



# THE HOOSIER VETERAN

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## National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

**Patriot Day Sept. 11**  
**Air Force Birthday**  
**Sept. 18**

## WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

This month we recognize Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. The U.S. DVA has some great resources available on their [Don't wait, Reach out page](#), along with the [Defense Suicide Prevention office](#). Help is always available, speak with someone today by calling 988, and press 1 for Veteran. We also remember the 21st anniversary of the terror attacks on our country on Sept. 11 Patriot Day. Finally, we celebrate our U.S. Air Force's 75 years of Air Dominance. American Airmen have excelled as they execute the Air Force mission to fly, fight, and win – delivering airpower anytime, anywhere in defense of our nation. 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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NEWSLETTER

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# MEDAL of HONOR

## FLAG

The "Medal of Honor Memorial Highway" was officially named in October 2020 in northern Indiana. The renaming of the highway was unanimously approved by the Indiana House and Senate during the 2020 Indiana General Assembly. Highway 20 runs through seven counties in Indiana (Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, LaGrange, and Stueben). In Indiana the Medal of Honor Memorial Highway is approximately 156 miles long stretching from Illinois to Ohio. The total span extends from Oregon to Massachusetts and is 3,365 miles.

The Medal of Honor is the United States' highest award for actions that distinguishes servicemembers by go above and beyond the line of duty while serving in the military. It recognizes the bravery, courage, sacrifices, and integrity our men and women demonstrate while defending our country. According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society there have been 3,534 total number of medals awarded. Nineteen recipients have been awarded twice. As of today, there are only 65 living recipients of the medal.

### Facts regarding the Medal of Honor

- The youngest recipient, William Johnston, fought in the Civil War
- The first recipient was awarded to Jacob Parrott during the Civil War
- The only woman to receive the Medal of Honor is Mary E. Walker also during the Civil War
- 77% of Medal of Honors have been awarded to enlisted service members
- 23% of Medal of Honors have been awarded to officers

Indiana has had 60 medal of honor recipients. Most of those medals were awarded during the Civil War (17). Sammy Lee Davis, Indiana's only living recipient, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic action which took place during the Vietnam War in November of 1967. He served in the US Army and at the time of his actions he was a Private First Class. Confronting enemy fire and ignoring severe pain from injuries received from enemy mortar round explosion, Davis continued to fight back until the resistance from enemy was defeated.

The Medal of Honor Memorial Highway flag is now in Indiana and proudly on display at the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) located at the Indiana Veterans' Center at 777 North Meridian St. in Indianapolis. The IDVA received the traveling flag from Illinois and we will continue its journey by handing it off to the next state, Ohio.

By Laura McKee





SUICIDE

# PREVENTION & Awareness Month

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Outreach, Transition and Economic Development (OTED) will recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month by hosting a Virtual Veteran Suicide Prevention Symposium: Reach Out, You Are Not Alone on Thursday, Sept. 8. The seminar will educate, inform, and empower Veterans, Service members, family members, caregivers, and survivors; as well as Veteran advocates, non-profit and community organizations about VA programs that can serve as protective factors for suicide.

Date: September 8

Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. (EDT)

Link: [Click Here to Join](#)

Phone: 1-404-397-1596, Access Code: 276-177-23283

Audience: Veterans, Service Members, Family Members, Caregivers, Survivors, VA Staff, and Outreach Coordinators.

## Virtual Veteran Suicide Prevention Symposium: Reach Out, You Are Not Alone



Meet IDVA's Health & Wellness Coordinator, Bryan Schmidt.  
Contact Bryan at 317.431.4183 or [bschmidt@dva.in.gov](mailto:bschmidt@dva.in.gov).



ASK THE QUESTION?





# GVS SPOTLIGHT



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR  
VETERAN FAMILIES

InteCare is a non-profit, accredited corporation based in Indianapolis, Indiana providing cost effective healthcare management services and programs for providers and payors.

