

## HEALTH / WEALTH / WORTH



## VETERANS INCENTIVES IN KANKAKEE COUNTY

Ideally situated just 45 minutes south of Downtown Chicago along the I-57 corridor, Kankakee County boasts a diverse mix of an urban and rural lifestyle - offering a suite of business, residential and recreational benefits catering to Veterans.



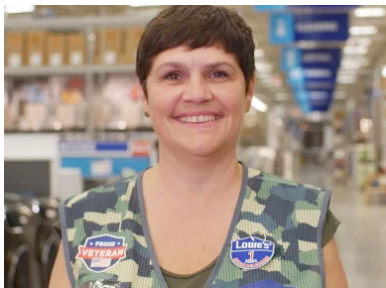
## VETERAN STRONG

### HOME IS KANKAKEE COUNTY



### PROPERTY TAX BENEFITS

- Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption
- Specially Adapted Housing Exemption
- Tax Exemptions for Mobile Homes
- Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption



### EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Employer tax credits
- Assistance for Veterans with employment barriers
- Education requirements waived for police & firefighters
- State licenses and credential testing and fees may be waived for EMT, CNA, EMR, and CDL



### SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

The Kankakee County Housing Authority utilizes a separate veterans preference wait list.

### WORKFORCE & TRAINING

Career training, resume building and job placement assistance with Workforce Services of Kankakee. Veterans also receive priority of service.



### EDUCATION & TRAINING

Institutions offering incentives/scholarships for tuition, books, housing and living expenses.

- **Kankakee Community College**

- **Olivet Nazarene University**

- **State Education Benefits:**

- **Illinois Veterans' Grant**
- **Illinois National Guard Grant**
- **G.I. Bill**
- **MIA/POW Scholarship**
- **Children of Veterans Scholarship**

"As a non-profit organization that services our nation's veterans, starting up in Kankakee County was easier than we could have imagined. One of the most inspiring and beautiful things that we have experienced as an organization, is just how much support we have from our local government, local businesses, and community members alike. This is the environment where we can thrive, and we have our community to thank for that."

– Eric Peterson, Co-Founder: Project Headspace and Timing



# 6.5k Veterans live in Kankakee County

## 5.9% OF KANKAKEE COUNTY POPULATION

Source: US Census Bureau

Kankakee County is home to a state-of-the-art \$65 million Illinois Army National Guard Readiness Center and Army Aviation Support Facility.



## THE GUARD OFFERS THE FOLLOWING INCENTIVES TO VETERANS:

**\$20K**  **RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS**

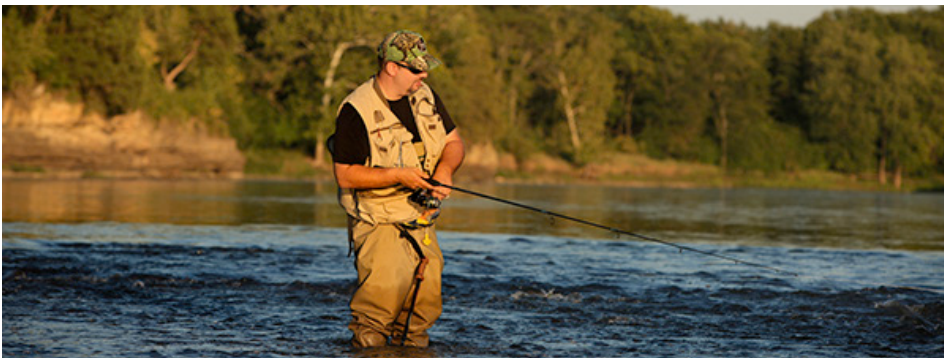
 **FREE JOB TRAINING**

 **HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE**

 **Retirement Points**

## OUTDOORS & MORE:

- Kankakee River State Park – Free or discounted license fees for hunting, fishing, camping & admission
- Veterans Discount Program – The VAC of Kankakee County provides a discount card ID to use at local establishments for veterans or active duty.



## HEALTH AND TREATMENT FACILITIES

- Manteno Veterans Home
- VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
- The Prince Home
- Veterans Treatment Court



## VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Legion #40, #85, #295, #755, #766, #795, #842, #1019, #1164
- AmVets
- Disabled American Veterans #34
- Marine Corp. League #1253
- NABVets
- Project Headspace & Timing
- Student Veterans of America (SVA)
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- Veterans Assistance Commission of Kankakee County
- VFW #2857, #7535, #9961