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The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Grants and Services

Indiana Invests Over \$1.25 Million to Support Veterans

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is stepping up for veterans with a major investment of over \$1.25 million in Grants for Veterans' Services (GVS). This funding has been awarded to 32 outstanding organizations across Indiana to support programs that make a real difference for veterans and their families.

These grants will fuel critical services like preventing homelessness, offering suicide prevention programs, providing therapy, and helping veterans with job training and job searches. They'll also improve access to essential resources, ensuring veterans get the support they need to thrive.

Jake Adams, IDVA Director, emphasized the importance of this initiative; "The GVS program provides vital financial support to empower nonprofit organizations to deliver direct and meaningful assistance to our veteran community." Adams adds, "This initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to Indiana's veterans, family members, and veteran caregivers, perfectly aligning with IDVA's mission to Support, Serve, and Advocate for Indiana's veterans."

The 32 organizations receiving these grants are deeply committed to veterans' well-being. They include groups like Armed Services Arts Partnership, Dogs Helping Heroes, Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Indiana Legal Services, and the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, among others. Each is working to address veterans' unique needs, from mental health support to housing and employment.

For a full list of organizations who received the GVS, please visit

<https://www.in.gov/dva/state-of-indiana-benefits-and-services/gvs-awards/>

Welcome to the June edition of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs newsletter. This edition, along with all our editions, is a way IDVA is committed to veterans and the veteran community. We are focused with providing quality services, benefits, and programming.

For more information anytime visit our website. [in.gov/dva/](https://www.in.gov/dva/)

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Supporting, serving,
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the Indiana veteran
community.



Governor Braun Signs Proclamation Supporting Women Veterans

June 12, 2025

On June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act into law, a pivotal point in American military history transpired. This landmark legislation granted women the right to serve as permanent, regular members of the United States Armed Forces.

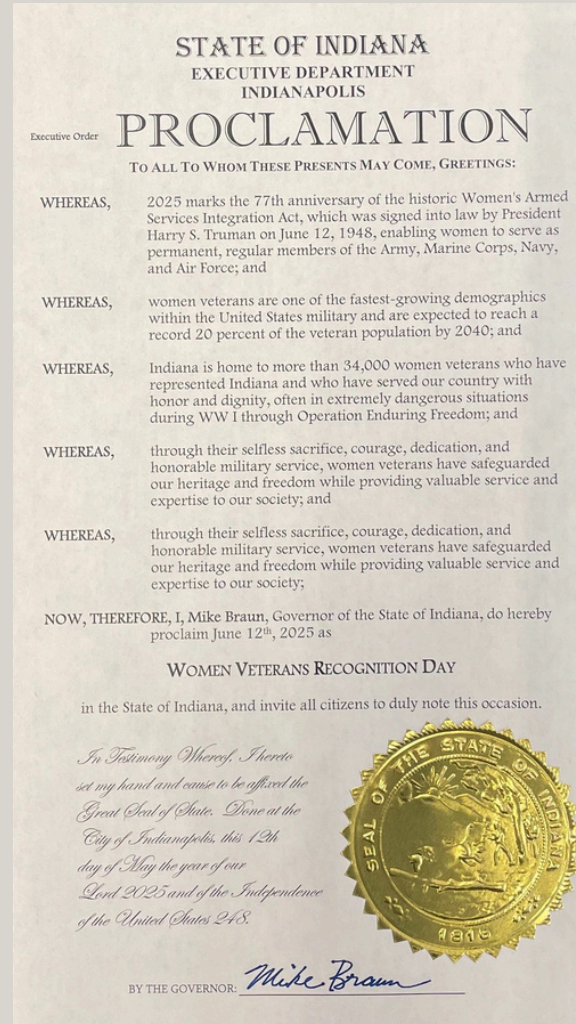
Prior to this act, women's role in the military was limited, temporary, and often auxiliary. While thousands of women served courageously during World War II—through organizations like the Women's Army Corps (WAC), Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), and others—they did so without the benefits, recognition, or security afforded to their male counterparts. Their service ended with the war, and reentry into civilian life meant leaving behind their military identity.

President Truman's signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act changed that. The Act allowed women to serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force in both active duty and reserve capacities.

This legislation was more than an administrative change. It acknowledged women's capability, courage, and commitment, and laid the groundwork for women to serve in the U.S. military.

From a modern perspective, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act stands as a reminder of the importance of representation and institutional change. By recognizing women as essential and permanent members of the armed forces, the Act helped shift public perception and expand opportunity.

As we observe June 12th, we honor the countless women who pushed boundaries and proved, time and again, that their place in uniform was and is earned through service, sacrifice, and excellence. Governor Braun has recognized June 12th as Women Veteran Recognition Day and encourages all of Indiana citizens to do the same.



IDVA Partner Spotlight

This Indiana Veteran Community consists of veterans, family members, caregivers, friends, organizations, and providers that touch veteran lives in some way. IDVA salutes the organizations, agencies, and foundations that deliver resources, benefits, and hope. Check out our Partner Feature, follow the links, learn about them and help us support them.

Indy Vet to Vet, Inc.

