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**National Hire A Veteran Day
July 25**

**National Korean War Veterans
Armistice Day July 27**

WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

Welcome to July! As summer heats up, we have some great dates and events to look forward to. We recognize National Hire a Veteran Day July 25 and National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day July 27. Come see us at the State Fair July 29 to 31, Aug. 12 to 14 and Aug. 19! We also invite you to the American Huey 369 16th Annual Gathering of Veterans & Patriots Aug. 13 to 14 in Battle Ground, Ind. IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! We welcome contributions and feedback to outreachedva.in.gov.

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NEWSLETTER

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INDIANA VIETNAM VETS GIFT

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AVAILABLE INDIANA VIETNAM GIFT EVENT DATES 2022

JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
1	10	13	4	2
19	16	14	6	3
20	23	20	11	8
21	24	22	13	15
26	25	27	18	
27	30	29	20	
DEC	1, 6, 8			

Info:

317-549-5900

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Wilbur Eugene Lawson was born May 19, 1922 in Anderson, Ind. and grew up in Elkhart, Ind. Between 1939 and 1941 he was in the 3C's (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Boise, Id., fighting forest fires, planting trees, and delivering men and supplies where needed. He was drafted into the Army in December 1942 (stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.) where, after 11 months he volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Force. He completed aircraft mechanics, gunnery school, and then was assigned to a crew and went through overseas training. He was transferred to Lincoln, Neb. to pick up a new B-17G bomber and headed for Europe by way of Maine/Iceland/Scotland/Wales where they left the plane and went to Stoke on Trent, England for his assignment.



100
Happy

BIRTHDAY

Wilbur served as a mechanic/top turret gunner while flying B-17G bombers during World War II. They were sent to Chelvesten 105, 305th Bomb Group-364 Squadron near the town of Hanley (about 60 miles north of London). As Wilbur wrote in his memories, "We had eight of the best people you would want to trust your life with." After six missions over Germany and France, the war in Europe was over. Their group was then assigned to photograph Western Europe, North Africa, and Iceland. The day after they announced the Japanese surrendered, Wilbur and his crew headed for Iceland, where after a couple months, they came back to England then to Belgium and then to Germany.



Wilbur had married Norma Neal six months before he left Mishawaka for the service. After he returned, they made their home in New Carlisle and raised five children. Wilbur worked at Bendix (Honeywell/Allied Signal) in South Bend for nearly 36 years and retired in 1983. When his second wife passed away, Wilbur made his home with one of his sons in the New Carlisle area where he mows the expansive lawn on his "vintage" John Deere riding lawn mower. He can complete word search books (ordered by bulk through the mail) at an amazing speed.



Biography & Images courtesy of Rebecca Van Goeye

While there, one of the crew came down with yellow jaundice (hepatitis), some crew members were sent home by way of Belgium (Camp Lucky Strike). After Wilbur came down with hepatitis, where he was sent by ambulance to Leharve, France (Camp Phillip Morris). After three weeks, they were loaded on a 5,000-man troop ship named The General Anderson, and 13 days later arrived in the New York City harbor where Wilbur saw the Statue of Liberty. He was transferred to Camp Kilmer, N.J. and then to Camp Atterbury, Ind. for discharge. Wilbur reached the rank of technical sergeant (E-6) after serving his country for thirty nine months and three weeks.



Not wanting to spend all day on the "boob tube", he'll watch a few episodes of Andy Griffith (with Barney Fife being his favorite character) along with other various older Western television series. Wilbur is in good health and only uses his walker when he's out and about. As he says, he's had a good life: two wonderful wives and five children, who were his best investment.

GVS SPOTLIGHT



Our mission is to improve the life and well-being of low and moderate income individuals with special needs and their families through advocacy, outreach, housing, and supportive services.

In 2014, Reach Services saw the short comings of services offered to Veterans in the Wabash Valley, out of that need Reach Veterans Services was born. Since that time, additional services have been established and extended to the community. That same year funds were raised, property was purchased, and 6 apartments were specifically built and furnished for aiding homeless and at risk Veterans in need. Reach Veteran Services also began operating a 2-bedroom Veterans shelter at our 621 Poplar St location that has to date housed over 350 individuals while they received intense case management from our staff of on-site case managers.





Physical Health and Wellness Program

Coaching

Begins with participation in a multi-day Physical Health & Wellness Expo to kick off a warrior's wellness journey

Educational Resources

Online videos, in-person cooking classes, and tours of local grocery stores

Webinars to foster healthy practices like: meal planning, building a workout, and improving sleep

Fitness & Wellness Challenges

Learning basic yoga practices and poses

Shopping smarter to eat healthier and eating more home-cooked meals

Increasing water intake

Identifying small ways to incorporate exercise

And more!

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Summer Bash: Bike Show, Dinner, & Concert will include:

Bike Show with awards for:

- Custom Class (1st - 3rd Place Trophies)
- Stock Class (1st - 3rd Place Trophies)
- Officer's Choice (1 Trophy Awarded)
- People's Choice (1st - 3rd Place Trophies + Portion of tips received)

Concert featuring:

38 Things Only 90's Kids Will Remember
50/50's & Raffle Baskets



July 23

3 - 11p.m.

Fraternal Order of Eagles

2529

13140 NW Lake Shore

Dr, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



Career/Job Fair

Employers:

Mitsubishi Motors

Freudenberg

Draper Fencing

SMC

Custom Concrete

And More!

July 28

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Indiana Veterans Center

777 NORTH MERIDIAN ST

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204



AMERICAN HUEY 369 INC.

16th Annual Gathering of Veterans & Patriots

August 13 & 14

Gates open at 8:30 a.m.

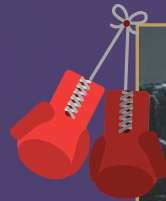
[Click here for full schedule and
event information.](#)

2901 W. Broadway,
Bunker Hill, IN 46914



Veteran Events All 2022

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



PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINICS

For disabled veterans or civilians with a disability

Saturdays
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Mike Ford Fitness
2326 E 44th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

\$5 Per class
FREE for disabled veterans



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER
OR FOR
MORE INFO

Or go to: <https://rhipunchforveterans.eventbrite.com>




Kurt Vonnegut
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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



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

[Visit Our Website for additional information](#)

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11

10 a.m.

MacArthur Auditorium

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

December 17

12 p.m.

MacArthur Auditorium

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



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