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Navy Birthday Oct. 13



WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

Fall has arrived! But before you go pumpkin-picking and hot cider-drinking, check out everything we have coming up for the Indiana Veteran Community this October! Harvest time means a busy season for our farmers, so check out the Indiana Veteran farming and agriculture programs on pages 3 to 5. We are looking forward to Veterans Day Nov. 11, with celebrations planned for Indianapolis and for cities and towns all over the Hoosier State. View those on our [calendar](#). Check in with your [County Veteran Service Officer](#) this month and learn more about the PACT Act 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.

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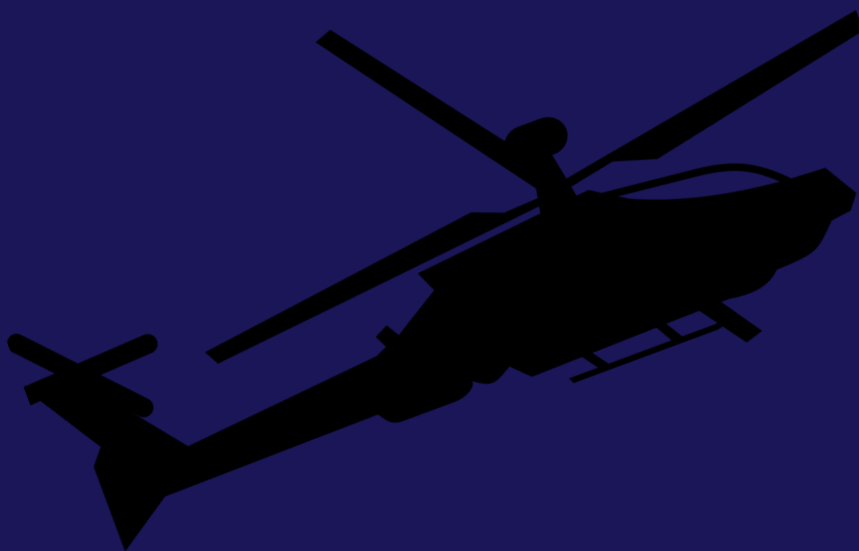
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DVD DOCUMENTARY - *THE JOURNEY HOME*

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New and Beginning Farmers Benefit from Conservation Programs

By Will Fett, Outreach Coordinator, USDA NRCS Indiana

A career in farming can be very rewarding but does come with its share of challenges. Conservation may not be the first thing producers new to farming think about, but good conservation can help grow a successful sustainable farm business and address some of the challenges.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers technical and financial assistance to farmers interested in implementing conservation practices on their farm. Practices can improve soil health and, in turn, increase crop yields. Practices can help decrease inputs like fertilizer and pesticide, and increase profitability of crops. Conservation practices can make the land and crops better, resilient to weather extremes, and even improve the space for wildlife. Popular conservation practices include things like cover crops, forest stand improvement, prescribed grazing, pollinator plots, fencing, and high tunnel systems.



For vegetable producers, NRCS can provide financial assistance for installing high tunnels. High tunnels, or hoop houses, can be used to extend the growing season and to protect plants from harsh weather, air pollution and pests. By making local produce available for more months in the year, fewer resources are used to transport food to plates. A number of soil health practices can be used in high tunnels, including cover crops and crop rotations, which also prevent erosion, suppress weeds, increase soil water content, and break pest cycles.

These voluntary conservation programs help producers make conservation work for them. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations.

Beginning veteran farmers who have not operated a farm for more than 10 consecutive years are eligible for special benefits through the financial assistance programs for these NRCS conservation practices. Benefits include priority consideration for funding for a veteran's application, higher payment rates, and advanced payments on contracts.

To get started with a conservation plan and a financial assistance application, farmers can contact the NRCS district conservationist at their local USDA service center using the [Service Center Locator](#).



VETERAN PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE



National AgrAbility Project – AgrAbility enhances the quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities, such as spinal cord injuries and amputations. AgrAbility addresses not only these but also many other conditions, such as arthritis, back impairments, and behavioral health issues.

The Mission of Farmer Veteran Coalition is Mobilizing Veterans to Feed America. We cultivate a new generation of farmers and food leaders, and develop viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of the farming and military communities.

The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund is a small grant program that provides direct assistance to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching.



The Indiana AgVets Certification and Internship Program is an agricultural career training opportunity specifically for U.S. military veterans in Indiana or surrounding states. The program prepares participants for rewarding careers in production agriculture or agribusiness by providing specialized training (free of charge) tailored to the veteran's personal interests and career aspirations.

