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WELCOME!

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To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, the U.S. Congress established Memorial Day. We take time this month to honor and remember those who gave their lives for our nation. Looking ahead to June, Dare2Tri's Injured Military Camp held in Hammond is sure to be a winner. Ever wanted to learn to write a stage play? Playwriting for Veterans begins June 7. It's always a good month to visit your County Veteran Service Officer and make sure you are receiving all the benefits and services available to you. IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! We welcome contributions and feedback to outreach@dva.in.gov.

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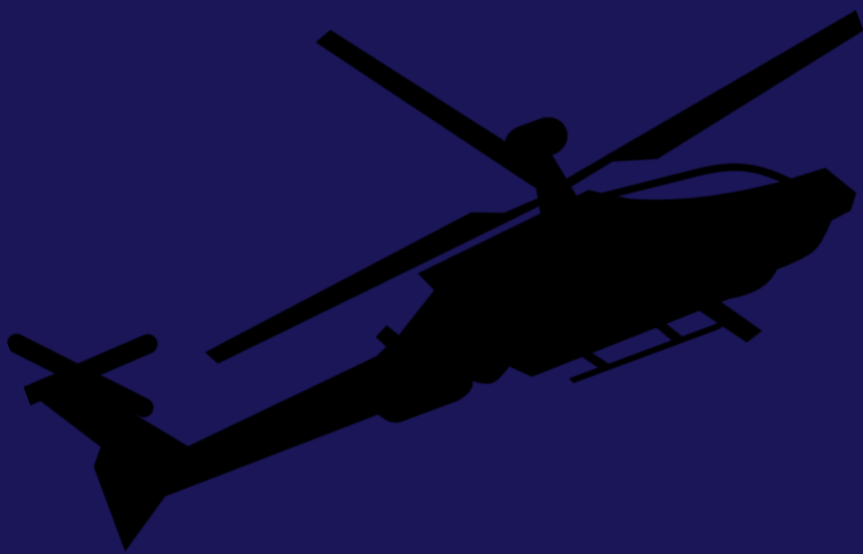
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Remembering a Hero: Robert Oliver, Jr.

Story & Photos by Kirsten Clark



Madison, Ind. -- Loving, knowledgeable, steadfast, humble. While these words are just a few of the many adjectives fellow police officers and friends used to describe Robert Oliver, Jr., he was a man who left an indelible legacy of kindness and quiet strength on the Louisville Metro Police Department and all who knew him.



The funeral procession of Robert Oliver, Jr. begins as the hearse approaches the semi-circle April 6 at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Madison, Ind. Oliver served in the LMPD for 18 years. Prior to his service there, he was an officer in Jeffersonville, Ind.



The LMPD, many friends and family members, along with Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs and Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery staff, paid tribute to Oliver's life April 6 during a procession and ceremony on the hallowed Madison grounds.

"Rob was the type of guy who had a lot of knowledge (he used to be a drill sergeant in the Army) but always gave positive criticism and would train people to be proficient," said friend and fellow police officer Sgt. Daniel Elliott. "He was never angry, always helpful, and had a big heart. He was a wonderful, kind dad and he was like our big brother. He will be missed, we feel his loss deeply."



Members of the LMPD Honor Guard guide Oliver's casket inside the building for a ceremony to remember and honor his life. Oliver passed away March 29 in Louisville, Ky.

"Rob could always tell if you were anxious before an event and he would put his hand on your back and say, 'Just breathe,'" said Elliott. "Rob never put anyone in an uncomfortable position and he was always prepared - even kept a sewing kit and extra badges with him in case someone needed them."

Oliver was an Army veteran. He most recently served as the LMPD District Resource Officer for the First Division. He was a proud LMPD Honor Guard member and leader, serving as the unit's Commander until his passing.

"Rob was the glue who held us together, the tip of the spear," Sgt. Michael Jackson, LMPD Honor Guard commander said. "I never saw him angry. He will be greatly, greatly missed."



A Final Farewell

"It was an honor to serve a fellow veteran and his family here at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery," said Superintendent Alan Burham, IVCM. "As a veteran it does make you humble to see a community of police officers pull together and honor such a great man. He was truly one of a kind."

