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## Goodwill Veteran's Career Resources Program

*Helping US Military Veterans use their skills to secure long-term, meaningful employment.*



*Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois is a community-based not-for-profit organization whose mission is to create opportunities for individuals with barriers to enhance their lives.*

Have you served in the US military and want to use your skills toward a new career? Goodwill can help! Goodwill's Employment Specialists will work with you one-on-one based on your goals to secure long-term, meaningful employment.

We offer: employability training sessions, assistance in returning to school or training programs, navigating through available resources in the community, connection with employers, wrap-around supportive services, resume building and job readiness training, and assistance obtaining military discharge paperwork (DD214-member 4).

To be eligible for Goodwill's Veteran's Program, participants must meet the following criteria:

1. Participant must provide documentation (DD214 Member-4) stating at least 24 hours were served in the US Military.
2. Participant must be at least 18 years of age or older to receive services.
3. Participant must have a willingness to work in the community and complete all program requirements.
4. Participant must have the following documents or be able to obtain the following documents: discharge documentation, valid ID/Driver's License, and Social Security card.

**To find out if you're eligible, call (815) 632-3908 or  
email [VeteransProgram@goodwillni.org](mailto:VeteransProgram@goodwillni.org).**

**The Veteran Career Resource Program is currently operating in Goodwill's**

**Sterling store:**

**2216 E. 4th Street, Sterling, IL**

**Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm (appointment required)**

**Serving residents of Whiteside, Lee, Ogle Counties**

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## Basic Needs

### Abiding Word Christian Center Food Pantry

806 E. Lynn Blvd. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-1827

[www.abidingwordchurch.org](http://www.abidingwordchurch.org)

*Provide a week's worth of groceries to those who register and attend one weekend service.*

### Bear Necessities – Personal Care Pantry

Rock Falls United Methodist Church

210 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-0114

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10am-12pm

[www.rockfallsumc.org/bear-necessities](http://www.rockfallsumc.org/bear-necessities)

*Assists individuals who need personal care items. Must show SNAP card and ID to be eligible.*

### CLS Thrift Store

607 First Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-0517

Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00am– 4:00pm

*Provides clothing and household items at low prices.*

### Emporium Thrift Center

115 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 535-0368

Open daily 9:00am–4:00pm, except Wednesdays and Sundays

*Provides clothing and household items at low prices.*

### Gianna's House

700 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-6520

Mondays 12pm-3pm; Wednesdays 5pm-8pm;

Saturdays 9am-12pm

*Offers pregnancy resources.*

### Good Neighbors

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1701 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-5111

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00am–11:30am

*Offers assistance to individuals in need.*

### Goodwill Northern Illinois

2216 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-1740

Monday-Friday, 9am-8pm

Saturday, 9am-7pm; Sunday 10am-6pm

[www.goodwillni.org](http://www.goodwillni.org)

*Provides low cost clothing, household items, furniture and miscellaneous items. Sunday: \$1 for selected items. Programs: Veteran's Program and Supported Employment Program, by appointment only.*

### Hope Life Center

2323 E. Lincolnway Suite A. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-5300

[www.hlcil.org](http://www.hlcil.org)

*Offers pregnancy resources for the Sauk Valley area.*

### Illinois Department of Human Services

2605 Woodlawn Rd #4 - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 632-4045

[www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)

Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

*Receives applications for TANF, SNAP, and Medical Health.*

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### **Salvation Army**

409 Avenue F. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-1622

[www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sterling](http://www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sterling)

*Offers emergency financial assistance, food and nutrition programs, case management services.*

### **St. Andrews Thrift Shop**

1100B 1st Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 622-9181

Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm; Saturday 9am-1pm

*Provides clothing and household items at low prices.*

### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

7 W. 6th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-0311

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12pm-2:30pm

[www.svdpsaukvalley.org](http://www.svdpsaukvalley.org)

*Offers food, financial assistance, and other necessities a family might need.*

### **The Caring Center**

210 1st Avenue - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 499-4953

Mondays, 10am-2:30pm and

Wednesdays 10am-1:30pm

*Provides free clothing and household items to those in need. Twice per month, photo ID is required. 20 item limit.*

### **Tri-County Opportunities Council –**

#### **Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)**

405 Emmons Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-7830

*LIHEAP, LIHEAP Furnace Program, PIPP*

*(Percentage of Income Payment Plan), ComEd*

*Hardship, and Neighbor to Neighbor programs.*

### **Tri-County Opportunities Council – Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**

405 Emmons Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-7830

*Provides comprehensive needs assessments, information and referrals and numerous case management programs to eligible customers to obtain self-sufficiency for employment, youth, education, housing, medical, and emergency needs.*

