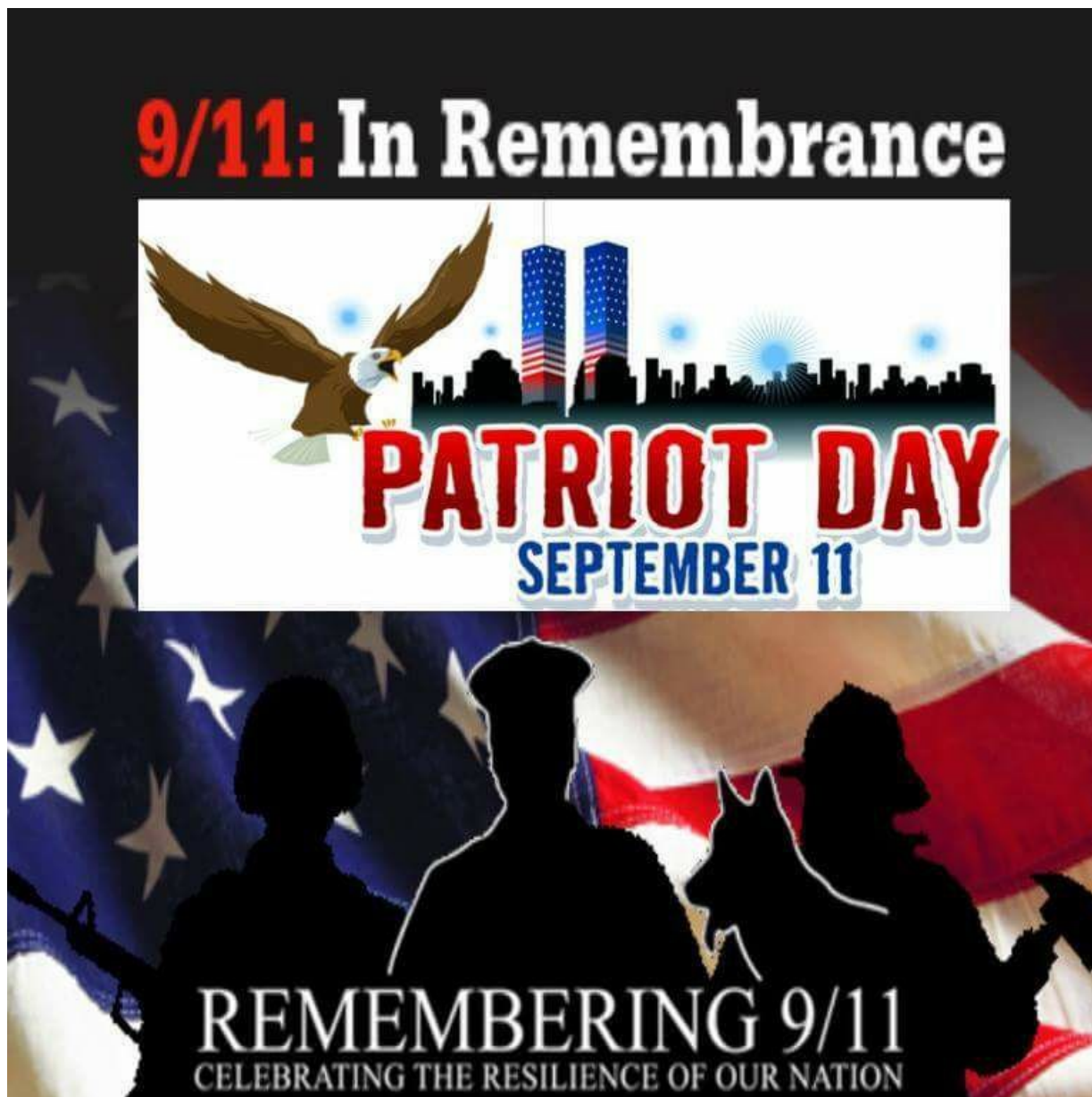




**Vietnam Veterans of America
Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295**



September 2021 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.



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

The July/August issue is out there now. Read the article about how other chapters recruited new members and all their projects such as helping homeless, food drives, helping at veterans nursing home, maintenance at veterans cemetery and more. We need to do more projects at Chapter 295.

