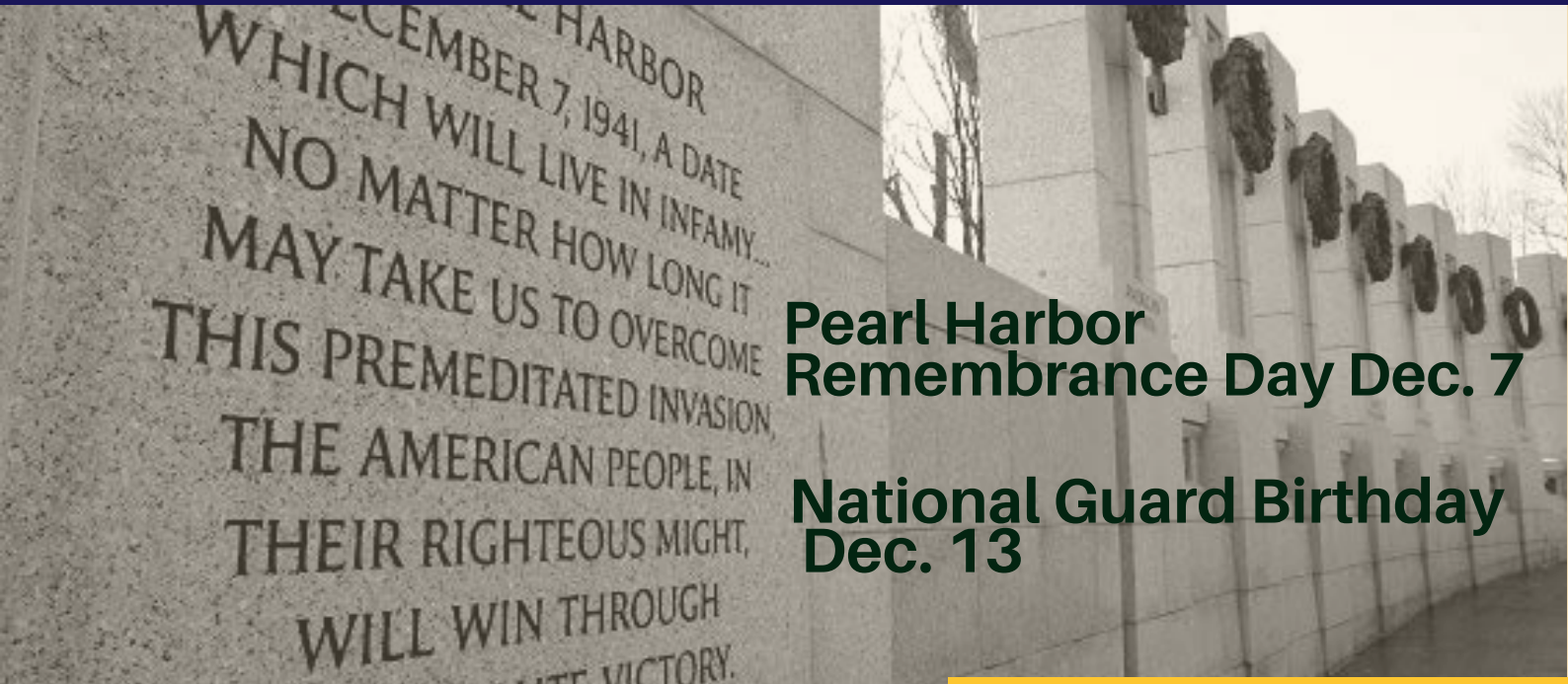




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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec. 7

National Guard Birthday Dec. 13

WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

Happy Holidays to one and all! This month we celebrate a season of love and joy. We remember Pearl Harbor, say happy birthday to the National Guard, and honor Veterans with Wreaths Across America at the Indiana Veterans Home and the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Vets Gift* program has seen some amazing successes this year. Check out the vetsgift.com calendar for a gift event near you. The team at the 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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INDIANA VIETNAM VETS GIFT



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Vets Gift: Welcoming Home Vietnam Veterans

by Kirsten Clark

Since the start of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans, Inc. (WHVV) project, the Indiana Vets Gift, more Indiana Vietnam veterans are being welcomed home. Sixty-six years since the conflict began, it's never too late to thank a veteran for their service and sacrifice in the jungles of Vietnam, where fear, horror and little appreciation were common place. Vietnam veterans returned to U.S. soil to a country divided by political ideology and a general distrust of the nation's armed forces, even as service members put their lives on the line.

This year, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), Indiana Vietnam Era veterans can claim their free gift as a thank you for their service during the war years 1955 to 1975. The gift includes a beautifully designed hardcover book, expanded digital book and e-book. It also contains a DVD documentary titled, *The Journey Home*.

All gifts are hand-presented to each veteran and a personal, verbal expression of thanks are made. Veterans are awarded a lapel or hat pin as they receive the welcome home they deserve.



Gifts cannot be mailed, so if a veteran is unable to attend an event due to a mobility issue, a family member, friend or the veteran can request their gift by e-mailing deliver@whvv.org. Gifts can also be requested at Indiana Vietnam Vets Gift website.

