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Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Coast Guard Birthday Aug. 4



WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

It's August and the kids are heading back to school! As you settle into your routines, don't forget to [click here](#) to check out MFRF's Operation Back to School program which helps eligible families purchase school supplies. But summer isn't quite over so come see us at the State Fair Aug. 12 to 14 and Aug. 19. We also wish the Coast Guard a very happy 232nd birthday! Established in 1790, the U.S.C.G. is one of the oldest organizations in the Federal government - even older than the Navy. 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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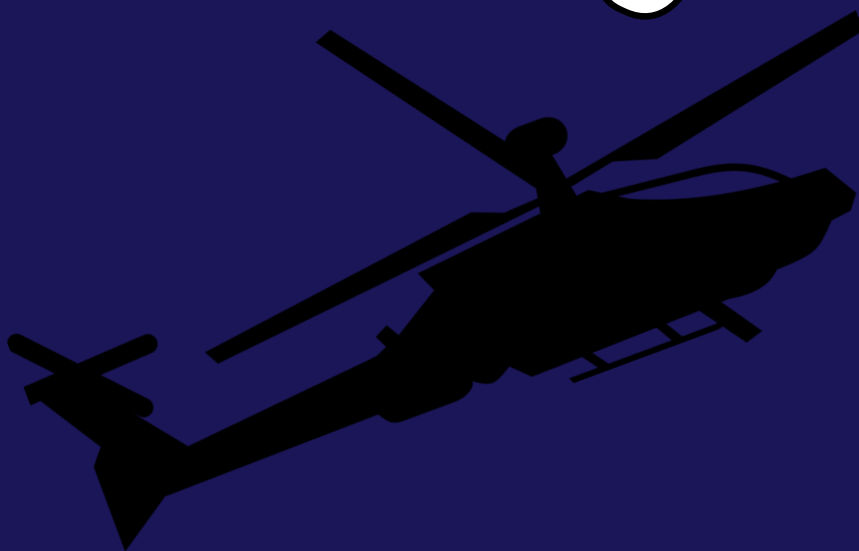
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Celebrating 16 years of restored Huey history

by Kirsten Clark



The Army UH-1H #63-08803 flies again.
(Americanhuey369.com)

PERU, Ind. – American Huey 369, in association with the National American Huey History Museum, will celebrate 16 years of restored Huey flight at the annual Gathering of Veterans and Patriots on August 13-14 at what will become the site of the new Huey museum in Bunker Hill, Ind.

The weekend is set aside to recognize and honor all veterans who have an interest in the American Huey helicopter and the missions it carried out during the Vietnam War.

“Everyone is invited, including those patriots who may not have served, but always supported our troops. Come spend the day with our veterans and the Huey that we depended on,” said John Walker, member and Huey advocate. “It’s not just about Vietnam, it’s about the passionate, life-saving capability of this helicopter.”



The Army UH-1H #70-16369 exiting the hangar.
(Americanhuey369.com)

American Huey 369’s primary mission is preserving the iconic helicopter, known to many veterans, but especially to Vietnam veterans. During the Vietnam War, the helicopter allowed for the quick evacuation of the wounded from areas of battle.

“Most troops had a 98 percent chance of survival if picked up and transported back to a surgical area by Huey in a medivac (Dust-Off) effort,” said Walker.

The Huey was also instrumental in transporting troops in and out of areas of responsibility, resupply, mail, and utility. Some were also gunships which participated in the fighting.

This year, the organization celebrates its 16th flying season since the first Huey was restored and flown by the organization, and its 18th year in efforts to preserve, educate and pay tribute to all veterans.

“The Vietnam War was considered a helicopter war because of the Huey. Nearly 7,013 Hueys were delivered to serve in Vietnam; there would’ve been 100 times more people killed during those years without it,” Walker said. “The Army maintained the largest number of Hueys, at \$30 million per aircraft. They still fly today in the U.S. and all over the world.”



Dan Aavang and John Walker restore the Huey to the skies. (Americanhuey369.com)



Preparing to fly the 049 Gunship.
(Americanhuey369.com)

American Huey 369 has three restored Bell helicopters available for guests to see during the Gathering event. The Army UH-1H #70-16369, the Army UH-1H #63-08803 and the gunship, Army UH-1B 64-14049. The helicopters will perform a fully-narrated downed pilot rescue re-enactment (air/ground) on both days of the gathering. The performance is narrated by combat Vietnam veteran and Dust-Off pilot Phil Marshall (a Purple Heart recipient) with the Wolf Hounds Living History Group, Black Lions, and combat Vietnam veteran pilot Peter Bales and his OH-6 Loach also participating. The re-enactment begins at approximately 1 p.m. both days.

