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VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF MADISON COUNTY

3rd QUARTER 2023 COMMISSION REPORT

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Mission and Intent

The Mission and the Intent of the Veterans' Assistance Commission of Madison County (VACMC), IL, is to provide needed services to military veterans and their families who reside in Madison County, IL. The VACMC works closely with Veterans' Service Organizations (VSOs), as well as local, state, and federal agencies, to ensure the rights to which each veteran and their families are entitled and granted. The VACMC also works to educate, promote, and preserve the rich heritage and history veterans served to protect.

Services include the following: [Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Financial Assistance](#), [Administrative Case Work](#), and [Outreach](#).

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ANY VACMC SERVICE RENDERED.

Staff Members

[Bradley Lavite](#) - Superintendent
[Michelle Henline](#) - Administrative Assistant
[Bret Sandvoss](#) - Administrative Assistant
[Alexis Hoops](#) - Administrative Assistant
[Kimberly Hoelsing](#) - Administrative Assistant
[Indira James](#) - Veteran Service Officer
[Rosa Flores](#) - Veteran Service Officer
[Devin Daniels](#) - Veteran Service Officer

Temps:

[C.J. Lucy-Yarian](#) - Administrative Assistant with additional duties and special projects.
[David Noble](#) - Administrative Assistant with additional duties and special projects.
[Jason Burke](#) - I.T. Systems Application Support with additional duties and special projects.
[Timothy Turner](#) - Veteran Service Officer with additional duties and special projects.

Office Information

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ([except Holidays](#))
Office Address: [157 North Main Street, Suite 115, Edwardsville, IL 62025-1963](#)
Telephone: [618-296-4554](#)
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Website: <https://www.co.madison.il.us/mcvac>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mcveterans>

Public Transportation: Bus service is provided by [Madison County Transit](#). The [bus terminal](#) is located directly across the street from the VACMC.

Financials

Financials by Type	TOTAL
Budget (Levied)	\$1,108,465.66
Special Revenue Fund - 020420-10-000 This account is held by the Madison County Treasurer’s Office and is used to pay operating expenses. Unspent monies from previous fiscal years are deposited and to be used, if needed, to supplement VACMC operations.	\$1,778,917.67
Busey Checking Account – 5401 (Petty Cash/Tax Fund) This account is reimbursable from VACMC Administrative and/or Aid-to-Vets accounts. This account is reportable yearly to the County as part of Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CFAR).	\$1,375.40
Busey Checking Account – 6201 (Corporation Fund) This account is funded through private donations from various sources. These funds are typically used to purchase items not normally included in the annual VACMC operating budgets or as directed by those who donated.	\$6,165.97

Administrative Services

Administrative Services involve the planning, the direction, and the coordination of activities that help an organization run efficiently. The specific responsibilities vary, but typically they involve overseeing day-to-day operations and activities that include supervision, payroll, purchasing, recordkeeping, reporting, training, and general office upkeep.

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Cable Television Expense	\$97.08	\$194.16	\$194.16		
Contingencies	\$41.30	\$90.30	\$0.00		
Contractual Services	\$22,430.00	\$42,070.00	\$0.00		
Dues and Memberships	\$1,400.00	\$15.00	\$50.00		
Internet Services	\$26.87	\$60.82	\$57.48		
Miscellaneous Data Processing Equipment	\$22.98	\$0.00	\$352.01		
Miscellaneous Office Furniture	\$32.99	\$0.00	\$40.00		
Office Supplies	\$170.53	\$0.00	\$172.26		
Outreach Costs	\$800.00	\$183.43	\$500.00		
Postage	\$34.06	\$32.76	\$255.62		
Service Contracts	\$674.16	\$681.40	\$406.04		
Staff Training	\$118.22	\$101.28	\$900.00		
Telephone Expense	\$211.30	\$441.82	\$444.99		
Travel	\$0.00	\$112.86	\$0.00		
TOTAL	\$26,059.49	\$43,254.27	\$3,332.56		

Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Financial Assistance

Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Financial Assistance provides payments towards the bare necessities of life and community supports that promote the mental and the physical well-being of veterans, service members, their immediate families, and the communities in which they reside.

Financial Assistance Recipients and Vouchers	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Veterans Assisted	27	25	23		
Number of Vouchers Issued	95	74	50		

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Contingencies	\$3,669.13	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
Electricity	\$3,725.13	\$4,413.85	\$8,269.77		
Food	\$5,716.67	\$4,080.44	\$6,099.66		
Funeral and Burial	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00		
Gas	\$102.34	\$359.89	\$359.83		
Incidentals Personal	\$3,564.30	\$4,295.41	\$5,059.02		
Medical	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.49		
Monuments/Memorials	\$3,161.26	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Outreach	\$0.00	\$742.50	\$0.00		
Pet Supplies	\$234.97	\$597.41	\$424.25		
Sewage	\$189.74	\$0.00	40.00		
Shelter	\$5,359.50	\$6,018.20	\$6,838.53		
Transportation Services	\$292.50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Water	\$309.09	\$471.85	\$471.85		
TOTAL	\$27,224.63	\$24,279.55	\$30,880.40		

For additional information about Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Financial Assistance, please visit the [Interim and/or Emergency Veterans' Financial Assistance](#) page of our website.

Outreach

The VAC hosts, coordinates, and funds various outreach services, activities, and events throughout the year that promote the mental and the physical well-being of veterans, service members, their immediate families, and the communities in which they reside.

Community Outreach Group Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

- Co-hosted Weekly VA Vet/VAC Community Outreach Group

1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. at Woodlands Golf Course –
[2839 Harris Lane, Alton, IL 62002](#)

3rd Thursday @ 10:00 a.m. at Hickory Grove Restaurant –
[201 East Center Drive, Godfrey, IL 62035](#)

For additional information about Outreach, please visit the [Outreach](#) page of our website.

Crisis Response

The VAC is **NOT** a Crisis Response Agency or a Medical Provider. See below to contact a Crisis Response Agency:

- Emergency – dial [911](#) or [988](#).
- Centerstone 24/7 Crisis Response – dial [855-608-3560](#).
- Chestnut Health Systems 24/7 Crisis Response – dial [618-877-0316](#).
- [VA Mental Health Services](#) has a variety of mental health resources, information, treatment options, and more all accessible to veterans, veterans' supporters, and the general public.

Any veterans in active crisis or in need of immediate medical attention should call [911](#), go to the nearest emergency room, and/or call [988](#) to reach the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Thank you for the continued support of Madison County veterans, service members, and their families. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Very Respectfully,



Bradley Lavite
Superintendent