

# I joined AMVETS Department of Illinois because...



“I joined AMVETS because of the comfortable atmosphere of being around others that have served.”

Joe Sharpe  
U.S. Marine Corps



“I joined AMVETS because I believe AMVETS really cares about it’s veterans. They promote growth and unity with all different generations of veterans.”

A.C. Homer Bizzle  
U.S. Army



“I joined AMVETS to work with fellow veterans, to help my fellow veterans and the communities in my area. By joining AMVETS I was able to help veterans at the local Veterans Home and work with students in the community.”

Cheryl Weglewski  
U.S. Army Reserves

## Reasons to join AMVETS.

### AMVETS

Department of Illinois is active in hundreds of communities in Illinois. Our commitment of veterans serving veterans doesn’t simply extend to the men and women who are or have been in the military; it touches their families as well. By joining, you will get to experience camaraderie of your fellow Soldiers, Seaman and Airmen, as well as satisfaction in helping others.



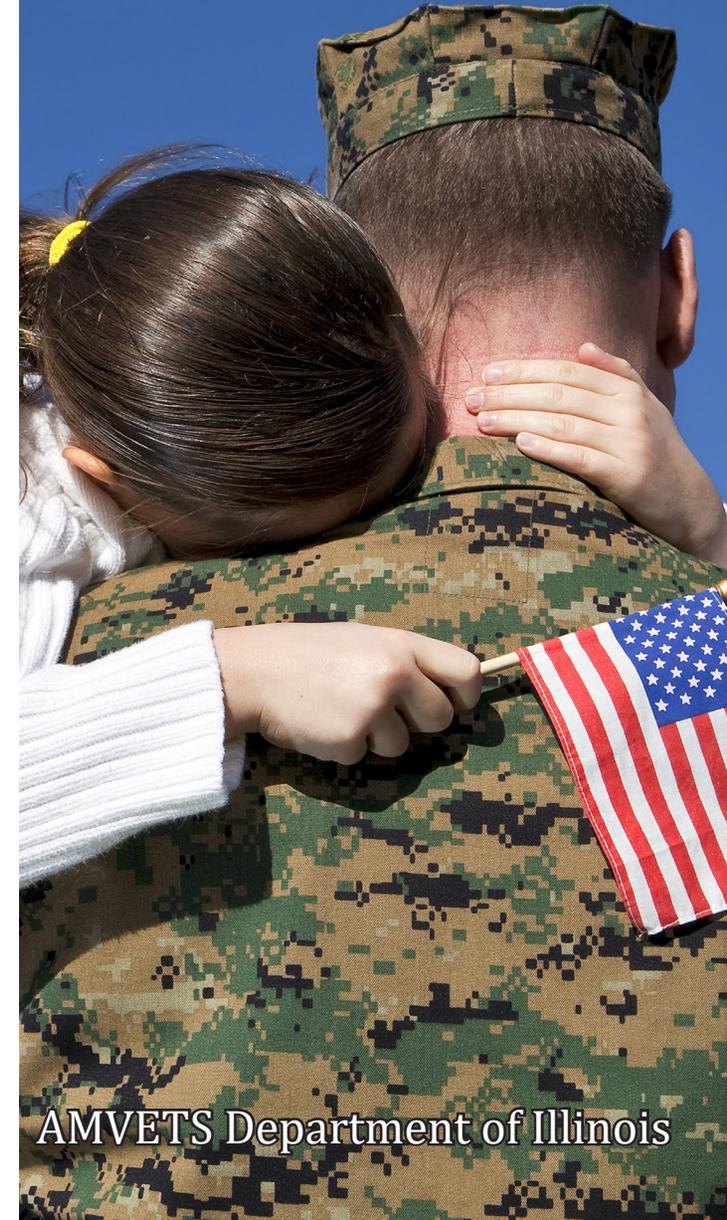
## Membership Benefits At-A-Glance.

