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Newsletter

GRANTS FOR VETERAN SERVICES FY 2026



Grant opportunity for nonprofit organizations serving Indiana veterans concerning:

- Preventing Veteran Suicide
- Homeless Assistance:
 - Eliminating homelessness
 - Preventing near-term homelessness
 - Providing safe & secure living conditions
- Assisting veterans in moving from public housing assistance programs to:
 - Home ownership; or
 - Stable, long-term rental status
- Assisting veterans with federal and state resources
- Providing therapeutic services
- Providing job training & job search assistance



This Month has meaning for many of our
Indiana Military & Veteran Community

April 5
Gold Star
Spouses Day

Birthdays:
Army Reserves
April 23, 1908
Air Force
Reserves
April 14, 1948



April 9
National
Former POW
Recognition
Day

March 29
Vietnam War
Veterans Day

Month of the Military Child



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2025 SALUTE TO VETERANS: 12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

- **Friday, May 9, 2025, at Brookshire Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana.**
- **All funds raised for At Ease Orchard**

A veteran-led nonprofit dedicated to supporting military veterans and their families through agriculture and beekeeping.

At Ease offers hands-on training, farm-based education, and opportunities for career development in agriculture.

Four-person team for \$600 or as individual players for \$150. Registration Includes:

- **Loaded goodie bag**
- **Boxed lunch**
- **18 holes of golf with cart**
- **Awards dinner**
- **Amazing Raffle Drawings**
- **50/50**

A limited number of sponsorships remain available:

- **Reception Sponsor (\$4,000)**
- **Registration Sponsor (\$3,500)**
- **Mulligan Package Sponsor (\$400)**
- **Hole Sponsors (\$250)**

Donations of raffle prizes are also welcome and will be recognized during the event.

After 30 years of military service, including tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, retired U.S. Army Colonel Joe Ricker now dedicates his life to helping veterans reconnect with purpose and community through farming.

"Farming offers veterans a sense of structure, purpose, and peace," Ricker said. "This event helps fund the hands-on training and support that veterans need to make that transition."

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Special thanks to Southern Glazier's and Cook Realty for their Support!



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Your Voice, Your Story

Tell us about your veteran or military story



We invite you to share your story with IDVA and each other! Post your personal stories and experiences that have shaped your lives while in service, as a veteran, or as a family member. Your narratives can serve as a guiding light, encouraging fellow veterans to open up and share their own meaningful journeys. Each story has the potential to foster connection and understanding within our community.

Amazing opportunity!

StoryCorps Military Voices Initiative In-Person Recording

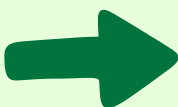
Recording:
Thursday May 1, 2025

Location:
WFYI Studios
1630 North Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Cost:
Free

The Military Voices Initiative provides a platform for veterans, service members, and military families to share their stories. In doing so we honor their voices, amplify their experiences, and let them know that we—as a nation—are listening.

Book your spot now!



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What's Happening

EVENT CALENDAR

Find events 
Check out the IDVA
event calendar today!

SUBMIT A VETERAN EVENT!

Tell us about events to support, serve, and
advocate for your veteran community!

We want to know about events happening all
across our great state.

Enter your event on the IDVA

 **SUBMIT A VETERAN EVENT online portal**
add it to our website calendar!

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Indiana Benefits Spotlight: **Disabled Veteran Hunting & Fishing License**



Qualified veterans can purchase:

- A one-year license for \$2.75 OR
- A 10-year license for \$27.50

The license covers the hunting of small game as well as fishing, excluding any stamps.



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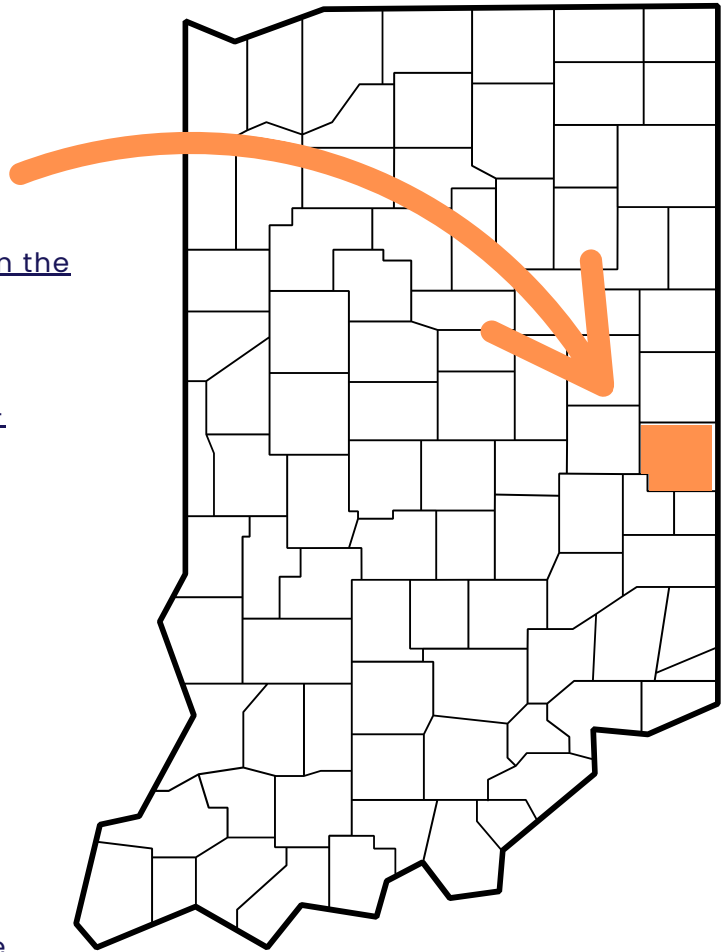
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CVSO SPOTLIGHT

This Veteran Service office offers assistance in the following:

- [Obtaining your DD-214](#)
- [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](#)
- [Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License](#)



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IDVA Partner Spotlight

This Indiana Veteran Community consists of veterans, family members, caregivers, friends, organizations, and providers that touch veteran lives in some way. IDVA salutes the organizations, agencies, and foundations that deliver resources, benefits, and hope. Check out our Partner Feature, follow the links, learn about them and help us support them.

IDVA Partner Feature:

7 VETERAN PROGRAMS
VETS RESTORING VETS



LEARN – COMRADERY – TEAM WORK – BUILD COOL STUFF

Operation Charlie Bravo is committed to helping Veterans find life-changing, impactful solutions to prevent suicide and homelessness.

At OCB, life begins anew when we understand and accept these men and women as they are. We assist them to find and develop their gifts and talents as they embrace and contribute to one another and society.



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