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***This manual contains an unofficial summary on the procedures pertaining to forming, funding and operation of a County Veterans Assistance Commission.

This Summary does not imply that this material will cover every requirement that will be needed in order to establish a Veterans Assistance Commission in your County.

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VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

In counties having two (2) or more posts, camps, ships, chapters of detachments of the Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans of the World Wars, Marine Corps League, American Veterans of World War II, Veterans of World War I of the USA, The Polish Legion of American Veterans, The Italian-American War Veterans, The Catholic War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans organizations, and any other congressionally chartered or state chartered veterans organizations as may be recognized by law in like manner as those veterans organized theretofore designated.

A central assistance committee may be organized to be known as the Veterans Assistance Commission of such county, to be composed of one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate from each of such posts, camps, ships, chapters or detachments. Selected annually as may be determined by each member entity. When so organized a Commission shall be clothed with all the powers and charged with all the duties of providing help and assistance to veterans, their families and the families of deceased veterans who served in the armed services of the United States and were honorably discharged there from.

The Commission Superintendent shall have general oversight of the distribution of all monies and supplies appropriated by the county for the benefit of military veterans and their families subject to the rules, regulations, administrative procedures or audit reviews as are necessary to carry out the spirit and the intent of this Act.

To further the intent of this act, to assist military and suffering veterans, this Act should be constructed in order that the Veterans Assistance Commission shall provide needed services to eligible veterans.

The Veterans Assistance Commission is an agency that is operated by and for veterans. The Commission provides aid to those military veterans and their families that reside in your County that may qualify for and need assistance.

Local Veterans organizations in the County are responsible for forming a Veterans Assistance Commission as is allowed under state statutes. This may be done by petitioning the County Board.

The Veterans Assistance Commission provides service to the veteran and his/her family that have no means to provide for themselves. We as veterans are charged by the Illinois Compiled Statutes with these duties.

The Veterans Assistance Commission provide assistance with claims to the Veterans Administration for such benefits as:

Service Connected Compensation

GI Home Loans

Educational Benefits

Pension Benefits

or for any other benefits that the veteran or his family may be seeking from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Veterans Assistance Commission provides services by working closely with all veterans to procure local, state and federal agencies entitlements for which they are eligible:

Employment

Public Aid

Food Stamps

Social Security

Hospitalization

Counseling

The Veterans Assistance Commissions must work closely with all veterans organizations, local, state and national to insure that the rights that each veteran is entitled to, has been granted.

The Veterans Assistance Commission should also perform the following services:

Provide just and necessary expenditures for the veteran poor and his/her dependents. The Commission provides payments toward the bare necessities of life; such as shelter, utilities, food, etc. Total payment per case must be comparable to the payment levels established by the Department of Public Aid.

Interview, verify and investigate applicants and make out vouchers if qualified.

Act as a liaison and spokesperson for the Commission in relation with:

- A. Other governmental and non-governmental bodies.
- B. Explain the Commission operations and functions of a VAC office and its concerns.
- C. Report to employees changes in laws and regulations of jobs.

Provide what is necessary for the well-being of the veterans and their dependents.

The Commission may assist veterans, is asked, to represent them in their cases with other state or federal departments. These agencies may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- 2. Illinois Department of Commerce, State of Illinois
- 3. Department of Public Aid
- 4. Attorney General's Office, State of Illinois

The Commission may also help veterans prepare appeals, take witness testimony, and represent these veterans before:

- A. Social Security Administration
- B. Review Board of the Veteran Administration
- C. Department of Public Aid

The Commission may also write appeals or other correspondence for veterans and make calls for the veterans with problems or make referrals.

The Commission may make house calls for veterans who are sick or debilitated. It may also assist in getting local medical care, contacting the DVA for care or treatment and/or transporting to DVA Hospitals.

The information contained in this pamphlet does not imply or determine the benefits that the veteran may receive from the individual Veterans Assistance Commission located in their county. Entitlement will be determined by the rules and regulations adopted by your county Veterans Assistance Commission.

PROCEDURES FOR FORMING A VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

1. Those interested in forming a Veterans Assistance Commission should arrange a meeting and invite all the local veterans organizations in the county to attend. All Commanders should be present for this organizational and informational meeting. The veterans organizations do not need to secure the approval of the county board to form a Veterans Assistance Commission, The forming of a Commission is the responsibility of the local veterans organizations, not the county board.
2. If two or more veterans organizations, in the county, would like to form a Veterans Assistance Commission , they should draw up a petition to be presented to the county board of their intentions. The petition should then be signed by each Commander of every post that has voted, in said county, that their organization supports the establishment of a Veterans Assistance Commission and that their organization plans to be an active participant in the Commission.
3. The Commanders, of each veterans organization, shall submit a written statement showing the names and addresses of their elected delegate and alternate to the Commission. See Chapter 15, Exhibit 1.
4. The delegates then shall elect a president or chairman from their ranks to head the Commission. In addition to this office, the members should then elect a vice-president, plus any other offices deemed necessary by the members that would be needed in carrying out the Commission business.
5. After the Commission is formed and all officers have been duly elected, the Commission shall take to the following steps:
 - A. Elect a Superintendent to be in charge of the Commission office and to carry out the assigned duties of the commission.
 - B. Make by-laws for the Commission outlining the rules and procedures to be adopted by your Commission.
 - C. Prepare manual of Veterans Assistance Commission, Office, Delegate, Executive and Committee operations and responsibilities.
 - D. Prepare and publish guidelines for general assistance your Commission will provide for the poor veteran and his family.
 - E. Prepare a list of office equipment, office supplies, etc., the Commission will need to run the Commission office.

- F. Prepare information on County veterans population and income amounts of VA benefits being received in said county. Prepare and document information showing the need to provide services to poor veterans and their dependents.

THE ABOVE ITEMS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO PRESENTING A COMMISSION BUDGET TO THE COUNTY BOARD. THE BETTER PREPARED YOU ARE WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY BOARD. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION DOCUMENT AND KEEP ALL RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE FORMING OF AND OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION.

See Chapter 15 for sample forms.

6. Present prepared Veterans Assistance Commission budget to the county board for approval. See Chapter 15, Exhibit 3.

The Illinois Association of Veterans Assistance Commissions will assist any County Veterans organizations that request information on how to form a Veterans Assistance in their county and provide any and all pertinent data to assist them in this undertaking.

