



# THE HOOSIER VETERAN

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## U.S. Navy birthday Oct. 13 Navy Day Oct. 27



## WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO  
IDVA OUTREACH DIRECTOR

In October we wish the U.S. Navy a happy birthday. For 248 years, the Navy has kept watch over the high seas. This month we attend the Battlemind to Home Summit to learn more about mental health and the veteran community. The Veterans Day Council of Indianapolis is hard at work preparing a new format of celebrations for this year's Veterans Day that includes a reception and movie premier. See what they have planned here. 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](mailto:outreach@dva.in.gov).

THE HOOSIER  
VETERAN  
NEWSLETTER

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VETERANS DAY  
COUNCIL  
*of Indianapolis, Inc.*

Presents:

**Thursday**  
**Nov. 9, 2023**

5pm Reception  
6:30pm Awards Ceremony  
7pm Movie Premier  
**The Indiana War Memorial**

## 2023 Veterans Day Reception & Awards Ceremony

Featuring a Premier of the film

**Over There:**  
**Hoosier Heroes of the Great War**



**Friday**  
**Nov. 10, 2023**  
**11 AM**

**The Indiana War Memorial**

## 2023 Veterans Day Service

Special guest speakers, wreath laying, flyover performed by the Indiana Air National Guard, tolling of the U.S.S. Indianapolis bell in tribute to the victories and proud military service of each war era involving US Armed Forces

**Friday**  
**Nov. 10, 2023**  
**NOON**

## 2023 Veterans Day Parade

Parade step-off is at Noon and starts at Michigan & Pennsylvania St. The route is south on Pennsylvania Ave., west on New York St., and then north on Meridian St. The route is based around the Legion Mall and Indiana War Memorial. Parade ends at Meridian & St. Clair

**The Indiana War Memorial**  
**55 East Michigan St.**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**Get reception  
tickets now!**



# VA warns veterans of benefits scams, offers tips on how beneficiaries can avoid being victimized

by Mike Gooding

NORFOLK, Va. -- Veterans are being preyed upon by scammers.

The Department of Veterans Affairs said the VA has investigated more than 12,000 cases of potential benefits fraud this year.

Unaccredited service representatives are charging veterans to file their initial "PACT Act" claim, which is illegal.

The VA said scammers may try to defraud veterans through misleading emails, texts, cold calls or online ads.

Earlier this month, the VA launched a new website to provide resources for veteran, their families and caregivers, as well as servicemembers, to recognize fraud associated with veterans' benefits.

The website warns vets to avoid providing personal information to anyone other than a VA-accredited representative.

According to the VA, veterans and their survivors have filed more than one million claims for toxic exposure-related benefits under the PACT Act since President Biden signed it into law Aug. 10, 2022. VA has processed more than 551,000 of these claims, granting 77.9% of them and awarding more than \$2.2 billion in earned benefits to veterans and survivors.



For more information, visit [va.gov](https://va.gov)



# LOCATE YOUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

## CVSO SPOTLIGHT

Susan Bramlet

## DUBOIS 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 Annex Building  
620 Main Street  
Jasper, IN 45746

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Office: (812) 481-7090  
[skbramlet@duboiscountyin.org](mailto:skbramlet@duboiscountyin.org)

# ROLL CALL!



Visit our website for more about the Cemetery.

## INDIANA VETERANS HOME NEWS

### 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



# OCTOBER

06: Grant County Stand Down. 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grant Co YMCA 123 Sutter Way Marion. RSVP to Rhonda Arnold rhonda.arnold2.civ@army.mil .

06: Veteran Stand Down. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gary Southshore Railcats US Steel Yard 1 Stadium Plaza Gary.

11: Military Appreciation Day. American Legion Post 500 1926 Georgetown Rd., Speedway.

13: 2023 Veterans Rally. VFW Post 673 3131 N. Newton St., Ste. 3, Jasper.

18: PACT Act Benefit Fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. West Gate Academy at Crane 13598 E. West Gate Dr. Odon.

19: Eastern Indiana Veterans Resource Fair & Hiring Event. 1 to 5 p.m. First Bank Center at Wayne Co Fairgrounds 861 Salisbury Rd. N. Richmond.

27-28: Battlemind to Home Summit. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

27: VHA/IDVA Breast Cancer Resource Fair. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Irsay YMCA 430 S. Alabama St. Indianapolis.

28: Wooded Glen Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 2602 Hebron Church Rd., Henryville. Rain date is Oct. 29. Contact Sarah Sparks sarah.sparks@woodedglen.com.

28-29: Crossroads Air Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Indianapolis Regional Airport 3867 Aviation Way Greenfield.



For more events and to see what's coming up in November & December, check out our calendar [here](#).

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## **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



**RHI | R**  
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

**MOVE UNITED** MEMBER  
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**RHI | R**  
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

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

<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**

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