InteCare, Inc. was founded in 1998 by four large comprehensive health and behavioral healthcare organizations. At that time, multiple payors began to enter the market resulting in an increased administrative burden on the organizations. InteCare was created to alleviate that burden and today, InteCare continues to work diligently on behalf of a multitude of healthcare providers as well as payors.

The purpose of the *SSVF* program is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing. InteCare's *SSVF* program operates in Boone, Clay, Hamilton, Hancock, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Parke, Shelby, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. The program provides the following services as they relate to housing stability: outreach, case management, assistance obtaining VA and other public benefits, housing counseling and assistance with housing searches, financial planning as it relates to stabilizing housing, transportation, child care, and temporary financial assistance as it relates to stabilizing housing.



# Leon's Heroes September 11: Obstacle Course Race

The conflicts that America has faced, in fighting for our freedom, have often seemed insurmountable. If you look at the terrain and landscapes where our military has fought, it would make your heart sink in fear. But, our military has always stood strong and valiant in the face of such fears. They have shown the world what the meaning of brave truly is.

It is with this in mind, that we have created an obstacle course with a diverse set of "landscapes", that represents just a handful of the types of topographies that our military have fought over and through. This is a way of honoring their dedication and sacrifice.

Indiana Dunes National Park  
1215 N. State Rd 49, Porter, IN 46304  
Opening ceremony begins 9:30 A.M.

[Register Here](#)



## VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

# DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT!

Call 317-988-3497 to reserve your spot.

SEPT. 17

6 P.M.

CANARY CREEK DRIVE - IN

870 MALLORY PKWY, FRANKLIN, IN 46131





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# EXPLORE, LEARN, CONNECT

## WOMEN VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

HOSTED BY THE YMCA OF GREATER INDIANAPOLIS, THE INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS, & OPERATION: JOB READY VETERANS

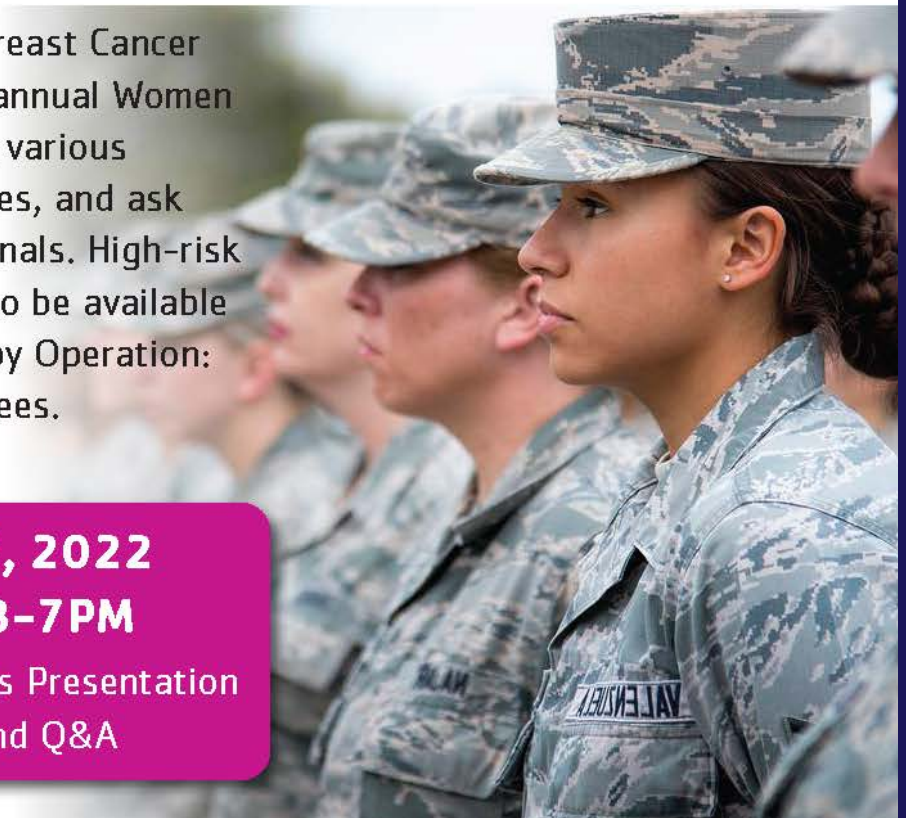
Join us as we kick off National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with our first annual Women Veteran Resource Fair. Visit with various vendors, access valuable resources, and ask questions with medical professionals. High-risk breast cancer screenings will also be available on-site. Dinner will be provided by Operation: Job Ready Veterans to all attendees. All are welcome!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

