



HOOSIER VETERAN

Newsletter

Tell us about your IDVA journey



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.

"Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year."

W.E.B. Du Bois

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

March 3
Navy Reserve
Birthday

March 25
Medal of
Honor Day



March 13
K-9 Veterans
Day

March 29
Vietnam War
Veterans Day

Month of March
Women's History Month



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Women's History Month

By Laura Mckee



March 2025 ignites a celebration of Women's History Month, a moment to include a salute to the fearless women who've stormed the frontlines of America's armed forces. This year's theme, "Moving Forward Together," pulses with the grit, unity, and unstoppable drive that define these trailblazers. Picture this: from the musket smoke of the Revolutionary War to the drone-filled skies of modern conflicts, women—including Indiana's own—have charged into battle to defend the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution.

Hoosier heroines gave their all serving during the war on terror, with three paying the ultimate price: Marine Sgt. Jeannette Winters, Air Force Senior Airman Ashton L.M., and Navy Seaman Apprentice Shayna A. Schnell. These women did not let anything get in their way to honorably defend our country and gave everything for the freedoms we enjoy today.



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Fast forward to 2023: women made up 17.7% of the active-duty military, commanding ships and even the cosmos in Space Force. The stats dazzle in the field of operational leaders who are officers. The officer percentage of women includes all branches of the armed forces—24% of Army, 27% of Navy, 11% of Marine Corps, 32% of Air Force, and 24% of Space Force pioneers were women. These aren't just numbers; they're proof of a seismic shift, a legion of leaders rewriting the military's future.

As Women's History Month blazes through March, Indiana's women veterans stand as living legends. Their tales of grit and their relentless push to mentor the next generation shout resilience. Let's honor their sacrifices and build a world where their legacy isn't just celebrated—it's rocket fuel for progress. Are you a woman serving or who's served and now calling Indiana home? Share your story as a service member, your service to Veterans, and/or your service to others—"Tell us your story." Your voice matters.

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- **The Library of Congress**



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What's Happening

IDVA Golf Outing 2025!

Brookshire Golf Course

12120 Brookshire Pkwy,
Carmel, IN 46033

12 PM Tee-Off Food & Drinks Boxed Lunch

Raffle & 50/50 Awards Reception

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All proceeds benefit the 2025
IDVA non-profit partner



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NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

INDIANA

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS
WHVV.ORG
FREE LUNCH SERVED

MARCH 29, 2025
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
2:00 pm - Ceremony & Awards
Indiana National Guard Armory
325 Minuteman Way - Franklin, IN 46131

Huey Helicopter Rides
Weather Permitting

SPECIAL FEATURE
The Journey Home
Armory Auditorium Showtimes
11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

ALL event attendees receive a copy of *A Time To Honor - Stories of Service, Duty, and Sacrifice* BOOK/DVD

WE ♥ OUR VIETNAM VETERANS
Public Welcome
FREE ADMISSION
Join us to thank these heroes!

Music, Food, Door Prizes plus Special Recognition for Vietnam Era Veterans

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Daughters of the American Revolution
INDIANA

Indy Vet House, Inc.
HELPING HEROES OF AMERICA

INDY VETERANS
Veterans & Families Support

Sammy L. Davis
Medal of Honor - Vietnam
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INDIANA GOLD STAR

HARVESTING HOPE: BUILDING PATHWAYS TO FOOD SECURITY

Indiana Hunger Summit

The Indiana Hunger Summit, a one-day statewide event, will bring together all sectors of the state's food chain to tackle food insecurity through collaborative and actionable solutions.

Thursday, March 20
9:00-4:00 EST
Indiana State Fairgrounds

*ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS & INNOVATION SHOWCASES TO BE CONFIRMED

FEATURING: CLARE BASINIAUX-FONTENOT
CEO, FEEDING AMERICA

FEATURING: KIP TOM
U.S. AMBASSADOR (FORMER)

BOOTS to BUSINESS
from the U.S. Small Business Administration

SBA

Thursday, April 3, 2025 9am to 4:30pm
The Station Coworking, Suite 102
900 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807

Women of Warriors Craft Night Out

an evening of crafting & sisterhood

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, AT 5:30 PM

VFW POST 1111

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MORGAN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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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. Visit our site and let us know to add it to our website calendar!

