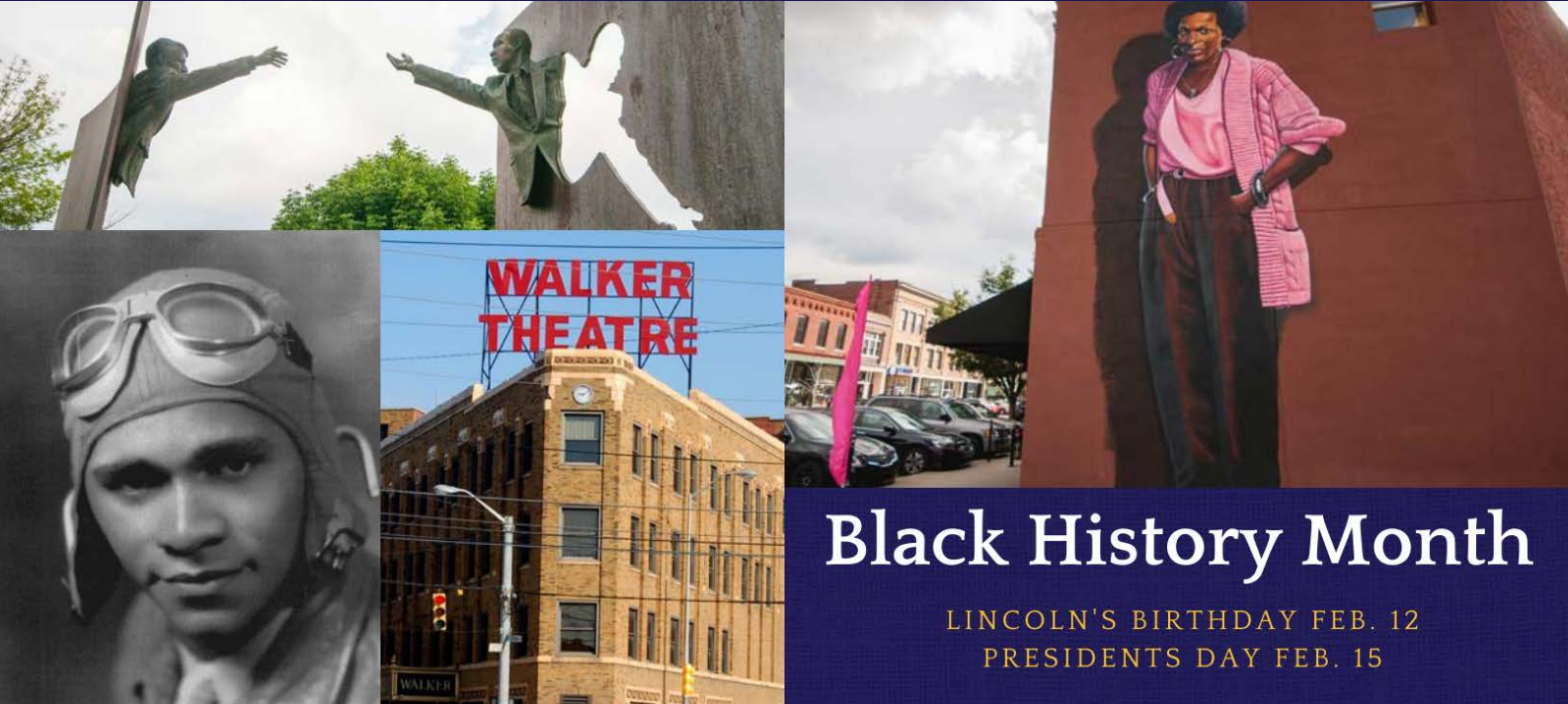




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Black History Month

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY FEB. 12
PRESIDENTS DAY FEB. 15

WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

This month we celebrate the accomplishments, bravery and dedication throughout history of Indiana's black veterans. Check out the story on page 3 of Indiana's own, Charles DeBow. DeBow was an original Tuskegee Airman and a native of Indianapolis. We remember President Lincoln's birthday Feb. 12 and observe Presidents Day Feb. 15. As the coming Spring, warmer weather and longer days will bring us outside and together, please remain safe, courteous and diligent in our battle with COVID-19. Together we can achieve great things. 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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Charles H. DeBow, Jr.: Indiana's own Tuskegee Airman who defied the odds and made history



2nd Lt. Charles Henry DeBow, Jr.

- Feb. 13, 1918 - April 4, 1986
- Class: 42-C-SE
- Graduation Date: March 6, 1942
- Unit: 99th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group
- DeBow also commanded the 301st Fighter Squadron from 1943 to 1944

Charles DeBow (Feb. 13, 1918 - April 4, 1986) was an officer in the U.S. Army Air Force, combat fighter pilot and commanding officer of the 332nd Fighter Group's 301st Fighter Squadron, best known as the prodigious, all-African American Tuskegee Airmen. He was one of the 1,007 documented Tuskegee Airmen Pilots.

In July 1941, DeBow entered aviation cadet training with the Tuskegee Airmen's first class of aviation cadets, Class 42-C-SE. On March 6, 1942, DeBow graduated from aviation cadet training with Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., future Tuskegee Airmen Commander and future U.S. four-star general; 2nd Lt. George S. Roberts ("Spanky" Roberts - September 24, 1918 - March 8, 1984), 2nd Lt. Mac Ross (1912-1944), and 2nd Lt. Lemuel R. Custis (1915-2005). Being among the first five to graduate, they "drew the most sustained attention from the press and the black community as a result."