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## Childcare Services

### 4C's Community Coordinated Child Care

155 N. 3rd Street, Suite 300 - DeKalb, IL 60115  
(815) 848-8727

[www.four-c.org](http://www.four-c.org)

*Child care for children 6 weeks to 6 years of age. Assists families and child care providers with the following services: child care financial assistance, resource and referral for child care, parent and provider professional development, child care food program, family support, nursing, social work, mental health, quality and infant toddler specialists.*

### Jump Start Childcare Center

729 W. Route 30 – Rock Falls, IL 61071  
(815) 626-5867

### Riverdale Preschool

3505 Prophetstown Rd – Rock Falls, IL 61071  
(815) 625-5280

[www.rfsd13.org/index.php/schools/riverdale-preschool](http://www.rfsd13.org/index.php/schools/riverdale-preschool)

*Preschool programs for 3-5 year-old children.*

### Sterling/Rock Falls Child Care Center

1840 E. LeFevre – Sterling, IL 61081  
(815) 772-2017

*Provides first and second shift child care, preschool program.*

### Tri-County Opportunities Council Head

Start/Early Head Start Wallace Educational Center

506 W. 4th Street - Sterling, IL 61081  
(815) 625-7830

[www.tcohelps.org](http://www.tcohelps.org)

*Provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent engagement services to children from birth to 5 years of age, expectant mothers, and their families. Families must meet the eligibility criteria established by the federal government.*

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## Disability Services

### Goodwill Northern Illinois

2216 E. 4th Street Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 965-3795

[www.goodwillni.org](http://www.goodwillni.org)

*Goodwill's Supported Employment Program (SEP) help adults to obtain and retain employment through the use of effective ongoing support services. The Supported Employment Program gives adults with disabilities the opportunity to work and earn valuable skills and wages. Work is performed in Goodwill's retail stores throughout the region with a Goodwill job coach. Additional elements provided to all participants are work readiness training, case management, and a supportive work atmosphere.*

*Email: Sep@goodwillni.org*

### Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL)

412 Locust Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-7860

[www.nicil.org](http://www.nicil.org)

*Serves individuals with disabilities by offering information and referrals, independent living skills training, advocacy and peer support.*

### Illinois Department of Human Services – Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)

2607 Woodlawn Rd, Suite 1 - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-8885

[www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)

*Works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities.*

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## Education Services

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**Veterans Services**

173 IL Route 2 - Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 835-6310

[www.svcc.edu/students/veterans](http://www.svcc.edu/students/veterans)

*The SVCC Veterans Services Website offers information on the various programs available at Sauk Valley Community College. These services include assistance with educational benefits, counseling and readjustment services.*

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**Adult Education and GED Program**

173 IL Route 2 - Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 835-6310

[www.svcc.edu/community/adult-education/vital](http://www.svcc.edu/community/adult-education/vital)

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**Project V.I.T.A.L.**

173 IL Route 2 - Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 835-6310

[www.svcc.edu/community/adult-education/vital](http://www.svcc.edu/community/adult-education/vital)

*Tutoring program for students and adults over 17 years of age who want to improve their reading skills, improve their English language speaking skills, or obtain citizenship.*



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## Emergency Assistance

### American Red Cross

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

*Disaster assistance with housing, food, and clothing.*

### Department of Children and Family Services

2607 Woodlawn Road, Suite 3

Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-7594 / (800) 252-2873

[www.state.il.us/dcf](http://www.state.il.us/dcf)

*Protects against child abuse.*

### Non-Emergency Police Dept. Rock Falls

1013 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61081

(815) 622-1140

### YWCA of the Sauk Valley

(815) 626-7277

(815) 288-1011

*Assists survivors of domestic violence by offering comprehensive services: 24-hour hotline, legal and medical advocacy, shelter, counseling, support groups, and children's services.*

### Non-Emergency Police Dept. Sterling

212 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 632-6640



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## Employment Services

### **BEST, Inc.**

2323 E. Lincolnway - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-9648

[www.best-inc.org](http://www.best-inc.org)

*Provides funding for education in order to find employment.*

### **Goodwill Northern Illinois –Veterans Program**

2216 E. 4th St - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 632-3908

Email: [VeteransProgram@goodwillni.org](mailto:VeteransProgram@goodwillni.org)