**IRSAY FAMILY YMCA | 3-7PM**

5:30-6:00PM: Featured Vendors Presentation

6:00-6:30PM: Survivor Story and Q&A



# 2022 CASS COUNTY VETERANS STAND DOWN

Sept. 21  
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Cass County Fairgrounds 4-H  
Community Center  
2281 E Co Rd 125 N, Logansport, IN 46947

Sponsored by AMVETS Post 82621  
Contacts: Kevin Goze (574) 601-1166 & Roger Spencer (574) 355-6011



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IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)

## PROJECT IN HER BOOTS

- Brings together women veterans to decorate combat boots, share their experiences, and have their photo taken.
- The boots, photo and brief bio of their service is then displayed in the surrounding community for the week of Veterans Day.
- The displays honor these women veterans & brings recognition to the contribution women make to all branches of the military.

### Registration is required for those participating

- We take the first 12 registrations. There is no charge. Everything is provided. Participants will receive lunch and a PROJECT IN HER BOOTS t-shirt. **Must register by September 17, 2022.** To register send emails to [Gwen Hicks: G.G.hicks69@gmail.com](mailto:G.G.hicks69@gmail.com)

Participation  
is open to all  
women  
veterans!

September 24  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
IBEW 725  
5675 E Hulman Dr  
Terre Haute, IN  
47803



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10 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
IBEW 725  
5675 E. HULMAN DR  
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Please send Registrations to Gwen Hicks: [g.g.hicks69@gmail.com](mailto:g.g.hicks69@gmail.com) by 9/17



*Moving forward for veteran support*

≡ **BLAZER 88** ≡  
F O U N D A T I O N



SCAN TO  
REGISTER  
TODAY!

**5K RUN/WALK**

**October 15, 2022**

**START/STOP:**

**9am Start @**

**The Foxhole at Hotel Tango**  
670 Virginia Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46203

**Blazer 88 Foundation** gives 100% of our proceeds to help individual Veterans with their specific needs. This includes counseling, handicapped accessibility, and helping them make their ends meet.

We're here to support all Veterans with any assistance they require.

≡ **Food & Drinks**

≡ **Raffle drawing at the end of the race**

≡ **Medals/prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place overall,  
and age groups for male/female**

**Blazer 88 Foundation** was founded in the early spring of 2020 following the untimely passing of our dear son, brother, husband, father, and friend Chuck Theobald IV. Unbeknownst to many, one of Chuck's passions was supporting his fellow Veterans in their time of need, especially their mental well-being. Many times, a text or phone call from Chuck would simply say, "Gotta go to \_\_\_\_\_, someone needs my help, take care of the dogs." Those of us who knew, understood what he was doing.

The Blazer 88 Foundation has increased the quality of life for multiple veterans. The first event in 2020 raised over \$27k which was given to the Warrior Expeditions. This organization recognizes the therapeutic value of long-distance outdoor activities. Warrior Expeditions assist veterans transition from their wartime experiences.

The 2nd annual event in 2021 achieved more success raising \$37k! The Blazer 88 Foundation board met and chose to continue by allocating the money to not just one organization, instead assisting multiple veterans with any financial need they are having. A veteran in Tennessee is now able to get PTSD specific therapy, a young man who's parent died fighting for our freedoms is attending a camp that focuses on dealing with the grief of loss, an Army veteran facing eviction and unpaid utilities bills is now back on track, all thanks to very generous donations.

# 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  
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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**

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# 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:

#### 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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