



**VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County 2022 Report

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Honorable Governor J.B. Pritzker
207 State House Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker,

In accordance with (330 ILCS 45/8) (from Ch.23, Par. 3088) I submit the following annual report for the year December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022 from the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County (VACBC).

The VACBC is an established Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC). This is our ninth full year of operations and our ninth annual report. Our operations started in May 2013.

The VACBC provided \$121,542.89 of assistance for veterans of the great county of Boone during the past fiscal year. This amount is up approximately \$16,458.00 from fiscal year 2021 due to Covid-19 no longer being such a devastating factor, allowing us to see more veterans, in person, in a more normal fashion.

Major issues that we will continue to focus on during the next year are processing the ever-increasing number of disability claim requests from Boone County veterans, helping our elderly veterans and their families find resources for funding assisted living conditions, and continuing to reach out to the Boone County community to increase awareness about the need for veteran's care and support.

Our main mission remains helping Boone County veterans who are in financial and emotional crisis. This includes providing short term financial help for food, utilities, housing, and medical care along with basic emotional counseling to help provide guidance and support. We also help local veterans apply for Federal VA health care and provide transportation for many veterans to the Rockford VA health clinic and the Madison VA hospital.

With the continued support of the Boone County Board, our small group of volunteers, and the concerned citizens of our community we look forward to continuing to help our Boone County veterans and their family members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County