

The Salvation Army has a long and storied history of serving our Nation's Military Veterans and their families. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) operates out of 10 different locations throughout Illinois. In conjunction with The Salvation Army, SSVF is a housing stability-focused program for low income Veteran Families.

SSVF in Peoria is run out of the Veterans Outreach Center located on the Salvation Army Campus and serves the following counties: Peoria, Fulton, Woodford, and Tazewell.

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program has two categories for assistance;**

**Rapid Rehousing:** Assists homeless Veterans get off the street and into housing as soon as possible using the Housing First Model.

**Homeless Prevention:** Assists Veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless by helping keeping them housed or finding more suitable housing.

Also providing access to **GPD Bridge housing** and **GPD TIP programs** for veterans and their families.

In both Rapid Rehousing and Homeless prevention programs, staff provide case management and referrals to other VA Services, as well as referrals to Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services, and other local resources to help them with housing stability. SSVF works regularly with Goodwill Veteran's Employment Services, as well as the Department of Veteran's Affairs and local Veteran's Assistance Commissions in order to connect our Veterans-in-need with the resources they require. Local agencies work closely together in order to ensure that our Veterans receive the support, connections, and help they need.

Eligible Veteran Families will receive case management support and may be eligible to receive some financial assistance as applicable. SSVF provides services based on the guidelines set forth from the Veterans Administration and restrictions on eligibility may apply.

**To determine if a Veteran Family is eligible for services, the Veteran should call the Prescreen Hotline at:  
217-278-9897.**

Many Veterans who come into the Veterans Outreach Center are seeking not only services, but encouragement and support. Occasionally Veterans gather in our lobby to talk about their time in the military or just to discuss things happening in their lives. Veterans are also able to utilize computers and a phone located in the lobby for job searching, resume building, or other technological needs. Information regarding food pantries, local landlords, and additional support is also readily available.



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