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs 2023 Salute to Veterans Charity Golf Outing

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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
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- G.I. Bill Benefits
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- Burial Benefits
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Wednesday by appointment only
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MAY

Calendar

8: Military Family Research Institute Reaching Rural Veterans Event 5 to 7 p.m. Bridge of Hope Worship Center and Food Pantry 4050 E. County Road 50 S, Milan 47031.

12: 2023 Salute to Veterans Charity Golf Outing benefiting ECHO Housing noon tee time Brookshire Golf Club 12120 Brookshire Parkway Carmel, 46033.

13: Veteran Benefits & Resource Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brownsburg VA Clinic 557 Pit Road, Brownsburg 46112.

17: VA2K Event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hoosier Clinic 1496 W. Hoosier Boulevard Peru, 46970.

19-21: Armed Forces Weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway gates open at 10 a.m. 4802 Crawfordsville Road Speedway, 46224.

20: VA Claims Assistance 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Post 11 1801 S. 9th Street Lafayette, 47905.



For events coming up in June and July,
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!



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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OPERATION FLAT ROCK

OVERNIGHT CAMP EXCLUSIVELY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

JULY 2-7, 2023 | AGES 7-15

Flat Rock River YMCA Camp offers this special week of camp exclusively for children of veterans or active military service members, including the Reserves and National Guard.

Operation Flat Rock is a full week of traditional overnight summer camp that includes everything that the beautiful Flat Rock River YMCA Camp has to offer, like kayaking, horseback riding, archery, zip line, and so much more!



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FLAT ROCK RIVER YMCA CAMP

Located in St. Paul, Indiana, just 40 minutes southeast of Indianapolis!

We are proud to offer Operation Flat Rock to all military families at a subsidized rate, made possible through Y-USA grant funding and donations to the Flat Rock Annual Campaign. Additionally, these generous donations allow us to provide a 3 rate pricing structure based on an honor system whereby each family chooses the rate they are able to pay.

RATE A: \$350* | RATE B: \$250* | RATE C: \$150*

*The actual cost of a week at Flat Rock is \$815. These subsidized rates are made possible by donations to the Flat Rock Annual Campaign.

Flat Rock River YMCA Camp 6981 W County Rd 650 N, St. Paul, IN 47272



Join us for a Regional AgrAbility Workshop! Veterans in Farming

Indianapolis

June 6-8, 2023

The Hilton Garden Inn

8910 Hatfield Drive, Indianapolis IN 46241

Cost- \$125 for all 3 days

\$75 for the 2 workshop session days, with no tour

For more information and link to register go to

<https://bit.ly/41ce50T>

Registration is open through May 31st

This Regional Event was planned in conjunction with [Veterans IN Farming](#) and will focus on Veterans in Agriculture. Tuesday and Wednesday will be workshop sessions that will include topics on business planning, getting your product to market, land access and estate planning, farming with a disability, and resources, programs and benefits for veterans. Thursday will consist of tours of veteran-owned agricultural businesses. Lunch will be provided.

AgrAbility is a program sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture that provides assistance to farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers, and farm family members impacted by disability, illness or chronic conditions. The program is funded through a competitive grant process for one National Project and State/ Regional Projects (currently serving 20 states). Each project involves a collaborative partnership between land grant universities and various non-profit disability services organizations.



A nightly rate of \$127 is available at the [Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis Airport](#) through 5/9/23.

You can reserve a room by clicking on the hotel name. Please edit the dates at the top of the page before reserving your room.

For more details, please contact National AgrAbility Partners at Goodwill:

Tess McKeel: tmckeel@goodwillfingerlakes.org

JoBeth Rath: jbrath@goodwillfingerlakes.org

Learn more at: www.agrability.org

The National AgrAbility Project is supported by AgrAbility Project, USDA/NIFA Special Project 2021-41590-34813

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
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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](#).

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ROLL CALL!



Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
MEMORIAL DAY 2023



May 29 at 1 P.M.


Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
1415 North Gate Rd., Madison, IN 47250

Open to the Public

*This event is outdoors, rain or shine

*"A hero is someone who has given
his or her life for something bigger
than oneself."*

- Joseph Campbell



Visit our website for more about the cemetery.

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

2023 New admissions application packet now available here!



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IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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