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Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10



Veterans Day Nov. 11

WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

This month is National Veteran and Military Families Month! We salute you -- Indiana veterans, family members, caregivers, friends, organizations, and providers who touch veteran lives in so many ways. We are looking forward to Veterans Day Nov. 11, with celebrations planned for Indianapolis and for cities and towns all over the Hoosier State. View those on pages 3 & 9. Check in with your County Veteran Service Officer this month and learn more about the PACT Act (beware of scams! Page 11) and 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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VETERAN
NEWSLETTER

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Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

Military Family Relief Fund



OPERATION HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Assisting veterans and their families that are experiencing financial hardship this holiday season.

\$300 per dependent child in the household
\$200 per household for a holiday meal

Program ends Dec. 31, 2022

You Will Need:

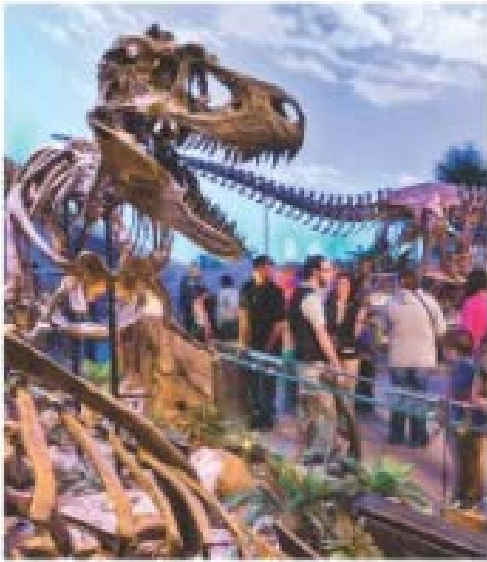
- DD-214
- W-9
- Proof of Income
- Bank Statement
- Direct Deposit form
- Proof of child's dependency
- Proof of child's residency



Details and application:

CLICK HERE





**CHILDREN'S
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Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022

FREE admission for all current and former military

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Tickets must be purchased at Box Office.

Enjoy the world's **biggest and best** children's museum!



**VETERANS DAY
C O U N C I L**
of Indianapolis, Inc.

Veterans Day Events
Friday, Nov. 11, 2022

Breakfast 8 A.M.

Service 11 A.M.

Breakfast and service held at the
Indiana War Memorial

Parade 12 P.M.

South on Pennsylvania Ave., west on
New York St., and then
north on Meridian St.



**Limited
Breakfast
Tickets Still
Available!**

Breakfast tickets are available at

VETERANSDAYINDY.ORG



INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL: 55 E MICHIGAN
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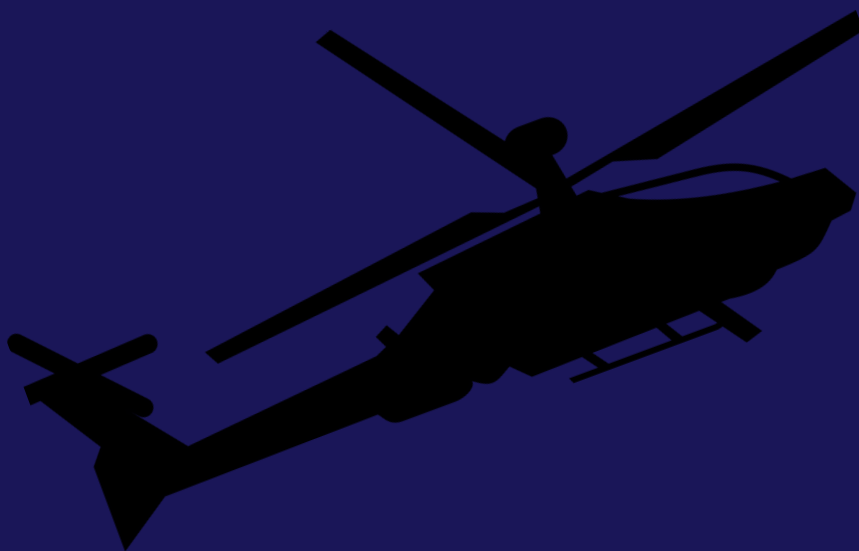
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Evansville Wartime Museum

Promoting awareness of the Evansville region's wartime contributions and home front legacy.



