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Remembering Pearl Harbor

December 7, 1941



WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO
IDVA OUTREACH DIRECTOR

December has arrived! Winter may bring the cold but there is so much to appreciate and find beauty in this season. Winter teaches us the importance of slowing down and finding warmth within ourselves and our relationships. We are offering Operation Holiday Program again this year to help ensure a happy holiday for many veterans and their families. This month we also remember the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that took place 82 years ago. Applications for the IDVA NonProfit Partner are being accepted until Dec. 15, 2023, so get yours in soon! Your IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! Send us your feedback at outreach@dva.in.gov.

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NEWSLETTER

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INFO, EVENTS & PHOTOS



RIDE WITH PRIDE

GET YOUR PLATE AT YOUR LOCAL BMV TODAY



DID YOU KNOW?

100%

OF REVENUE FROM THESE PLATES FUNDS THE MFRF





Veterans, get financial assistance to ensure a happy holiday.

The Operation Holiday Program offers \$200 for holiday meals plus \$300 per dependent child from the Military Family Relief Fund.

[Click to check your eligibility.](#)

Text **VET** to 79848 for instant updates.



Team up with IDVA in 2024!

Applications Due:
December 15



The IDVA Non-Profit Partner program pairs IDVA with an Indiana Non-Profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of our Indiana Veteran Community.

Together we can plan our annual golf outing as well as other events throughout the year to raise funds for your mission, raise awareness of state and federal veteran benefits, and foster community, camaraderie and connection!

[Click here to apply.](#)



IDVA Non-Profit Partner 2024

Dates & Deadlines

Nov. 17, 2023
Solicitation
Posted

Dec. 6, 2023
Q&A YouTube
Live 11 a.m.

Dec. 15, 2023
Solicitations
Due - 4 p.m.

Dec. 29, 2023
Solicitations
Award Notice



INDIANA



★ 10TH ANNUAL ★

JANUARY 16, 2024

INDIANA STATEHOUSE

200 W. WASHINGTON ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FROM
★ AMERICAN LEGION POST 64

**COFFEE, DONUTS &
LUNCH PROVIDED
9AM-1PM**

**10 YEAR
LOOK-BACK
PROGRAM
10:30AM**

**MEET YOUR
LEGISLATORS
★
OVER 50
EXHIBITORS**

Sponsored by Representative John Bartlett &
Todd Huston, Speaker of the House

VeteransLegislativeDay.com



LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

**Steve Miller &
Andrew Blake**

MONROE COUNTY

This Veteran Service office offers assistance in the following:

- Obtaining your DD-214 military discharge
- 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
- Peddlers, Vendors License
- Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License
- Golden Hoosier Passport



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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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ablake@co.monroe.in.us

December



06: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event. 5 to 7 p.m. at 902 Deer Run Lane Nashville.

10: Carmel Christkindlmarkt. 12 to 8 p.m. 10 Carter Green Carmel. Contact Julia at julia@carmelchristkindlmarkt.com.

19: PACT Act Townhall. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. American Legion Post 234 1150 S. Main Street Scottsburg.

HEALTHY HEART FASHION SHOW

PROMOTING HEALTHY HEARTS FOR WOMEN VETERANS

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

EVENING EVENT

777 NORTH MERIDIAN ST
INDIANAPOLIS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT TAMARA WHITLOW
TAMARA.WHITLOW1@VA.GOV
317-988-9422



For more events and to see what's coming up in January & February, check out our calendar [here](#).

SUBMIT A VETERAN EVENT! 

Tell us about your event to support, serve, and advocate for the veteran community in your area! We want to know about events happening all across our great state. [Visit our site](#) and let us know to add it to our website calendar!

ROLL CALL!



Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery

The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery will hold the annual Wreaths Across America service at 12 p.m. December 16 in the chapel. The site sponsor this year is Morgan Nay Funeral Centre, which has worked tirelessly in seeking sponsors for each wreath. So many individuals have stepped forward to sponsor a Christmas Wreath, that the Cemetery will have 100% coverage of the gravesites this year. When placing a wreath, please take a moment to say the name of the loved one and reflect on the sacrifice and service to our country and community.



Happy Holidays!

