

*The noblest task that confronts us all today is to leave this country unspotted in honor and unexhausted in resource...
I conceive this task to partake of the highest spirit of patriotism.*
- Stewart L. Udall

Veterans Conservation Corp Team

Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside

Moraine Hills State Park & McHenry Dam in McHenry

Meeting Second Saturday of Each Month from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

The local Chapter of the *Illinois Veterans Conservation Corps* meets on the second Saturday of each month at Volo Bog State Natural Area or Moraine Hills State Park. Additional meetings are arranged as needed. All veterans are invited! Please join us...



Workshop, Saturday, February 11: Bird house parts will be pre-drilled and sorted in preparation for assembly with the assistance of disabled vets. The boxes will be placed at Moraine Hills State Park, McHenry Dam and Volo Bog State Natural Area this spring.

Field Trip Wednesday, February 29:

The VCC is going to the *Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center* in North Chicago to incorporate assistance of patients in the assembly. A couple boxes will be donated to Lovell for placement on the facility grounds. Special thanks to VCC member Mike Iwanicki of the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County for arranging the trip.

Veterans John Silva (from left), Gary Larson, Robert Bruce, Steve Dowski, (and Bob Vetter behind the camera) worked to cut out front and back pieces for nearly twenty bird houses.

This local combined chapter of the **Illinois Veterans Conservation Corp** is affiliated with Volo Bog State Natural Area, Moraine Hills State Park & McHenry Dam, a complex of Illinois Department of Natural Resources sites in western Lake County and eastern McHenry County. A cooperative effort of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the VCC provides opportunities for veterans to continue serving their country by assisting with and developing projects to enhance our state parks and natural areas.

Natural Resources Coordinator Stacy Iwanicki is advisor to the group and liaison with the IDNR. She emphasizes how the VCC is bringing veterans from different generations and conflicts together around a common cause - protection and enhancement of the natural environment for Illinois' residents and beyond.

For information on joining this local chapter of *Illinois Veterans Conservation Corps*, contact Stacy Iwanicki at 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov Also visit <http://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/programs/pages/conservation-corps.aspx> <http://www.lovell.fhcc.va.gov/>; and <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/>

Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?
- Robert Redford

Volo Bog State Natural Area 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside, IL 60041 815-344-1294 dnr.volobog@illinois.gov
Moraine Hills State Park 1510 S. River Road, McHenry, IL 60051 815-385-1624