



## Veterans Assistance Commission of Franklin County

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The Veterans Assistance Commission of Franklin County (VAC) is honored to provide this update on our progress during the current fiscal year. Our mission remains focused on serving the Veterans of Franklin County with dignity, advocacy, and action. The data and outreach presented below demonstrate both measurable outcomes and our expanding regional leadership.

### Benefits & Financial Impact

- As of July 31, 2025, we have secured over \$434,000 in compensation and pension benefits for Veterans across Southern Illinois.
- Of this amount, \$307,547.18 directly benefited Franklin County Veterans.
- With a FY2025 budget of \$126,000, this represents a return on investment of more than 244%.

### Veterans Assistance Delivered

- We have provided \$42,218.25 in direct and indirect assistance to Veterans and their families through emergency support, utility aid, and other essential services.
- This amount has already more than doubled the total assistance delivered in FY2024 by the mid-year point.

### Community Outreach & Regional Support

- We proudly partnered with the Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce to host the first-ever Franklin County Veterans Resource Fair, held alongside Rend Lake's Water Festival.
- We participated in major events including the Marion Veterans Fair (Illinois Joint Forces), Du Quoin State Fair (IDVA), and a Q&A with VA Secretary Collins and Congressman Mike Bost in Mt. Vernon.
- Presentations were delivered to local partners such as the Franklin County Senior Center through their Wit & Wisdom program.
- Our office has also supported Marion, Williamson, Perry, and Bond Counties in launching their own Veterans Assistance Commissions by meeting with county boards and providing startup guidance to enhance Veteran care throughout Southern Illinois.
- The VAC of Franklin County has provided a protective, purpose-driven work environment for Veterans, which has been sincerely appreciated and continues to positively impact their well-being and productivity.

The VAC of Franklin County continues to operate with accountability, compassion, and effectiveness. We thank the County Board for its continued support and look forward to working together to expand services, outreach, and benefits for our Veterans in FY2026 and beyond.

Respectfully,

Liam Mungovan

Superintendent

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