Veteran Farmer Webinar Series

Funded by the USDA NIFA Grant

FARMER VETERAN
COALITION
★ INDIANA ★

 AgrAbility

October Session

October 5th | 4pm est

How to Safely Prepare Products
in Your Home Kitchen:

Sanitation and Good

Manufacturing Practice Basics

October 26th | 4pm est

Pest Prevention Tips to "Close
the Barn Door Before the
Horse Bolts"

**For those participants that
complete the pre and post survey:**

As a token of our gratitude, you will
be entered into a drawing for a \$50
e-gift card with an estimated 1/10
chance of winning!

Register for
free HERE:



Study Information

Title: Qualitative Assessment of Food
Perception and Practices Among Farmers
IRB Protocol Number: 1810021180
Principle Investigator: Dr. Yaohua Feng
Contact: stoll6@purdue.edu

GVS SPOTLIGHT



“On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. Let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no Veteran behind.”

— Dan Lipinski

Our program transitions homeless Veterans off the streets or out from under bridges into permanent housing, treatment, and appropriate employment. We develop the social, emotional and employment skills that sustain independence, and connect them to the VA, to their County Veteran Services Officer (VSO) and to local resources for eligible benefits.

The Journey Home loves our Veterans, so we lower the barriers that would otherwise prevent a homeless Veteran into placement and provide the specialized programming to support them. We personalize our programs and services to support Veterans through their recovery. Patience, with accountability, provide the Veteran stable support as they stay engaged in our programming. Mistakes are used as a stepping stone in the development of not only new skills but of confidence and hope.





VETERANS DAY
COUNCIL
of indianapolis, inc.



Breakfast 8 A.M.

Service 11 A.M.

Breakfast and service held at the
Indiana War Memorial

Parade 12 P.M.

South on Pennsylvania Ave., west on
New York St., and then
north on Meridian St.



Friday, Nov. 11, 2022



Breakfast tickets are available at

VETERANSDAYINDY.ORG



**INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL: 55 E MICHIGAN
ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

The Purdue Neurotrauma Group (PNG) at Purdue University



Calling for Indiana Veterans with PTSD or TBI
for a Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Pilot Study:

- Be able to provide your own transportation to and from the Purdue MRI Facility
- Be able to provide your own transportation to and from state approved HBOT facility
- Be willing to provide a copy of DD214 to HBOT facility
- Undergo medical screening at HBOT facility
- Be tolerant to loud noise even with ear plug
- Be able and willing to comply with MRI screening protocol (e.g. remove metal piece/jewelry)
- Be safe for MRI scanning (e.g. no fear of small spaces, no cochlear implants, no shrapnel, etc.)

Please contact us for more details if you are interested:
Purdue Neurotrauma Group
purduehbot@gmail.com

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Madison County Veterans Stand Down

Friday, October 14, 2022
10:00am – 2:00pm

Anderson Army National Guard Armory

RSVP welcome but not required

317-503-2524

emily.pence@aspireindiana.org

Madison County Veterans Stand Down
OCT. 14

10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

ANDERSON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

125 S SCATTERFIELD RD. ANDERSON, IN 46012

Indiana Vet to Vet Inc.

Oct. 15

2 to 8 P.M.

Fall Creek Loop Trail
9545 Fall Creek Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46256



Veterans & Military Families
Saturday, October 15th 2pm – 8pm



Join for Kayaking, Fishing, or just some good ol' R&R in a tent covered area by the water!

Snacks & drinks provided, but bring your own lawn chair.

Reach out to Aaron Shaw with questions or RSVP!
317-737-6927

Fall Creek Loop Trail
9545 Fall Creek Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46256



IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR



WHEN: October 20th 2-6 PM

WHERE: Tom Raper Center at Wayne
County Fairgrounds

FREE event for Veterans and their families!
Resource vendors, hiring employers and
light refreshments! Along with FREE
services for Veterans (free haircuts, blood
pressure testing, etc.)



Oct. 20

2 to 6 P.M.

Tom Raper Center
Wayne County
Fairgrounds
861 Salisbury Rd.
Richmond, IN 47374

Veteran Events All 2022



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



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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>

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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

[Visit Our Website for additional information](#)

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

Upcoming Events:

October 11 at 10 a.m. – Legal Counsel and District VSO Presentation during a community event to be held in the IVH MacArthur Auditorium.

October 21 at 1 p.m. – IVH MacArthur "Lawrie" Library Grand Opening. Wabash National donated manpower and materials. IVH maintenance painted the walls, Wabash National is working with vendors to replace the flooring, make the bookshelves ADA compliant, and display historical pieces.

November 11 at 10 a.m. – IVH Veterans Day Ceremony – Richard Leirer, VFW State Commander, is the keynote speaker.

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



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