

VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF MACON COUNTY, INC.

MACON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OREN L. DAVIS POST NO. 99 - 1ST MON.

WILSON TAYLOR POST NO. 730 - 3RD TUES.

SMITH MARTIN POST NO. 5224 - 4TH TUES.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DECATUR DETACHMENT 799 - 1ST MON.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

CHAPTER 159 - 3RD MON.

AMERICAN LEGION

CASTLE-WILLIAMS POST NO. 105 - 2ND MON.

LANCASTER-DUNN POST NO. 72 - 3RD MON.

WEILEPP-CRAMER POST NO. 660 - 1ST THURS.

ROBERTS-STARKS POST NO. 1972 - 3RD WED.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

DECATUR MACON COUNTY CHAPTER NO. 17 - 3RD

WED.

DECEMBER 17, 2024

STATE OF ILLINOIS
HONORABLE JB PRITZKER
HOUSE
62706-0001

THE
207 STATE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

DEAR GOVERNOR PRITZKER,

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT YOU WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 330, PART 45, SECTION 8 OF THE ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES,

WE PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. BENEFIT APPLICATION FILING AND CLAIMS MANAGEMENT WITH ADVOCACY
2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & Dental Assistance
3. TRAVEL – DAV SHUTTLE & CHARITY OWNED TRANSIT VAN WITH 7 VOLUNTEERS.

WE ARE EXCITED TO REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 OUR SERVICES HAVE IMPACTED 1,542 MACON COUNTY VETERANS AND 1,221 VETERANS IN SURROUNDING AREAS totaling 2763 Claimants assisted.

WE HAVE PROCESSED 279 VA COMPENSATION & PENSION CLAIMS ALONG WITH 178 APPEALS.

RESULTS:

\$2,691,945.46 IN RETROACTIVE BACKPAY.

\$669,767.54 IN MONTHLY BENEFITS



- **\$10,729,156.54** MONETARY VALUE (2024)
BROUGHT INTO Veterans in Macon & Surrounding Counties.

OUR VANS have COMBINED TO CARRY 413 RIDERS TO VA ILLIANA HOSPITAL IN DANVILLE
ALONG WITH OTHER VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS AND MISSOURI TRAVELING
OVER 27,000 MILES.

MACON COUNTY VAC HAS COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:

- 69 GOVERNMENT MARKER APPLICATIONS
- 172 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS PTAX FORMS COMPLETED
- 36 CHAMP VA ENROLLMENTS
- 27 BURIAL BENEFITS
- 103 VETERANS ENROLLED INTO VA HEALTHCARE

WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED \$39,953.18 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE through 4 Separate categories
Power, Rent, Transportation and Dental.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTY'S VETERANS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR CONCERNS.

SEMPER FI,

GREG COLLINS
SUPERINTENDENT