In addition, we will make every effort to appear before any interested veterans organizations, to explain the various functions and procedures involved with operating a Commission for the benefits to which military veterans and their dependents may be entitled.

We sincerely hope that every county that does not currently have a Veterans Assistance Commission would avail themselves to this information on how to establish a Commission.

The "Bogardus Act" granting relief to the veterans in our State, through Veterans Assistance Commissions, has been a part of the State Laws since the late 1870's.

It is now our responsibility to insure that these laws are protected and expanded to provide the poor veteran and his dependents the care they so richly deserve for honorably serving their country. It behooves us all to keep sacred what those before us have worked so diligently to establish.

REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR A VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OFFICE

1. Illinois Public Aid Manual
State of Illinois
2. General Assistance Handbook for Local Government Units
State of Illinois
3. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
Title 38 - Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief
Parts 0-17 (Revised)
Parts 18-end (Revised)
Make check out to:
Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
One Congress Center
401 S. State Street, Suite #124
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Phone: (312) 353-5133 9:00AM - 4:00 PM M-F
Approximate cost of both editions is \$56.
4. The Legal Rights of Illinois Veterans
Copies are available at no cost from
The Veterans Advocacy Division
Office of the Illinois Attorney Division
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Phone: (312) 917-2515
5. Guide to Veterans Benefits Service Representatives Manual
For publication, prices and order form, write:
VVA Legal Services
ATTN: Publications
2001 S. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
6. What Every Veteran Should Know Handbook
Copies of the handbook and monthly supplements are available
from:
Veterans Information Service
P.O. Box 111
East Moline, Illinois 61244
Approximately yearly cost of the handbook and
supplements is \$27.
7. Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents
Copies are available at \$3.70 each from:
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402-9325
To order with VISA or Mastercard, Phone (202) 783-3238
8. Copy of County Municipal Codes

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF
COUNTY**

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this Commission shall be "Veterans Assistance Commission of _____ County".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Commission is to promote the welfare of honorably discharged veterans of military service, and their families; to act as a central service office for all veteran organizations included as members of this commission, and to handle all government claims work referred to the Commission by member organizations; and to have general oversight of the distribution of all relief and supplies that may be appropriated for the benefit of military veterans and their families; and to formulate such rules and regulations in the commission that will enable it to carry out the purposed above set forth. NOTE The underscored section is optional and in some counties very desirable.

ARTICLE III - JURISDICTION

SECTION 1. The territory to be included within the jurisdiction of this Commission shall be the entire county of _____, Illinois.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICE

SECTION 1. The headquarters and principal office of this Commission shall be in the County Courthouse building, or other suitable central location.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership to the Commission shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate from each of the different posts of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the American Veterans of World War II (AmVets), Veterans of World War I, Marine Corp League and VietNow and other veterans organizations recognized by the Congress of the United States or the General Assembly of the State of Illinois in the future. See Chapter 15, Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. The following organizations may be represented:
List the names of all members posts, camps, chapters, etc.

SECTION 3. Any veterans' organization interested in the object and purpose of this Commission and can qualify under the Statutes of the State of Illinois, subject to the rules and regulations governing admission, may upon approval of the members of this Commission, become active members thereof and shall be represented by two of its members, one as delegate and one as alternate. See Chapter 15, Exhibit 2.

SECTION 4. No one delegate or alternate shall be permitted to vote for any organization other than the one they officially represent.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers of this Commission shall be President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary and such other offices deemed necessary by the Commission delegates.

SECTION 2. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in the month of _____, and all officers so elected shall be installed and assume their duties at the next regular meeting following their election, and shall continue in the office for one year of until their successors are regularly elected and installed.

SECTION 3. Any member of this Commission shall be eligible to hold a Commission office.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in any office occurring during the year shall be filled by the members of this Commission. A vacancy shall exist when an officer is absent from regular meetings of said Commission for a period of time considered detrimental to the interests of said Commission provided that no vacancy shall be deemed to exist unless said officer shall have been absent for not less that three consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. An Executive Committee , consisting of elected officers and others elected by the Commission members.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall direct the work of the Commission in the interim between the regular meetings of the Commission. This Committee shall decide matters of policy , and action to be taken in emergencies arising between regular meetings.

SECTION 3. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of at least _____ members.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of five members of this Commission, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Judge Advocate.

SECTION 2. The President shall, with the consent of the membership, appoint a Grievance Committee, to which a veteran may appeal for satisfaction if he/she feels that any injustice has been done to him/her by any employee of this Commission, either with reference to service or relief. This Committee shall consist of one member from each of the major veterans' organizations represented on this Commission.

SECTION 3. The President shall, with the consent of the membership, appoint such other Committees as shall be deemed advisable to carry out the purpose of this Commission.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of this Commission shall be held on the _____ of each month, at the hour of _____, at the location, and shall transact such business as may be properly brought before it.

SECTION 2. The regular meeting of this Commission held in the month of _____ of each year shall be the Annual Meeting, at which time all officers of this Commission shall be elected.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or two other members of this Commission, and the Secretary shall give notice of such meetings by mailing a copy of the notice to all members of the Commission at least three days prior to the date of said meeting. The call shall state the purpose of the special meeting, and no other business than that for which it is called shall be transacted.

SECTION 4. _____ Members of this Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any annual, regular or special meeting, but a less number may adjourn any meeting from day to day.

SECTION 5. Procedures at all business meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, except as herein otherwise provided.

ARTICLE X - SUPERINTENDENT

SECTION 1. The Executive powers of this Commission shall be vested in the Superintendent, who shall be elected by the Commission at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. The Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission shall appoint a Secretary to assist him/her in the duties of the office, subject, to the approval of the Commission delegates.

SECTION 3 . Neither the Superintendent or the Secretary shall be allowed to hold any office or any political office during employment as such Superintendent ore Secretary, or assistant to the Superintendent.

SECTION 4. The Superintendent shall, under the direction of the Commission, maintain an office in the County Building or other central location; said office to used solely by the Commission for the carrying out of its purposes.

SECTION 5. This office shall be provided, furnished and equipped by the County with all necessary supplies, including telephone, printing, and stationery, relief orders, relief questionnaires, postage, desks, typewriters, etc.

