



# THE HOOSIER VETERAN

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**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec. 7**

**National Guard Birthday Dec. 13**

**National Wreaths Across America Dec. 17**



## WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

The holiday season is upon us! This month we mark 81 years since the bombing of Pearl Harbor and we celebrate the birth month of the National Guard, 385 years young. All across the country, including right here in Indiana, Wreaths Across America places thousands of Christmas wreaths on veteran grave sites to honor and remember them. For more information on that event, see page 9. Check in with your County Veteran Service Officer this month and learn more about the PACT Act (beware of scams!) and all the benefits and services available to you. IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! We welcome contributions and feedback to [outreach@dva.in.gov](mailto:outreach@dva.in.gov).

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# Find an Event Near You!

[vetsgift.com](http://vetsgift.com)

## INDIANA VIETNAM VETS GIFT



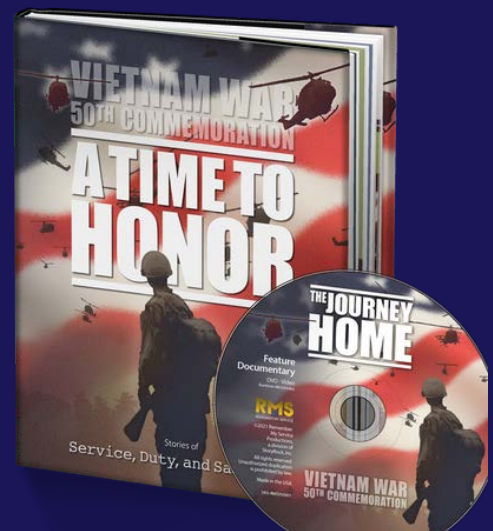
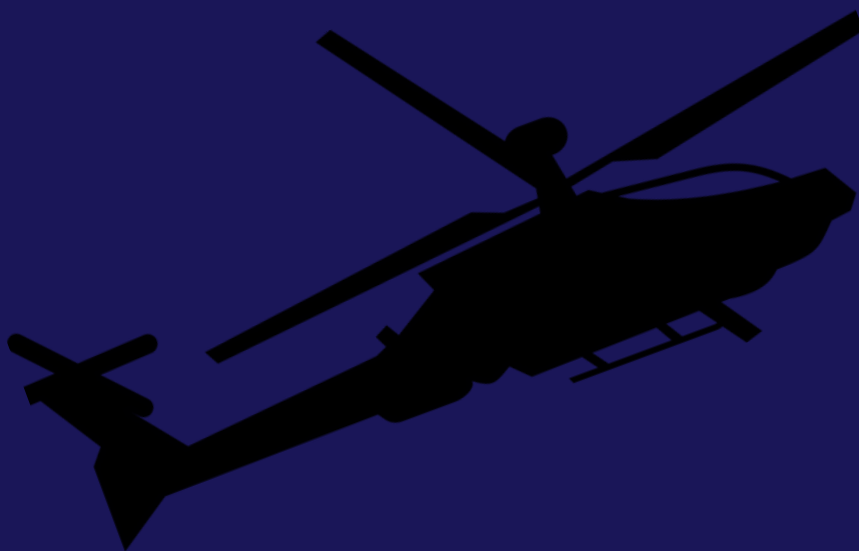
GIFT INCLUDES:

A *TIME TO HONOR* - HARDCOVER BOOK, EXPANDED DIGITAL BOOK & E-BOOK  
DVD DOCUMENTARY - *THE JOURNEY HOME*

A FREE GIFT OF GRATITUDE FOR  
**INDIANA VIETNAM  
ERA VETERANS**  
1955-1975



*Thank You for Your Service*  
★ *Order Yours Today* ★



Info:

317-549-5900

Jill@WHVV.org



## **Veterans, get financial assistance to ensure a happy holiday.**

Operation Holiday offers \$200 for holiday meals plus \$300 per dependent child from the Military Family Relief Fund.

[Click to check your eligibility.](#)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

# 2023 NON-PROFIT PARTNER



IDVA Non-Profit Partner 2023

## Dates & Deadlines

**Nov. 16, 2022**  
Solicitation  
Posted

**Dec. 2, 2022**  
Q&A YouTube  
Live 2 p.m.

**Dec. 16, 2022**  
Solicitations  
Due - 4 p.m.

**Dec. 30, 2022**  
Solicitations  
Award Notice



**APPLY  
NOW**



**Learn About Proposed  
Legislation for  
Hoosier Veterans**

**Meet Your  
Indiana Legislators**

**Get Your Voice Heard**

**Meet Your Veterans  
Organizations & VSO's  
36 Vendors Tables**

**Free Coffee & Donuts  
FREE Lunch  
Meet & Greet**

**IMVLD Event Founder:  
Representative  
John L. Bartlett**

# **Indiana Military & Veterans Legislative Day**

**Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2023**



**Please plan to join us for our  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Military & Veterans  
Legislative Day.**

**Indiana State House  
200 W. Washington St.  
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM**



IMVLD Chairmans Contact Information:

Don Hawkins at (317) 632-0500 Hawkins@Veterans.ooo

[www.VeteranLegislativeDay.org](http://www.VeteranLegislativeDay.org) | [www.facebook.com/IndianaVLD](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaVLD)

# GVS SPOTLIGHT



HNAF of Indiana houses, supports, and advocates for all veterans and their families to help them achieve the best possible quality of life.