The Army-Navy "E" flag was awarded to companies who met and exceeded production schedules. Many companies in Evansville received several E awards during the war years.

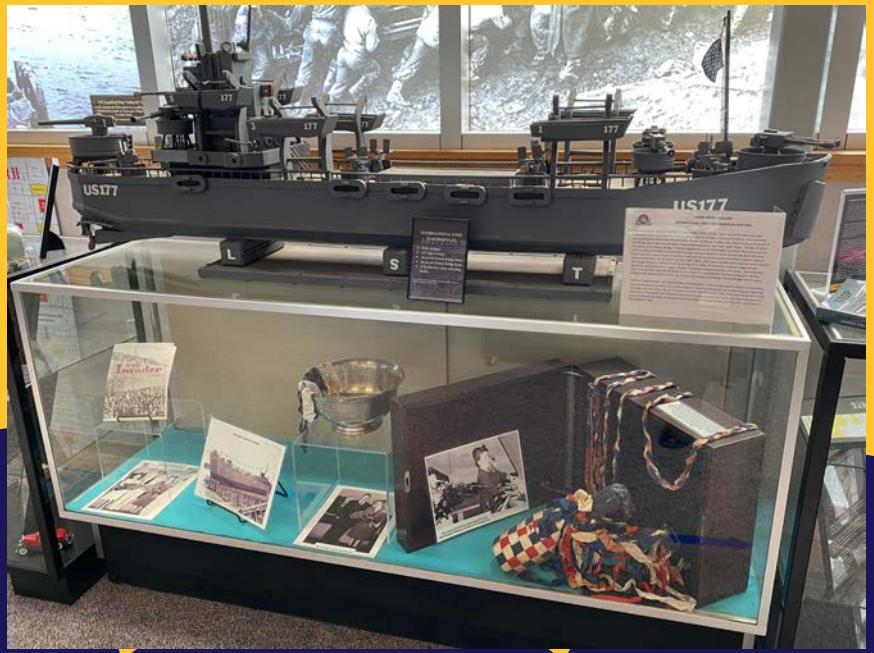
A radio from the period sits atop a cabinet displaying rationing books and other high-demand items. Rationing of consumer goods contributed greatly to conserving crucial supplies for the war effort.



Barbara Ericson was a Women Air-force Service Pilot (WASP) and a member of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). She picked up and delivered various military aircraft to and from factories and air bases in the U.S. She is the only woman awarded the Air Medal during WW II.



Bootz Manufacturing Company, Inc. made sheet metal stampings and sheet metal assemblies. The company became Evansville's first war factory, fabricating steel products for the Army and Navy. Bootz earned six E awards during the war for its production of practice bombs and cooking equipment.



International Steel was a steel company that created the Landing Ship, Tank (LST) warships for WW II. They were built in the Evansville Shipyard between 1942 and 1944. The shipyard produced 205 vessels - the most of any shipyard in the U.S.



A map of the city of Evansville identifies the locations of various key hubs including the Lincoln USO Club.

Karl Kae Knecht was an artist who served as a cartoonist, and later as a photographer, for the Evansville Courier from 1906 to 1960. His drawings helped to keep local morale high as local industry boomed.



Republic Aviation Corporation Indiana Division produced more than 6,000 P-47 Thunderbolts, nearly 39 percent of all P-47s built during World War II.



The Thunderbolt was effective as a short- to medium-range escort fighter in high-altitude air-to-air combat and ground attack in both the European and Pacific theaters. The P-47 was designed around the powerful Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp 18-cylinder radial engine, which also powered two U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps fighters, the Grumman F-6F Hellcat and the Vought F-4U Corsair. An advanced turbosupercharger system ensured the aircraft's eventual dominance at high altitudes, while also influencing its size and design.