SECTION 6. This office shall be conducted in the interest of and for service to military veterans and their families, and survivors who need assistance, and for the rendering of such services as may be considered reasonable for carrying out the purposes of this Commission.

SECTION 7. The office shall be under the direction of the Superintendent further designated as Superintendent of Veterans Assistance Commission of _____ County, who shall investigate and report to the Veterans Assistance Commission delegates, all claims for relief under the law.

SECTION 8. The Superintendent and employees of the Commission may be bonded in the amount recommended by the Commission.

SECTION 9 The Superintendent shall received an annual salary in the amount recommended by this Commission and the Office Staff also shall be properly compensated, in order to be able , to carry out the intent of the Commission.

ARTICLE XI - SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSISTANTS

SECTION 1. The Superintendent shall appoint his Assistant from applications filed by veterans, spouses, widows, and/or dependents, if possible, subject to approval of the Commission Delegates.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the membership attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the last regular meeting; and provided further that written notice shall have been given to all members of the Commission (delegates and alternates) at least five days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be acted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

The Veterans Assistance Commission of _____ County.

THESE BY-LAWS ARE SUBMITTED AS SUGGESTIONS ONLY TO HELP ORGANIZATIONS GET STARTED. CHANGES MAY HAVE TO BE MADE TO SUIT THE LOCAL CONDITIONS.

**ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES 1992
VETERANS
MILITARY VETERANS ASSISTANCE ACT
CHAPTER 330**

MILITARY VETERANS ASSISTANCE ACT

45/0.01.

Short Title

0.01. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Military Veterans Assistance Act.

Laws 1907, p. 79, 0.01, added by P.A. 86-1324, 205, eff, Sept. 6, 1990. Amended by P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 23, 3080

Title of Act

An ACT to regulate the granting of assistance to military veterans and their families. Laws 1907, p. 79, approved May 25, 1907, eff. July 1, 1907. Title amended by Laws 1945, p. 396, 2 approved and eff. July 17, 1945; P.A. 87-796, 1.3, certified and eff. Dec 16, 1991.

45/1.

Overseer of Military Assistance

Sec. 1. The term "Overseer of the military veterans assistance," as used in this Act, shall be construed to mean all persons whose duty it is, under the existing statutes, to care for, relieve or maintain, wholly or in part, any person who may be entitled to such assistance under the statutes of the State of Illinois. This Act shall not infringe upon the mandated powers and authorities vested in the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. Laws 1907, p. 79, 1, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by Laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3081

Manner of providing assistance

Sec. 2. For the assistance of military veterans, who served in the armed forces of the United States, whose last discharge from the service was honorable to be eligible for assistance, their families, and the families of deceased veterans with service as described in this Section who need assistance. The supervisor of general assistance or the county board shall provide such sums of money as may be just and necessary to be drawn by the commander, quartermaster or commandant of any post, ship, camp, chapter or detachment or any congressionally chartered or state chartered veterans organization, in the city or town, or the superintendent of any Veterans' Assistance Commission of the county, upon the recommendation of the assistance committee of the post, ship, camp, chapter or Veterans Assistance Commission. If any supervisor of general assistance or county board fails or refuses after such recommendation to provide any just and necessary sums of money for such assistance, then the commander, post, Chapter or detachment or the superintendent of any Veteran's Assistance Commission located in the district of such supervisor of general assistance or such county board shall apply to the circuit court of the district or county for relief by mandamus upon the supervisor of general assistance or county board requiring him, her or it to pay, or to appropriate and pay such sums of money, and upon proof made of the justice and necessity of the claim, the circuit court shall grant such assistance. Sums of money shall be drawn in the manner now provided by law for the poor. Orders of commander, quarter masters, commandants or superintendents of Veterans' Assistance Commission shall be proper vouchers for the expenditure of such sums of money.

Laws 1907. p. 79, 2, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by Laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff. July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1. eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1933, p. 210, 1, eff. July 13, 1933; Laws 1935, p. 256, 1, eff., July 8, 1935; Laws 1941, vol. 1. p. 315, 1, eff. July 15, 1941; Laws 1943, vol. 1. p. 295, 1, eff. July 15, 1943; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1; July 17, 1945; Laws 1945, p. 428. 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, July 8, 1947; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; Laws 1953, p. 141, 1, eff. July. 1953; Laws 1957 p. 2170, 1, eff. July 9, 1957; Laws 1967, p. 764, 1, eff July 1, 1967; P.A. 79-546, 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1975; P.A. 80-1150, 1, eff. July 1978; P.A. 80-1156, 1, eff. July 1, 1978; P.A. 80-1364, 8, eff. Aug. 13, 1978; P.A. 81-1509, Art. II, 18, eff. Sept. 26, 1980; P.A. 83-346, 6 eff. Sept. 14, 1983; P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 84-453, 1, eff. Sept. 17, 1985; P.A. 84-1308, Art. II, 25, eff. Aug. 25, 1986; P.A. 81-1188, 10, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec, 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3082

45/3. When no post or camp of a military veterans organization

Sec. 3. In case there is no post or camp of military veterans organizations, in any town in which it is necessary that such assistance as provided in section 2 should be granted, the overseer of military veterans assistance shall accept and pay the orders drawn, as here in before provided by the commander, quartermaster or commandant of any post or camp of a military veterans organizations, upon the recommendation of an assistance committee, who shall be residents of the said town in which the assistance may be furnished.

Laws 1907, p. 79, 3, eff. July 1 1907. Amended by Laws 1921, p.165, 1, eff, July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 17,1945; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, eff. July 8, 1947; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; P.A. 87-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 23, 3083

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45/4. Notice to undertake assistance-Contents-Penalty

Sec. 4. Upon the taking effect of this Act, the commander of any post or camp of a military veterans organization, which shall undertake the assistance of military veterans and their families, as here in before provided, before the acts of the commander, quartermaster or commandant shall be operative in any city or town, shall file with the city clerk of such city or town clerk of such town, or overseer of military veterans assistance of such town or county, a notice that said post, camp, chapter or detachment intends to undertake such assistance as is provided by this Act, and such notice shall contain the names of the assistance committee of the post, camp, chapter or detachment in such city or town, and the commander and other officers of said post, camp, chapter or detachment. And the commander of the post, camp, chapter or detachment shall annually thereafter, during the month of October, file a similar notice with the city or town clerk or the overseer of military veterans assistance, also a detailed statement of the amount of assistance furnished during the preceding year, with the names of all persons to whom such assistance shall have been furnished, together with a brief statement in such case from the assistance committee upon whose recommendation the orders were drawn. Any person who fails or neglects so to do at the time required by this Act shall be guilty of a petty offense and fined \$250 to be recovered in the name of the county in the circuit court.