*Goodwill's Veteran's Program is a service designed to assist U.S. Military veterans in providing job readiness training, wrap around supportive services, referrals, and assistance finding and retaining employment in Whiteside/Lee/Ogle counties. There is no fee for individuals to enter into the program.*

### **Goodwill Northern Illinois – Supported Employment**

2216 E. 4th St - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 965-3795

Email: [:Sep@goodwillni.org](mailto:Sep@goodwillni.org)

*Goodwill's Supported Employment Program (SEP) help adults to obtain and retain employment through the use of effective ongoing support services. The Supported Employment Program gives adults with disabilities the opportunity to work and earn valuable skills and wages. Work is performed in Goodwill's retail stores throughout the region with a Goodwill job coach. Additional elements provided to all participants are work readiness training, case management, and a supportive work atmosphere.*

### **Goodwill of the Heartland**

230 W. Kimberly Rd. Suite 236

Davenport, IA 52806

(866) 466-7881

*Provides paid work experience in Sterling Goodwill store for eligible veterans with homeless status that meet eligibility criteria. Partners with Sterling Goodwill Veteran's Program.*

### **Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)**

406 Avenue C - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-2313 / Direct: (815) 625-2304

[www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov)

*Provides temporary income for individuals who lost their jobs through no fault of their own.*

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## Food Assistance

### Abiding Word Christian Center

806 E. Lynn Blvd. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-1827

[www.abidingwordchurch.org](http://www.abidingwordchurch.org)

### First Christian Church

506 5th Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-2271

Open: Monday 10:30am-1:00pm and  
Friday 9:00am-11:30am

### FISH Food Pantry

902 E. 5th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-1734

Open: Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am

### Helping Hands - First Church of Nazarene

1208 E. 4th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-1146

[www.sterlingnaz.com/ministries/helping-hands](http://www.sterlingnaz.com/ministries/helping-hands)

### Rock River Christian Center

1800 Prophetstown Rd - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-4371

### Salvation Army

409 Avenue F. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-1622

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 1pm-3:30pm

### Sauk Valley Food Bank

1801 Plant Drive - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 320-2866

Open: Saturday Parking Lot Pantry 8:00am-12pm

### Saint Vincent De Paul

7 W. 6th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-0311

Open: Monday-Friday, 12:00pm-2:30pm

### Trinity United Methodist Church

205 E. 10th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-7777

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-12pm

### Whiteside County Senior Center

1207 W. 9th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 622-9230

Open: Thursdays, 1:00pm-3:00pm

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## Medical Resources

### **Castor Home Nursing Inc**

417 E. 3rd Street Suite A. - Sterling, IL 61081  
(815) 564-0977

[www.castorhomenursing.com](http://www.castorhomenursing.com)

*Castor Home Nursing utilizes patient-focused services to provide medical and non-medical care in the HOME. Our clients experience home services of companionship, light housekeeping, skilled nursing, physical therapy, wound care, and others -- to a maintain a confident and independent lifestyle. We serve the elderly, pediatric, chronically ill, disabled, and recuperating patients in the comfort and privacy of HOME. Castor Medical Supplies is a walk-in store with equipment for delivery to home or facility. Payor options include Private Pay, Most Insurances, Veterans Benefits, LTC Insurance, and others. Castor serves with one goal in mind: to promote the highest degree of comfort, quality, and independence.*

### **CGH Medical Center**

100 E. Le Fevre Rd. - Sterling, IL 61081

Main: (815) 625-0400

Patient Advocate: (815) 625-0400 ext. 4011

[www.cghmc.com](http://www.cghmc.com)

*Offers medical, oncology/hematology, gastroenterology, pediatrics, dermatology, orthopedic, internal medicine, rheumatology, pulmonology, pain management, OB/GYN, Family Practice, Cardiology, Audiology, ENT, Allergy, Sleep Medicine, Surgery, Urology, Podiatry, and Ophthalmology.*

### **Illinois Veterans' Benefits – Warrior Assistance Program**

Call the confidential phone number at (866) 554-IWAP(4927) at any time day or night for a referral and authorization for covered services.

