to thrive.

Additionally, to reach more Veterans and raise awareness on services, the VACCC will bolster its outreach efforts by collaborating with additional community organizations and Veteran support groups. By effectively disseminating information and expanding outreach throughout Cook County, the VACCC aims to connect with more Veterans in need.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining high-quality services, the VACCC also plans to invest in additional skilled staff members. These professionals will play a crucial role in program development, case management, advocacy efforts, service-connected disability claims and more, ensuring that Veterans receive the support and care they deserve.

In essence, the VACCC will remain dedicated in its commitment to serving Cook County Veterans, and with strategic planning and enhancements, will continue to be a cornerstone in providing essential support and resources to the Veteran community for years to come.

