



Vietnam Veterans of America
Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295



November 2018 Newsletter

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Wish you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving! Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope on Thanksgiving day! We gather on this day to be thankful for what we have, for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that will come.

Happy Thanksgiving

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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH

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Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm; Board Meeting 6:00pm

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# Important Dates

- Nov 6 Election Day—VOTE
- Nov 8 Veterans Day Ceremony, Carmel High School, 10am, reserved parking, lunch provided, RSVP Will Ellery, wellery@ccs.k12.in.us or James Ziegler, jziegler@ccs.k12.in.us or call 317-846-7721, ext 7221
- Nov 8 Hanson Family Dentistry is proud to be honoring Veterans 7:30am-3pm, No charge your choice of either cleaning, filling or extraction, 61 E 96th, Indy, 317-721-1552.
- Nov 9 Operation Alpha by HVAF at The Tinker House, 1101 E. 16th St, Indy
- Nov 9 VA Roudebush Patriot Cafe has free meal, free beverage and cake & ice cream.
- Nov 9 Veterans Day Celebration, Noblesville H.S. Auditorium, 1pm, enter at Gate 1, RSVP at 317-773-4680, ext 12296 or email eric\_gundersen@nobl.k12.in.us
- Nov 9 Indianapolis Veterans Forum at Indiana War Memorial 6-10pm, showing movie The Hornet's Nest and speakers.
- Nov 10 Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade, be there no later than 10:30am, we are in flight 3-2. Veterans Day Service is at 11am, with prelude music at 10:30am, parade follows service at about 12 noon.
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 11 Indiana Wind Symphony has free concert 3pm at Carmel Palladium for Veterans celebrate Armistice Day, for free ticket, go to Palladium Box Office; 317-843-3800
- Nov 12 Veterans Tribute 6:30pm, Christ Lutheran Church, 345 N Kitley, Indy, Food & Music.
- Nov 14 Rivera Club of Indianapolis has invited Veterans to a free lunch at 12:00 noon at 5640 N. Illinois St, Indianapolis, RSVP by calling 317-255-5471.
- Nov 14 VVA 295 Meeting; Board meeting at 6:00pm; Regular meeting 7:00pm
- Nov 17 VVA Indiana State Council, 12 Thanksgiving meal, bring dish to share
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day

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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- Nov 22, 1963** President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, TX; VP Lyndon Johnson assumes presidency.
- Nov 10-20, 1965** The U.S. 1st Cavalry Division and ARVN troops launch Operation Silver Bayonet in Pleiku Province, II Corps, a follow-on operation to the clash at the Plei Me Special Forces camp.
- Nov 1, 1966** The 199th Light Infantry Brigade deploys to Vietnam from Fort Benning, Georgia, for combat operations in III Corps.
- Nov 1-Feb 28, 1968** The U.S. 3rd Marine Division conducts Operation Kentucky in the Con Thien area south of DMZ. This is a follow-on to Operation Kingfisher and is designed to prevent enemy interference with the construction of Strong Point A-3 of the Strong Point Obstacle System.



### The Bunker

Hours: 10am—2pm on Sunday.

Your purchases support VVA 295 and Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Bunker will be setup at Roudebush VA November 26-30. Help is needed to load the van at VA on Fri Nov 30 at 3pm. Call Steve if you are going to help load/unload, 317-459-6255.

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**President's Message:**

Hello Brothers & Sisters,



Hope this finds you well. If not please let us know.

This month is important for three (3) very good reasons, and I hope you agree with me on this.

1<sup>st</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, is ELECTION DAY for those of us who have not voted yet. A time to use the right for which we fought, and so many gave their lives. We hope that those elected will support and fight for Veterans Health Care in our V.A. system, full accounting and return of our POW/MIA'S. A Military Budget that will fully protect America, our troops and bring them safely home.

