



Vietnam Veterans of America Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295



August 2018 Newsletter



South Korean Vietnam Veterans were honored during the opening ceremony at the VVA & AVVA Leadership & Education Conference. South Korea sent 300,000 soldiers and more than 5,000 were killed. They carried American weapons. President Johnson wanted the South Korean soldiers to increase the number of ground troops. The South Korean soldiers saw this as a chance to pay back for American sacrifices in Korea. They also earned combat pay that would help their families. The South Korean troops earned a reputation as a ferocious fighting force. Thank you for your service.

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

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Important Dates

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| Aug 2 | 6pm All organizations Clean Ft Harrison Veterans Center before the Ride on Saturday |
| Aug 4 | 4th Annual Ride to Support Ft Harrison Veterans Center, flyer pg 8 & donation letter pg 9 so you can seek donations from businesses. |
| Aug 7 | Purple Heart Day; Purple Heart medal created Aug 7, 1782 |
| Aug 8 | VVA 295 Meeting; Board meeting at 6:00pm; Regular meeting 7:00pm |
| Aug 18 | Helping Heroes Freedom Ride, Marion County Fairgrounds, 10am-6pm, flyer pg 10 |
| Aug 18 | 2nd Annual Military Foundation Charity Softball Event, Kokomo Stadium, flyer pg 11 |
| Aug 25 | Red, White & Brew Fest, American Legion Mall, 1-6pm, flyer pg 12 |
| Sept 6-9 | The Wall That Heals in Milan, IN |
| Sept 12 | VVA 295 Meeting; Board meeting at 6:00pm; Regular meeting 7:00pm |
| Sept 27-30 | The Wall That Heals in Middletown, IN |

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- Aug 11, 1964** Lieutenant Everett Alvarez, the U.S. Navy pilot shot down and captured during the Pierce Arrow raids, is paraded through the streets of Hon Gay.
- Aug 1, 1965** Operation Market Time, the monitoring of sea traffic, along the Vietnam coast to cut off supplies to the Viet Cong, is removed from the U.S. Seventh Fleet and assigned to a newly created coastal surveillance force, but it will continue to be controlled by the U.S. Navy.
- Aug 1—25, 1966** The U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), South Korean, and ARVN forces conduct Operation Paul Revere II, a border screening/surveillance and area control operation in Darlac and Pleiku Provinces, II Corps.
- Aug 11-28, 1967** The 1st Marine Division conducts Operation Cochise, a continuation of search and destroy operations in the old Union II area in the Que Son valley, Quang Tin Province, I Corps.

BLUE WATER NAVY ACT

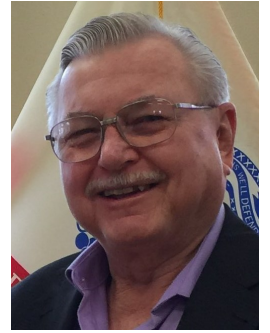
The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on August 1, 2018, will be holding a legislative hearing for the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017 and other bills. VVA fully supports this bill as passed in the House as H.R. 299, on June 25, by a vote of 382-0, contact your Senators today and ask that they please co-sponsor and support passage of S.422 as amended and passed in the House.

Approximately 90,000 Blue Water Navy Veterans were potentially exposed to certain herbicide agents including Agent Orange, but they haven't been awarded the same disability and health care benefits as those who served on the ground in Vietnam. The legislation was stalled late last year after the House Veterans' Affairs Committee couldn't agree on how to pay for the expansion. Now, the proposal has been reintroduced by Committee Chairman Phil Roe with amended recommendations on how to pay for extended benefits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that extending benefits to Blue Water Navy Veterans for 10 years would cost \$1.1 billion. Rather than cutting other Veterans' benefits to pay for it, Roe's proposal increases fees for service members and non-service connected Veterans who use the Department of Veterans Affairs home loan program.

VA Mission Act Expands Caregiver Program to Pre-9/11 Veterans

On June 6, 2018 President Trump signed into law historic Veterans legislation that will expand the eligibility for the VA comprehensive caregiver program to Veterans injured before Sept 11, 2001. The VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 is referred to as the VA Mission Act. It will also strengthen VA health care and consolidate VA community care programs, provide supplemental funding to continue the current Choice Program for another year, give the VA new tools to hire and retain quality health care

President's Message:



Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Hope this finds you well and doing fine. This year so far has been quite hectic, with our preparing for the Wall's arrival, 4th of July Parade, and just returning from the VVA & AVVA National Leadership & Education Conference in Palm Springs, CA. Yes, beautiful Palm Springs. When we arrived the temperature was 119 and the forest fires were on the other side of the mountain and we were also greeted with smokey skies and falling ashes. To the firefighters and others who lost their lives, we extend our prayers and deepest sympathy.

