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June

PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE

WELCOME!

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Summer is here and there is so much to explore and learn about in the month of June! From Leon's Triathlon, Hoosier Vet Fest, and Women Veterans Day, there is something for everyone in every corner of our great state. It's never too early to get your back to school supplies - the application process has begun for **MFRF's Operation Back to School**. The application period closes Aug. 31, so check it out now! 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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NEWSLETTER

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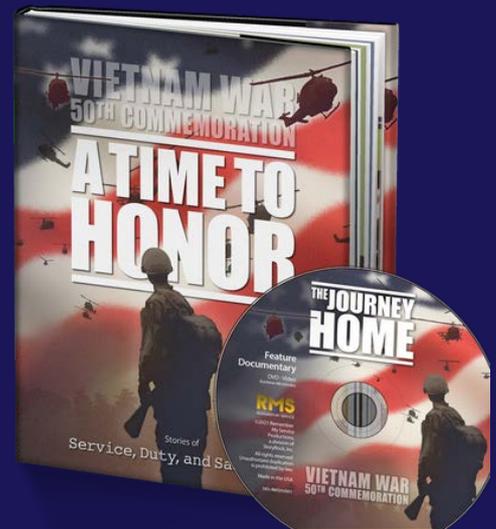
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WHAT IS THE *Governor's Challenge?*

**to prevent Suicide among Service Members,
Veterans and their Families**

This year beginning in July, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, along with national, local, and statewide partners, will launch the Indiana Governor's Challenge. The program is a community based public health approach to the prevention of suicide among service members, veterans, their family members, and care givers (SMVF-CG).

History

The initiative began with a national call to action concerning a deepening issue: rising suicide rates, particularly among veterans. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs teamed to create the Governor's and Mayor's Challenges to prevent suicide among service members, veterans, and their families that now involves 49 states and 5 U.S. territories. These efforts help states and communities develop the capacity to implement interagency action plans grounded in evidence-based suicide prevention practices.

Leadership

The Indiana Team is made up of representatives from various agencies and organizations that engage and work with veterans in their line of work. Led by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, the team includes the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, the Indiana Department of Health, the Indiana National Guard, and the Military Family Research Institute. These individuals bring unique knowledge to Indiana's plan and work towards the implementation of the Governor's Challenge in communities based upon established coalitions.



The Plan

Communities across Indiana who participate will have the three priorities of the Governor's Challenge to guide them in choosing the best path for their community. The Team will introduce, inspire, interpret, and invest in those communities for whichever path they choose. The first priority group is identifying SMVF-CG and implementing Ask the Question.

The communication pathway has the ability to track event activity, connection groups, and communications to veterans. Priority group two is designed to curate connection among SMVF-CG. The aim here is to provide data, resources, and a collaborative platform. Finally, priority group three is lethal means storage, safety, planning, and training. Safe and responsible firearm use and storage are imperative in this group.



The Tools

Plans need tools and the Governor's Challenge is no exception. The Team will utilize QR codes available with the ability to capture point of contact interactions, as well as text message communications. It takes the user on a unique SMS journey where data is collected, sorted, and interpreted to community leaders.

For building Community Connection, peer-to-peer groups, local veteran community, veteran events, and encouraging mental and physical health will be the cornerstone for this tool. Veterans may choose to engage in vet-to-vet interactions, attend local support groups or events, connect to veteran-friendly businesses, and find ways to exercise their bodies or creative minds.

Finally, lethal means safety, education, and training is the final tool in the Governor's Challenge toolbox that is data driven, consistent in its messaging, and tailored to the needs of the community it serves. Leaders collaborate to form plans to educate about the importance of safe handling, shooting, storage, and securing of firearms. They also encourage mental health fitness and provide survivor and L.O.S.S. (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) training. Community events are a great way to provide more training, awareness, and storage opportunities.



