



# Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Illinois Legislative Committee



**“The mission of your committee to educate, build relationships, and assist our lawmakers in writing legislation.”** *Michael Peck*

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## Primary Legislative Concerns

- Senate Veterans Committee & HB1239
- Fort Sheridan National Cemetery
- State Chartered Organizations

## Other Items

- CBOC in Springfield
- District Legislative Chair
- Illinois Action Corps
- Force Multiplier

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## #1 Target

- **Senate Veterans** Committee there was almost a call to merge this important venue
- **HB1239** which we call a foot in the door bill which talks about giving school districts the mandate to look at the impact of the disabled veterans homestead exemption. Author Rep Meier looking at alternative funding. A foot in the door to take away what we worked hard to earn.
- **Maintain our influence & develop relationships**
- **Develop statewide Participation/Advocacy**



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## Ft. Sheridan National Cemetery



**Representative Joyce Mason will help introduce the transfer of the 4.7 acres from Lake County Forest Preserve District to Fort Sheridan National Cemetery. This wouldn't of been possible without aggressive veteran support**

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## State Chartered Organizations



- **Mentioned in VAC Act**
- **At this time no real process**
- **Many bring value**
- **Introduction of bill process 2023**

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## Super CBOC in Springfield

- Working with Federal Government
- Named for someone
- Multi Million dollar venture
- Local support important
- Data to show need
- Cost savings with existing building

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## District Legislative Chair

- Insure each post reaches legislators
- Educate members & public on Veteran issues

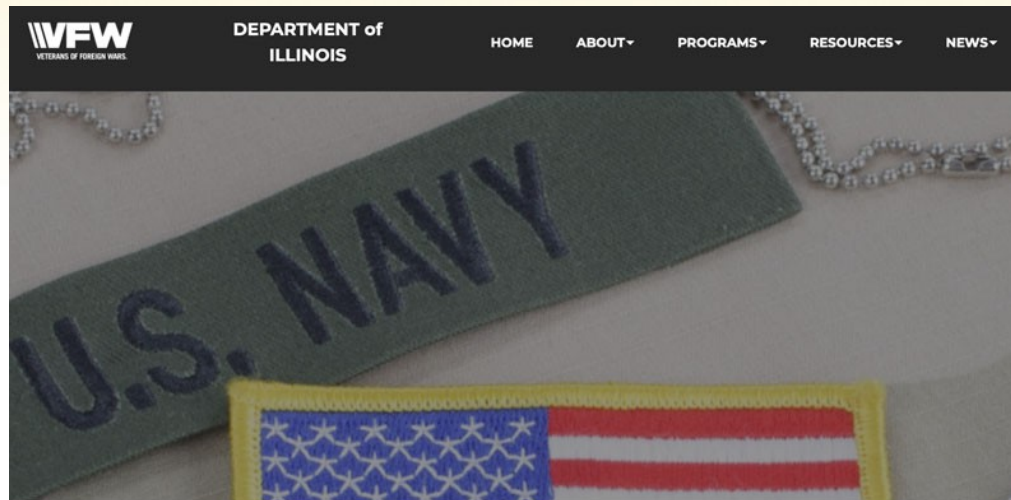
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## Illinois Action Corps A simple way to get results



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## Force Multiplier

- Friends and family
- Personal social media
- Effect measured when the mission successful.

**Little Things**



**That Can Make Big Differences**

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## Questions?



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