Vice President Bob Parsons and I represented our VVA chapter, President Holly Tookolo represented AVVA. In four days we divided up to attend the 24 classes that were offered. Some of which were taped and will be put on the VVA national website in around 30 days. For all of you to see and learn from. Plus we will be adding some of it to our email, newsletters and in our meetings.

If you are not a life member, please look to see when your card expires. If your membership lapses, you will need to rejoin, and start over. This also stops you from running for office if you so desire, as you must be a member in good standing for at least one year. You will receive a dues reminder from national. Please renew, better yet go life, and never worry about paying dues again. In October the National Council will be meeting to change the membership dues. We do not know if they will go up or down. If you have failed to renew or your dues are due now, we will be contacting you. Or come to a chapter meeting to pay there.

The Board and Membership at our July meeting voted to do away with the Fort Harrison Building Committee made up from all the organizations in the building. The lease is in our name and we need to protect it.

Please remember you are part of this chapter. You are welcome at meetings. However, any political views you have are yours alone and not to be discussed in our meetings. Never say anywhere that you represent VVA or Chapter 295 when talking to others of your opinions, as we a non-political organization.

Thank you for all that you do to help our fellow Veterans, their families, and your community.

May God bless the United States and bring our troops safely home.
Never forget "We can each do a little, but together we can do a lot".

In Patriotism,
Larry Shaw
President VVA 295
765-618-4067

Educating Your Health Care Provider About Exposure & Health Hazards Associated With Your Military Service

A lot of doctors that we see, both VA and private, are unaware of where you have been or what you are exposed to. Some of which could be one of these or others: Agent Orange, radiation exposure, combat, multiple deployment, burn pit, brain injuries, back injuries, and sexual trauma.

You should carry with you at all times a list of your medications with dosages, allergies, medical conditions that you have, list of doctors plus a copy of your durable power of attorney for health care. This can be a relative of your choosing to make your wishes for treatment known to EMTs, hospitals and doctors in case you are unable to speak because of accident or stroke. This permission would allow CPR in case of heart attack, choking or drowning to give just a few examples.

Cherish the Constitution. For it is the main pillar in the edifice of your tranquility at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize.

Vice President's Corner

Dear VVA 295 brothers and sisters,



VVA 295 President Larry Shaw and AVVA President, Holly Tookolo and I returned from the 2018 VVA Leadership Conference in Palm Springs, California this past Sunday. Before anyone says : "nice vacation", I would like to point out that the temperature was 115-118 during the day, so of the limited free time we had between sessions, very little was spent exploring Palm Springs ! I did, however, get a chance to visit a street fair in downtown Palm Springs Thursday night. It was still 100+ degrees at 9PM ! "Interesting" is probably not the right word to describe this little excursion, but this was California after all and without going into detail I will let you use your imagination... Suffice to say.....I've been around the world a couple of times but I ain't never seen anything like this!!

Back to the Leadership Conference, the meeting agenda was very full and the topics covered varied and timely. Holly, Larry and I decided split up in order to cover as many seminars and topics as we could and gather as much information as possible.. We brought back a lot of printed material which we will share with you but until then ,here is a brief overview of some of the sessions that I attended.

Session Title:

Diversity Within the VVA (How to reach out into the our community, as well as other communities, to attract more minority members to our chapter. One excellent suggestion was, that when greeting a fellow Vietnam Veteran, (minority or non-minority) with our traditional greeting of, "**Welcome Home**", we need to follow that by asking them "**How is your health ?**" This can be a great dialogue starter. This is also an excellent way to introduce yourself as a VVA 295 member, tell them a little bit about our chapter, explain how our service officers can help them with disability claims, tell them about "The Bunker" but perhaps most importantly, extend a warm invitation to visit VVA Chapter 295. At the very least, give them a "VVA 295 printed handout or card". (Note: We intend to have some small printed hand-outs made for you to give to them). Our VVA 295 membership is growing but we need to reach out to more of our "brothers" and "sisters", some of whom, unfortunately, don't even know we exist.