There are many gift events each month across the state of Indiana. This year, the team has presented over 4,000 gifts, at more than 60 events in 30 counties across Indiana. Counties such as Switzerland County and Ripley County both recently held Vets Gift events.

To attend an event, visit [Indiana Vets Gift events calendar](#) for dates, times and locations. To host an event, visit our [Community Partners](#) page.

"Community Partners is a great way to participate in outreach to help us find, thank and repay every one of Indiana's Vietnam veterans," said Jill Fewell, executive director of WHVV. "Events ensure we remember and thank the men and women and their families who served."

The Indiana Vietnam Vets Gift program through Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans and the IDVA, seeks to pay tribute, show gratitude and respect to all of our American service men and women and their families. WHVV is a non-profit organization and accepts donations of support.

"I'd like to offer a special thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who have been instrumental in helping us reach Indiana's Vietnam veterans with their gift," Fewell said. "Their commitment and support of the program has just been wonderful and we will continue to partner with them to make sure every veteran receives a gift and a thank you."



Vets Gift: Welcoming Home Vietnam Veterans

BY THE numbers

- Over 4,000 gift book sets presented to Indiana Vietnam veterans
- More than 60 events across the state of Indiana
- Vets Gift events held in more than 30 Indiana counties





**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS 2021 VETERANS VIRTUAL VENDOR FAIR

The purpose of this event is to help build opportunities and get to know veteran businesses. The Virtual Veterans Vendor Fair will also provide a great opportunity to share product and service information with the University and other businesses in a central location.



Dec. / Jan.
**VETERAN COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

December 8
10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Via ZOOM



IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Indiana Blue Star: Spirit of Christmas 2021

Dec. 11

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hendricks County Fairgrounds Expo Hall
1900 E. Main St. Danville, 46122

Dec. 15

1 to 2 p.m.

[Click Here](#) to type your questions in the Q&A box, VA and community experts will be there to answer your questions on benefits, claims, and peer-to-peer support services.



DEC 15 VETERANS EXPERIENCE LIVE (VETXL) Q&A CHAT
Indiana Veterans Q&A
 DECEMBER 15TH 1-2PM ET
 Type your question below in the 'Respond to original question' box

Into The New Year

VETERAN EVENTS ALL 2022

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



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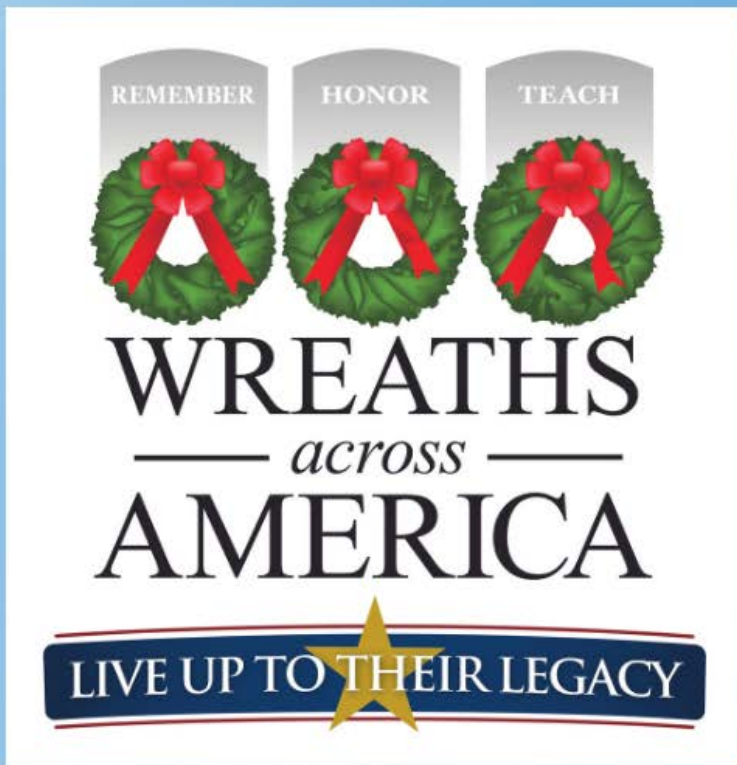


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TO REGISTER
OR FOR
MORE INFO

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



Writing in Peace, a program of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library in partnership with Turkey Run State Park, is a creative writing workshop for veterans. This is a monthly workshop. Sign up by emailing to info@vonnegutlibrary.org indicating which dates you would like to attend. Visit the [Vonnegut Library](#) website for more information.



The Wreaths Across America wreath laying ceremony is held annually on a Saturday, each December, and has expanded to include more than 2,500 locations and 1.7 million wreaths across the U.S. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember, Honor, and Teach.

Indiana Veterans' Home
MacArthur Auditorium
3851 N River Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906

**DECEMBER 18
12 P.M.**

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Chapel
1415 North Gate Road
Madison, IN 47250

Indiana Supreme Justice Steven H. David Announces Fall 2022 Retirement



Justice David's commitment to Veterans Court embodies the mission and vision to support, serve and advocate for the Indiana veteran community, making Indiana the choice for veterans to live, work and thrive. Congratulations on your retirement Justice, and thank you for your selfless service to Indiana's veterans.



2022
**INDIANA
MILITARY
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