



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Veterans Committee**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014 9:45 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Room 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

According to the Cook County Board's Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 2-107 (dd), public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board and at committee meetings of the Board. Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**14-3211**

**Presented by:** KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Recorder of Deeds

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, PETER N. SILVESTRI, ROBERT STEELE and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioners

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RECORDER OF DEEDS AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO IMPLEMENT A VETERANS' AND MILITARY DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, though there is no way to adequately repay our nation's military personnel for their service and sacrifice, we can demonstrate our gratitude by forging a collaborative effort between businesses and government that will connect veterans and active-duty military personnel with merchants who choose to honor their military service through special discounts and promotions; and

**WHEREAS**, the discount card program, to be named after adoption of this resolution by mutual assent of the relevant County departments and agencies including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Administration, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' Office, will provide veterans - those honorably discharged and other veterans generally discharged for reasons other than discipline, misconduct, resignation in lieu of misconduct charges, unfitness for duty, voluntary resignation, or court martial - and military personnel currently serving our country, with discount cards that can be used at recruited merchants throughout Cook County who agree to honor the card by providing holders with a discount on goods and services, or another appropriate money-saving promotion of their choice; and

**WHEREAS**, the veterans' and military discount card program will be mutually beneficial, helping veterans save money with discounts on goods and services, and helping business owners to enjoy increased traffic and sales in their stores; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' Office operates a Veterans Service Office, whose main function is to record, safeguard and retrieve DD-214 military discharge records, which are documents issued to servicemen or women upon completion of their service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' Office will issue and produce the veteran identification cards; the Cook County Recorder will use DD-214 military discharge records in conjunction with photo identification such as a driver's license, state ID card, federal military or Veterans Affairs ID, or passport, to issue the card to veterans; in the case of active-duty military, a valid military ID or other official government identification that denotes active-duty service, and photo ID if needed, will be used; and


**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Veterans Affairs Division within the Cook County Bureau of Administration already has the outreach capabilities to let our servicemen and veterans know about this program, and the Recorder's Office will assist with promoting this and other Cook County veterans' benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Office of the Cook County Board President may also disseminate information and assist in this program; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is dedicated to the nearly 225,000 veterans in Cook County, who represent almost one-third of all Illinois veterans, and to the active-duty personnel currently serving, as well as to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Cook County Veterans Affairs Division and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds honor those who serve this great nation by implementing a veterans' discount card program.

**Legislative History:** 5/21/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Veterans Committee.

  
Secretary

Chairman: Reyes  
Vice Chairman: Tobolski  
Members: Daley, Schneider, Suffredin