Introductory Parliamentary Procedure : (How to properly and legally conduct VVA chapter meetings. Quorums, proper structuring of motions, amendments to motions, and voting, Also covered was the structure and correct chronology of conducting a meeting. In short, if the meeting does not adhere to the guidelines of parliamentary procedure, any decisions that made are, quite simply, not legal nor valid)

Properly Writing and Re-writing Chapter Bylaws: (What is necessary and what is not within our by-laws)

The VA Veterans Memorial System; National Cemetery operation, locations, proposed locations and eligibility for veterans. Covered was the necessity of making, veterans, their families and funeral directors aware of the procedures required for rendering appropriate honors and entitlements at the veteran's funeral. All veterans with a discharge other than dishonorable, who have met minimum active duty service requirements are entitled to burial in any open national cemetery. . Also Armed Forces Reserve members who died under specific circumstances, or while performing training duty or have 20 years of service creditable for retirement pay or were called to active duty and served the full term of service are eligible. Also Veteran's spouse, minor children and under certain conditions, dependent unmarried adult children even if the pre-decease the eligible veteran .are entitled to: burial in any open VA national cemetery, Included is the opening and closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite as well as a Government furnished upright headstone, flat marker or niche cover. Also, the eligible veteran is entitled to a burial flag and Presidential Memorial Certificate. Veterans are also entitled to Military Honors. (There are several exceptions to the National Cemetery burial policy. . Most notable is Arlington National Cemetery which is administered by The Department of the Army. At Arlington, certain criteria must be met for an in ground burial , however, all veterans are eligible for Columbarium (cremated) internment. The stated goal of the Veterans memorial System is to have a National Cemetery or dedicated veteran's section within an existing cemetery within 75 miles of every veteran's home by the year 2020. the There is also a program underway to imbed in every veterans headstone or Columbarium plaque a computer chip which will enable someone with a "smart" device to access a link which will outline the veteran's history, photos etc. This process will obviously take some time to fully implement. I also learned that, even if you have a privately purchased, non military, headstone you are entitled to a veteran's medallion to affix to it at no charge. Also, if there is deterioration or damage to a marker it will be replaced or repaired by the Veteran's Memorial System. I have contact information for the Under Secretary of the VA Memorial Department.

The VA Benefit System: A history of the VA Benefit System that actually dates back to before the Revolutionary War. The VA Benefit system was highlighted with regard to educational benefits, home buying benefits etc. Disability Benefit program was explained, How it works and the current status of proposed Agent Orange related and other disability related legislation and studies). One thing I found particularly interesting was that. if you are receiving a disability benefit now and file for additional benefits, the VA will review your current disability status and if they determine that your condition has improved, they have the authority to reduce your current benefit. They also have the right to reevaluate your

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The Bunker

Hours: 10am—2pm on Sunday.

Your purchases support VVA 295 and Fort Harrison Veterans Center.

Aug 6—10 The Bunker will be setup at VA.

Steve could use physical assistance to load van on Fri, Aug 10 at 3:30pm

The Veteran Magazine Project

Repurpose your copy of The Veteran. VVA board member Jim Pierce brought this terrific idea before the board and membership at our last meeting. After you have read your copy of The Veteran, mark out your name and address. Attach your business card or the VVA business card which is available at the VVA office. Take it to your local library and ask if want your issues of The Veteran. Jim said they were very happy to take his issue. Do this each month to reach out to Veterans in the area and maybe even gain new members. Thank you Jim for a great idea!

AVVA Chapter 295

Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America is the extended family of VVA. We are made up of Veterans of all eras, families and friends of Veterans, and all persons who support Veterans' issues. AVVA works in conjunction with VVA striving to ensure that Vietnam Veterans, as well as ALL Veterans, attain the honor, respect, and benefits they deserve. We are here to help Veterans and VVA Chapter 295 with their programs and activities.

Check Out the AVVA and Agent Orange Products

Find their link on the AVVA website, under AVVA Products / The Agent Orange Store.

<http://www.agentorangestore.com> Make sure you say AVVA when you place order.

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).