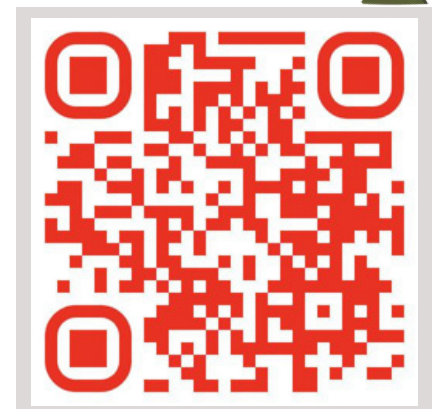


Indy Vet to Vet, Inc. provides multiple meetings in the Indianapolis area for veterans to attend at their discretion. All four meetings have been held for the past three years along with our Friday meeting which has been hosted for the past eight years except for holidays and during COVID. Our services are free to all veterans and the only requirement is service in the military. Our monthly outreach events are free to the public and offer the opportunity for veterans to connect with civilians to discuss the differences between the two. Our goal is to encourage veterans to get connected with the veterans community, share resources, as well as learn to connect with civilians after leaving the military. The only way to learn from each other is to spend time together.

Indy Vet to Vet Inc is determined to promote connectedness and improve care transition through these veteran-only meetings and community outreach events. By offering an opportunity for camaraderie, free of charge, we continue to encourage a sense of community, a stress-free environment for all, and a comfortable place to grow together.



Learn more about
INDY VET TO VET



Your Voice, Your Story

We invite you to share your story with IDVA and each other!

Let us know about your experience with our team.

Post your personal stories and experiences that have shaped your lives while in service, as a veteran, or as a family member.

Your narratives can serve as a guiding light, encouraging fellow veterans to open up and share their own meaningful journeys.

Each story has the potential to foster connection and understanding within our community.



Highlights from those who submitted their story will be featured in our newsletter.

-Reactions after the IDVA Women Veteran Retreat at Pokagon State Park

"I sat in a room full of women who knew exactly what I had been going through, and I felt so grateful. Over and over, I kept saying to myself--what a marvelous gift."

Question: What was your favorite part of the retreat?

"Camaraderie with other women vets and the CVSO's were very helpful. Keep the CVSO's coming."

"I thoroughly enjoyed EVERYTHING about this retreat. I'm so glad you all do this for women veterans who especially need this."

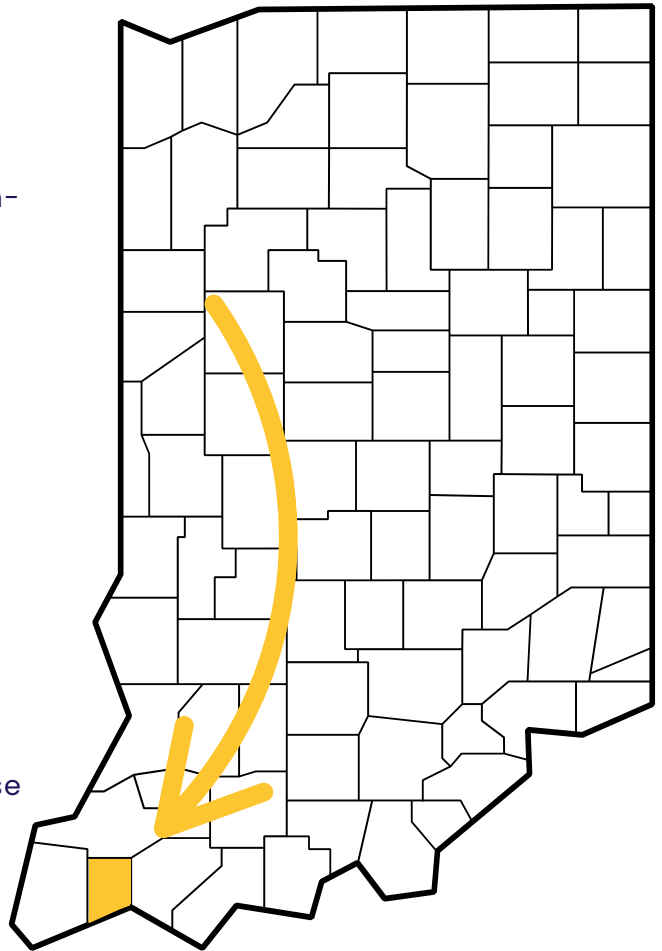
"This event is amazing. I didnt event know how much I needed it until I was here. Thank You!"

County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) Spotlight

Vanderburgh County

Your CVSO offers assistance in the following:

- Obtaining your DD-214
- 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
- Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License



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VA News & Notes

Benefits and Healthcare

The Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) and the Veteran Healthcare Administration (VHA) services and benefits offer comprehensive support tailored to the unique needs of those who served in the military. Utilizing the benefits and services supports long-term well-being. Services and benefits include:

- Healthcare Access
- Disability Compensation
- Education and Training
- Home Loan Guarantees
- Mental Health Support
- Job Assistance
- Pension Benefits
- Survivor Benefits



Military & Veteran Community Observances



JUNE



National PTSD Month

- June 6 D-Day.
- June 12 Women Veteran Recognition Day in the state of Indiana
Honoring Women's Armed Forces Integration Act
- June 14 US Army Birthday.
- June 14 Flag Day.
- June 15 Father's Day.
- June 27 PTSD Awareness Day.

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IDVA Calendar of Events

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