



# THE HOOSIER VETERAN

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**Patriot Day Sept. 11**

**POW\*MIA Recognition Day Sept. 17**

**Air Force Birthday Sept. 18**

**WELCOME!**

BY JOE DEVITO

This month we recognize the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks. We also note POW\*MIA Recognition Day Sept. 17 and celebrate 74 years of the U.S. Air Force Sept. 18. Stop by the HVAF Stand Down event Sept. 9 or check out our events calendar to see what else the veteran community is up to. With the many exciting events and gatherings, we urge our Indiana Veteran community to stay safe and thankful to our veterans and service members. 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](mailto:outreach@dva.in.gov).

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NEWSLETTER

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# DAR: UNSUNG HEROES SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

BY KARA KAVENSKY

There are some unsung heroes across Indiana who support our veterans: the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The first DAR chapter was established in Indiana in 1894, which is the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter. There are now 83 chapters across the state and 5,000 Hoosier DAR members.

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, the DAR started supporting veterans by knitting and sewing hats, mittens, and socks. DAR members continue this tradition today. During the pandemic, DAR members made over one million masks which were provided to veterans and front-line workers. More than thirty thousand of these were created in Indiana.



DAR supports our Hoosier Veterans in a number of ways. DAR Members care for veterans in the VA hospitals, at home, and in long-term care facilities. Additional efforts include supporting homeless veterans through the collection and dispersement of t-shirts, underwear, and socks, which is ongoing throughout the year. There are numerous annual Veteran events where the DAR partners with other VSOs in a variety of supportive capacities.

Our active duty military is supported by packages shipped overseas and the DAR has sent over two million dollars worth of coupons for commissaries to active duty bases around the world (the commissaries will accept these coupons even if expired).



Countless commemorative certificates, awards, and scholarships to individuals and students have been awarded by DAR chapters, honoring deserving individuals for their contribution to our communities. Support by DAR may resemble a thoughtful neighbor by mowing the lawn for a veteran serving abroad, and many more gestures of kindness large and small – most of which happens without knowledge of who did this.

Through memorial services on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and other remembrance occasions such as supporting POW | MIA organizations, the DAR daughters call the attention to those we have lost through selfless service to our country. The DAR is an official commemorative partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

DAR also supports the Library of Congress by interviewing as many Indiana Veterans as possible, providing audio and video interviews to record our important military history.

Wreath-laying at old or new monuments is evidence of a DAR member being involved in a ceremony. And let's not forget the food! Daughters of the American Revolution provide tons of food each year for many veteran events statewide. DAR is always there to add the hospitality angle, including wreaths, and are usually behind the scenes with the visual appearance of an event by providing food and logistical support, including set up and clean up. A recent example of DAR efforts includes this summer's Gold Star Family Memorial dedication ceremony in May and the Korean War brick ceremony, both held on the grounds of the Indiana War Memorial Mall.

In addition to organizing food and refreshments, DAR is probably best known for its "genies", or genealogists. DAR genies found 116 of the missing Indiana Veterans from the Korean War and recovered most of their photos, which were featured on placards at the dedication. Thousands of hours of their time was spent on this worthwhile effort. The importance of remembrance is that the service of these veterans is important. It reflects that these veterans matter. DAR women are essentially the boots on the ground for many efforts to support Veterans.

Another extremely important project that DAR chapters across the state are engaging in is, "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans". The Indiana Vietnam Veterans free gift is hand-delivered and presented in-person at events, pick-up locations and to homebound veterans (vetsgift.com). This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The special services and events will happen across the country with DAR members involved. The purpose of these events is to remember and reflect.

Since the first U.S. DAR chapter was established in 1890 and nationally formed, as a rule, DAR daughters don't discuss politics or religion. They are dedicated to the retention and preservation of American History and teaching military history is especially important. It's the basis upon which our country was formed.



# America's Race: September 11th Obstacle Course Race



Sept./Oct.  
VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Veteran Events  
Calendar: [Click Here](#)



Run America's Race on September 11th at National Park's West Beach. This event is part of a national recognition of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and honors our military veterans and first responders.