Measurement

Each of the pathways and specific tools have specific metrics in place for measuring the progress and success of efforts to prevent suicide among veterans, servicemembers, families, and caregivers. Effective suicide prevention takes a combination of people, effort, and imagination. Together, we can achieve far-reaching statewide improvements in policy, practice, and implementation.

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LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

Greg Stevens, Gordon Smith, Kris
Bertrand-Glowski, & Kay Ross

MARION 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



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City of Indianapolis & Marion County
200 East Washington Street, Suite 2501
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317) 327-VETS

Call for hours
veteran.services@indy.gov

Hello  
June

04: Leon's Triathlon Wolf Lake Pavilion 2398 Calumet Ave., Hammond, 46320. Opening ceremony 7:30 a.m., Race start 8 a.m., Awards 12 p.m. All times are CST.

04: Tin Caps Baseball Military Appreciation Night 1:05 p.m. Parkview Field 1301 Ewing St., Fort Wayne, 46802. Player autographs presented by Midwest Box Breaks.

10: Dog Tags & Go Bags Lunch Fundraiser 12 to 5 p.m. Yorktown American Legion 2110 S. Broadway St., Yorktown, 47396.

12: MFRI Reaching Rural Veterans event 5 to 7 p.m. Bridge of Hope Worship Center 4050 E. County Rd. 50 S, Milan, 47031.

17-18: Indianapolis Gun & Knife Show gates open at 9 a.m. Indiana National Guard Armory 4150 W. Minnesota St., Indianapolis, 46241.

23-24: Hoosier Vet Fest Friday 4 to 11 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Riverview Park 2701 Ripley St., Lake Station, 46405.



For more events and to see what's coming up in July and August, 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
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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!



Learn more.
FlatRockYMCA.org
765.525.6730



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



VETERANS & FAMILY MEMBERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th 2 PM – 8 PM

Join us for Kayaking, Fishing,
or just some good ol' R&R
in a tent-covered area by
the water!

Snacks & drinks provided.
Please bring your own lawn
chair if possible.

Reach out to Aaron Shaw
with questions or RSVP!

317-737-6927

Fall Creek Loop Trail
9545 Fall Creek Rd
Indianapolis, IN



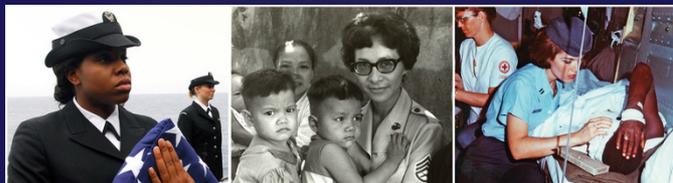
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Celebrate

The first woman veteran to be installed as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana commander, Sheila Corcoran, will be recognized in a ceremony 6 p.m. June 10 at Marriott East 7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, 46219.



WOMEN VETERANS DAY



is June 12

Open house and reception for Commander Corcoran 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 11 at VFW Post 1587 5139 W. 10th St., Indianapolis, 46224.

Free Wills Clinics, Pre-Approval Required. For individuals whose income level is at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, volunteer attorneys will be providing end-of-life documents **June 13**. To learn more and to apply, go to www.indybar.org/freewills

Have a Legal Question? Below are some free services to the public.

- Get answers online? Go to www.indybar.org/chat.
- Get answers over the telephone? IndyBar's Legal Line Program is offered on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. ET by calling 317-269-2222.

Looking to hire an attorney? IndyBar provides free referrals to Indianapolis-based attorneys both over the telephone (317-269-2222) or online. To find an attorney for your legal situation, go www.indylawyerfinder.com 24/7.

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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>

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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](#).

Veterans Helping Veterans

FREE VETERANS FOOD PANTRY

4th Tuesday of Each Month
From 0900 to 1200

At the Richmond Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

For Questions Please Call (765) 983-2183

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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



Visit our website for more about the cemetery.

INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

2023 New admissions application packet now available here!



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



LETS CONNECT *Socially*

IDVA Events Calendar: [Click Here](#)



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