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.hvafofindiana.org/>

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

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

properties by raking leaves, painting and landscaping. Most recently Bob Parsons, VVA VP has become a volunteer. Thank you Bob. Call 317-951-0688 or email hvaf@hvaf.org

DoD: At least 126 bases report water contaminants linked to cancer, birth defects

By Tara Copp, Militarytimes.com

The water at or around at least 126 military installations contains potentially harmful levels of perfluorinated compounds, which have been linked to cancers and developmental delays for fetuses and infants, the Pentagon has found. In a March report provided to the House Armed Services Committee, the Pentagon for the first time publicly listed the full scope of the known contamination. The Defense Department identified 401 active and Base Closure and Realignment installations in the United States with at least one area where there was a known or suspected release of perfluorinated compounds. These included 36 sites with drinking water contamination on-base, and more than 90 sites that reported either on-base or off-base drinking water or groundwater contamination, in which the water source tested above the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable levels of perfluorooctane sulfonate or perfluorooctanoic acid, also known as PFOS and PFOAs. The man-made chemicals, which can be used to make items heat or water resistant, are found in everyday household, food and clothing items, even take-out food wrappers. At military bases, however, they are concentrated in the foam used to put out aircraft fires.

Maureen Sullivan, deputy assistant secretary of defense for environment, safety and occupational health, said DoD has already made safety changes at affected bases, including installing filters and providing bottled water to families living there. It has also released the full list of installations, reported in a lengthy chart attached toward the end of the congressional report, and will be working with the Centers for Disease Control next year on a study of the potential long-term effects of exposure. Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson was asked about the exposure this week on Capitol Hill, where she was testifying about the service's fiscal 2019 budget needs. "It's an issue not just in New Hampshire, but at military installations across this country," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-New Hampshire. "We have 1,500 people who have been tested with elevated levels in the Portsmouth area, who are anxious about their future and their children's future. And I know there are many people throughout the Air Force and our other military installations who share that concern."

In all, 25 Army bases; 50 Air Force bases, 49 Navy or Marine Corps bases and two Defense Logistics Agency sites have tested at higher than acceptable levels for the compounds in either their drinking water or groundwater sources. Additionally, DoD tested 2,668 groundwater wells both on and in the surrounding off-base community and found that 61 percent of them tested above the EPA's recommended levels. In 2016 the EPA established a new, lower guideline for acceptable levels of PFOS or PFOA levels in water supplies: no more 70 parts per trillion.

While the EPA did not make the guidelines enforceable, DoD decided to test all of its locations and work toward complying with the new standards. It won't be a quick fix, Sullivan said. The first target for the department was to address the 36 direct drinking water sources that are contaminated and "cut off that human exposure as soon as possible," Sullivan said. DoD was only able to do that quickly at the 24 locations where it manages the water supply. At those locations it has installed filters at the water source or inside base housing, relocated water usage to another well, or provided alternate drinking water, such as water bottles, for personnel, Sullivan said. For the other 12 drinking water sources, provided either by a contracted vendor or through the local utility, it's a harder fix, because the EPA's guidelines are not enforceable. For example, commercial airports and industrial sites also use the foam, which could impact a municipality's drinking water, but it will be up to that municipality to determine if it will test and make fixes to comply with the EPA's guidelines, Sullivan said. "It's up to the owner of that system to make a decision on what they're going to do," Sullivan said. "So we're on a fine line of trying to provide drinking water to our folks when we're buying it from somebody else." In those cases the department is working with the vendors or utilities on a solution, and providing bottled water or filters as needed, Sullivan said. Each base should have its water information posted, Sullivan said. Families with any concerns should be able to go to the base's restoration program manager — an on-site point person tasked with addressing environmental cleanup issues — with their questions.

DoD has already spent \$200 million studying and testing its water supply, and also providing either filters, alternate wells or bottled water to address contamination. For the groundwater sources, both on-base and off-base, however, cleanup will take years to address, Sullivan said. Those groundwater sites will be added to the department's long list of environmental cleanup responsibilities it has at each of its more than 2,900 facilities around the world, and will prioritize that cleanup based on risk. Sullivan estimates the groundwater perfluorinate cleanup will add about \$2 billion to the \$27 billion previously identified cleanup projects for which the department is responsible. The services are also phasing out the firefighting foam they use and working on replacements that do not contain perfluorinated compounds, Sullivan said.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2018/04/26/dod-126-bases-report-water-contaminants-harmful-to-infant-development-tied-to-cancers/>