“On Saturday, guests will have an opportunity to see a fly-over during the playing of the National Anthem, see progress on the new 34,000-square foot Huey museum currently under construction, participate in a benefit auction and enjoy a catered lunch from Wild Bills BBQ,” said Walker. “On Sunday, we will hold a morning service, and the lunch and re-enactment will also take place.”

With more than 200 core member volunteers, American Huey 369 is member-owned and member-driven. Entry to the Gathering is a \$10 donation to the Museum. Funds will support the construction project and continued preservation of the Huey.

“Restoring and flying the Hueys is who we are, but history depends on this and so we devote our time and passion to it,” Walker said. “The 369 wasn’t even supposed to fly again and we brought it back because it’s important for future generations to know its history and contributions.”

“But the Huey is also a catalyst for Vietnam veterans to heal,” he said. “When they hear that two-bladed, ‘whomp, whomp!’ again, it can bring a tear to their eye.”

Veterans and patriots can learn more about the Gathering event by [clicking here](#).



Aerial view of the site of the new museum. (Americanhuey369.com)

STATE FAIR 2022 SCHEDULE

9 A.M. - 9 P.M.

7/29

7/30

7/31

8/12

8/13

8/14

8/19

LOOK FOR THE **IDVA TENT** IN
FRONT OF THE AG BUILDING ON
MAIN STREET!

GVS SPOTLIGHT



WE PARTNER WITH THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES REACH A HIGHER LEVEL OF SELF SUFFICIENCY.

WE ARE A CHRIST-CENTERED ORGANIZATION WITH A LIVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

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WE TREAT EACH PERSON WITH THE INDIVIDUAL GRACE, COMPASSION, AND DIGNITY CONSONANT WITH OUR CALLING FROM GOD.

WE ASSIST EACH PERSON WE SERVE TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WELL-BEING, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

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PROGRAMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

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BATTLEMIND
TO *Home* SUMMIT

REGISTER NOW!
Preconference Nov. 14
Conference Nov. 15

2022
COMMUNITY • FAITH • LEGAL • MENTAL HEALTH

Hybrid event: in-person and virtual

THE BATTLEMIND TO HOME SUMMIT BRINGS TOGETHER A VARIETY OF EXPERTS EACH YEAR TO INFORM AND EDUCATE INDIANA PROFESSIONALS ON THE CRITICAL ISSUES FACING MILITARY-CONNECTED FAMILIES IN INDIANA'S COMMUNITIES.

OUR GOAL FOR THIS CONFERENCE IS TO HELP REDUCE REINTEGRATION BARRIERS FOR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE WORK TO EDUCATE ATTENDEES ON THE CHALLENGES MILITARY-CONNECTED FAMILIES FACE, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES AND STRENGTHS THEY BRING TO OUR COMMUNITIES.

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS



2022 AMERICA'S RACE SERIES

LEON'S HEROES

JUNE 5
LEON'S TRIATHLON
WOLF LAKE
HAMMOND, IN

SEP 11
OBSTACLE COURSE RACE
INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL PARK

NATIONAL MILITARY & FIRST-RESPONDERS CHAMPIONSHIPS
NEW CANINE EVENTS
JUNE 5 & SEPT 11

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PARATHLON CLUB
INURED MILITARY CAMP
JUNE 3-4

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LEON'S HEROES

Obstacle Course Race at Indiana Dunes National Park

SEPT. 11

9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

WEST BEACH AT INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL PARK
376 NORTH COUNTY LINE ROAD, GARY, IN 46403

MASH MINISTRIES ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



SEPT. 12

11:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

PLUM CREEK GOLF COURSE

12401 LYNNWOOD BLVD.



CARMEL, IN 46033

IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)

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

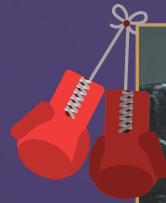
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Contacts: Kevin Goze (574) 601-1166 & Roger Spencer (574) 355-6011



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



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TO REGISTER
OR FOR
MORE INFO

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




Kurt Vonnegut
MUSEUM * LIBRARY

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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