



## VETERANS SERVICES

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Dear Business Leader,

As your Cook County Clerk and a long-time Chamber member and former Chamber president, I am writing to seek your assistance to help recognize and thank our veterans for their service to our country.

The Cook County Clerk's Office has a dedicated Veterans Affairs Unit, and we are proud to sponsor the Cook County Military and Veterans Discount Card, which we offer free of charge to veterans and active-duty military members in partnership with local businesses. The card provides discounts for veterans from more than 160 participating businesses throughout Chicago and suburban Cook County.

I am seeking your assistance as a Chamber leader to help us expand our Discount Card program with increased participation from local businesses. We are respectfully requesting that you invite your chamber business members to join the Clerk's Discount Card program by distributing the attached sample solicitation letter to your membership.

My office has issued more than 14,000 Discount Cards, which provide veterans with cost savings at restaurants, museums, zoos, fitness centers, auto repair shops, and many other services. This public-private partnership provides independent businesses with the opportunity to expand their market at no cost other than the discount provided to our veterans.

As the daughter, wife, and mother of military veterans, I understand the sacrifices that our veterans have made, and I am proud to be able to give back to our veterans' community and to promote the services of small businesses with the Cook County Military and Veterans Discount Card.

If you have any questions please contact Brian Cross, my Director of Veterans Affairs, at [brian.cross@cookcountylil.gov](mailto:brian.cross@cookcountylil.gov) or by calling 312-603-5788. Please advise Brian if you would be willing to share this information with your chamber members.

I thank you in advance for helping us serve our veterans and our small businesses.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Yarbrough  
Cook County Clerk