AMVETS membership entitles you to an ever-growing number of benefits through our partners and sponsors. Any member in good standing can take advantage of the offers below:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| AGIA Hospital Income Plan | Motel 6                   |
| American Hearing Benefits | Mutual of Omaha           |
| AMVETS Lodge              | Office Depot              |
| Civica Global Advising    | Orlando Vacations         |
| Cancer Care Program       | Pure Talk USA             |
| Choice Hotels             | Red Roof Inn              |
| Colette Travel            | ScriptRelief Rx Discounts |
| Complete LTC Insurance    | Shove-a-lugs              |
| Constant Contact          | Thrifty Car Rental        |
| CruisesOnly               | TNT Vacations             |
| Dell Computers            | TrustedPlace              |
| Dollar Car Rental         | USAA                      |
| eHealth Medicare          | Wholesale Hotel Rates     |
| Emergency Asst. Plus      | Williams Sound            |
| Hertz Car Rental          | Wyndham Extra Holidays    |
| Hotel Engine              | Wyndham Hotel Discounts   |
| Life Line Screening       |                           |
| LifeLock                  |                           |

*Current as of 2018. All benefits subject to change.  
See [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org) for details.*

# Veterans Serving Veterans. Become a member today.



## AMVETS Department of Illinois

# Here's what AMVETS Department of Illinois does for Veterans.

## Membership

The cornerstone of AMVETS membership is the local post. Varying in size from 10 members to more than 700 in some cases, each AMVETS post conducts programs and activities related to the state and national organization's goals and objectives. Membership, though, is not limited to joining the AMVETS post in your hometown. In fact, there may not be a post there or you may not live close to one. In such cases, we have other alternatives. We also offer two membership categories - annual and life - each with its own dues structure\*.

To be eligible for membership in AMVETS, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, anytime after Sept. 15, 1940, and your discharge must have been under honorable conditions.

## Volunteers

We are a group of "Veterans Serving Veterans" and that is, simply, what we do best. All of our members of the AMVETS Department of Illinois know the importance of volunteering and are active in their various programs, which encompass such areas as Americanism, supporting our troops and community service.

## Grants

Grants are given to assist AMVETS in their various programs benefiting and servicing American Veterans. Grants range from monies for posts to build wheelchair ramps, to large-scale grants that help fund major programs like the creation of the St. Leo Campus for Homeless Veterans on Chicago's Southside and a state-of-the-art 15,000 square foot facility for veterans at the Marion VAMC. Both large and small-scale grants are key to supporting veterans and their families in communities throughout Illinois.

## Legislative Action

AMVETS is a staunch advocate of providing America's veterans with the benefits and services they've earned through honorable military service. To ensure that veterans obtain these entitlements, our legislative efforts are aimed at helping to identify and implement the solutions necessary to secure their availability. In so doing, we work closely with state and federal legislators.

## Veterans Service Officers

Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation Veterans' Service Officers (VSO) offer information, counseling and claims service to all honorably discharged Veterans and their dependents. The assistance we provide is free of charge. The benefits sought through the VSOs help put food on the table, purchase medication, provide transportation and assist in any other needs the Veteran may have. AMVETS Service Officers are trained in all aspects of veteran's benefits and are knowledgeable about changes in VA regulations, entitlements, policies and procedures. Each Service Officer will personally develop and manage claims to ensure his or her clients receive the maximum benefits to which they are legally entitled.



\*Annual dues vary by post.

Please contact 217-528-4713 for this information.

Lifetime dues are \$250.

**[Membership Application]**  
 Mail to: AMVETS Department of Illinois  
 2200 S. 6th St, Springfield, IL 62703

**AMVETS**



**JOIN TODAY!**

Use fine point permanent marker to complete.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:  Annual  Life

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male

Female

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Entered \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that I am serving or have served honorably in the US Armed Forces (Active, Guard or Reserves) after Sept. 15, 1940. DD-214 is required.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor/Post Officer \_\_\_\_\_