

Newsletter



This Month has meaning for many of our Indiana Military & Veteran Community

December 1

Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday

December 7
National Pearl
Harbor
Remembrance Day



U.S.
National
Guard
Birthday

December 18National Wreaths Across America







What's Happening

Wreaths Across America

On December 14, Wreaths Across America will honor veterans with ceremonies at the Indiana Veterans' Home Cemetery in West Lafayette and the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison.

Both events are part of a nationwide tribute to ensure no hero is forgotten during the holiday season. Volunteers and attendees will place wreaths on the graves of fallen service members, reflecting on their sacrifices and expressing gratitude for their service.

The Indiana Veterans Home will hold a ceremony at 12 p.m. on Dec. 14 in MacArthur Hall before laying wreaths. Volunteers will begin laying wreaths at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 12 p.m. that day. To volunteer or sponsor wreaths at each event, click the links below.

Indiana Veterans

Memorial Cemetery

<u>Indiana Veterans'</u> <u>Home Cemetery</u>

<u>SUBMIT A</u> VETERAN EVENT!

Tell us about events to support, serve, and advocate for your veteran community!

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!

What's Happening?

Find events! >>> Check out the IDVA event calendar today.

VISIT THE IDVA NEWSROOM FOR OTHER

NEWS & INFORMATION



outreach@dva.in.gov





VA News & Notes

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Your IDVA

Qualified veterans and their families may receive financial assistance during the holiday season.

The Operation Holiday Program offers \$200 for a holiday meal plus \$300 per dependent child from the Military Family Relief Fund.

Click to apply

Text **HOLIDAY** to 79848 for instant updates. Questions? Please email MFRF@dva.in.gov.

All applications must be completed and submitted by **4 p.m. EST on Friday, December 13**. Find eligibility requirements, application and more at the link below. Veterans with questions regarding the program or their application, please call (317) 232-3910 or email MFRF@dva.in.gov.

Learn More









Your IDVA



Discover Your Mission and Passion: Join the IDVA Non-Profit Partner Program!

Do you have a passion for helping Indiana veterans? Join the IDVA Non-Profit Partner Program and make a real difference in the lives of our veteran community! Design an annual golf outing and organize other activities throughout the year to raise funds, help veterans access essential benefits, and foster community. Don't miss this unique opportunity to make a positive impact. Applications due December 13 - don't wait - join us now and make a real difference!

IDVA will host a **Live Q&A on YouTube at 11 a.m. EST on Wednesday, December 4** to answer any questions about the program and the application process. Interested non-profits can watch here. Click below to apply or to find more information.

<u>Click Here to Join the Live</u>

Apply Now









CVSO Spotlight

CVSO SPOTLIGHT

This Veteran Service office offers assistance in the following:

- Obtaining your DD-214
- Discharge Review
- Filing claims for service connected or nonservice 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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Monday-Tuesday from 8-4:30 p.m. Wednesday from 8-12 p.m. Thursday & Friday call for an appointment

Office: (765) 647-5721



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IDVA Partner Spotlight

This Indiana Veteran Community consists of veterans, family members, caregivers, friends, organizations, and providers that touch veteran lives in some way. Indiana owes a great debt to its veterans, past and present, for their personal sacrifices and dedicated service. IDVA is committed to providing quality services, benefits, and programming with our great partners.

Read More

IDVA Partner Feature:

Mental Health America of Hendricks County offers a range of veteran services designed to foster connection, support, and healing for military members.



They offer safe spaces where veterans can build friendships, share experiences, and engage in meaningful activities that encourage personal growth and reflection. Through peer mentoring, community collaboration, and targeted resources, the organization helps veterans navigate mental health challenges, reduce isolation, and reintegrate into civilian life with confidence and support.

Learn more about their veteran services and how you can get involved by visiting mhahc.org/veteran-services.









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