2<sup>nd</sup>, Armistice Day, the end of WW1, "THE WAR TO END ALL WARS". Million's lost their lives fighting that war. But worse was the Flu Pandemic that killed millions more than the war ever did. In 1954 president Eisenhower changed Armistice Day, to Veterans Day, to honor all Veterans. Think back to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American Mexican, WW1, WW11. Korea, and Vietnam. Through to the Global War on Terrorism, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Of how many lost their lives, the many more that were wounded, all of those that were taken as prisoners, and never heard from again. The family's that never learned of their loved one's fate. The child that never met their parent, or was too young to remember. Say THANK YOU and WELCOME HOME to every Veteran that you meet. Also say THANK YOU to the family's that had a loved one who served. They helped to keep spirits up with letters and packages. They waited, and most of all, they prayed. Not for just their loved one, but for all who were far from home.

3<sup>rd</sup>, Last, but not least Thanksgiving Day. A day to rejoice for our many blessings. Our families, the things that we have seen and done. The people we have met, a shared love, a quiet moment. The aroma of bacon frying, coffee brewing, a fresh cut lawn, or hay field. Roses, lilac bushes, a soft gentle rain. Snow caressing your cheeks, and the sound of it crunching under your foot. Remember the days when we knew everyone in the community? How Churches and neighbors helped those less fortunate. The smiles it brought to their faces, and a rekindled spirit to their souls, to know that someone cared. We need to do that, as we are a community that is all rolled into what makes a family. Think of what you can do to help others, and it will bring a smile to both your faces, plus warm your hearts.

If you are going to be in the Veterans Parade, please let Bob Parsons Know. If you plan to walk, or need a ride please let him know, as no one has contacted him yet.

We have a donation table in our meeting room for HVAF, this is to help homeless Veterans. They need canned meat, canned vegetables, canned juices, and fruit. We need to fill this table to over flowing, especially this time of year.

To every Veteran THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, and WELCOME HOME!

I wish each of you, and those that you share it with a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

May GOD continue to Bless America, our troops, and you.

In Comradeship

Larry Shaw—765-618-4067

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**Vice President's Corner**

VVA 295 and VVA 295 Associate members,



I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. We lost one of our newest members, Jeff Kaviak, last month. Jeff was a proud Marine and one of the most patriotic individuals that I have ever met. I attended his funeral at Holy Name Catholic Church in Beech Grove and then Military Services at the Marion National Cemetery, in Marion, Indiana. Although I have been there before, the Marion National Cemetery seemed particularly beautiful and serene that day and reminded me of Arlington albeit on a somewhat smaller scale. In fact, I decided that I would make it my final destination as well. Interestingly, Jeff was not aware of his entitlement to a military funeral as well as other benefits earned as a veteran until recently. Please make yourself aware of what you have earned and share that knowledge with your fellow vets.

On Saturday, November 10, the annual Veteran's Day Parade will be held in downtown Indianapolis. *We need to have as many VVA 295 and VVA 295 Associate Members participate as possible.* This is one of the few opportunities veterans have to be recognized by the public. We need to meet no later than 10:30 AM at the corner of North and Pennsylvania Streets (in front of what used to be the Elbow Room tavern) The parade kicks off at 12:00 for the first of 4 segments/flights. We are in segment/flight 3, the second group(3-2). I have previously offered my vehicle plus Tom Madden will drive his pickup in the parade to enable those who can not walk the parade route to still participate. I need to let the parade organizers know how many vehicle permits we will need ASAP. I have asked that any individuals who are in that category, and need a ride, to contact me.

My phone number is **317-919-7589** and my email is [rcparsons47@comcast.net](mailto:rcparsons47@comcast.net) I have yet to hear from anyone and if I don't, then I will walk also. Please participate in this event, if possible. We always have a good time and it puts Vietnam Veterans in a favorable light before the public. Wear your VVA shirts, jackets or even colors (if they still fit) so that bystanders can identify us and see what a good looking bunch we are.

On the subject of Veteran's Day, There are many businesses that offer goodwill gestures to veterans around Veterans Day. They run the gamut from free haircuts, oil changes, car washes and (my favorite) free meals ! Please take advantage of these gestures of thanks from the community and please don't forget to thank these businesses for their generosity and convey our appreciation.