Chrysler, in partnership with an Army Ordnance team, got to work at their Plymouth assembly plant making .45 caliber cartridges. By April 1944, the arsenal produced 3,264,281,914 rounds. Chrysler also produced almost a half-billion .30 caliber cartridges, hundreds of thousands of specialty rounds, reconditioned 1,662 Sherman tanks, rebuilt 4,000 Army trucks, delivered 800,000 tank grousers and was preparing to make fire bombs when the war ended.





A panoramic view of the inside of the Evansville Wartime Museum. The museum opened its doors on May 27, 2017 with a mission to build a destination filled with educational programs regarding the importance of community support in preserving our freedom. It strives to be a place for all ages, creating an educational and rewarding environment illustrating general military history, with a focus on Evansville's contribution to the World War II Allied victory effort.



The Hoosier Spirit II is one of more than 6,000 P-47s built at the Republic Aviation plant in Evansville during WW II. The plane arrived at the museum in October 2021, after a long and storied history. The plane made its debut flight on Sept. 19, 1942. Formerly known as "Tarheel Hal", it has returned to Indiana where it is now Indiana's official state aircraft.



HOURS & ADMISSION

Thursday to Sunday
Noon to 4 p.m.
General admission: \$11
Active duty veterans, seniors (65+), 1st Responders: \$8

EVANSVILLE WARTIME MUSEUM

7503 Petersburg Road
Evansville, Indiana 47725
812.424.7461

<https://www.evansvillewartimemuseum.org/>

The M4A4 1943 Sherman Tank is one of 7,499 tanks produced by Chrysler's Detroit Tank Arsenal. It was the most widely used medium tank by the Allies and proved to be reliable, inexpensive and largely available. The tanks were part of the "striking echelon" of the armored division and performed many missions with superb mobility and firepower.

Visit us!

GVS SPOTLIGHT



NeighborLink
FORT WAYNE



Imagine an online bulletin board where you could post your need and where you could go to find needs to meet. That's NeighborLink. We're a web-based community connection tool that focuses on mobilizing churches and volunteers to meet the needs that fall through the cracks of traditional social services. These projects are typically home maintenance and repair needs for people that cannot physically and/or financial afford the repairs.

Since 2003, our mission has remained the same: to provide practical expressions of God's love to our neighbors in need. Christ's love for us compels us to love Him; His love for people motivates us to love our neighbors well. By serving others, we believe we are fulfilling this mission as Christ intended.

Although we're the founding NeighborLink chapter of many across the United States, our goal is to create a unified network of neighbors helping neighbors, regardless of where they live or what they look like.

Thanks to GPS technology, you can use this platform to safely link up with local neighbors in need. From basic tasks, such as yard work and snow removal, to more skilled projects, like wheelchair ramps or plumbing needs, our goal is to make loving our neighbors as simple as possible.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS 2022

Neighborcare Veterans Ball

Nov. 4

5 - 7 P.M.

Neighborcare of Chapel Hill: Ballroom

230 Welcome Way Blvd, Indianapolis, IN

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

Nov.6

10 A.M. - 5 P.M..

3300 E. Division St Evansville Indiana

Annual Veteran Recognition & Resource Fair

The Mission Continues : Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 5

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

American Legion Post 3

6379 N College Ave Indianapolis, IN

Nov.10

11:00 A.M.

National Guard Armory

3300 E. Division St Evansville Indiana

[REGISTER NOW >](#)

Wayne County Veterans Day Ceremony & Parade

Nov. 5 - Parade (Noon)

Nov.11 - Ceremony

11 A.M.

Veterans Memorial Park

Hancock Veteran/ Military Luncheon

Nov.10

11:00 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.

Ninestar Connect Conference Center

1st 200 to R.S.V.P by Nov. 3 call 317-727-1605

VETERANS DAY EVENTS 2022

Veteran Day Celebration

Nov.10

5 P.M.

Brown Gym

100 Broadway St., Madison, IN

Veteran Tree Dedication Ceremony

Nov.11

5:30 P.M.

