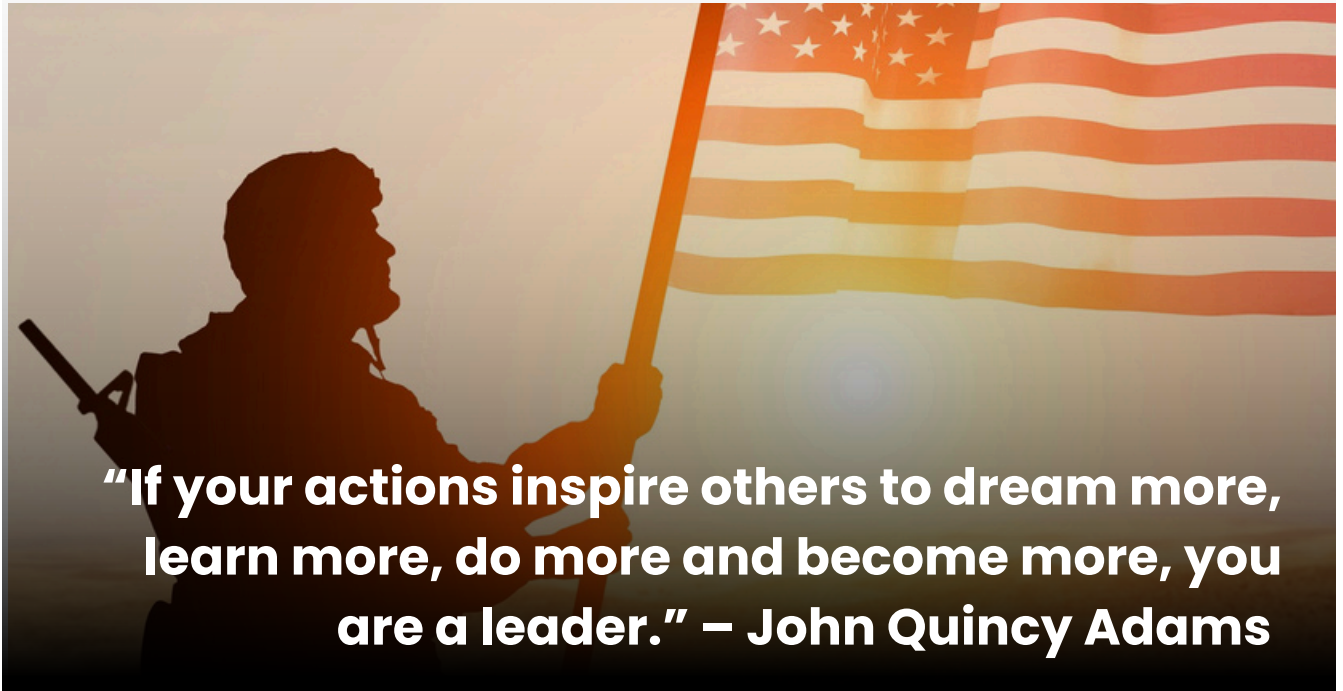




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Newsletter



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams

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

November 10

**Marine Corps
Birthday**

November 11

**Veterans
Day**



November

**National
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Remembering Bob Pedigo

The Indiana Veteran community mourns the loss of Robert “Bob” Edward Pedigo, a World War II hero and beloved family man, who passed away on October 22, 2024, at the age of 101. Born in Indianapolis, Bob led a remarkable life that spanned over a century, leaving a lasting impact on his family, friends, and the nation he served.

A proud veteran, Bob served as a nose gunner and chief armorer on the B-24 Liberator bomber, Silent Yokum, during World War II. He completed 30 air combat missions over France and Germany, and on D-Day, June 6, 1944, he and his crew were the first to be called out on a critical mission to St. Laurent, France.

This year, on June 6, Bob returned to Normandy for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, where he was honored with the French Legion of Honour, France's highest military award, by President Emmanuel Macron. It was a deeply moving journey, and his first time stepping foot in France—a place he helped to liberate 80 years prior.

A revered figure in Indiana, Bob was inducted into the Indiana Military Hall of Fame in 2023. His service also included working on the top-secret Norden bombsights, a unique contribution that earned him a commemorative plaque in the Indiana War Memorial, where an actual bombsight remains on display.

Bob’s legacy as a veteran, family man, and friend to many will endure.



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What's Happening

Veterans Day in Indianapolis

The Veterans Day Council of Indianapolis, Inc. will celebrate the contributions of our armed forces and their families with a two-day celebration. All events are free and open to everyone.

The celebration will kick off on Sunday, November 10, with a reception and awards ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial at 5 p.m. Several awards, honoring veterans and community members who have demonstrated outstanding service to veterans' causes and initiatives will be presented. Attendees will hear from keynote speaker Tony Cross, the "Be The One" program manager from The American Legion.

On Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11, a service will be held on the steps of the Indiana War Memorial (IWM) starting at 11 a.m. Following the service, the Veterans Day Parade will begin at 12 p.m. The 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne of the Indiana Air National Guard will perform a two-ship F-16 flyover of IWM at approximately noon following the service and at the beginning of the parade.

Learn more about our commitment to veterans at <http://www.veteransdayindy.org/> and see how you or your organization can help contribute.


SUBMIT A 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
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Your IDVA

Operation Holiday Program

IDVA is now accepting applications for its Indiana Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) Operation Holiday program. This special program can assist with essential holiday expenses for dependent children that reside in the veteran's home and a holiday meal for qualified veterans. The assistance amount would be \$300.00 for each dependent child residing in the veteran's home and \$200.00 for the holiday meal.

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.

[Learn More](#)

Non-Profit Partner Solicitation

IDVA is seeking applications for a non-profit organization to serve as its Non-Profit Partner (NPP) in 2025. As part of the partnership, IDVA and the NPP will plan the annual IDVA golf outing as well as other events throughout the year to raise funds for the non-profit's mission; raise awareness of state and federal benefits available to veterans; and foster community, camaraderie and connection.

Online applications are due by 4 p.m. EST on Friday, December 13. 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.

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This Veteran Service office 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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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:

The **Family Service Association of Howard County (FSA)** provides support to chronically homeless veterans with permanent, supportive housing at Jackson Street Commons. This 27-unit apartment complex is designed around the "Housing First Model", the national approach focused on providing a stable living environment before addressing other factors like mental health or employment. This ensures veterans receive a foundation from which to rebuild their lives.

If you are interested in partnering with or supporting Jackson Street Commons, please contact Tracy Martino at martinot@fsahc.org or Angie Ciski at angelac@fsahc.org.



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