We are currently evaluating our heating and air conditioning system at the Veterans Center to see how much it will cost to bring it up to acceptable standards from a functionality and reliability standpoint. It is not going to be cheap and we are going to have to raise quite a large amount of money to accomplish this. Our guest/resident Veteran's center organizations are going to have to step up and help and we are going to have to do some serious fundraising ourselves in order to accomplish the needed repairs. If you have **any ideas** about fundraising methods or opportunities to raise funds please share them at our next meeting. We can accomplish much, if we work together toward common goals.

Bob Parsons

VVA 295 vice-president

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**6th Annual Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner**

Wednesday, November 7, 6-8:30pm, Speaker, Music, Potluck Dinner

Geist Christian Church, 12756 Promise Rd, Fishers

Please RSVP to John Smitha: [jonsmitha@comcast.net](mailto:jonsmitha@comcast.net) or 317-439-6304

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**BUNKER SPECIAL**  
**During November & December**  
**For all VVA & AVVA Members**  
**15% off what's in stock!!**  
**Time to buy Christmas Presents!**

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### **Military Exchange Shopping—PX**

Just a reminder that the Army, Air Force and Navy Exchange has online shopping. This is like Amazon but cheaper and no taxes. You must register first by calling 1-844-868-8672. You can also register online at ShopMyExchange.com I registered online recently and it just took a few minutes.

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### **YMCA Offering Events for Veterans**

Nov 9 Breakfast for the Brave at Benjamin Harrison YMCA, 5736 Lee Rd, Indy, must register in advance 317-547-9622

Nov 9 Breakfast for Vets at Irsay Family YMCA at CityWay, 7-9am, 430 S Alabama St, Indy, must register in advance 317-955-9622

Nov 9 Veteran's Day Family Night at Baxter YMCA, 6-7:30pm, 7900 Shelby St, Indy, 317-881-9347

Nov 10 Salute! Unveiling Sculpture to honor Veterans at OrthoIndy YMCA, 11am-12 noon, 5315 Lafayette Rd, Indy, free, 317-266-9622

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### **Send a Christmas Card to Recovering Soldier**

Those recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center would appreciate a Christmas Card. Mail to:

A Recovering American Soldier  
% Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue  
NW Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

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### **George W. Bush & Laura Bush to be Honored**

Former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush have been named this year's recipients of the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal for their commitment to Veterans. The Philadelphia museum says the award will be presented by former Vice President Joe Biden on Veterans Day, Nov 11. This is the second year Biden has taken part in the Liberty Medal ceremony. Last year, he presented the award to late U.S. Senator John McCain. The center hosts constitutional debates and features interactive exhibits about the U.S. Constitution.

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To vote is like the payment of a debt, a duty never to be neglected, if its performance is possible.

~ Rutherford B. Hayes

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## 25th Anniversary of Vietnam Women’s Memorial



Yes, it has been 25 years. It was dedicated on Veteran’s Day, November 11, 1993. They have events planned for Veterans Day weekend to celebrate the 25th anniversary. For more info on that, go to:

<http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org/25anniversary.php>

Approximately 11,000 American military women were stationed in Vietnam during the war. Close to 90% were nurses in the Army, Navy and Air Force.. Others served as physicians, physical therapists, personnel in Medical Service Corps, air traffic controllers, communications specialists, intelligence officers, clerks and

other capacities. Nearly all of them volunteered.

Because of the guerilla tactics of Vietnam, many women were in the midst of the conflict. There was no front, no such thing as a “safe behind our lines” Many were wounded; most spent time in bunkers during attacks. The names of the eight military women who died in Vietnam are listed on the Wall. Over 58,000 soldiers died in Vietnam; 350,000 were wounded. It is estimated that approximately 265,000 military women served during the Vietnam war all over the world. An unknown number of civilian women also served in Vietnam as news correspondents and workers for the Red Cross, USO, American Friends Service Committee, Catholic Relief Services and other humanitarian organizations. More than 50 civilian American women died in Vietnam..

