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Aurora, IL
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Objective

To continue serving the City of Aurora as a member of the **Aurora Veterans Advisory Council (AVAC)** by contributing informed, respectful, and collaborative input that supports veteran-focused initiatives, strengthens community partnerships, and advances the City's commitment to those who have served.

Professional Profile

U.S. Army veteran and long-standing City of Aurora volunteer with more than **10,000 hours of documented civic and community service since 2013**. Active AVAC member with extensive experience collaborating with municipal leadership, veteran organizations, nonprofits, and community stakeholders. Recognized by the **Mayor of Aurora** and City Aldermen for leadership, reliability, and sustained public service.

Core Competencies

- Veteran Advocacy & Advisory Service
 - Municipal & Civic Engagement
 - Community & Nonprofit Leadership
 - Public Service & Volunteer Coordination
 - Policy Support & Community Outreach
 - Collaborative Decision-Making
 - Event Planning & Fundraising Support
 - Public Safety & Community Relations
 - Bilingual Communication (English & Spanish – conversational/creative)
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Aurora Veterans Advisory Council (AVAC)

Active Member | 2019 – Present

- Participate in advisory discussions regarding veteran programs, services, and community needs
- Collaborate with City of Aurora staff, elected officials, and veteran service organizations

- Support outreach, recognition ceremonies, and veteran-focused community events
 - Provide experience-based input while respecting diverse perspectives
 - Advocate for initiatives that enhance quality of life and access to services for veterans
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City of Aurora Civic Service

City of Aurora – Aldermen’s Offices (All 10 Wards)

Volunteer | 2023 – Present

- Assist aldermen with community programs, constituent outreach, and citywide initiatives
- Support services and events benefiting residents across all wards
- **Recognized as Volunteer of the Year (2025)** by Ward 2 Alderman Juany Garza

City of Aurora Snow Angel Program

Volunteer | 2023 – Present

- Provide snow removal assistance to senior and disabled residents
 - Demonstrated reliability during severe winter conditions
 - **Recipient of the Mayor’s Award (2024)** for outstanding service
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Veteran & Community Leadership Experience

Over 10,000 Hours of Volunteer Service Since 2013

- **AMVETS Post 103** — Lifetime Member
 - Membership Recruitment Award (2017–2018)
 - **AMVET of the Year (2018–2019)**
- **American Legion Post 675 (Oswego)** — Active Member
- **Knights of Columbus Council 14942** — Active Member; **Current Deputy Grand Knight**
 - Silver Leaf Award (2016)
- **Knights of Columbus Assembly 188 (4th Degree)** — Sir Knight
- **Kiwanis Club of Aurora** — Active Member

- **Kiwanian of the Year (2023–2024)**
 - Service Merit Award (8 consecutive years)
 - **Kiwanis Club of Greater Fox Valley** — Charter Member
 - **White Sox Volunteer Corps** — Active Member
 - Participated in more than **250 charitable service activities**
 - **Citizens Police Academy Alumni of Aurora** — Active Member
 - **Montgomery VFW** — Volunteer & Member
 - Weekly Bingo Volunteer
 - Honor Guard Rifle Salute Member for veteran funeral services
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Community Impact

Contributed to programs serving **thousands of individuals annually**, including food insecurity relief, youth development, veteran services, disability support, healthcare-related charities, and emergency assistance initiatives throughout Aurora and surrounding communities.

Professional Experience

Control Solutions — Aurora, IL

Electrical Controls Assembler / Machine Operator | February 2013 – Present

- Assemble electrical control panels and wire assemblies for commercial, medical, and military-related contracts
- Operate production machinery while maintaining safety, quality, and efficiency standards
- Support manufacturing for major hospital equipment and defense-related clients
- Assist across multiple production functions as needed

FGS Financial Services — Aurora, IL

Warehouse Supervisor | 2000 – August 2012

- Promoted from warehouse associate to Shipping & Receiving Lead and Supervisor
 - Supervised six employees across two warehouse facilities
 - Managed shipping, receiving, inventory control, and secure material destruction
 - Coordinated daily operations with office and account management staff
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Military Service

United States Army

Veteran | 1996 – 1998

Education

Waubensee Community College

Completed two years of college coursework

Additional Civic Involvement

- Participant in charity 5K walks and stair climbs benefiting nonprofit organizations
- Active church volunteer
- Writes poetry in English and Spanish
- Enjoys community events, walking, concerts, and cultural activities