[www.illinois.gov/veterans](http://www.illinois.gov/veterans)

*Provides confidential assistance for Illinois Veterans as they transition back to their everyday lives after serving our country. The helpline is available 24/7. Help is available for veterans with symptoms associated with Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Anxiety, Stress, Depression, Coping with daily emotions, addictions and substance abuse, overall emotional wellness.*

### **Sterling VA Clinic**

2901 E. Lincolnway - Sterling, IL 61081

Main: (815) 632-6200

Patient Advocate: (319) 338-0581

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm

*Offers medical, nutrition, food and dietary care, physical, occupational and kinesiotherapy therapy, podiatry, primary care, telehealth, radiology and lab draw testing, drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation, mental health care and case management.*

### **Whiteside County Health Department**

1300 W. 2nd Street - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-2230

[www.whitesidehealth.org](http://www.whitesidehealth.org)

*Offers medical, dental clinic, behavioral health, family planning, immunizations and WIC. Accepts medical insurance, Medicaid, and self-pay.*

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## Housing Assistance

### Crown Hill Estates

1101 W. 24th Street, Suite 100  
 Rock Falls, IL 61071  
 (815) 626-5043  
*Low-income housing.*

### Dixon PADS Homeless Shelter

805 W. 1st Street - Dixon, IL 61021  
 (815) 288-6818  
 203 W. Everett Street - Dixon, IL 61021  
 (815) 288-6818  
*Provides emergency shelter, clothing, food, and daily needs for residents.*

### Iowa City VA Health Care System HUD-VASH VA Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC)

415 Perry Street - Davenport, IA 52801  
 (563) 328-5817  
*HUD-VASH is a collaborative program between HUD and the VA that combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless and their families find and sustain permanent housing. This program provides: HUD Housing vouchers and case management services. Through public housing authorities, HUD provides rental assistance vouchers for privately owned housing to Veterans who are eligible for VA health care services and are experiencing homelessness. VA case managers may connect these Veterans with support services such as health care, mental health treatment and substance use counseling to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community.*

### National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

(877) 424-3838  
*If you are a veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, call for assistance.*

### Sterling Townhomes

2105 Freeport Road - Sterling, IL 61081  
 (815) 626-5043  
*Low-income housing.*

### Tri-County Opportunities Council: Housing Program - Sterling Township

108 4th Avenue - Sterling, IL 61081  
 (815) 718-2189 / (815) 718-2540  
 405 Emmons Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071  
 (800) 323-5434  
*Assistance for individuals and families who are homeless, facing eviction or behind on payments, and assistance for income-eligible households living in participating properties.*

### Twin City Pads Homeless Shelter

111 Wahl Road - Sterling, IL 61081  
 (815) 626-2210  
 Open 7pm-7am, October 1st through April 30th.  
*Provides emergency shelter, clothing, food, and daily needs for residents.*

### Whiteside County Housing Authority

401 W. 18th Street - Rock Falls, IL 61071  
 (815) 625-0581  
[www.wcophi.org](http://www.wcophi.org)  
*Low-income housing.*

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## Legal Services

### Prairie State Legal Services

1600 4th Avenue, Suite 200  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
(309) 794-1328

[www.pslegal.org](http://www.pslegal.org)

*Proves legal services that impact the ability of clients to meet their basic needs; physical safety, access to health care, adequate housing, and similar needs.*

### Whiteside County Courthouse

200 E. Knox Street - Morrison, IL 61270  
(815) 772-5270

### Whiteside County Probation

200 E. Knox Street - Morrison, IL 61270  
(815) 535-772-5190  
*Adult Probation.*

### Whiteside State's Attorney

(815) 772-5194  
Email: [statesattorney@whiteside.org](mailto:statesattorney@whiteside.org)

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## Mental Health / Substance Abuse

### Circle of Change

K9 Junction

11400-IL 72 - Davis Junction, IL 61020

(815) 200-9020

*Serves Veteran suffering with mental health issues (PTSD, TBI, depression, anxiety, etc.) through FREE dog training/handling classes designed to renew a sense of community and to increase self-reliance, confidence and trust.*

### Lutheran Social Services (LSSI)

1901 1st Avenue - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-7333

[www.lssi.org](http://www.lssi.org)

*Counseling, mental health, and substance abuse services.*

### NAMI Sauk Valley Area

PO Box 681 - Walnut, IL 61376

(815) 761-7654

*NAMI Sauk Valley is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy.*

### Northern Illinois AA District 73

(800) 452-7990

[www.aa-nia-dist73.org](http://www.aa-nia-dist73.org)

*Serving Lee, Ogle, Carroll and Whiteside Counties. Find listings of AA meetings in respective areas and information on website.*

### Pathways Counseling Services

208 E. 4th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 564-2740

[www.pathwayscounselingservices.net](http://www.pathwayscounselingservices.net)