The names of the eight women on the Wall:

Lieutenant Colonel Annie Ruth Graham, Efland, NC

First Lieutenant Sharon Ann Lane, Canton, OH

Second Lieutenant Carol Ann Elizabeth Drazba, Dunmore, PA

Second Lieutenant Elizabeth Ann Jones, Allendale, SC

Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander, Westwood, NJ

First Lieutenant Hedwig Diane Orłowski, Detroit, MI

Second Lieutenant Pamela Dorothy Donovan, Allston, MA

Captain Mary Therese Klinker, Lafayette, IN

From the dedication November 11, 1993:

May we see this dedication not as an end, but the beginning of new joys, strong friendships and renewed strength as we move onward with our lives. To my sister vets—accept the gratitude and pride the nation now wants to bestow upon you. May it enrich your life. Yes, it’s late. But be proud, be happy, good luck and may any difficult days ahead be warmed by special memories of service to our country and knowledge that the healing power of this monument will always be here for you.

Diane Carlson Evans. RN,

Vietnam 1968-69

Army Nurse Corps 1966-72

Chair & Founder of Vietnam Women’s Memorial Project

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## Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase for 2019

On October 9, 2018, President Trump signed Public Law 115-258, which provides a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.8 percent, effective December 1, 2018, for veterans disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for survivors and certain other benefits.

VA compensation and DIC benefits are retrospectively paid on the first of each month, for the previous month. This means that the 2.8 COLA increase effective December 1, 2018, will not be included until the January 1, 2019 payment. This increase matches the COLA provided to Social Security recipients.

This COLA benefits injured and ill veterans, their families and survivors by helping to maintain the value of VA benefits against inflation. Without annual COLAs, many disabled veterans, who sacrificed their own health and family life for the good of our nation, may not be able to maintain the quality of life they deserve.

We thank Representative Mike Bost (IL), Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs for introducing HR 4958, the *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018* and Congress for final passage of the bill on September 25, 2018.

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### HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES

Vets for Vets is having their annual drive for HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES. These are donated to Roudebush VA Medical Center in December. Please place a donation in the box in the lobby of Fort Harrison Veteran Center. Thank you.

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**Roudebush VA Medical Center** is needing volunteer drivers. Veterans Transportation Service provides Veterans a ride to their medical center or outlying clinic. This is a great way to help Veterans. To volunteer, visit or call Volunteer Services, 317-988-2734 or call driver Pat Parrish, 317-632-4263 (he's a VVA member). Most recently members Bob Parsons and Mark Fix have become volunteers Thank you Pat, Bob and Mark.

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### Food Drive for HVAF

Bring non-perishable food to the next meeting for HVAF (Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation) for the Veterans they are helping. What they need the most is canned meat & tuna, pasta and noodles. You can visit their website to see what they do. <http://www.hvafindiana.org/>

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**HVAF needs volunteers.** Volunteers help sort and stock donations that come to HVAF. They provide essential services to Veterans to help promote them towards self-sufficiency. Volunteers also beautify housing properties by raking leaves, painting and landscaping. Call 317-951-0688 or email [hvaf@hvaf.org](mailto:hvaf@hvaf.org)

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**Company/Coffee** All Veterans WWII to present day are invited for free coffee & safe space to share. Come every Tuesday 10am—2pm at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop inside Geist Christian Church, Promise Rd & 126th St. Fishers. If you have questions, contact John Smitha 317-439-6304 or [jonsmitha@comcast.net](mailto:jonsmitha@comcast.net)

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy



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## **Winter Warm-Up for Homeless Veterans**

Help make winter a little warmer for United States Veterans who are homeless or at-risk.

