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Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Department of Indiana Sign Landmark Memorandum of Agreement

Indianapolis, IN – In a significant step towards enhancing support for Indiana's veteran community, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and the American Legion Department of Indiana have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that strengthens their commitment in training and supporting the state's County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs). This collaboration represents a unified effort to provide top-tier services and support to veterans across Indiana and embodies the IDVA vision to Serve More, Serve Better, and Serve Together.

Under this new MOA, the Indiana Veterans Commission's newly implemented accreditation standards for CVSOs have been recognized and endorsed by the American Legion. The commission has tasked IDVA to implement and manage these standards, which set a precedent for consistency and accountability and will ensure that CVSOs are equipped with the highest level of training and qualifications. As part of this agreement, the American Legion will offer full VA Accreditation to CVSOs and staff who successfully complete the rigorous accreditation training and meet its standards.

Jake Adams, Director of IDVA, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "Indiana is committed to leading the nation in how we serve our veterans. This partnership with the American Legion strengthens the foundation of our veteran service network by ensuring County Veteran Service Officers receive the highest level of training and accreditation. When we invest in those who serve our veterans, we strengthen the entire system of support for the men and women who served our country."

The MOA marks a pivotal moment in Indiana's ongoing mission to lead the nation in veteran services. By combining resources and expertise, the IDVA and the American Legion are setting a new standard for veteran services that prioritize care, accessibility, and accountability.

Department of Indiana American Legion Commander Ronald L. Patterson proclaimed, "This agreement is a testament to our unwavering dedication to Indiana's veterans. By partnering with the IDVA, we are ensuring the veteran community receives quality service backed by our dedicated service officers. Together, we are building a brighter, more supportive future for those who have bravely served our country."

About the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs:

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is dedicated to supporting, serving, and advocating for Indiana's veteran community. For more information, visit: <https://www.in.gov/dva/>

About the American Legion Department of Indiana:

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to advocating for patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and supporting service members and veterans. For more information about the American Legion's work in Indiana, visit: <https://www.indianalegion.org/>