Laws 1907, P. 79, 4, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by Laws 1921, p.165, 1, eff, July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 1945; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, eff. July 8, 1947; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; P.A. 77-2830, Art 21, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1973; P.A. 79-1361, 37, eff. Oct. 1, 1976; P.A. 84-84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3084

45/5. Commander, ect., may be required to give bond

Sec.5. The auditing board of any city or town, or the overseer of military veterans assistance of any city, town or county, may require of the commander, quartermaster or detachment of any post or camp of a military organization, undertaking such assistance in any city or town, a bond with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of their duties under this Act.

Laws 1907, p.79, 5, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 17, 1945; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, eff. July 1947; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3085

45/6. Sending to almshouse or orphan asylum-
Residential care-sending to veterans
home or mental health facility

Sec. 6. Overseers of military veterans assistance are hereby prohibited from sending military veterans (or their families or the families of those deceased) to any almshouse (or orphans asylum) without the full concurrence and consent of the commander and organization, having jurisdiction as provided in sections 2 and 3 of this Act. Military veterans with families and the families of deceased Veterans, shall, whenever practicable, be provided for and assisted at their homes in such city or town in which they shall have residence, in the manner provided in sections 2 and 3 of this Act. Needy or disabled veterans of the classes specified in section 2 of this Act, who are not mentally ill, and who have no families or friends with which they may be domiciled, may be sent to any veterans home. Any less fortunate veterans of either of the family of any living or deceased veterans of said classes, who may be mentally ill, shall, upon the recommendation of the commander and assistance committee of such post or camp of a military veterans organization, within the jurisdiction of which the case may occur, be sent to any mental health facility and cared for as provided for indigent persons who are mentally ill.

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Laws 1907, p. 79, 6, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff. July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 17, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, eff. July 8, 1947; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; P.A. 83-706, 12, eff. Sept. 23, 1983; P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991 ch 23, 3086

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45/7.

If more than one post or camp of a
military veterans organization

Sec. 7. In case there shall be within the limits of any city or town more than one post or camp of military veterans organizations, it shall be the duty of the commander of each post, camp, chapter or detachment, within such limits, to send the commander of every other post, camp, chapter or detachment, as the case may be, within said limits, on the first day of each month, a written list of the names of all persons to whom assistance has been granted during the preceding month, under the provisions of this Act.

Laws 1907, p. 79, 7, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by Laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff. July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 17, 1945; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, eff. July 8, 1947; Laws 1947, p. 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3087

45/8.

Annual reports

Sec. 8. The commander of any post or camp of a military veterans organization, congressionally chartered or state chartered commander, or the superintendent of any county Veterans' Assistance Commission of Illinois shall annually report to the Governor, on or before the first day of January of each year. Such portions of the transaction of the afore mentioned veterans' organizations relating thereto as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and the people of the state.

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Laws 1907, p. 79, 8, eff. July 1, 1907. Amended by Laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff. July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923; Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 84-1188, 10, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3088

45/9. Veterans Assistance Commission-Administration of funds

Sec. 9. In counties having 2 or more posts, camps, chapters or detachments of military veterans organizations, as may be recognized by law, a central assistance committee may be organized to be known as the Veterans Assistance Commission of such county, composed of one delegate and one alternate from each of such posts, camps, units and chapters of ship selected annually as determined by each post, ship, camp or chapters. When so organized a commission shall be clothed with all the powers and charged with all the duties therefore devolving upon the different posts and chapters as provided in Section 2.

The Commission superintendent and the president or chairman of the county board, or some other county officer appointed by him shall have general oversight of the distribution of all moneys and supplies appropriated by the county for the benefit of military veterans and their families, subject to such rules, regulations and administrative procedures or audit reviews as are necessary as approved by the county board to carry out the spirit and intent of this Act. No warrant authorized under this Act may be issued for the payment of money without the presentation of an itemized statement of claim, approved by the superintendent of the commission.

If general assistance funds are allocated to a county for assistance to military veterans and their families as provided in "The Illinois Public Aid Code", the administration of such funds and of county tax funds levied for such purpose as provided in Section 5-2006 of the Counties Code shall be subject to the supervision of the Illinois Department of Public Aid in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Public Aid Code. The superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission must comply with the procedures and regulations adopted by the Veterans Assistance Commission and the regulations adopted by the Veterans Assistance Commission and the regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Aid. To further the intent of this Act of assisting military veterans, this Act is to be construed so that the Veterans Assistance Commission shall provide needed services to eligible veterans

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Laws 1907, p. 79, 10, added by Laws 1909, p. 124, 1, eff. July 1, 1909. Amended by Laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff. July 1, 1921; Laws 1923, p. 175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923. Renumbered 9 and amended by Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927. Amended by Laws 1933, p. 210, 1, eff. July 13, 1933; Laws 1935, p. 266, 1, eff. July 8, 1935; Laws 1941, vol. 1, p. 315, 1, eff. July 15, 1941; Laws 1943, vol. 1, p. 295, 1, eff. July 15, 1943; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 17, 1945; Laws 1945, p. 428, 1, eff. July 1, 1945; Laws 1947, p. 375, 1, eff. July 8, 1947; Laws 1947, p. 359, 1, eff. Aug. 7, 1947; Laws 1959, p. 557, 1, eff. July 8, 1959; Laws 1965, p. 2747, 1, eff. Aug. 9, 1965; P.A. 77-1421, 1, eff. Sept. 2, 1971; P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986; P.A. 85-1188, 10, eff. Jan 1, 1989; P.A. 86-1475, Art. 3, 3-14, eff. Jan 10, 1991.
Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch 23, 3089

330 ILCS 45/2
55 ILCS 5/1-1 ET seq.
55 ILCS 5/5-2006

45/10. Superintendent-Election-Powers and duties-Office
space and personnel-Bond-Civil service status-Secretary

Sec. 10. The executive powers of the commission shall be vested in a superintendent elected by the commission from among those who served in the armed forces of the United States. The superintendent, designated Superintendent of Veterans Assistance of the county, shall, under the direction of the commission, have charge of and maintain an office in the county building or other central location, to be used solely by the commission for carrying on its assistance work. The county shall provide the office and furnish all necessary supplies, including telephone, printing, stationery and postage therefore.