**Show your gratitude to these heroes in need by donating  
November 10 - December 14, 2018  
at any of these locations:**

Akard True-Value Hardware, Zionsville  
Hussey-Mayfield Public Library, Zionsville  
American Legion Post #470, Fishers  
Decatur Branch Indianapolis Library, Indianapolis

### **Items Requested:**

#### **Men's Winter-Wear:**

Jeans (waist 32"-38"; length 32"-34")  
Boxer Shorts (sizes: L-2XL)  
Socks (white and black crew)  
Work Gloves and Heavy Gloves  
Athletic Shoes (new) (sizes: 10-13)  
Hats

#### **Personal Care Items:**

Toothbrushes & Paste  
Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Shaving Supplies  
Travel Sized Lotion

***All items should be new.***

Donations benefit veterans served by Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF)



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# HVAF'S FOOD, CLOTHING, AND HYGIENE NEEDS

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## Food

### Canned Vegetables:

Baked Beans

Green Beans

Corn

Condensed Soup

Peas

Sweet Potatoes

Ready-to-eat soup



### Dry Goods:

Cereal

Granola Bars

Oatmeal

Pasta

Rice

Ramen Noodles

Pancake Mix

### Canned Meats:

Tuna

Chicken

Spam

Ravioli

Beefaroni

Chili

Salmon

### Canned Fruits:

Peaches

Applesauce

Pears

Fruit Cocktail

Mandarin Oranges

Pineapples



## Clothing & Hygiene

NEW underwear & undershirts

Socks

Gently used men's & women's clothing

Deodorant

Bar Soap

Razors

Shaving cream



DROP OFF DONATIONS AT HVAF  
HEADQUARTERS:

964 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

8 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

Or put on HVAF donation table at Ft. Harrison Veteran Center



**HRH**  
**HHOOT**



## **We Need Your Help!**

**Winter is just around the corner and we need to start storing the following items to serve our friends in need when it gets cold:**

- 1) Men's Clothing (especially large sizes) & Personal Hygiene Items:**  
(Jackets, shoes, socks, shorts, underwear, blankets & sleeping bags)
- 2) Hygiene Items, such as:** shampoo, soap, razors, deodorant, chap stick, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.
- 3) Non-perishable food products, such as:** package cookies & crackers, fruit & pudding cups, potato chips, small cans of meat, etc.
- 4) We need paper and cleaning products, such as:** large paper plates, small paper plates, cups, toilet paper, napkins, plastic forks & spoons, To-go containers, trash bags, cleaning supplies, etc.)

**We are also in need of Shelving, Clothes Racks, and Sorting Bins for our New Warehouse.**

If you have any of these items that you can help us with, please call my cell phone (317) 632-0500 or email me at [Hawkins@HRH.ooo](mailto:Hawkins@HRH.ooo)

**Or, you can**

**Donate thru PayPal on our web site at: [www.IndyHelpers.com](http://www.IndyHelpers.com)**

**5) Your Cash Donations are Tax Deductible that will help pay;**

**phones, electric, cable/internet, web site, insurance, trash bills, etc.**

*Please consider making a donation of \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 per month that will be used for water, snacks, paper products and utilities.*

*Thank You, Don Hawkins, Founder & CEO*

HRH & HHOOT'S Home Office 2457 E Washington St, Indy 46201

We Serve Veterans, ExOffenders & our Homeless Friends

## VETERANS DAY SPECIALS

**Brides Across America:** Free wedding dresses for qualified military brides who register and attend special events in November. Indiana events run Nov. 6-9.

**Noodles and Company:** Offers 15 percent off year round to military, veterans and first responders.

**Outback Steakhouse:** All military, police, firefighters and first responders receive 10 percent off the entire check Nov. 8-10. A 10 percent discount is available year round.

**Pilot Flying J:** Free breakfast consisting of any size Pilot Coffee with choice of a PJ Fresh breakfast sandwich, packaged pastry or Cinnabon Center of the Roll from Nov. 10-12. Must download the Pilot Flying J app to receive and redeem offer.