Town of Hanover Park Building

200 Spruce Ln Hanover, IN 47243

Parade & Welcome Home Celebration

Nov.11

10:30 A.M.

AMVETS

219 Northwestern Ave. Monticelle, IN 47960

Contact Megan Varble for information: 812-806-1042

American Legion Post 11

Nov.11

11:11 A.M.

1801 S. 9th St. Lafayette, IN 47905

Hamilton County Veterans Stand Down

Nov.11

3- 6pm

Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville

Veterans Art Day

Nov. 12

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Indianapolis Art Center

Crawfordsville Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 11

11 A.M.

Downtown Crawfordsville

820 E. 67TH ST. Indianapolis, IN 46220

To register call 317-255-2464



IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



Crabill Hall: Clark County Heritage Center

Nov. 5

12 - 4 P.M.

117 S. Fountain Ave

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Films at the Fort: Just Like Me

Nov. 12

2 - 3:45 P.M.

Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort
8920 Otis Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46216



Arts for Lawrence will be screening the film "Just Like Me" by Ron Osgood. It focuses on the stories of Vietnam War Veterans and we will be showing the film on Saturday, November 12th at 2 PM. There will be a Q&A with the filmmaker immediately following the screening. This viewing is **FREE** but you need to reserve your seat!!

The link to reserve free tickets is <https://www.artsforlawrence.org/events-1/films-at-the-fort-just-like-me>



BE VIGILANT OF PACT ACT SCAMS

On August 10, President Biden signed the [Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act \(PACT Act\)](#) into law. This law helps millions of Veterans and their survivors by:

- Extending VA health care eligibility for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 (Post-September 11, 2001) eras
- Expanding benefits eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxic substances and their survivors



Tips to Avoid PACT Act Scams

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related [phishing \(email\)](#), vishing (phone), and [social media scams](#) targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf.

Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service.

Do's

- ✓ You may submit your application securely [online](#) via VA.GOV or in person at any Regional Office. You may file your claim directly with VA and then, VA will assist in gathering evidence necessary to support it. There are no costs or hidden fees to apply.
- ✓ Be cautious of companies who advertise VA benefits can only be obtained with their help. These companies may not be recognized by VA and may be attempting to charge illegal fees.
- ✓ Be cautious of aggressive companies who may try to pressure you to sign their contract through frequent communications or by insisting "you must act now or lose your chance for benefits."
- ✓ Be cautious of companies who claim to be contacting you on behalf of VA or to have a special relationship with VA. Contact VA at 1-800-827-1000 if you are unsure about the authenticity of any message received.
- ✓ Validate: If you are interested in working with a Veteran Service Organization (VSO), agent, or attorney, use the Office of General Counsel [Accreditation tool](#) to confirm and validate their credentials.

Don'ts

- ⊘ Do not sign a contract agreeing to pay an unauthorized company a percentage of your benefit payment in exchange for their assistance with your VA claim. If you need help filing a claim, there are representatives of VSOs, agents, and attorneys who have been [accredited by VA](#) to assist you.
- ⊘ Do not sign a blank form for someone else to complete later. Always review the completed form before signing and keep a copy for yourself.
- ⊘ Do not be fooled by companies who advertise they have special relationships with medical professionals and can guarantee your benefits award. If they are defrauding the Federal government, you could be held responsible for paying those benefits back.
- ⊘ Do not provide your social security number, medical records, or other personally identifiable information to anyone offering claims assistance before confirming their credentials using the Office of General Counsel [Accreditation tool](#).
- ⊘ Do not sign forms that are not [VA generated](#) or third-party authorization for someone to provide "behind-the-scenes" claims assistance.

www.VA.gov/PACT is the official source of PACT Act information.

We want Veterans and survivors to apply now for their PACT Act-related benefits.