When you register, you will receive a commemorative t-shirt that is made right here in the USA! [Click Here to get started](#)

## Other Patriot Day events around Indiana

[9/11 Memorial Remembrance Ride](#)  
[Sponsored by The Indiana Legion](#)

## PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINIC

**PUNCH FOR VETERANS**  
Boxing class for people of ALL abilities and Disabled Veterans!

Saturdays 12:00 - 1:00 PM  
Mike Ford Fitness  
2326 E. 44th St. Indianapolis IN 46205

Cost is \$5 for civilians with disabilities  
FREE for Disabled Veterans

<https://rhpunchforveterans.eventbrite.com>

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# SEPTEMBER

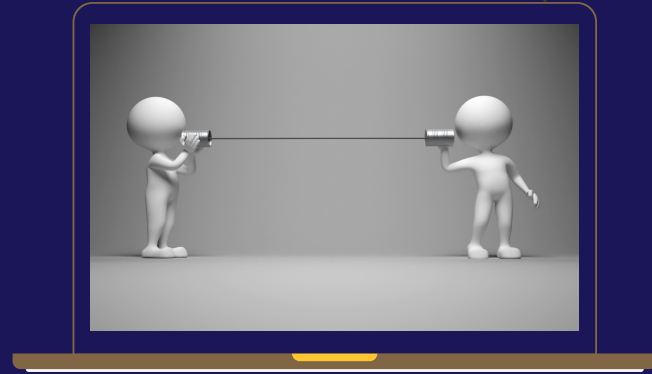
## Stand Down

### Helping Veterans & Families (HVAF)

12 to 3 p.m. Sept. 9

3912 W. Minnesota St.

Indianapolis, IN



YOU CAN'T USE UP  
CREATIVITY  
THE MORE YOU USE,  
THE MORE YOU HAVE

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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](mailto:info@vonnegutlibrary.org) indicating which dates you would like to attend. Visit the [Vonnegut Library](#) website for more information.

# ROLL CALL!



1415 North Gate Road  
Madison, IN 47250

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

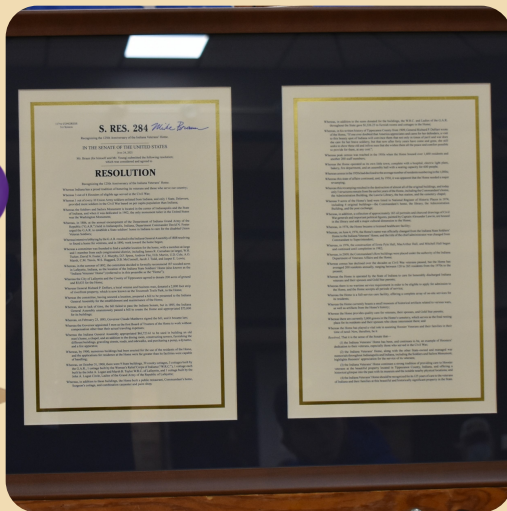
- Wear a mask in all buildings.
- Maintain 6 feet social space.

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

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



## Indiana Veterans Home News



**U.S. Senator Mike Braun presents a commemorative Resolution to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Indiana Veterans Home to Superintendent Joy Grow and IDVA Director Dennis Wimer Aug. 27 during a ceremony. (Photos by Tamara Smith)**



# RESOURCES

## RecruitMilitary Career Fair:

Event Details:

What: Indianapolis Veterans Job Fair

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium - 500 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46225

When: September 16, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Eastern

Registration Link: [rmvets.com/IndiSep16](http://rmvets.com/IndiSep16)

## Help for Heroes

The Help for Heroes® program was created to address the unique needs of military personnel, veterans, first responders and other high-risk frontline professionals. Through our specialized treatment tracks, individuals can overcome challenges brought on by repeated exposure to stress and trauma in the line of duty.

For more information, contact:

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## Need a Ride?

Transportation Services for seniors and disabled persons in Parke and Vermillion Counties to the following locations throughout Parke, Vermillion, and Vigo Counties. We offer courteous door-to-door service 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday (except Federal Holidays, Good Friday, Black Friday, and Christmas Eve.) All vehicles are ADA compliant and easy to board in a wheelchair, scooter, or walker! Service animals are welcome. Call 1-800-489-1561 to schedule a pickup and our driver will pick you up and bring you home. Donations are appreciated, but not required.



MEET YOUR

### DISABLED VETERANS OUTREACH SPECIALIST

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If you are an employer, a veteran seeking employment or a veteran interested in entrepreneurship & small business, visit the Veteran Employment page on our website at <https://www.in.gov/dva/about-idva/employment/>.