**Applebee's Neighborhood Grill:** Free meal. Dine-in only. Beverages and gratuity not included. The "Buy A Vet A Bud" program offers a free Budweiser, Bud Light or O'Douls beer on Veterans Day purchased by a patron now through Nov. 11.

**Arni's:** Free entrée with proof of service. Dine-in only.

**Benihana:** Free appetizer with the purchase of an entrée on Nov. 12. Dine-in only.

**Bonefish Grill:** A free order of Bang Bang Shrimp.

**Boston Market:** Buy one individual meal with a drink, get a second free Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 at participating locations. No military ID required. Coupon required from [www.bostonmarket.com](http://www.bostonmarket.com) and is available starting Nov. 5.

**Bru Burger Bar:** Free entrée. **Buffalo Wild Wings:** Free small boneless or traditional wings and fries.

**California Pizza Kitchen:** Free entrée from a special menu. Guests also receive a card redeemable for a buy one, get one offer on pizza, pasta or salad good from Nov. 12-18 while supplies last.

**Carrabba's Italian Grill:** Free appetizer.

**Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen:** Free appetizer or dessert.

**Chuck E. Cheese:** Free personal one-topping pizza to active duty, national guard, retired and veterans with valid military ID or proof of service.

**City Barbeque:** Free meal includes a sandwich, two sides and a regular beverage for active duty military and veterans. Dine-in or carryout.

**Chili's:** Free meal from a special menu.

**Chipotle:** Buy one entrée, get one free.

**Cracker Barrel:** Free slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake or a Crafted Coffee beverage.

**Denny's:** From 5 a.m. to noon Nov. 12, active, inactive and retired military personnel get a free Build Your Own Grand Slam at participating locations.

**Dickey's Barbecue Pit:** Grab a Pulled Pork Classic Sandwich for \$2.

**District Tap:** Free entrée on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12.

**Dunkin':** Free doughnut of choice, while supplies last.

**Famous Dave's:** Free Two-Meat Salute. Enjoy choice of two meats, a side and corn bread.

**Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers:** All veterans dining in-store on Nov. 11 will receive a free combo meal card good through Nov. 30.

**Giordano's Famous Stuffed Pizza:** Free Cheesy Bread when notifying server. Also, enjoy a 20 percent discount (excluding alcohol and retail merchandise) year round.

**Golden Corral:** Free "thank you" dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 12 for the chain's annual Military Appreciation Night.

**Granite City:** Free Veterans Day lunch.

**Hooters:** Free meal from special menu. Dine-in only.

**IKEA:** Score a coupon for \$5 off in the restaurant or bistro. Plus, give the spinning wheel a try for free prizes and sign up for the free family loyalty. Offers may vary by location.

**IHOP:** Get a free stack of Red, White and Blueberry pancakes or a free Red, White and Blue Combo at select locations on Nov. 12. Deal varies by location. Ask server for details.

**Jaggers:** Free double cheeseburger, side and drink.

**Kolache Factory:** Enjoy a free kolache of any kind and any size coffee. Excludes croissants, Polish varieties and espresso drinks.

**Little Caesars:** Free \$5 lunch combo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Logan's Roadhouse:** Choice of free American Roadhouse meal between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**LongHorn Steakhouse:** Free appetizer or dessert. Plus, guests dining with veterans will receive 10 percent off for the entire table.

**Max & Erma's:** Free Best Cheeseburger in America, endless fries and a drink.

**McCormick and Schmick's:** Veterans and Gold Star honorees (parents and spouses) receive a free lunch or dinner from a select menu. Dine-in only.

**O'Charley's:** Free meal from a special menu on Nov. 11 and 12.

**Olive Garden:** Free meal from a select menu. Dine-in only.

**On the Border:** Free Create Your Own Combo entrée (choose 2). Served with Mexican rice and beans, and endless chips and salsa. Dine-in only.