Presumed U.S. War Remains Returned by North Korea Headed to Hawaii

Remains handed over by North Korea to the United States last week were confirmed to be human and are likely to be American soldiers, officials said on Wednesday. The 55 sets of remains, which were flown from Wonsan, North Korea to an American Air Force base outside of Seoul on July 27, were given a two-day field forensic review, said Dr. John Byrd, laboratory director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. The 55 cases of remains were flown out on two C-17 cargo planes and will arrive Wednesday, August 1 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii, where they will be met by Vice President Mike Pence, the son of a Korean War combat veteran. American officials gave credit to the June summit held between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for the transfer and Wednesday

City of Indianapolis and IndyGo Announce New IndyGo Veteran Pass

IndyGo and the City of Indianapolis announce the new Veteran Fare Cards, allowing veterans to ride IndyGo fixed route service fare-free. The effort to provide veterans with free access to the transit system has been championed by several veteran service organizations and Indianapolis leaders.

To register, veterans must complete the enrollment process in person at the Julia Carson Transit Center, 201 E Washington St. Veterans must fill out an application (provided in both **English** and **Spanish**), provide proof of eligibility, and have a photo taken at the Transit Center Customer Service desk. To prove veteran status IndyGo will accept: 1. Valid Government Issued photo ID and DD 214 Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty or 2. Valid US Department of Veterans Affairs ID. The free fare program will provide unlimited access to IndyGo's fixed route bus network, but will not include paratransit (Open Door) service. Initial cards are \$2.00 and replacement cards cost \$5.00. Veterans may complete the enrollment process at the Transit Center's Customer Service Desk weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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current disability status at any time and, at their discretion and reduce or eliminate it if they feel that the condition has improved or gone away. If that were to happen, keep in mind that, they must notify you of their intention and you have the right to appeal their decision before your benefit is reduced..

Future of the VVA: There were also several seminars and much discussion about the future of the VVA as an organization. Like it or not, we are all nearing the end of our "shelf life" and we need to plan realistically. VVA National has several "Study Groups" looking into the future of the organization now. At several past VVA National Conventions the VVA leadership proposed the inclusion of younger vets, (Desert Storm, Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans etc.) into the VVA as members. These proposals were soundly rejected by the delegates, as the prevalent feeling was that VVA is for and about Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans exclusively. Most VVA members, at this conference strongly support efforts to encourage, guide and assist the younger vets in establishing their own organizations similar to the VVA. The future of the VVA will doubtless be a long but necessary discussion into the future.

Secondary PTSD: This seminar explored the effects of PTSD on us as well as our families and friends .

Theme: "***You are never too old to get better.*** " PTSD= *You don't talk, you don't feel and you don't trust.*

This seminar delved into many of the effects of PTSD such as the difficulty within in marital and personal relationships as well as much higher divorce and suicide rates. Most of this is not news to us but the underlying theme was that, we can get better and help is available if we want it. The causes and symptoms of PTSD is better understood now than in previous times and the treatment of PTSD is much more effective.

Conference Highlights:

One of the other highlights of the conference was the attendance and subsequent recognition, at the opening ceremony, of a number of Korean Vietnam Veterans present. They were very warmly received and seemed to enjoy their interaction with us and their stay. Other than Americans, Korea had more troops in Vietnam than any other country (including Australia). I think that we all remember how tough these guys were, and how terrified the Viet Cong was of them. They are a lot older now but , quite frankly, they still look pretty formidable !

I think that the most important thing I took away from the conference is the overall tremendous sense of pride that we all still have with regard to our Vietnam or Vietnam Era service. Even though it may have only been a brief portion of our lives it is the segment of our lives that we are most proud of.

The only disappointment of the conference, I can think of, is that I didn't get to meet Wayne Newton....I kinda wanted to sing along with him.....Darn!

Again: Let us know your thoughts and/or concerns regarding your chapter and how we can improve and make it better.

Till next month,

God Bless America

Bob Parsons (Ph: 317 919 7589)

VVA 295 Vice President

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**Fourth Annual
Ride to Support the
Ft. Harrison Veterans Center
Saturday, August 4th, 2018**



**Support your
Indiana Veterans**



The Ft Harrison Veterans Center provides meeting space for the following Veteran Organizations and we need your help.