DeBow was the first Indiana native and the first of fourteen individuals with an Indianapolis, Ind., address of record to graduate from the Tuskegee Advance Flying School (TAFS).



After high school, DeBow enrolled at Indiana University. Though DeBow's father wanted DeBow to study medicine to ensure a good living in a segregated society, DeBow transferred to Hampton Institute to study business and to enroll in the Civil Pilot training course offered there. After working numerous jobs to save money, DeBow dropped out of Hampton University to enlist in the U.S. Army.



During World War II, DeBow served as squadron commander of the 332nd fighter group's 301st Fighter Squadron. He flew 52 combat missions in World War II's European Theater including aerial coverage for D-Day's Operation Overlord.

During a mission, DeBow was injured and lost his flight status. DeBow left the military with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He received the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to the Tuskegee Airmen in 2006.

DeBow was married to Aurelia Jane Priscilla Stuart DeBow (1926–2017). They had several children. DeBow's son, Capt. William DeBow, served as the Commander of the Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center. Daughter Kay DeBow was a co-founder of the National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC).

After leaving the military, DeBow returned to the state of Indiana where he earned a Master's degree from alma mater Indiana University and another Master's degree from Butler University. DeBow became an English teacher at Indianapolis' Thomas Carr Howe High School where he remained for 10 years. He later became an associate English lecturer at IUPUI until his death on April 4, 1986.

Health & Wellness

Join us each month on [ZoomGov](#) the first Wednesday of the month from noon to 12:30 p.m. until Sept. 2022 for information on programs and services available through [Veteran Health Indiana](#).

Honor Relationship Wellness



IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cooking Matters

COOKING MATTERS

Join us for a **FREE**, interactive class!

Let's talk:

- Dealing with picky eaters
- Saving money on groceries
- Healthy, quick recipes
- Saving time in the kitchen



FREE **Indy HUNGER network**

Class will be held February 16th from 5:30-6:30pm via Zoom

Please use the Survey Monkey provided by Child Care Answers to register.

This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals to join and learn about cooking, nutrition, navigating picky eaters, etc. All the food for this event will be sent to the participants ahead of time. [Register Here](#)

JESSICA LYNCH

At the Indiana War Memorial

LEARN ABOUT JESSICA'S STORY: POWJESSICALYNCH.COM



An afternoon with Iraq War Veteran and former POW
Jessica Lynch

MARCH 19, 2022

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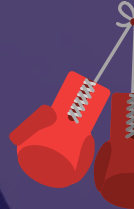


For Questions: 317.232.3910 Lamckee@dva.in.gov

Veteran Events All 2022

PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINIC

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PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINICS

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Kurt Vonnegut
MUSEUM * LIBRARY

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](http://VonnegutLibrary.org) website for more information.



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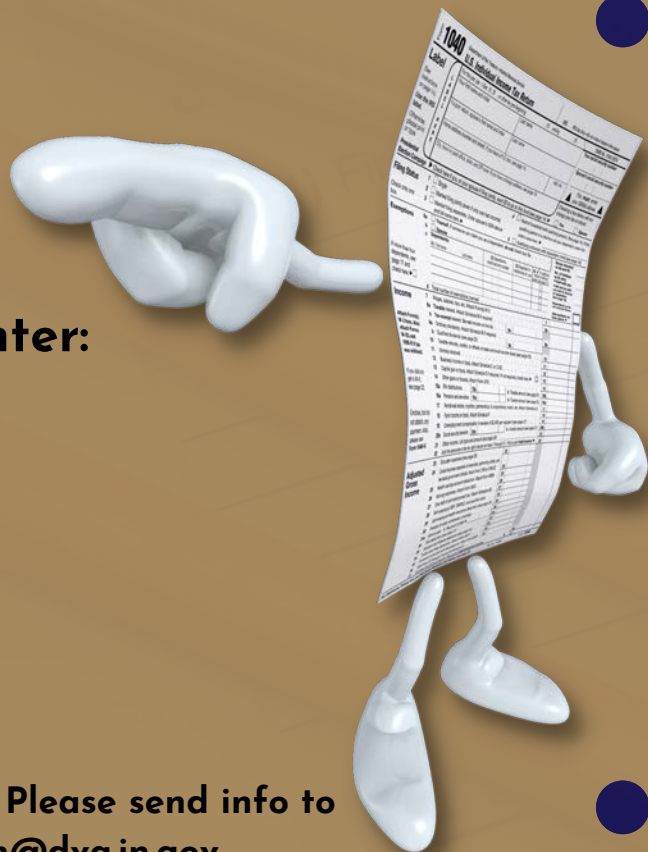
Military OneSource:

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IRS Free File:

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ROLL CALL!



The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery is open for visitors. Please follow all COVID-19 guidelines:

- Wear a mask in all buildings.
- Maintain 6 feet social space.

We understand and appreciate your contribution to keeping everyone safe to enjoy their visit.

Click [HERE](#) to see the webpage.



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Indiana Veterans Home News



Love is in the air...and on social media! Recreation has put together a large heart-shaped photo frame to help residents send messages of love to their family and friends outside of the facility. The frame is made of repurposed puzzle pieces and is painted in shades of red, pink, and white. "We Love You to Pieces," read the words around the edges of the frame. Recreation staff will visit residents in the days leading up to Valentine's Day to take their picture with the frame and reminisce about all the love in their lives. Keep an eye on

 [IVH's social media](#) to see some of our resident's loving faces.

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