## VAC in 2020 by the numbers.

\$ 141,654,215

Total VA compensation and pension payments won for Lake County Veterans

\$ 9,237,795

New VA benefits won for Lake County Veterans

\$81,506

Total financial assistance provided to needy and indigent Lake County Veterans

999

Nights of emergency housing provided

**84%** 

Claim approval rate



#### our mission.

To promote the welfare of honorably discharged Veterans of military service and their families through maximizing all possible benefits through effective and dynamic advocacy and by serving as a central office for all Veterans residing in the county of Lake.

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# Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County

**CLAIMS • APPEALS • ASSISTANCE** 



#### our services.

The VAC offers a variety of services, including VA disability claims advocacy, financial assistance, burial benefits, and survivor's benefits. All services are offered **pro bono**, or at no charge to the Veteran.

#### assistance.

No one is immune from hard times. Layoffs, personal issues, emergencies, and even pandemics, can severely disrupt life. The VAC is here to help, whether its providing financial assistance, emergency shelter, or mobilizing our network of allies and partners, ensuring that no Veteran or family is left alone.

## professional advocacy.

The VAC utilizes its highly trained staff of Veteran Service Officers to represent Veterans on every type of claim, from an initial disability compensation claim, appeals of wrongfully denied claims to the Board of Veterans Appeals and specific Federal Courts.

#### initial claims.

Veterans filing disability claims for the first time can utilize the personalized services of our VSOs to interview, research, compile and submit a claim for compensation.

## administrative appeals.

We stand ready to take action on wrongfully adjudicated claims. A thorough review of the decision is completed, followed by an administrative appeal.

### appellate level review.

Some appeals require the work of a specialist. Our Superintendent, a licensed attorney, will work with and represent you in the higher courts, such as the CAVC, CAFC or even SCOTUS.