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Newsletter



CELEBRATE WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY JUNE 12 - LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WOMEN IN THE INDIANA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH MIXER



JUNE 12

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

David Hefner Pavilion
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation
1908 St. Mary's Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Join us for our 2nd Women Veterans Health Mixer to celebrate Women's Veteran Recognition Day! Veterans are invited.



SCAN THE QR CODE!
To register or text 79848 with "mixer" to attend the event.

We're excited to invite you to our 2nd Women Veterans Health Mixer, celebrating Women Veterans Recognition Day on June 12! This special day marks the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, and we're honored to recognize your service and contributions.

Join us for a fun afternoon of socializing, refreshments, and learning about the women's veterans health program. Our friendly VA staff will be there to answer your questions and guide you through the process of enrolling in VA healthcare. As a bonus, women veteran inductees to the Indiana Military Hall of Fame will be recognized!

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women veterans, share your experiences, and learn about the resources available to you. We're proud to support and empower women veterans like you, and we can't wait to celebrate with you! So mark your calendars for June 12 and join us for a fantastic event. We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions call,
260.426.5431, ext. 62969



A WEEKEND OF WELLNESS: WOMEN VETERANS FIND SOLACE AND SUPPORT AT SPRING RETREAT

by Kirsten Clark

More than 40 Indiana women veterans gathered at McCormick's Creek State Park's Canyon Inn for a weekend of wellness, connection, and relaxation. The Spring Women Veterans Wellness Retreat, hosted by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, was a chance for women to come together, share their stories, and find support.

From yoga and art therapy to hiking and drum circles, the retreat offered something for everyone. Women veterans had the opportunity to learn about military war dogs, explore their identity, and connect with others who understand their experiences.

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VA LEGAL CLINICS

The Military Assistance Project is a statewide project that provides free civil legal advice and direct representation to eligible low-income Indiana military members, veterans, and their dependents. Please call our centralized intake line at 1 (844) 243-8570.

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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
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- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Burial Benefits
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EXPLORING BENEFITS

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Indiana Women Veterans Program

- Women made up 17.3% of the active-duty force and 21.4% of the National Guard and reserves in 2021.
- Women comprised 9.4% of the total Veteran population in the United States in 2015, and are projected to make up 16.3% by 2043.
- The total population of women Veterans is expected to increase at an average rate of about 18,000 women per year for the next 10 years.
- In 2015, 23.4% of all women Veterans were divorced compared with 12.6% of non-Veteran women.
- Overall, women Veterans were less likely than non-Veteran women to be living in poverty in 2015. About 10% of all women Veterans and 15% of all non-Veteran women had incomes below the poverty threshold.

Indiana is home to over 33,000 women veterans, who have served in every war period, including World War II. Notably, 1,087 of these women are military retirees. As of November 30, 2011, there were 2,335 women on active duty, excluding those serving in the Indiana National Guard or Reserve units.

Despite their service, many women veterans are unaware of the benefits and services available to them. This section aims to bridge that gap by providing valuable resources for women veterans and their communities. We've compiled a comprehensive list of federal benefits and services offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as state-specific benefits and facilities available to Indiana residents. Additionally, we've included local resources in Indiana communities that may be of interest to all women.

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VETERAN EVENTS

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What's Happening?

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.

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



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Every other Thursday, 8 p.m.
angelinelarimer@gmail.com

**Punch for Veterans
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Saturdays, 9 a.m.
Info: (317) 447-7803

FREE Veterans Food Pantry
Richmond, IN CBOC
4th Tuesday/month, 9 a.m.
Info: (765) 983-2183


RECURRING EVENTS

Coffee with a Veteran
Brownsburg VA Clinic
557 Pit Rd.
Brownsburg, IN 46112
June 28, 9 a.m.

Coffee with a Veteran
Schoolhouse 7 Cafe
12125 Cyntheanne Rd.
Fishers, IN 46037
Last Saturday of the month

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ROLL CALL

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The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery is dedicated to Veterans and their families as a lasting memorial, and final resting place, in appreciation and gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our nation.

To be eligible for burial:

- The veteran must have been separated under conditions other than dishonorable
- If Guard or Reserve, must have been eligible for retirement pay at the time of death
- Servicemember who died while serving on active duty
- The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or
- A child under the age of 21 of an eligible veteran.

If you are in need of more information or have further questions about the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, please contact them at (812) 273-9220 or e-mail ivmc@dva.in.gov.



Your Home. You're Family.

The Indiana Veterans' Home (IVH) is located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Originally created to care for veterans of the Civil War, the Indiana Veterans' Home welcomed its first resident in 1896. Located on 250+ acres in West Lafayette, IVH is a full-service care facility offering a complete array of services for residents.

The Indiana Veterans' Home Mission

The mission of the Indiana Veterans' Home is to honor Indiana's veterans and their spouses by providing the highest level of care in a therapeutic home-like environment, enhancing health and yielding optimal quality of life.

To do this and meet the unique needs of these heroes and their families, we deliver compassionate and comprehensive skilled care while integrating arts and cultural programming and preserving the rich history of the Home.

Why IVH?

It is our privilege to serve Hoosier veterans and their spouses and we take that responsibility very seriously. Residents here enjoy newly renovated care units, our beautiful grounds and gardens, the resident library and media center, an on-site chapel, beauty shop, fishing pond, and our transportation services, along with a rich history and extensive recreational programming and events geared specifically for veterans. With our exclusive array of on-site services, expansive volunteer department, and tremendous support from the major veterans service organizations, IVH is truly the best option for Hoosier veterans and their spouses seeking independent living, long-term nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, or memory care.


[Download our brochure](#), [our mini-book](#), or [visit our campus and take a walking tour!](#)

[Meet IVH Superintendent, Amy Gibson.](#)



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