**Outback Steakhouse:** Free Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage.

**Perkins:** Free Magnificent Seven meal.

**Primanti Bros.:** Free classic sandwich.

**Rathskeller:** Offering 10 percent off Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 with military ID

**Red Lobster:** Free appetizer or dessert on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12.

**Red Robin:** Free Red's Tavern Double Burger with bottomless fries.

**Ruby Tuesday:** Free appetizer up to \$10 value.

**Squealer's BBQ:** Offering 10 percent off to military, veterans, firefighters, police and EMS every day.

**Stone Creek Dining Company:** Free entrée.

**Texas Roadhouse:** Free meal from a special menu and choice of non-alcoholic drink from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**TGI Friday's:** Free entrée up to \$12 on Nov. 11 and 12. Military members will receive a receipt with the promo code "TGIVETS" at the bottom redeemable for a free personal-sized appetizer with any online or to-go purchase of \$20 or more from Nov. 13-30. **Weber Grill:** Receive \$25 toward a bill of \$50 or more on Nov. 11.

**Twin Peaks:** Veterans get a free meal from a special menu on Nov. 12.

## SHOPPING DISCOUNTS

**Advance Auto Parts:** Offers 10 percent everyday military discount on in-store purchases.

**Amazon.com:** Free Kindle copy of "Operation Money: A Financial Guide for Military Service Members and Families" by Jean Chatzky.

**AT&T:** Save 25 percent on each line with an AT&T Unlimited & More wireless plan.

**Cabela's:** Offers 5 percent everyday military discount on select purchases.

**Costco:** Military service members can purchase Costco Membership Activation Certificates online year round to join Costco as a new member and receive over \$60 in savings.

**Crew Carwash:** Free carwash.

**Dollar General:** 11 percent discount in-store and online with promo code "MILITARY11" on Nov. 11.

**Fresh Market:** 10 percent off Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 for guests with active or retired military ID.

**Giant Eagle Inc.'s GetGo:** Free coffee, cappuccino or fountain beverage of any size for veterans with military ID or veteran's card. Offer extended to police, fireman and EMS.

**Goodyear Auto Service:** "Checks for Vets" promotion includes free tire, brake and battery checks for military and first responders. Appointments can be booked beginning Nov. 9 and redeemed through Nov. 16. Plus, get up to 10 percent off Goodyear, Kelly or Dunlop brand tires Nov. 9-11.

**Great Clips:** Stop in for a free haircut Sunday or grab a free haircut card to use at a later date. Cards are redeemable through Dec. 31.

**LIDS:** 30 percent off orders of \$40 or more online and free embroidery with the purchase of a hat in-store Nov. 11. A military ID is required.

**Sparkling Image Car Wash:** Free carwash.

**Sports Clips:** Score a free haircut at participating locations.

**Jo-Ann Fabric:** 15 percent discount for military service members and their families year round. Plus, free classes on Nov. 12 to learn how to sew, knit, crochet or decorate with frosting. Some supplies required. Must register in-store.

**Lowe's:** 10 percent discount every day.

**Home Depot:** 10 percent discount every day.

**Michaels:** 15 percent discount for military families every day.

**O'Reilly Auto Parts:** Offers 10 percent everyday military discount on select purchases.

**Rack Room Shoes:** 10 percent military discount on Nov. 11 and every Tuesday.

**Sleep Number:** Save \$100 in addition to any sale purchase with a promo code.

**Sherwin Williams:** Offers 15 percent everyday military discount on paints, stains and painting supplies. Discount also available to military spouses.

**TCC and Verizon:** Veterans, military, and their families get up to \$40 off/month on Verizon unlimited plans, 15 percent off/month on other eligible plans and up to 25 percent off/month on select accessories. Veterans and military receive a \$200 MasterCard with a new smartphone activation for a limited time. Veterans Appreciation Event offers free service pins and 30-minute early access prior to store opening on Nov. 11.

**T-Mobile:** Get the unlimited plan with an iPhone XR included for \$35 per month for four lines. Available for a limited time. See store for details.

