

Event Briefing

EVENT NAME: Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County Veteran Mural Reveal & Mini Resource Fair

EVENT DATE: April 5, 2024

LOCATION:

Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County Office
1100 S. Hamilton Ave. Suite, C-O11 (Lower Level of the JTDC Bldg.)
Chicago, Illinois 60612

PARKING:

The parking facility is conveniently located directly across from the JDTC Building on the Hamilton Ave. entrance/side, and is \$2.00 per vehicle for 24 hrs.

*(See photos below for reference)



Additionally, all in attendance will be required to pass through a security check with the Cook County Sherriff (Staff) at the front entrance of the JDTC Building. Here is a list of a few items that will not be permitted onto the premises:

- Aluminum cans (soda cans etc.)
- Glass wear (glass bottles, glass Tupperware, glass plates etc.)
- Weapons of any type (knives etc.)
- aerosol sprays
- nail clippers

EVENT TIME:

The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

We are requesting all vendors with a resource table to arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. to set up.

EVENT PURPOSE:

The Veteran Mural, prominently displayed at the entrance of the VACCC office will hold a profound significance as it will serve as a crucial point of reference for Veterans seeking assistance inside of the JTDC Building and will be the first of its kind in the history of the building. This mural will not only bring visibility to the location of the office but will also symbolize a powerful recognition of the historical, present, and future journeys of each branch of service, honoring the sacrifices and contributions of Veterans throughout the years.

Your attendance will provide our Cook County Veteran's with a moment of direct access with everyone to demonstrate an added layer of support and recognition of the significance of making resources accessible and convenient during this event.

NAME & NUMBER OF ON-SITE CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER:

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EVENT FORMAT/SCHEDULE:

10:00am – 10:45am: Vendors will begin setting up their resource tables.

11:00am: Official commencement of the event. Vendors will have the opportunity to interact with incoming Veterans.

12:00-12:15: VACCC Superintendent will make a short opening remark and introduce the artists to say a few words about their work.

12:15-12:45: Remarks will be shared in the following order:

Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita

Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar

Senator Mike Porfirio

Chicago Mayor's Office Veterans Affairs Director Kevin Barszcz

Office of the Illinois Attorney General - Military & Veterans Rights Bureau Assistant
Attorney General Ran Tyner

Cook County Clerk's Office Veterans Affairs Director Brian Cross

Cook County Commissioner Anthony Quezada

Home Depot Store Manager Brian Kelly

PPG Paints Territory Manager Mark Manta

1:00-2:00: Light refreshments will be served to the vendors and invited guests in the VACCC's private conference room.

2:00-3:00: Vendors will continue to engage with the attending Veterans and visitors until breakdown.

GUEST LIST:

As of 3/21/2024 the following guests/organizations have confirmed their attendance.

- **Congressman Jesus Garcia**
- **Senator Mike Porfirio**
- **State of Illinois Attorney General Military and Veterans Rights Bureau**
- **Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita**
- **Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar**
- **Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer**
- **Cook County Commissioner Anthony Quezada**
- **Cook County Veteran's Affairs Department**
- **Cook County Assessor's Office**
- **Cook County Clerk's Office**
- **Cook County Circuit Court**
- **Chicago Mayor's Office Veterans Affairs Department**
- **IDVA**
- **Hines VA**
- **JBVA Market Growth Department**
- **Forest Park Vet Center**
- **Chicago Veterans**
- **Cognosante**
- **Help Heal Veterans**
- **Home Depot**
- **Hometown Heroes**
- **LAPIS**
- **Merging Vets and Players**
- **Nimitz Group**
- **PPG Paints**
- **UBER Director of Military and Veteran Programs Mike Pett**
- **VA Housing Education**
- **Volunteers of America**

SEATING:

Guest speakers will be provided with a standing podium to speak from, and guests will be able to move freely in the event area to engage with the various vendors present. Vendors will be provided with two chairs available at each of their resource tables.

A map of the event layout has been provided for your convenience in knowing where your table will be ready for setup on the date. A sign-in table will be located between tables 2 & 3. Please ensure that everyone in your party signs in upon arrival.

MEDIA:

As of 3/29/2024, the VACCC office has not received confirmation of the media's attendance. However, please note that they may still attend without notice and live coverage will be taken of the event and guests present.