The county board shall, in any county where a Veterans Assistance Commission is organized, in addition to sums appropriated for assistance and emergency assistance under this Act, appropriate such additional sums, upon recommendation of the Veterans Assistance Commission and as approved by the county board, to properly compensate the officers and employees required to administer such assistance. Such County Board approval shall be based upon recognized and established salary guidelines developed by the county and used by the county and used by the county to compensate county employees. If the county does not have established employee salary guidelines, the county board shall provide funds to the commission to compensate the superintendent and his employees in a just manner. The county board shall also provide funds to the commission to reimburse the superintendent, officers, delegated and employees for certain expenses which are approved by the commission. The superintendent and other employees shall be employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission, and no provision in this Section or elsewhere in this Act shall be construed to mean that they are elsewhere in this Act shall be construed to mean that they are employees of the county.

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Superintendents, subject to rules formulated by the commission, shall select, as far as possible, secretaries and other employees from among Honorably discharge military veterans as defined in Section 2, or their surviving spouses.

Superintendents of all counties subject to this Act, when required by the commission, shall bond in the sum of \$2,000 for the faithful performance of their duties.

All persons elected or selected to fill positions provided for in this section shall be exempt from the operation and provisions of the civil service act or laws of this State, and the secretary of the commission shall be appointed by the superintendent. However, if "The Illinois Public Aid Code", as amended, becomes applicable in any county, the State Department of Public Aid may exercise the powers therein designated in relation to employees engaged in the administration of assistance under this act.

Laws 1907, p. 79, 11, added by Laws 1909, p. 124, 1, eff July 1, 1909. Amended by Laws 1921, p. 165, 1, eff. July 1921; Laws 1923, p.175, 1, eff. July 1, 1923, Renumbered, 10, and amended by Laws 1927, p. 204, 1, eff. July 1, 1927. Amended by Laws 1933, p. 210, 1, eff. July 13, 1933; Laws 1935, p. 266, 1, eff. July 8, 1935; Laws 1941, vol. 1, p. 315, 1, eff. July 15, 1941; Laws 1943, vol. 1, p. 295, 1, eff, July 15, 1943; Laws 1945, p. 396, 1, eff. July 17, 1945; Laws 1951, p. 345, 1, eff. July 1, 1951; Laws 1953, p. 141, 1, eff. July 1, 1953; Laws 1956, p. 1210, 1, eff. July 8, 1956; Laws 1957, p. 2170, 1, eff. July 9, 1957; Laws 1965, p. 991, 1, eff. July 1, 1965; Laws 1965, p. 2747, 1, eff. Aug. 9, 1965; Laws 1967, p. 3709, 1, eff. Sept. 7, 1967; P.A. 77-859, 1, eff, Aug. 17, 1971; P.A. 80-1156, 1, eff. July 1, 1978; P.A. 85-1188, 10, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 23, 3090

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305 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

45/11.

Military veterans organizations

Sec. 11. The term "Military veterans organizations" as used in this Act, shall mean those organizations formed by and for military veterans which are chartered by Congress or which are chartered by the State of Illinois with paid membership of at least 15 and which provide responsible aid, assistance or services to the veterans community.

Laws 1907, p. 79, 11, added by P.A. 84-136, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by P.A. 87-796, 1.2, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 23, 3091

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ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

CHAPTER 305, 5/12-21.5

5/12-21.5 Veterans Assistance Commission as
local governmental unit

In counties having less than 3 million inhabitants in which there is created a County veterans Assistance Commission, the superintendent of Veterans Assistance shall be selected and other employees appointed as provided in Section 10 of the Military Veterans Assistance Act and the compensation of the Superintendent and other employees shall be as therein provided.

Laws 1967, p. 122, 12-21.5, eff. april 11, 1967. Amended by P.A. 87-976, 1.1, eff. Dec 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 23, 12-21.5

330 ILCS 45/10

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ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 305, 5/12-3

5/12-3

Local governmental units

As provided in Article VI, Local Governmental units shall provide funds for and administer the programs provided in that Article subject, where so provided, to the supervision of the Illinois Department. Local governmental units shall also provide the social services and utilize the rehabilitative facilities authorized in Article IX, for persons served through Article VI, and shall discharge such other duties as may be required by this Code or other laws of this state.

In counties not under township organization, the county shall provide funds for and administer such programs.

In counties under township organization (including and such counties in which the governing authority is a Board of Commissioners) the various towns other than those towns lying entirely within the corporate limits of any city, village or incorporated town having a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants shall provide funds for and administer such programs.

Cities, villages and incorporated towns having a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants shall provide funds for public aid purposes under Article VI but the County Department of Public Aid of the county in which any such municipality is located shall administer the program for such municipality.

Incorporated towns which have superseded civil townships shall provide funds for and administer the public aid program provided by Article VI,

In counties of less than 3 million population having a County Veterans Assistance Commission in which there has been levied a tax as authorized by Section 5-2006 of the Counties Code for the purpose of providing assistance to military veterans and their families, the County Veterans Assistance Commission shall administer the programs provided by Article VI for such military veterans and their families as seek aid through the County Veterans Assistance Commission.

Laws 1967, p. 122, 12-3. eff. April 11, 1967. Amended by P.A. 78-668, 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1973; P.A. 81-1085, 1, eff. Oct. 30, 1979; P.A. 86-1475, Art. 3, 3-13, eff. Jan 10, 1991; P.A. 87-796, 1, 1.1, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

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COUNTIES CODE

COUNTY BOARDS

CHAPTER 55, 5/5-2006

Sec. 5/5-2006

Tax for veterans assistance commission

The county board of each county having a population of less than 3 million in which there is a Veterans Assistance Commission as provided in Section 9 of the Military Veterans Assistance Act may levy a tax of not to exceed .03% of the assessed value annually on all taxable property of the county, for the purpose of providing assistance to military veterans and their families pursuant to such Act, Whenever not less than 10% of the electors of the county petition the county board to levy the tax at not to exceed .04% if the assessed value, the county board shall certify the proposition to the proper election officials who shall submit the proposition at the next general election in accordance with the general revised election law. If a majority of the electors vote in favor of the revised proposition, the county board may, annually, levy the tax as authorized. The proceeds of any tax so levied shall be used exclusively for the assistance purposed authorized thereunder, and a portion thereof may be expended for the salaries or expenses of any officers or employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission of for any other expenses incident to the administration of such assistance.

