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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WELCOME!

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This March we observe National Women's History Month. We reflect on and celebrate the vital role women have played in American military history. This year women made history in the first all-female flyover at the Super Bowl, while others join the ranks of the challenging Infantry and Special Operations communities. Every day, women are leading the charge and we salute them. Check in with your County Veteran Service Officer this month and make sure you are receiving 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 outreachedva.in.gov.

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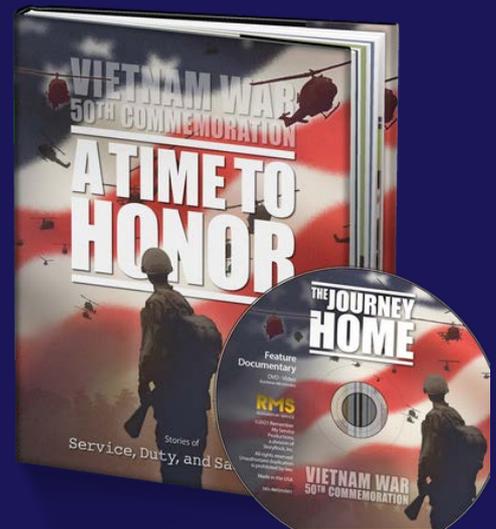
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A FOCUS ON

women veterans

2nd Annual Women Veteran Wellness Retreat

Friday April 28 thru Sunday April 30, 2023

Clifty Falls State Park Madison, IN



Retreat
accommodations,
meals, and activities
COMPLEMENTARY



Create & improve wellness
Develop camaraderie
Explore the park
Relax



Saturday Evening Free
shuttle service to downtown
Madison, IN for
shopping and exploring



Activities include Creative Arts for
Vets, Yoga, Self-Defense, Veteran
Benefits and Service Vendors

Hosted by the IN Department of Veterans
Affairs WINVet program



LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

Richard Nichols GREENE 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

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8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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#13 GVS Spotlight On

Lafayette Transitional Housing Center



Learn about homelessness in your community

It's okay if you don't fully understand homelessness—we didn't either when we opened our doors in 1989. Come to an LTHC event, follow us on social media, or invite us to present at your church or school so we can keep learning together.



Come in for a tour at LTHC in downtown Lafayette

We're conveniently located on North 12th Street (at the old Trinity Mission location). Visit us for a tour of our facilities to see what we do and how you can help by donating items, money, a meal, or your time.



Be part of the solution to end homelessness together

Nobody should have to experience the hopelessness of a housing crisis. We've helped thousands of individuals end their homelessness and find hope again. And, just by contacting us, you'll be one step closer to being part of a permanent solution.



We offer housing solutions for veterans and their families.

Services for Veteran Families (SVF) is a program specifically designed to provide housing resources for veterans and their families. The goal of this program is to help low-income veteran families achieve housing stability and have access to helpful services.

With LTHC Homeless Services—and thanks to generous funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs—homeless or at-risk veterans can work with a case manager to connect themselves and their families with the right resources for a better life.



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Calendar



**02: PACT Act & Toxic Exposure Screening 3:30 to 7 p.m. OrthoIndy Foundation
YMCA 5315 Lafayette Rd., Indianapolis 46254**

**10: U.S. Army Sgt. Charles Garrigus (Terre Haute native) Burial Ceremony TBA
Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood 46143. [Read more here about this special event.](#)**

**13: Military Family Research Institute Reaching Rural Veterans event 5 to 7 p.m.
Bridge of Hope Worship Center and Food Pantry 4050 E. County Road 50 S.,
Milan, IN 47031.**

**29: Vietnam War Veterans Day event 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. American Legion Post 64
601 S. Holt Road Indianapolis. Meet Sgt. 1st Class Sammy L. Davis, receive a free
gift, win door prizes, enjoy music, and eat a free lunch. Benefits information
available. Contact Jill Fewell at jill@whvv.org for more information.**

Apply Today for a 2023 HIRE Vets Medallion Award!

Did you know that employers of all sizes can receive an award from the U.S. Department of Labor for their efforts to recruit, employ and retain America's veterans?

The 2023 HIRE Vets Medallion Award Program is now accepting applications! Learn more and apply online at HIREVets.gov.

- The award highlights companies and organizations committed to hiring and retaining America's veterans in good, family-sustaining careers
- The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is the only federal-level veterans' employment award that recognizes employers
- The application **deadline** is **April 30, 2023**
- Award recipients will receive a certificate and digital images of the medallion for use as part of their marketing and promotional activities

For more information, visit HIREVets.gov.



Free tax services made for the MilLife.

When it's time to tackle your taxes, turn to **MilTax** for free e-filing software and personalized consultant support.

Made for the Military

Tax prep and e-filing software from MilTax is built to address scenarios like deployments, combat pay, multiple moves and more to help you account for the credits and benefits you've earned.

Your Taxes on Your Time

Prep and e-file anytime, from anywhere, at your pace. Save your progress and come back when you have time. If you have questions along the way, we're on call to help.

Expert Help at Hand

Call Military OneSource anytime, 24/7 to schedule an appointment. Our tax consultants are experts in military taxes, so they know what you need to file and how to save you money.

No Hidden Fees Plus Calculations You Can Count On

MilTax is 100% free from the Department of Defense. There are no fees for any service member at any point in the filing process. Plus, software calculations are backed by the provider's 100% accuracy and maximum refund guarantee.

Eligible service members and families can access MilTax anytime.
Go to MilitaryOneSource.mil and search "MilTax" to begin.



MilTax is a benefit provided by the Department of Defense exclusively for eligible service members and family members through Military OneSource.

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

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



BINGO FUN



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



[2023 New admissions application packet now available here!](#)

LETS CONNECT *Socially*

IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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