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Patriot Day Sept. 11

National POW/MIA

Recognition Day Sept. 15

Air Force Birthday Sept. 18

WELCOME!

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IDVA OUTREACH DIRECTOR

There are lots of events and ceremonies to attend in September all across our state this month, as school is back in session and autumn fast approaches. Check out Leon's Heroes Obstacle Course race held at the IN Dunes National Park, a 9/11 Remembrance, or a POW/MIA Remembrance ceremony. Our calendar is loaded with details. Check to see if you are eligible for healthcare under PACT Act and remember September is Suicide Prevention Month. Your 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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NEWSLETTER

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Suicide Prevention Month

For some Veterans, many factors can prevent them from seeking help or resources. In fact, many Veterans find it easier to offer support to others than to receive it.

As we enter Suicide Prevention Month, VA (in partnership with the Ad Council) has released a new public service announcement ([The Question :60 | Veteran Crisis Prevention | Ad Council - YouTube](#)) as a part of the ongoing national campaign, “Don’t Wait. Reach Out.” To encourage Veterans to do for themselves what they would do for others, the new materials pose the simple question: “When was the last time you asked for help?”

The PSA encourages Veterans to seek support for life’s challenges before they become overwhelming. Veterans and their loved ones can visit VA.gov/REACH to explore the wide range of resources available – resources they’ve earned with their service.

We all play a part in preventing suicide. Help us spread the word with the “Don’t Wait. Reach Out.” campaign toolkit at VA.gov/REACH/spread-the-word. At this link, you can find sample posts and downloadable graphics to share on social media and use as digital backgrounds throughout the month and beyond!

Thank you for joining us in helping Veterans get the support they need as they face hardship. Together, we can spread hope that Veterans – and all of us – can overcome difficult life challenges.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Mental health is just as important as physical health.

IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

Text or call 988

988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis specialists who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could be:

- Thoughts of suicide
- Mental health or substance use crisis, or
- Any other kind of emotional distress

#BeThe1To SAVE A LIFE

<https://www.bethe1to.com/>

Ask "Are you thinking about suicide?"

Show up for that person.

Keep them safe by knowing if they have a plan or access to lethal means.

Help them connect to resources and information on mental health professionals.

Follow up and see how they are doing.

INDIANA SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

MIAA
Mental Illness Awareness and Advocacy


INDIANA SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK

PACT Act Special Healthcare Enrollment




PACT ACT SPECIAL HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD


Visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) to learn more!


 Did you serve in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War?

–OR–


 Did you serve in combat against hostile forces after November 11, 1998?

–AND–

 Were you discharged or released between 09/11/2001 and 10/01/2013?

It's free, no annual costs, and your health care may be free as well! 

**ENDS
SEPTEMBER
30**

VA |  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Between now and September 30, 2023, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care –without first applying for VA benefits. Veterans can [apply online](https://www.va.gov/PACT) or in person at their [local VA facility](#) until 11:59pm local time on September 30, 2023.

- [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) – the best place for Veterans and their families to learn about all things PACT Act and apply today.
- [VA's Health Care Application Website](#)
- [VA Health Care Eligibility Website](#)



2022
AMERICA'S RACE
SERIES

LEON'S HEROES

JUNE 5

LEON'S TRIATHLON
WOLF LAKE
HAMMOND, IN

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PARATRIATHLON CLUB
INJURED MILITARY CAMP
JUNE 3 - 4

**NATIONAL MILITARY
& FIRST-RESPONDERS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NEW CANINE EVENTS
JUNE 5 & SEPT 11



SEPT 11

OBSTACLE COURSE RACE
INDIANA DUNES
NATIONAL PARK



TEAM RUBICON
DISASTER RESPONSE



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SOUTH SHORE
INDIANA

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LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

Cliff Moser JAY COUNTY

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
- 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
- Peddlers, Vendors License
- Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License
- Golden Hoosier Passport



LEARN MORE

Courthouse, First Floor
120 West Main Street
Portland, IN 47371

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday by appointment
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Office: (260) 726-6914
veteran@co.jay.in.us

ROLL CALL!



Visit our website for more about the Cemetery.

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

GOOD TIMES

Coffee Birthdays Llamas Fishing & More!



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

September

07: HVAF Stand Down. 12 to 3 p.m. Minnesota Division Armory INNG 4150 W. Minnesota St. Indianapolis.

11: 9/11 Candle Light Vigil. 7 p.m. NE Corner of University Park in Greenwood (Legacy Blvd & Gathering Lane). Meet at the flag pole.

12: Senator Braun & Congressman Carson Academy Day. 5 p.m. Indiana War Memorial 55 E. Michigan St. Indianapolis.

13: Cass County Stand Up! 1 to 6 p.m. Logansport/Cass Co Airport 3735 S. Airport Rd. Logansport.

14: 9/11 Remembrance Day Indiana Health Underwriters. 9:30 to 11 a.m. Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery 1415 N. Gate Rd. Madison.

15: POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. 12 p.m. Indiana War Memorial 55 E. Michigan St. Indianapolis.

15: Tri-County Military & Veterans Appreciation Day. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jefferson County Fairgrounds Community Building 3851 IN Hwy 256 Madison.

16: Bravehearts Trail to Zero Ride to End Veteran Suicide (Horseback ride). Fort Wayne. Contact Joe Wasson joe.wasson@co.allen.in.us for more information.

21: VA Caregiver Support Program Resource Fair. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Roudebush VA Medical Center 1481 W. 10th St. Indianapolis.

22: Veteran Days event at Grissom.

23: Creative Arts for Veterans event presented by the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arts Place 131 E. Walnut St. Portland. [Register here.](#)



For more events and to see what's coming up in October & November, 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!

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
FREE for disabled veterans

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<https://punchforveterans23.eventbrite.com>

fitness clinic LEARN TO MOVE. MOVE TO LIVE.

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THE CIRCLE HELP SERVICES

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](#).

Veterans Helping Veterans

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HELPING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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