The tax shall be in addition to all other taxes which the county is authorized to levy on the aggregate valuation of the property within the county and shall not be included in any tax limitation of the rate upon which taxes are required to be extended, but shall be excluded therefrom and in addition thereto. The tax shall be levied and collected in like manner as the general taxes of the county, and, when collected, shall be paid into a special fund in the county treasury and used only herein authorized.

The limitations on tax rates herein provided may be increased or decreased under the referendum provision so the General Revenue Law of Illinois.

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If a county has levied the tax herein authorized or otherwise meets the conditions set out in Section 12-21.13 of "The Illinois Public Aid Code", to qualify for State funds to supplement local funds for public purposes under Articles VI and VII of that Code and otherwise meets the conditions set out in Article XII of that Code for receipt of State aid, the Illinois Department of Public Aid shall allocate and pay to the county such additional sums as it determines to be necessary to meet the of assistance to military veterans and their families in the county and expenses incident to the administration of such assistance.

P.A. 86-962, Art 5, 5-2006, eff. Jan. 1, 1990. Amended by P.A. 87-796, 2.1, eff. Dec. 16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 34, 5-2006

330 ILCS 45/9

305 ILCS 5/12-21.13

305 ILCS 5/6-1 et seq.

305 ILCS 5/12-1 et seq.

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ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 305, 5/12-21.13

Sec. 5/12-21.13. Local funds required to qualify for state aid

To qualify for State funds to supplement local funds for public aid purposes a local government unit shall, except as hereinafter provided, levy within the time that such levy is authorized to be made a tax of an amount which, when added to the unobligated balance available for such purposes at the close of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the tax is levied will equal .10% of the last known total equalized value of all taxable property in the government unit.

In a county of less than 3 million population in which there is created a County Veterans Assistance Commission, the county shall levy for assistance to military veterans and their families, within the time that such levy is authorized to be made, a tax of an amount which, when added to the unobligated balance available for such purpose at the close of the preceding fiscal year will equal .02 of the last known assessed value of the taxable property in the county, or which will equal .03% of such assessed value if such higher amount is authorized by the electors of the county, as provided in Section 5-2006 of the County's Code.

If, however, at the latest date in the year on which the afore said taxes are authorized to be levied there is in the unobligated balance of the local governmental unit an amount equal to .10% , or .02% in the case of Veterans Assistance, of the last known total equalized value of all taxable property in the governmental unit, then no tax need be levied in that year in order for the local governmental unit to qualify for State funds.

In determining the amount of the unobligated balance which is to be applied in producing the required levy for receipt of State funds, or which is to be applied in determining whether a tax levy is required, there shall be deducted from the gross unobligated balance of funds available at the close of the preceding fiscal year the total amount of State funds allocated to the governmental unit during that year, and the total amount of any monies transferred to a township's general town fund under Section 13-14 of the Township Law of 1874 during that year, and only the remainder shall be considered in determining the amount of the deficiency needed to produce an amount equal to the qualifying levy for the current year.

Laws 1967. p. 122, 12-21.13, eff. April 11, 1967. Amended by P.A. 81-1085, 1, eff. Oct. 30, 1979; P.A. 86-1379, 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991; P.A. 87-796, 1.1, eff. Dec.16, 1991.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, Ch. 23, 12-21.13

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COUNTIES
DIVISION 5-27. BURIAL OF INDIGENT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
CHAPTER 55 5/5 5-27001 - 5-27003

Sec. 5/5-27001. Appointment of person to have charge of interment.

Appointment of person to have charge of interment. Each county board shall designate some suitable person or persons to serve without compensation, who shall cause to be properly interred the body of any honorable discharged veteran who served in the army or navy of the United States during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Uprising in China or with the armed forces of the United States in World War I, World War II, during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, or during the Viet Nam Conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, or their mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, widows, widowers or minor children, who may hereafter die in such county, without having sufficient means to defray the funeral expenses. This Division shall not apply to such mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, widows, or widowers, if they were recipients of public assistance at the time of death.

Sec. 5/5-27002. Fees

Fees. The expense of such burial shall not exceed the sum of \$600; such burial shall not be made in any cemetery or burial ground sued exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, or in that portion of any burial ground so used. In case relatives of the deceased, who are unable to bear the expense of burial, desire to conduct the funeral, they may be allowed to do so, and the expense there of shall be paid as hereafter provided.

Sec. 5/5-27003. Expenses paid by county.

Expenses paid by county. The expenses of such burial and headstone shall be paid by the county in which such veteran or his or her mother, father, husband, wife, widow, widower, or minor children resided at the time of such death; and the county board in such counties under township organization, or county commissioners in such counties not under township organization, is authorized and directed to audit the account, and pay the said expenses in a similar manner as other accounts against such county are audited and paid; Provided, that nothing in this Division contained shall apply to the burial of veterans who are residents of the Veterans' Home at the time of their death. See Chapter 15, Exhibit 4.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, Ch 34, 5-27001 - 5-27003

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COUNTIES
DIVISION 5-26. MONUMENTS IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS
CHAPTER 55 5/5 5-26001 - 5-26006

Sec. 5/5-26001. Submission of question of erecting memorial

Submission of question of erecting memorial. Upon the petition of two hundred, or more, legal voters of a county being filed with the county clerk, praying that the proposition of erecting or completing a monument or memorial building in honor of its soldiers and sailors at the county seat be submitted to a vote of the people of such county, such proposition shall be submitted to a vote of the people at any regular election. The county board shall certify the proposition to the proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition at an election in accordance with the general election law. Such proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

Proposition for the erection of a monument or memorial building in honor of the soldiers and sailors of the country.	YES	
	NO	

If a majority of all the votes cast on such proposition is in favor thereof, the county board of such county, within one year after such election, shall appropriate sufficient funds to erect a suitable monument or a suitable memorial building, and purchase a site therefor, if necessary, at the county seat, in honor of its soldiers and sailors. If the revenues of the county under the general tax levy are insufficient to provide for the erection of such building and the purchase of a site therefor, if necessary, the county board may also at the same election cause submission to the voters the proposition of levying an additional tax and issuing bonds therefor in the manner provided by Section 5-2001 and 5-2005, as amended.