*Provides support services to persons experiencing Problems.*

### Recovery Zone

707 1st Avenue, Suite A

Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-2800

*Substance abuse treatment – outpatient programs for DUI/DWI offenders, related to emotional and mental illness, or drug and alcohol addiction.*

### Sauk Valley Voices of Recovery

630 N. Galena Avenue - Dixon, IL 61021

(779) 707-0151

*Non-profit RCO (Recovery Community Organization) created to advocate for recovering people in Lee, Whiteside and Ogle counties in Illinois.*

### Sinnissippi Centers -Sterling

2611 Woodlawn Road - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-0013 / HOTLINE: (800) 242-7642

[www.sinnissippi.com](http://www.sinnissippi.com)

*Offers assessment and crisis services, child, adolescent and adult services, veteran program.*

### Sinnissippi Centers - Dixon

325 IL Route 2 - Dixon, IL 61021

(815) 284-6611

[www.sinnissippi.com](http://www.sinnissippi.com)

*Offers assessment and crisis services, child, adolescent and adult services, veteran program.*

### Sterling VA Clinic

2901 E. Lincolnway - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 632-6200

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am.-4:30pm

*Offers drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation, mental health care and case management.*

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## Mental Health / Substance Abuse

### Veteran's Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)

[www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

Confidential crisis chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 83825.

*The Veterans Crisis Line is here for you.*

*You do not have to be enrolled in VA benefits or healthcare to call. Access free, confidential support 24/7, 365 days a year.*

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

#### PTSD: National Center for PTSD

[www.ptsd.va.gov/get/](http://www.ptsd.va.gov/get/)

### Whiteside County Health Department

1300 W. 2nd Street #4 - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-2230

[www.whitesidehealth.org](http://www.whitesidehealth.org)

*Offers behavioral health. Accepts medical insurance, Medicaid, and self-pay.*

### Whiteside County Behavioral Health Clinic

1300 W. 2nd Street - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-2230

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## Senior Outreach

### Greenview Estates

701 Melody Court - Morrison, IL 61270

(815) 626-5043

*Housing for seniors 62 years or older.*

### Tri-County Opportunities Council –

#### Foster Grandparent Program

405 Emmons Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 625-7830

*Provides meaningful paid volunteer opportunities for limited-income seniors who are 55 years of age and older. Offers supportive one-on-one services to children in an educational setting, boosting the child's overall success in reading, math, spelling, art, and other projects.*

### Whiteside County Senior Center

1207 W. 9th Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 622-9230

[www.wc-seniorcenter.org](http://www.wc-seniorcenter.org)

*Provides programs that advocate opportunities for ages 60 and over to create a higher quality of life, free amplified phones for hearing impaired, Bingo/Euchre, outreach, Medicare information, trips to anyone. Provides services to Veterans Coffee @9am every 2nd Thursday of each month, Congregate meals, food pantry, clubs, support groups, SHIP counseling (free monthly), free equipment for the hard of hearing-no age or income restrictions, assistance apply for services, referrals.*



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## Townships

### Coloma Township

1200 Prophetstown Rd - Rock Falls, IL 61071  
(815) 625-5981

### Sterling Township

108 4th Avenue - Sterling, IL 61081  
(815) 625-3990, ext. 101

[www.sterlingtownship.com](http://www.sterlingtownship.com)

*Provides emergency and general assistance  
based off of income and family size.*

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## Transportation

### Whiteside County Public Transportation

1207 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-7430

[www.ridewcpt.net](http://www.ridewcpt.net)

### Whiteside County Veteran's Assistance Office

15 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-8640

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-1pm

*Assist veterans with transporting to hospitals.*

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## Veteran Benefits

### Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs

4204 E. Lincolnway Suite E. - Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-2468

[www.veterans.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/veterans/services-benefits/documents/benefits-guide.pdf](http://www.veterans.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/veterans/services-benefits/documents/benefits-guide.pdf)

*Local Veteran's Services officer to ensure you obtain your earned benefits at the federal and state level, assist with identifying and applying for benefits and locates the Illinois benefits that are earned. Help with navigating both systems, provides referrals and resources, assists veterans with obtaining their discharge papers, service records, medical records, medals, ribbons and awards and assists in applying for discharge upgrades and corrections.*

### CAMPING, FISHING & HUNTING

- *Camping and Admission Fees: Eligible Veterans, all former Prisoners of War, and immediate family when accompanied by the Veteran, are exempt from camping and admission fees at parks under the control of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Veteran must be an Illinois resident. Apply at your nearest Veteran Service Office.*
- *Hunting and Fishing Privileges: Free fishing and hunting licenses are issued for disabled veterans who are receiving 10 percent or greater service-connected compensation, or total disability pension benefits. The veteran may obtain this license from the IDVA by providing disability documentation that is no more than one year old. To acquire a permit, contact your nearest veteran service office.*