Post 438



82nd Airborne



Chapter One
POW/MIA



VVA 295



Navy Club
Ship 35



Task Force
Omega



Vets for Vets



Indy
Sea Cadets



CVMA 14-1



Indiana State Council



Ride Details

Location: Ft Harrison Veterans Center

Address: 9450 East 59th Street, Lawrence, IN

Registration Time: 9:00am —10:45am

Depart Time: 11:00am

Cost: \$20.00 for rider and \$5.00 for passenger

Featuring

Ride through the Indiana back roads.

Display of the Hoosier POW/MIA Memorial Wall.

Enjoy great Food, Silent Auction, 50/50, and much more.

The Bunker will be open where you can find assortment of military items to purchase.

All proceeds will go to support the Ft. Harrison Veterans Center

Point of Contact

Mike Clark, Email: mike.clark@indianarollingthunder.com



Hoosier POW/MIA Memorial Wall



Ft Harrison Bunker Store



FORT HARRISON VETERANS CENTER

9450 E. 59th Street
Lawrence, Indiana 46226



*Home of
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American Legion Posts 438, 82nd Airborne Association, Navy Club Ship 35,
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans, Veteran Events, Vietnam Veterans Indiana State Council
Indy Sea Cadets, Vets for Vets, Task Force Omega, and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 14-1*

Dear Friend,

The Fort Harrison Veterans Center is seeking donations in support of the 4th Annual Veteran Center Support Ride on August 4th, 2018. The donation will be used to help continue with the operations and maintenance of the Veteran Center. The Fort Harrison Veterans Center provides meeting, and office space for the above Veteran organizations so they can continue to perform their important missions.

These Veteran Organizations actively work within the community to improve the lives of our Indiana Veterans. Without these Veteran Organizations, the community would not be the same.

The operational and maintenance cost of the Fort Harrison Veterans Center is funded by the above Veteran Organizations, and the cost is becoming to be a real hardship on these Veteran organizations. We need your help to keep the Fort Harrison Veteran Center operational and pay for needed upgrades to the facility.

The purpose of the event, is to raise money to help keep the Veteran Center operational and pay for needed facility upgrades. **All proceeds will go directly to support the Fort Harrison Veteran Center.** Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

The Fort Harrison Veterans Center is a 501© (3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible. The EIN number will be provided upon request.

Please consider a donation to support the Fort Harrison Veterans Center, and promote the well-being of our Veterans in our community. These men, and women deserve our attention.

Donations may be mailed to Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter #1
P.O Box 26458
Indianapolis, IN 46226

**Make check payable to Fort Harrison Veterans Center.
Please make comment on the check "Veteran Center Support Ride"**

Sincerely Yours,

Mike Clark
Event Coordinator
mike.clark@indianarollingthunder.com
317-991-3805

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LIVE Music - Motorcycle Stunt Show
Food Trucks - Vendors - Huey Helicopter Rides
Raffles - Door Prizes



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(Registration fee is donated to the cause! - Car Parking Available \$5)

Registration for Single Rider \$25 | Double Riders \$35 | Claim Free T-Shirt at Registration!

Ride + Resource Fair + Memorial

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and LIVE Music & Entertainment for all Ages



Food Trucks → WWW.HELPINGHEROESOFAMERICA.ORG | 317.640.1395



2nd Annual Military Foundation Charity Softball Event

August 18th, 2018

Kokomo Municipal Stadium (400 S. Union St. Kokomo, IN 46901)

Event Gates Open | 11:00 AM

Armed Services Home Run Derby | 12:00 PM

Pre-Game Festivities | 50/50 Raffle | Silent Auction

National Anthem & Opening Ceremonies | 3:55 PM



Game 1 | 4:00 PM



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Game 2 | 5:10 PM



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Consolation Game 3 | 6:20 PM

Championship Game 4 | 7:30 PM

Red, White & Brew Fest

2018

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

VIP ADMISSION 1:00-2:00 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION 2:00-6:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION MALL

700 N Pennsylvania St, • Indianapolis, IN 46204

Music, Beer and Food

Craft beer, cocktails, cider and wine accompanied by food trucks and musicians. Come eat, drink and enjoy in the fun as we say thank you to our family, friends and neighbors who have served our country.

All proceeds support veterans through Azimuth, a veteran resource agency.



Event MC:
Marcus Bailey, Wish-TV 8

Go to WWW.REDWHITEBREW.ORG OR EVENTBRITE TO PURCHASE TICKETS



Azimuth is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Federal ID Number: 47-0989470.