If a memorial building is erected it shall be under the supervision and control of the county board, and the county board may permit such use of the building as it deems advisable.

Sec. 5/5-2002. Subscriptions.

Subscriptions. Whenever the people of any county shall desire to erect, or contribute to the erection of a memorial building in honor of their soldiers and sailors and shall procure bona fide subscription to the extent to two-thirds of the estimated cost thereof, it shall be lawful for any county by an two-thirds vote of the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, to contribute such sum or sums of money toward the cost of erecting such a memorial building not exceeding one-third of the cost thereof, as shall be deemed discreet and proper: Provided, that such contribution shall be made subject to the following conditions: (1) said building shall be constructed in accordance with plans, approved by such county board; (2) when erected shall be forever used exclusively for public or civic purposed; and (3) if, at any time after the construction thereof, it shall cease to be used for such purposed, it and the property upon which it is situate, shall revert to and become the property of said county.

Sec. 5/5-26003. Lease of county building as memorial

Lease of county building as memorial. If any county shall own and possess any real estate suitable for a site for a memorial building, it shall be lawful for the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, by two-thirds vote, to enter into a lease for a period not exceeding ninety-nine years, by which said real estate may be leased to the organizations or individuals contemplating the erection of a memorial building through private donations or contributions: Provided, the amount contributed of donated by public subscriptions for such purpose shall be equal to at least double the value of such real estate: Provided, further, that said lease shall provide that said building shall, when erected, be used exclusively for public or civic purposed, and that upon the expiration of said lease, or the violation of any of its terms or conditions, the improvements thereon shall revert to and become the property of said county,

Sec. 5/5-26004. Use.

Use. Available space in memorial buildings constructed under the provisions of this Division, may be set aside for the use of organizations of honorable, discharged soldiers and sailors of the United States without charge.

Boys' clubs, associations of commerce, civic improvement and health bodies, farm bureaus and other similar non-partisan and nonsectarian organizations, not organized for profit, shall be deemed within the meaning of the words "public of civic purposes," available space in such memorial building amy be rented or leased at a reasonable rental to any such organizations.

In the discretion of the county board, the memorial building may be constructed so as to be suitable for use as a county orphans' home, or a county hospital, and may be used for either purpose.

Sec. 5/5-26005. Maintenance

Maintenance. Whenever any memorial building is erected through private subscription, as herein provided, it shall be lawful for the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, to appropriate such sums of money from year to year as it may deem reasonable and proper to cover any deficiency in the cost of the maintenance thereof.

Sec 5/5-26006. Exemption from taxation

Exempt from taxation. Memorial buildings erected in accordance with the provisions of this Division shall be deemed county property and shall be exempt from taxation.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, Ch. 34, 5-26001 - 5-26006

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DIVISION 5-28. SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' BURIAL FUND
CHAPTER 55 5/5 5-28001 - 5-2008

Sec. 5/5-28001. County may procure burial grounds.

County may procure burial grounds. The county board of each county has power to purchase suitable sites for burial grounds for deceased personnel of the Armed Services of the United States who died in service and for honorably discharged veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer uprising in China, World War I, World War II, during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, or any time during the Viet Nam Conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, and may their mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, widowers or widows, who may die without having sufficient means to purchase a grave and defray funeral expenses; to establish and maintain suitable headquarters, cemetery buildings, and other auxiliary institutions connected with such burial grounds; and to pay the funeral and burial expenses of such persons and to provide suitable headstones for their graves.

Sec. 5/5-28002. Petition-Tax levy.

Petition; tax levy. When one hundred legal voters of any county shall present a petition to the board of such county, asking that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund in such county, such county board shall certify the proposition at the next regular election in such county, in accordance with the general law. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form: "for the levy of a tax for a Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund," or "Against the levy of a tax for a Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund". If a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition shall be for the levy of a tax for a soldiers' and sailors' burial fund the county board of such county shall thereafter annually levy a tax of not to exceed one mill on the dollar (1.00), which tax shall be collected in like manner as other general taxes in such county and shall be paid into the "soldiers' and sailors' burial fund", and thereafter the county board of such county shall annually appropriate from such funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to pay the expenses which will be accrued in carrying out the provisions and purposes of this Division.

Sec. 5/5-28003. Directors.

Directors. When in any county such proposition for the levy of a tax for a county Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund has been adopted, the chairman of the county board of such county shall with the approval of the county board, proceed to appoint a board of three directors, all of whom shall be chosen with reference to their special fitness for such office, to have charge of the undertakings and activities contemplated by this Division.

Sec. 5/5-28004. Terms of office.

Terms of office, One of the directors shall hold office for one year, another for two years, and another for three years, from the first day of July following their appointment, but each until the his successor is appointed and at their first regular meeting they shall cast for the respective terms. Annually thereafter the presiding officer of the county board, with the advice and consent of the county board, shall, before the first day of July of each year appoint, as before, one director, who shall hold office for three years and until his successor is appointed , The presiding officer of the county board , by and with the consent of the county board may, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty,

Sec. 5/5-28005. Vacancies-Compensation

Vacancies; compensation. Vacancies in the board of directors occasioned by removal, resignation, or otherwise, shall be reported to the county board and be filled in like manner as original appointments. No director shall receive compensation as such, or be interested, either directly, or indirectly, in the purchase or sale of any property or supplies to be used in carrying out the purpose of this Division.

Sec. 5/5-28006. Powers and duties

Powers and duties. The directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize, by the election of one of their number as president and one as secretary, They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the soldiers' and sailors' burial grounds of the county and auxiliary institutions and activities connected therewith, as may be expedient and not inconsistent with this Division. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys appropriated from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund, and of the laying out of sites for burial purposes, the construction of any cemetery buildings, or other necessary auxiliary institutions and of the activities in connection therewith, and of the supervision, care, and custody of the grounds and buildings. The board of directors shall have the power to purchase or lease ground within the limit of the county and to occupy, lease or erect appropriate cemetery buildings or other buildings, by and with the approval of the county board, No cemetery site shall be purchased or leased, however, until detailed plans therefor have been submitted to the county board and have been approved by them. The board of directors shall have the power to appoint suitable superintendents, care-takers and all necessary assistants, and to fix their compensation, and shall have the power to remove such appointees.