To report suspected scams, please contact the VA Office of Inspector General ([OIG Hotline \(va.gov\)](#)). File a complaint with the [Federal Trade Commission](#). Visit the [Cybercrime Support Network](#) for additional [resources](#) to help Veterans, service members, and their families combat cybercrime.

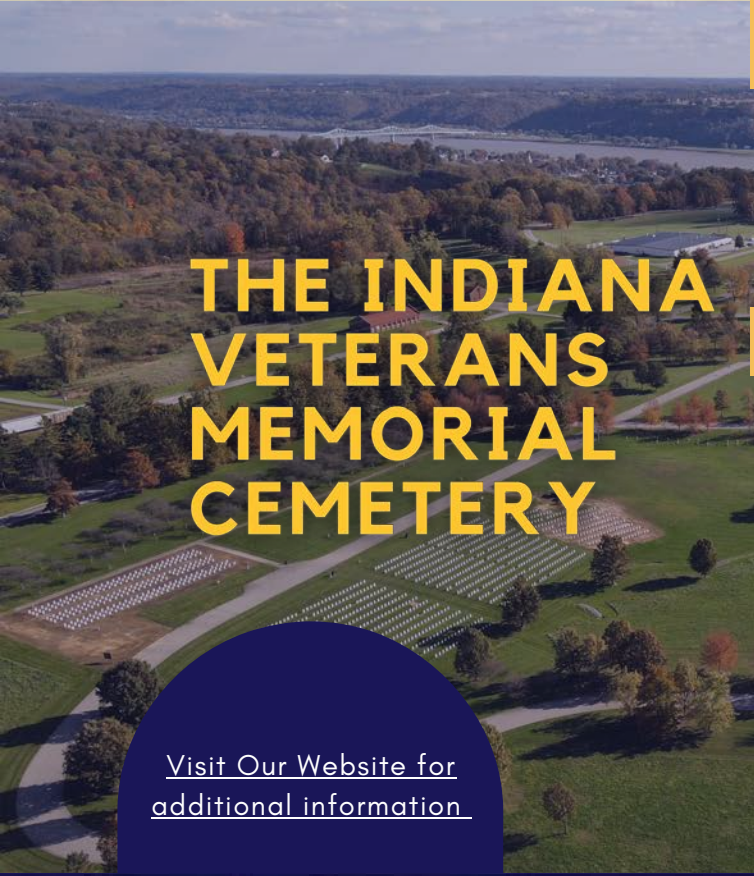
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U.S. Department
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Download the [VA Health and Benefits App](#)
Call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
Find a VA at VA.gov/find-locations/

ROLL CALL!



THE INDIANA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

[Visit Our Website for additional information](#)

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery



A place of honor for those who served

ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL

- Military Discharge:**
Veterans separated under conditions other than Dishonorable are eligible for burial.
- National Guard & Reservist:**
Must have been eligible for retirement pay at time of death.
- Active Duty Death:**
Service members who die on active duty, in the line of duty.
- Surviving Spouse:**
The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran can be buried at the IVMC.
- The Child of a Veteran:**
Child must be under age 21 or permanent dependent of the veteran.

ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND SPOUSES

- No Cost For:**
 - Opening & closing of the burial plot
 - Outer burial container
 - Monument
 - Use of chapel
- Types of Burials:**
 - Casket Burial "Vault"
 - In-ground Cremation
 - Columbarium
 - Scatter Garden

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE

- Certificate can be requested by the family or funeral home
- Request form and application process:
 - <https://www.in.gov/dva/veterans>
- Completed forms faxed to:
 - IVMC (812) 273-9221

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

Upcoming Events:

November 11 at 10 a.m. - IVH Veterans Day Ceremony - Richard Leirer, VFW State Commander, is the keynote speaker.

Indiana Veterans' Home
Veterans Day Ceremony
Indiana Veterans' Home
MacArthur Auditorium
3851 North River Road
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Friday November 11, 2022
10am
Keynote Speaker: Richard Leirer
VFW State Commander

Check out IVH's Facebook for more photos and videos!



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