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WELCOME!

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Happy Independence Day! This month, as our country celebrates 247 years, we have some great things happening across our state in July. Stop by our table at the Indiana State Fair July 28 to 30, Aug. 11 to 13 & Aug. 18. Enjoy summer camp for military families at Operation Flat Rock, or get ready for Back to School with the Military Family Relief Fund (see if you are eligible [here](#)). In August, join us and our partners at INVETS and Visit Indy as we attempt the world's largest single-day cornhole tournament! ([Sign your team up here.](#)) 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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RIDE WITH PRIDE

GET YOUR PLATE AT YOUR LOCAL BMV TODAY



DID YOU KNOW?

100%

OF REVENUE FROM THESE PLATES FUNDS THE MFRF





The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, along with several local veteran organizations met Jack (Jax) Huffman, 36, from Center Line, Mich., today as he passed through Indianapolis on a 1,500-mile walking journey across America to raise money for America's veterans. Jax has challenged himself to complete the walk in 60 days! He began in Sarasota, Fla. on May 13 and plans to finish at the 6th Annual Salute Our Warriors Event in Rochester Hills, Mich. on July 13. Learn more and follow his journey [here](#). (Courtesy photos)




IDVA State Fair Schedule

JULY 28-30 Locate us in front of the
Agriculture Horticulture building
south of the covered bridge

AUGUST 11-13

MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS DAY AUGUST 18



Join us!

LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

Jason Gootee &
Bryan Snyder

LAKE COUNTY

This Veteran Service office offers assistance in the following:

- Obtaining your DD-214 military discharge
- Discharge Review
- Filing claims for service connected or non-service connected disabilities
- Education benefits
- Low Income Wartime Pension Benefits
- Survivor Benefits
- VA Medical Care
- VA Home Loans
- G.I. Bill Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Burial Benefits
- Property Tax Abatement
- Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans
- Motor Vehicle License Plates
- Peddlers, Vendors License
- Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License
- Golden Hoosier Passport



LEARN MORE

Lake County Government Center
2293 North Main Street, Building A
Crown Point, IN 46307

Monday to Friday by appointment
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Office: (317) 755-3285



08: Hamilton County Resource Fair 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Noblesville Schools Convention Center 1775 Field Drive Noblesville, 46060.

25: VA Town Hall 5 to 6 p.m. Marion VAMC 1700 East 38th Street Marion, 46953.

[Where to see 2023 fireworks shows in Central Indiana](#)

[Where to see 2023 fireworks shows in Southern Indiana](#)

[Where to see 2023 fireworks shows in Northern Indiana](#)



**looking
ahead**

For more events and to see what's coming up in August and September, check out our calendar [here](#).

SUBMIT A VETERAN EVENT!

Tell us about your event to support, serve, and advocate for the veteran community in your area! We want to know about events happening all across our great state. [Visit our site](#) and let us know to add it to our website calendar!



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

OPERATION FLAT ROCK

OVERNIGHT CAMP EXCLUSIVELY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

JULY 2-7, 2023 | AGES 7-15

Flat Rock River YMCA Camp offers this special week of camp exclusively for children of veterans or active military service members, including the Reserves and National Guard.

Operation Flat Rock is a full week of traditional overnight summer camp that includes everything that the beautiful Flat Rock River YMCA Camp has to offer, like kayaking, horseback riding, archery, zip line, and so much more!



Learn more.
FlatRockYMCA.org
765.525.6730



FLAT ROCK RIVER YMCA CAMP

Located in St. Paul, Indiana, just 40 minutes southeast of Indianapolis!

We are proud to offer Operation Flat Rock to all military families at a subsidized rate, made possible through Y-USA grant funding and donations to the Flat Rock Annual Campaign. Additionally, these generous donations allow us to provide a 3 rate pricing structure based on an honor system whereby each family chooses the rate they are able to pay.

RATE A: \$350* | RATE B: \$250* | RATE C: \$150*

*The actual cost of a week at Flat Rock is \$815. These subsidized rates are made possible by donations to the Flat Rock Annual Campaign.

Flat Rock River YMCA Camp 6981 W County Rd 650 N, St. Paul, IN 47272

Veteran Events for All 2022



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SPORTS PROGRAM

ARCHERY CLINICS

for people with physical disabilities
Highsmith Guns

SATURDAYS 10 - 11:00 AM
APRIL 1, JUNE 3, AUG. 5, OCT. 7, & DEC. 2

COST: \$12

MOVE UNITED MEMBER [HTTPS://2023RHISPARCERY.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://2023RHISPARCERY.EVENTBRITE.COM)

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SPORTS PROGRAM

PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINICS

For disabled veterans or civilians with a disability

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://punchforveterans23.eventbrite.com>

fitness clinic LEARN TO MOVE. MOVE TO LIVE.

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THE CIRCLE HELP SERVICES

Journaling & Creativity Workshops to Inspire Guided Action

He said. She said. They said.

with Meghan Barich

He said. She said. They said. - Veteran Writing Workshop

This workshop focuses on using dialogue to enhance characters and move narratives forward

Join us for our next installment of Journaling & Creativity Workshops to Inspire Guided Action.

In this two-hour workshop, we will craft dialogues that express nuance, personality, emotions, and that move a story forward with meaning. Through written dialogue, participants will gain understanding of the conversations they have with themselves and others.

Your facilitator is Meghan Barich. Megan is most passionate about helping folks reclaim their highest self—the part of you who embraces curiosity, play, and creativity to be conscious to the decision they make. She helps folks build a new toolkit to stop people pleasing and start choosing and creating their own joy and satisfaction. Meghan is a Journal to the Self® certified instructor and is studying to be a Certified Journal Facilitator through the Therapeutic Writing Institute. She is a certified creativity coach and knows first-hand how a daily art and personal expression practice lowers stress and deepens connection to self and to others.

Workshop is for veterans only. 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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CRONIN Richmond

THE CIRCLE HELP SERVICES

HELPING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

ROLL CALL!



Visit our website for more about the 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

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS



Fishing Days



Indiana Veterans' Home

is celebrating **Independence Day** with Fireworks, Food Trucks, Live Music, Outdoor Games and Face Painting!

5:00p Outdoor Games

6:00p-9:00p Food Trucks

6:30p-8:30p Scott Greeson Band

Dusk - Fireworks!

All Residents, Staff, Family, Friends, & Community are invited. Please come & join us!

LETS CONNECT *Socially*

IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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