Helping Veterans And Families (HNAF) helps homeless veterans return to self-sufficiency and engages at-risk veterans and their families to prevent them from becoming homeless by providing supportive housing, case management, food, hygiene and clothing, as well as other essential services.

# Indiana Blue Star Spirit of Christmas

## 2022 Event is seeking:

Nominations for Indiana Military or  
Veteran families in need.

Attendance is mandatory for selected families who  
will receive food, gifts and entertainment. If you or  
someone you know may qualify, contact Zoc at  
(317) 750-4265 or e-mail  
inbluestarmilitary@outlook.com.



**SAT., DECEMBER 10**

**11 a.m. - 2 P.M.**

**HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**EXPO HALL**

**1900 E. Main St, Danville, IN**

**46122**

More information about the  
Indiana Blue Star Military Family  
Program, Inc. can be found by  
visiting the [Facebook page here](#).

## VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TOXIC EXPOSURE TOWN HALL & RESOURCE EVENT

CALLING ALL VIETNAM ERA, GULF  
WAR ERA, & POST-9/11 VETERANS!



**Dec. 10**

**10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

**Brownsburg VA Clinic**

**557 Pit Road, Brownsburg, IN 46112**

[VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT)



### What is the PACT ACT?

- ★ Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 combat Veterans
- ★ Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- ★ Adds more presumptive locations for Agent Orange and radiation exposure
- ★ Provides toxic exposure screenings to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- ★ Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

Representatives will be onsite to answer your questions about Eligibility & Enrollment, Toxic Exposure Screening, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Indiana veteran benefits, Filing Claims, Flu & COVID vaccines, Women's Health, Suicide Prevention, and more.

# Veteran Events All 2022



**PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINIC SATURDAYS 9 TO 10 A.M.**



**RHI** |   
SPORTS PROGRAM

**PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINICS**

For disabled veterans or civilians with a disability

Starting June 4th  
Saturdays  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Fitness Clinic of Indy  
2160 W 86th St., Suite 101  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

\$5 Per class  
FREE for disabled veterans

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO 

<https://punchforveterans.eventbrite.com>

**FITNESSCLINIC OF INDY** **MOVE UNITED MEMBER**

**BOSE MCKENNEY & EVANS LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW** **Suburban Superior** **BOSE** **APC**



Writing In Peace, offers veterans a monthly opportunity to engage in a 4-hour writing workshop in the company of other military veterans. A collection of their work is presented annually at Vonnegut Fest, our celebration of Kurt's Birthday, Veterans Day, and Armistice Day. *Learn More [Here](#).*



**Veterans Helping Veterans**  
**FREE VETERANS FOOD PANTRY**

**4th Tuesday of Each Month**  
**From 0900 to 1200**

**At the Richmond Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)**

**For Questions Please Call (765) 983-2183**

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**HELPING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



# ROLL CALL!



## THE INDIANA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

### Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery



*A place of honor for those who served*

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL

**Military Discharge:**

Veterans separated under conditions other than Dishonorable are eligible for burial.

**National Guard & Reservist:**

Must have been eligible for retirement pay at time of death.

**Active Duty Death:**

Service members who die on active duty, in the line of duty.

**Surviving Spouse:**

The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran can be buried at the IVMC.

**The Child of a Veteran:**

Child must be under age 21 or permanent dependent of the veteran.

#### ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND SPOUSES

**No Cost For:**

- Opening & closing of the burial plot
- Outer burial container
- Monument
- Use of chapel

**Types of Burials:**

- Casket Burial "Vault"
- In-ground Cremation
- Columbarium
- Scatter Garden

#### INDIANA GOVERNOR'S MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE

- Certificate can be requested by the family or funeral home
- Request form and application process:
  - <https://www.in.gov/dva/veterans>
- Completed forms faxed to:
  - IVMC (812) 273-9221




Wreaths Across America Ceremony  
Dec. 17  
12 P.M.

[Visit Our Website for additional information](#)

## INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

### Upcoming Events:

  
**Indiana Veterans' Home**  
**Wreaths Across America Ceremony**  
**December 17, 2022**  
**12:00 PM**  
**MacArthur Auditorium**

***PUBLIC INVITED***

Check out IVH's Facebook for more photos and videos!



# LETS CONNECT *Socially*

IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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