### BONUSES

- *World War II: A bonus of \$10 per month for domestic service and \$15 per month for Foreign Service is payable to Illinoisans who served on active duty between September 16, 1940 and September 3, 1945, and received an honorable discharge. Survivors are entitled to a benefit of \$900 if the veteran's death was service-connected and within the specified period.*
- *Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf Conflict and Global War on Terrorism Bonus: A \$100 bonus is payable for service during one of the following periods:*
  - *Korea- June 27, 1950- July 27, 1953*
  - *Vietnam-January 1, 1961- March 28, 1973*
  - *Vietnam Frequent Wind- April 29, 30, 1975*
  - *Persian Gulf- August 2, 1990-November 30, 1995*
  - *Global War on Terrorism on or after September 11, 2001 to present.*
- *The claimant must also be in receipt of one of the following medals: Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Vietnam, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal or the Iraq Campaign Medal, served at least 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days of foreign or sea service; and have been a resident of Illinois for 12 months immediately prior to entering service and have received an Honorable Discharge. (Individuals currently on active duty who served in the Persian Gulf may apply)*
- *Survivors are entitled to a payment of \$1,000, if the veteran was killed or died as a result of hostile action while on full-time active duty for training purposes as a member of the Reserves or Illinois National Guard.*

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## Veteran Benefits

### Illinois Veterans' Benefits – Disabled Veterans License Plates and Parking

[www.illinois.gov/veterans](http://www.illinois.gov/veterans)

*Disabled Veteran License Plates may be issued at no cost for the first set of plates to any U.S. Armed Forces Veteran if (1) the veteran holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (2) a licensed physician has certified that because of the service-connected disability the veteran qualifies for the issuance of a disabled placard or plate.*

### Illinois Veterans' Benefits – Special License Plates

[www.illinois.gov/veterans](http://www.illinois.gov/veterans)

*Upon establishing proof of eligibility to entitlement, special registration plates are available, in some instances, without fee. Military Retirees and Armed Forces Reserves and National Guard soldiers are eligible for registration plates for vehicles of the first or second division upon establishing proof of eligibility and payment of a registration fee. A universal veteran's license plate is also available. A decal applicable to the veteran's service record may be affixed to the license plate and must be purchased from the State Headquarters of the American Legion, P.O. Box 2910, Bloomington, Illinois. 61701.*

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Benefits Administration Auto and Special Adaptive Equipment Grants

Whiteside County Veteran's Assistance Office  
15 W. 3rd Street - Sterling, IL 61081  
PH: (815)-626-8640

[www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov)

Hours: Mon, Wed, & Fri, 10am-1pm  
*Assist veterans, servicemen, their dependents and survivors in obtaining any benefits or advantages due to such person. under the law of the United States, the State of Illinois, or any other state or governmental agency by reason of the veteran's military service. Assists veterans with transporting to hospitals, provides resources to Veterans.*



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## Additional Resources

### American Legion

601 1st Avenue – Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-1212

1120 W. 1st Street – Dixon, IL 61021

(815) 284-2003

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

*You are eligible for American Legion Membership if you honorably served or are currently serving in the United States military.*

### VFW Post 5418

217 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-3513

*Veterans Organization*

### VFW Post 540

1560 IL-38 - Dixon, IL 61021

(815) 288-5165

*Veterans Organization*

### Odell Public Library

307 S. Madison St. – Morrison, IL 61270

(815) 772-7373

[www.odellpubliclibrary.com](http://www.odellpubliclibrary.com)

### Rock Falls Public Library

1007 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Rock Falls, IL 61071

(815) 626-3958

[www.rockfallslibrary.com](http://www.rockfallslibrary.com)

### Sterling Public Library

102 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. – Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 626-1370

[www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org](http://www.sterlingpubliclibrary.org)

### City Of Rock Falls

[www.visitrockfalls.com](http://www.visitrockfalls.com)

### City of Sterling

[www.sterlingmainstreet.org/events](http://www.sterlingmainstreet.org/events)

### 2-1-1 United Way of Whiteside County

2-1-1 or (888)-865-9903

*United Way 211 offers information on a broad range of services including rent assistance, food pantries, housing, health, job training and much more. The network supports multilingual services such as Spanish, Mandarin, Chinese and more.*