



**Vietnam Veterans of America
Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295**



February 2022 Newsletter



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WARRIORS HOPE

Every Thursday evening at 6pm you will find John Smitha at the Fort Harrison Veteran Center leading and helping a group of veterans with fellowship. Coffee and donuts are usually available. All veterans are welcome. It is good to talk with other veterans. If you have questions, call John Smitha, 317-439-6304.



Reminder: The Veteran Magazine is online at www.vvaveteran.org

The November/December issue was mailed and on website. A few AVVA members did not receive this issue in the mail. Be sure to read the article about **MICHAEL GORMALLEY: A Second 'Tour of Duty' in Vietnam**. Michael Gormally, a VVA member who served as a U.S. Army MP doing intelligence work in Vietnam in 1971-72, has been teaching English as a second language in Vietnam since 2007.

Membership Report

VVA membership total as of December 31, 2021 is 347. By Steve Anderson

AVVA membership total as of December 31, 2021 is 36. By Holly Tookolo

Important Dates

- Feb 1 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 3 Four Chaplains Sunday
- Feb 9 VVA 295 Board Meeting at 6pm; Regular meeting at 7pm
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 21 Presidents Day
- Mar 9 VVA 295 Board Meeting at 6pm; Regular meeting at 7pm
- Mar 13 Daylight Saving Time
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 VVA Indiana State Council 11am Finance; 12 regular meeting

ELECTION NOTICE:

April 13 at the regular meeting the elections will take place.

Nominations will be held at the March and April regular meetings.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- Feb 5, 1960** Saigon government requests that Washington double U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group strength from 342 to 685.
- Feb 1, 1962** The 39th Signal Battalion, a communication unit, is the first unit of regular U.S. ground forces to arrive in Vietnam.
- Feb 1, 1965** A Cuban publication reports that Cubans are helping to train the Viet Cong.
- Feb 7, 1965** As part of the already planned Operation Flaming Dart, 49 U.S. Navy jets from the carriers Coral Sea and Hancock drop bombs on barracks and staging areas at Dong Hoi, a guerrilla training camp
- Feb 9, 1965** U.S. Marine Corps Hawk air defense missile battalion is deployed to Danang.
- Feb 16, 1965** Former President Harry Truman issues a statement that gives his full support to President Johnson's policies in Vietnam and attacks the "irresponsible critics...who have neither all the facts...not the answers."
- Feb 1, 1966** The U.S. Air Force's 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing deploys to South Vietnam for combat operations.
- Feb 14, 1968** Senator Stuart Symington (D-MO) reports that the cost of the Vietnam War for fiscal year 1969 was \$32 billion.
- Feb 27, 1968** CBS news anchorman Walter Cronkite, who has just returned from Saigon and Hue, tells Americans during his evening broadcast that he is certain "the bloody experience of Vietnam is to end in a stalemate" and asserts that it is time for the U.S. to seek a negotiated end to the war.

The Bunker



Your purchases support VVA 295 and Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Bunker is scheduled to be at the VA all year. Steve is still looking for another manager to help with the Bunker. Right now Steve and Wallace Vaughn take turns as manager at VA. To volunteer call Holly 317-294-4607; to manage, call Steve 317-459-6255. Hours 7am-3pm at VA



Do You Want to Make a Difference?

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Brighton Hospice is looking for compassionate, dedicated people who want to help end-of-life patients and their families.

Volunteers provide a comforting, supportive presence to patients for approximately 1-2 hours per week.

Training is provided along with ongoing support and education.

Just bring your warm heart and loving smile!

Volunteer Disciplines

- ☉ Bereavement
- ☉ Music
- ☉ Companion
- ☉ Office
- ☉ Massage
- ☉ Vigil
- ☉ Pet Handler

Be a Vital Part of Our Care Team

Want to Learn More?

Contact Your Local
Volunteer Coordinator

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"We cannot change the outcome, but we can affect the journey."

-Ann Richardson, Hospice Volunteer

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Attn: Post-9/11 Veterans

Veteran Health Indiana will host a Zoom virtual event in February to share information about the 9/11 Military 2 VA (M2VA) Case Management Program for all Post-9/11 Veterans.

Take advantage of the resources available to you:

*Aid and Attendance
Education Benefits
Financial Planning
Housing
Medical Care
Mental Health Services
Service Connection
Tax Credits
Travel Pay
VA Pension*

Event Topic: Post-9/11 Military 2 VA Program

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

12 p.m., Eastern Time

Presented by

Tricia Parker, LCSW, Post 9/11 M2VA Program Manager
Marlene Julye, LCSW, M2VA Case Manager
Robert Woods, LCSW, M2VA Case Manager

Join this important Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3K0dA52>

Meeting ID: 161 870 6735

Passcode: 953545

For information on different programs and services available through Veteran Health Indiana, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month, from noon to 12:30 p.m. Information and link will be sent via email each month prior to event.

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Community Guest Speaker at Meetings

Call Larry Shaw to schedule a speaker from our community. 765-618-4067.

In January we had a guest speaker, Katresha Taylor with Bright On Hospice. See flyer on page 4

Jessica Lynch will also be at the VFW Spring Conference on March 19 at Marriot East- 9:45am meeting and 6pm banquet.

LEARN ABOUT JESSICA'S STORY: POWJESSICALYNCH.COM



An afternoon with Iraq War Veteran and former POW Jessica Lynch

MARCH 19, 2022

INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

55 EAST ST INDIANAPOLIS, IN

1 - 4 PM EST PRESENTATIONS 1:30PM - 3:00PM

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JESSICA LYNCH IS A TRUE HERO IN THE BEST TRADITION OF A NATION THAT INTUITIVELY
PREFERS MODEST HONESTY TO GRANDSTANDING BRAVADO."

-- LOS ANGELES TIMES

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