What's Happening?

Find events
Check out the IDVA event calendar today.

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VA News & Notes

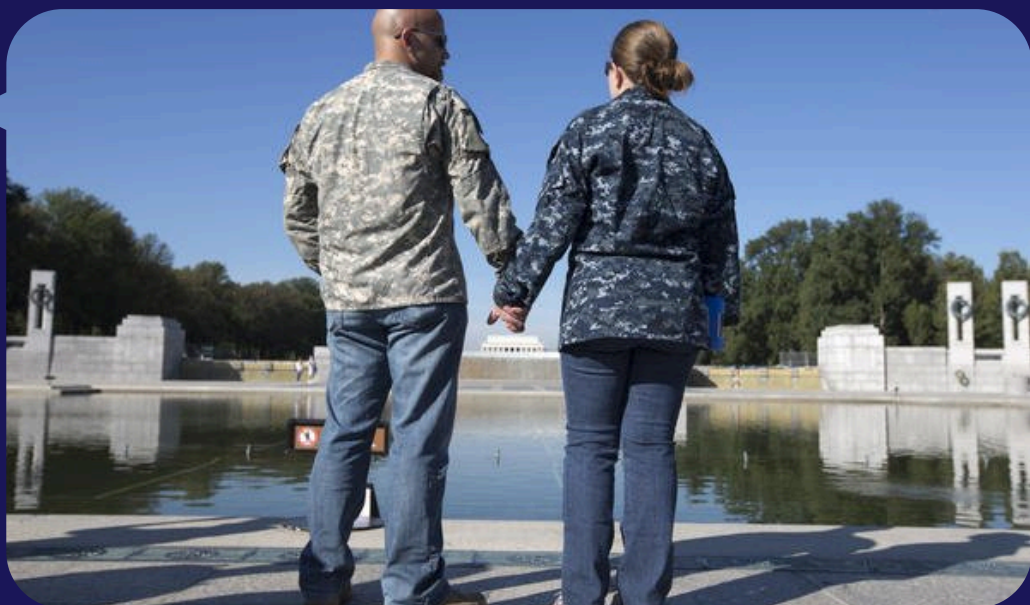
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year round

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crisis before it
occurs for my
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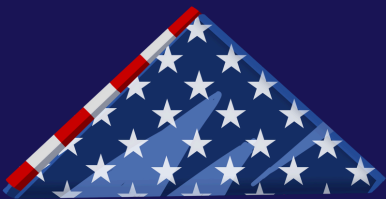
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Indiana Veterans
Memorial Cemetery



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Indiana Veterans Home

Military Family
Relief Fund (MFRF)



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Indiana Benefits Spotlight: Request a DD 214

**Request Veteran
Discharge Papers From:**



Indiana
County
Recorders
Office

*The Veteran's Discharge Papers will
only be on file IF the Veteran
recorded the papers at this office
after discharge from military service.*

County Recorder's Office

**Request Veteran
Discharge Papers From:**



Indiana
Department of
Veterans Affairs

*The Veteran's Discharge Papers will
only be available to Veterans who
were discharges after 1989 and
CHOSE to have their papers sent
to Indiana.*

Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs

**Request Veteran
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*All Veteran's Discharge Papers are
on file at the NPRC.*

National Personnel Records Center



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CVSO Spotlight

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. Indiana owes a great debt to its veterans, past and present, for their personal sacrifices and dedicated service. IDVA is committed to providing quality services, benefits, and programming with our great partners.

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IDVA Partner Feature:

At ECHO, our mission is to transform lives by breaking down barriers to housing, social wellbeing, and economic opportunity. We envision a vibrant community where these essentials are accessible to everyone, fostering a compassionate society where individuals can reach their full potential.

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, recognizing that having a place to call home is vital for well-being. Our work is guided by five core values.

Learn more about these values and how you can contribute at <https://echohousing.org/>.



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