**Tractor Supply Co.:** 15 percent discount on Nov. 11.

**Under Armour:** Offers 10 percent military discount year round with verification.

**Walgreens:** 20 percent off eligible regular-price items Nov. 9-11 for all veterans, military and their families with Balance Rewards card and proof of military service.

**B&Bs for Vets:** Website connects veterans with inns and bed and breakfasts offering at least one free night's stay on or around Veterans Day.

**CheapOAir:** Use promo code "VTRN27" to save up to \$27 off Veterans Day travel deals through Nov. 12.

**Christmas Gift and Hobby Show:** The Indiana State Fairgrounds event offers free admissions and free parking on Nov. 11.

**Disney World:** Enjoy various special military rates on 2019 Walt Disney World Resort hotel stays from Jan. 1 through April 13 and April 26 through Dec. 19 booked by Dec. 19, 2019. Also, score specially priced theme park tickets for 2019 visits from Jan. 1 through Dec. 19 purchased by Dec. 16, 2019.

**Hyatt:** Save 10 to 15 percent with promo code "MILVET" off the Hyatt Standard Rate year round.

**Killington Resort:** Free skiing and lift ticket on Nov. 11.

**Knott's Berry Farm:** Free admission and one free guest Nov. 1-15 and Nov. 26-Dec. 21. Plus, up to six discounted tickets at \$39 Nov. 1-15 and \$45 Nov. 26-Dec.21.

**LEGOLAND Florida Resort:** Free admission, plus 50 percent off for up to six tickets Nov. 1-30. Free standard parking. Save up to 25 percent on hotel stays.

**Museums:** Across the country, many museums including the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, are offering free admission for veterans on Nov. 11. Some also are offering discounts for family members. Many zoos and aquariums nationwide will have free admission too.

**National parks:**No entrance fees Nov. 11 to more than 400 national parks. This deal isn't only for veterans and military – it's for everyone.

**Pro Football Hall of Fame:** Free admission plus one guest Nov. 1-30.

**Red Roof:** 20 percent off discount for active duty or retired military members when they book on [www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com) through Dec. 31 with promo code "VP623095" during its Home for the Holidays discount good for stays through Feb. 28.

**Super 8:** 20 percent discount and 500 Wyndham Rewards Bonus Points for active military members, veterans and their spouses for hotel stays through Dec. 10. Also veterans get preferred parking. Some restrictions may apply. Learn more at [www.super8.com/military](http://www.super8.com/military).

**Westgate Resorts:** A 10 percent discount is offered year round. The company is honoring U.S. military personnel and their families by giving away a limited amount of free vacations. Registration begins Nov. 9 for the May 2019 giveaway.

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### **Military and Veteran Caregivers Network:**

Nearly 6 million Americans care for wounded, ill and injured military service members and veterans of the pre- and post-9/11 eras. These “hidden heroes,” which include parents, spouses, children, extended family members, friends and battle buddies, are often overwhelmed. They face significant challenges including: scattered resources, isolation, poor health and emotional stress. The MVCN supports caregivers of all ages, eras and stages, offering peer support and access to partner organizations’ resources and services, with the goal of increasing caregivers’ connectedness, hopefulness, wellness, knowledge and skills.

If you are any kind of caregiver, you will most likely find wonderful support from the MVCN.

<https://milvetcaregivernetwork.org/>

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The "Bells of Peace" will ring out nationwide from smartphones on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" to mark the centennial of the end of World War I in November 1918, thanks to a new app created in honor of the anniversary.

About 10,000 have signed up so far for the free "Bells of Peace Participation App" which will work on either Apple or Android platforms, said Chris Isleib, a spokesman for the World War I Centennial Commission. The App features a countdown timer to 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, and a selection of bell sounds that will go off 21 times, starting at 11 a.m.

The bell-ringing app can be downloaded at [ww1cc.org/app](http://ww1cc.org/app).

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**10 Best Cities for Veterans** are: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Omaha, Nebraska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Austin, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; Charlottesville, Virginia; Rapid City, South Dakota; and Manhattan, Kansas.

Middle America is, apparently, great for veterans.