

Black Hawk College offers veterans and active-duty military students and employees a place to relax, network, study and find resources to help them transition into college and careers.

Thanks to a BHC Foundation grant, it also offers many art supplies to allow veterans and military students to express themselves creatively.

The center has a break room with almost all the comforts of home - a quiet room, space for studying, having lunch or coffee with others, meetings and recreation, and an office staffed with veterans and a coordinator to answer questions and make referrals.

Resources for Veterans

Illinois

Stand Up & Be Counted!

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) is pleased to announce the launch of online access to its veteran service officers. This site encourages all Illinois veterans to '[Stand Up and Be Counted](#)' by submitting basic contact information to IDVA.

Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions, Inc.

Provides needed services, including financial aid, veteran services and advocacy services, to military veterans and their families who reside in said counties.

<https://www.veteransbenefitsillinois.org/>

Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs (IDVA)

Provides [Illinois VA benefits](#) for veterans.

Opportunity Illinois: Citizens Soldiers Program

Provides Illinois U.S. Military Reserves or Illinois National Guard low-interest loans with deferred payments while deployed or to help with expenses after active duty. www.treasurer.il.gov

Vet Centers

Locations and services offered by Illinois Vet Centers. www.vetcenter.va.gov

Veterans Care

Provides health care information for Illinois veterans. www.illinoisveteranscare.com

National

Federal Government Veteran Affairs

Provides federal VA benefits for service members. www.va.gov

Military One Source

Provides information regarding the various services offered through the VA. www.militaryonesource.mil

Military Student Loan Benefits

[Student Loan Information for Members of the U.S. Armed Forces](#)

National Resource Directory

The National Resource Directory (NRD) is a website for wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans, their families and those who support them. www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/