Indiana Veterans' *Home* Wreaths Across America Ceremony

December 16, 2023

12:00 PM

MacArthur Auditorium



WREATHS
across
AMERICA



Indiana Veterans Home



Veterans IN Farming 2024 Workshop

The Veterans IN Farming team is excited to announce our workshop in Jan. 2024 for veterans that want to learn about homesteading or farming. We have topics available for both our beginning and advanced farmers. We are excited to bring you a weekend full of fun and learning. Join us Jan. 19-21 2024 at Fair Oaks Farm in Fair Oaks Indiana for this opportunity.

Highlighted Topic Items:

Learn about Free opportunities for training in Agriculture for Veterans

For our Beginning Farmers:

- Business planning
- Q&A Panel from experienced farmers

For our Advanced Farmers:

- Discussion on Mushrooms, Orchards, Beekeeping, and other homesteading ideas
- Managing Farm Stress
- Grant Writing

Hotel Rates:

Guaranteed through December 20th

<https://fofarms.com/lodging/>

- Standard \$119
- Studio Suite \$129
 - *hot breakfast buffet*
- Reservations made directly with hotel
 - 219-394-2025

*Winter events such as sledding may also be available

Cost:

- \$100 per person
 - Includes lunch dinner snacks on Jan. 20
 - Kids are free
- Workshop ticket stipends are available through Indiana Ag Vets
 - <https://indianaagvets.info>
 - LTARR@hoosieruplands.org

Schedule:

- Jan. 19th Evening Social
- Jan. 20th Classes
 - Lunch, dinner, and snacks provided
- Jan. 21st Farm Tours
 - Additional \$20 per person

Over \$500 in door prizes will be given out

Sign up at:

vetsinfarming.wildapricot.org



Like us at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/VetsINFarming>
Veterans IN Farming is a 501C3 organization supporting Veterans in agriculture that are social disadvantaged and underserved in our community

Veterans IN Farming 2024 Workshop

The Veterans IN Farming Team is working hard to host a workshop at Fair Oaks Farm in Fair Oaks Indiana on Jan. 19-21 2024. We need your help in order to make this event a success for our military veteran farmers!

Bronze	Silver	Gold
\$500	\$1000	\$2000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo on website• Name in program• Name and logo mentioned on Facebook posts• Name listed on slide shown in ballroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo on website and program• Name and logo mentioned on Facebook posts• Name listed on slide shown in ballroom• 1 free tshirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarter slide shown in ballroom• Name and logo mentioned on Facebook posts• Logo on website• Table in vendor area<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (max of 10)• 1 free t-shirt
1 Workshop Ticket	2 Workshop Tickets	3 Workshop Tickets

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Veteran Events for All 2022



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SPORTS PROGRAM

ARCHERY CLINICS

for people with physical disabilities
Highsmith Guns

SATURDAYS 10 - 11:00 AM
APRIL 1, JUNE 3, AUG. 5, OCT. 7, & DEC. 2

COST: \$12

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SPORTS PROGRAM

PUNCH FOR VETERANS BOXING CLINICS

For disabled veterans or civilians with a disability

Saturdays
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Fitness Clinic of Indy
2160 W 86th St., Suite 101
Indianapolis, IN 46260

\$5 Per class
FREE for disabled veterans

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

<https://punchforveterans23.eventbrite.com>

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Journaling & Creativity Workshops
to Inspire Guided Action

He said. She said. They said.

with Meghan Barich

He said. She said. They said. - Veteran Writing Workshop

This workshop focuses on using dialogue to enhance characters and move narratives forward

Join us for our next installment of Journaling & Creativity Workshops to Inspire Guided Action.

In this two-hour workshop, we will craft dialogues that express nuance, personality, emotions, and that move a story forward with meaning. Through written dialogue, participants will gain understanding of the conversations they have with themselves and others.

Your facilitator is Meghan Barich. Megan is most passionate about helping folks reclaim their highest self—the part of you who embraces curiosity, play, and creativity to be conscious to the decision they make. She helps folks build a new toolkit to stop people pleasing and start choosing and creating their own joy and satisfaction. Meghan is a Journal to the Self® certified instructor and is studying to be a Certified Journal Facilitator through the Therapeutic Writing Institute. She is a certified creativity coach and knows first-hand how a daily art and personal expression practice lowers stress and deepens connection to self and to others.

Workshop is for veterans only. 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)

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HELPING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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