Sec. 5/5-28007.

Donations-Annual report.

Donations; annual report. The board of directors, in the name of the county, may receive from any person any contribution or donation of money or property and shall pay over to the treasurer of such county for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund all moneys thus received, within one month after they are received and shall take the receipt of the county treasurer therefor; and shall also, at each regular meeting of the county board report to the county board the names of all persons from whom any such contributions or donations have been received, since the date of the last report, and the amount and nature of the property so received from each, and the date when the same was received. The board of directors shall make on or before the second Monday in June of each year, an annual report to the county board, stating the condition of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund on the first day of June of that year, the number of burials and such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest.

Sec. 5/5-28008.

Payment of burial expenses.

Payment of burial expenses. The board of directors are authorized to pay, out of the money which is appropriated to them from the county Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Fund, the funeral and burial expenses of persons who come within the description in Section 5-28001, but in no none case shall they pay for such purpose more than \$75; and they are authorized to buy and erect suitable headstones on the grave of such persons. But no money shall be expended to pay the funeral and burial expenses of any soldier or sailor who was inmate of any soldiers' and sailors' or sailor home at the time of his death.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, Ch. 34 5-28001 - 5-28008

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

TO ALL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS: VAC DUES ARE _____.
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND REMIT WITH DUES.

IN ORDER THAT THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MAY HAVE A COMPLETE RECORD FOR OUR MAILING LIST, WILL YOU KINDLY FILL IN AND RETURN TO US THIS FORM WHEN COMPLETED. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THIS INFORMATION SO THAT THIS OFFICE WILL BE ABLE TO PROPERLY NOTIFY YOUR ORGANIZATION OF MEETINGS OR OTHER MATERIAL THAT MAY EFFECT US AS VETERANS.

NAME OF POST _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS OF POST _____

COMMANDER _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

ADJUTANT _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

SERVICE OFFICER _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

REPRESENTATIVES TO VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION:

DELEGATE _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

ALTERNATE _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

COMMANDER SIGNATURE

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE: MUST BE RESIDENTS OF _____ COUNTY.

A STATUTORY BODY OPERATING UNDER: ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES 1992, CHAPTER 330, MILITARY VETERANS ASSISTANCE ACT, SECTIONS: 45.01 THRU 45/11.

EXHIBIT 1

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION DELEGATE/ALTERNATE CARD

FRONT OF DELEGATE CARD

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF COUNTY, ILLINOIS INC.
1993

DELEGATE: _____

ORGANIZATION:

CHAIRMAN

SUPERINTENDENT

FRONT OF ALTERNATE CARD

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF COUNTY, ILLINOIS, INC.
1993

ALTERNATE: _____

ORGANIZATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

SUPERINTENDENT

BACK OF DELEGATE/ALTERNATE CARD

THIS CARD IS YOUR PROOF
OF ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE
ON COMMISSION BUSINESS
AND ANY OTHER MATTERS
THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE
COMMISSION OR COMMITTEES
YOU MAY BE A MEMBER OF.

EXHIBIT 2

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

19 BUDGET

	DELEGATE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	COUNTY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS	APPROVED BUDGET AMOUNT
TELEPHONE			
BUILDING RENTAL			
UTILITIES			
POSTAGE			
CONFERENCE & SEMINARS			
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION			
DUES & MEMBERSHIP			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OFFICE SUPPLIES			
BOOKS & PERIODICALS			
OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES/REPAIRS			
PRINTING			
GENERAL ASSISTANCE/EMERGENCY RELIEF			
HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE			
ERRORS & OMISSIONS INSURANCE			
CONTINGENCIES			
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY			
OFFICE STAFF SALARY			

NOTE: THIS IS A SAMPLE OF A POSSIBLE BUDGET REQUEST, DEPENDING UPON THE NEEDS OF THE VETERANS IN YOUR COUNTY, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION DELEGATES AND APPROVAL BY YOUR COUNTY BOARD WILL DETERMINE THE LINE ITEMS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET.

EXHIBIT 3

CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT ON BURIAL OF U.S. WAR VETERANS

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF _____ COUNTY, IL.

NAME OF DECEASED _____
SEX _____ LAST _____ FIRST _____ M.I. _____
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

ADDRESS AT TIME OF DEATH _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____ MARITAL STATUS: SING MAR DIV WID
MO DA YR

SERVICE DATES: ENLISTED ____/____/____ DISCHARGE ____/____/____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____ CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE _____

***** FINANCIAL INFORMATION *****

AT TIME OF DEATH, INDICATE WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS THE DECEASED VETERAN WAS RECEIVING AND AMOUNTS.

SOCIAL SECURITY _____ SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME _____

OTHER RETIREMENT _____

V.A. PENSION _____ V.A. COMPENSATION _____

ILLINOIS PUBLIC AID _____ TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE _____

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION _____ OTHER _____

OTHER:

LIFE INSURANCE _____ REAL ESTATE _____

STOCKS / BONDS _____ CHECKING/ SAVINGS ACCTS _____

***** BURIAL INFORMATION *****

DATE OF DEATH: ____/____/____ CAUSE OF DEATH _____
MO DA YR

PLACE OF DEATH: _____

CEMETERY: _____ ADDRESS _____
NAME STREET CITY STATE

SECTION #: _____ BLOCK #: _____ LOT #: _____ GRAVE #: _____

EXHIBIT 4

NEXT OF KIN: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

POWER OF ATTORNEY ASSIGNED? _____ TO: _____
Y / N NAME

I, _____, BEING OF DULY SWORN
NEXT OF KIN OR POWER OF ATTORNEY

ACCORDING TO LAW, STATE THAT _____ DIED WITHOUT
DECEASED VETERAN

SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE FUNERAL EXPENSES AND THAT ALL
STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT GO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND
BELIEF.

NEXT OF KIN OR POWER OF ATTORNEY

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY
OF _____ 19 _____.

ADDRESS

NOTARY PUBLIC

FUNERAL HOME DIRECTOR

ADDRESS

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. DD 214
2. CERTIFIED DEATH CERTIFICATE
3. PROOF OF RESIDENCE (DECEASED)
4. STATEMENT OF FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES

SUBMIT TO : _____ COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION.