Important Dates

- Sept 6** Labor Day
- Sept 8** VVA 295 Board Meeting at 6pm; Regular meeting at 7pm
- Sept 11** Patriot Day; 9/11 Ceremony at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens 8:15am
- Sept 13-19** Howard County All Veterans Reunion
- Sept 17** National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept 18** Pow/Mia Ride to Remember—US Air Force Birthday 1947
- Sept 24-26** VVA Region 5 Conference, Columbus, OH
- Sept 26** Gold Star Mother's & Families' Day
- Oct 11** Columbus Day
- Oct 13** U.S. Navy Birthday 1775
- Oct 13** VVA 295 Board Meeting at 6pm; Regular meeting at 7pm
- Oct 31** Halloween

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- Sept 7, 1951** The U.S. signs an agreement with Saigon for direct aid to South Vietnam. American presence in Saigon is increased as civilian government employees join the U.S. military already there.
- Sept 8, 1954** An agreement is signed at Manila establishing a military alliance that becomes the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), aimed at checking Communist expansion. Those signing are U.S., France, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Pakistan and Thailand.
- Sept 21, 1961** The U.S. Army's 5th Special Forces Group is activated at Fort Bragg, NC. They will deploy to South Vietnam and assume control of all Special Forces operation in country.
- Sept 1, 1963** The U.S. Army establishes the 145th Aviation Battalion in Vietnam.
- Sept 9, 1964** Soviets warn Japan that it must expect some military retaliation if it allows U.S. bases there to be used for military action against North Vietnam.
- Sept 30, 1964** First large scale anti-war demonstration in the U.S. is staged at University of California-Berkeley by students and faculty oppose to the war.
- Sept 15, 1965** To affirm their loyalty to the government of South Vietnam, 500 Montagnards turn over their weapons at a ceremony in Ban Me Thuot.
- Sept 1, 1966** The U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment deploys to Vietnam from Fort Meade, Maryland, to conduct combat operations in III Corps.



The Bunker

Hours 10am-2pm Sunday

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

9/11 Memorial Unveiling Ceremony

At Oaklawn Memorial Gardens at 8:15-9:15am on Sept 11 is a special ceremony. Guest speaker is Josh Bleill telling his touching personal story. They will unveil a new 9//11 Memorial in the lobby of Oaklawn Memorial Gardens at 9700 Allisonville Rd, Indy. To attend, you need to register at <https://flannerbuchanan.com/9-11/>

9/11 20 Year Dedication Ceremony

The 9/11 20 Year Memorial will be dedicated on Sept 11 at 2-4pm. This memorial is state-owned property, independently insured by the Indiana War Memorial Commission. Indiana War Memorials Foundation at 421 Ohio Street, Indy; Free

HOOSIERS KILLED IN 9/11 ATTACKS

World Trade Center

Gary Bright, Muncie, IN
Katie McCloskey, South Bend, IN
Stacy Peak, Tell City, IN
Karen Juday, Elkhart, IN

Flight 77

Eddie Dillard, Gary, IN

Pentagon

Lt Gen Timothy Maude, Indianapolis, IN
Col Canfield Boone, Milan, IN
Major Stephen V. Long, Cascade, IN
Brenda Gibson, Indianapolis, IN



POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony

Friday evening, September 17th, from 7:30-10:00pm is a Watchfire event with a solemn ceremony at the north side of the Indiana War Memorial, 55 East Michigan St, Indy. On street parking is free.

Saturday, September 18th will be the ceremony will be held on the north steps of the Indiana War Memorial. A pre-ceremonial concert is scheduled at 11:30am with the program beginning at 12:00pm noon.

I follow three rules: Do the right thing. Do the best you can. Always show people you care.

~ Lou Holtz

9/11 Timeline of Events

- 7:59 AM: American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston, Massachusetts, carrying 11 crew members, 76 passengers, and 5 hijackers.
 - 8:15 AM: United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Los Angeles, California, carrying 9 crew members, 51 passengers, and 5 hijackers.
 - 8:19 AM: Flight 11 crew members contact ground personnel to report a hijacking underway onboard the flight.
 - 8:20 AM: American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Dulles, Virginia, carrying 6 crew members, 53 passengers, and 5 hijackers.
 - 8:24 AM: A hijacker on Flight 11 accidentally broadcasts a message to air traffic control. The transmission is heard by Victor J. Saracini of Flight 175; he reports the message to the FAA mere minutes before his own plane is hijacked.
 - 8:37 AM: Boston's air traffic control center alerts the USAF's Northeast Air Defense Sector of the hijacker's transmissions. Jets from the National Guard are mobilized.
 - 8:42 AM: United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark, New Jersey, carrying 7 crew members, 33 passengers, and 4 hijackers.
 - 8:46 AM: Flight 11 crashes into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, impacting floors 93 through 99. All 3 emergency stairwells are severed on impact. Emergency responders are immediately sent to the site to begin evacuation efforts.
 - 8:50 AM: The U.S. President is made aware of the attacks during his visit to an elementary school in Sarasota, Florida. President Bush and his advisors, at this time, are under the assumption that it was a tragic accident.
 - 8:52 AM: A flight attendant on Flight 175 notifies a United Airlines operator that a hijacking is underway.
 - 9:02 AM: The evacuation of the South Tower is announced over the PA system to the people in the South Tower.
 - 9:03 AM: Flight 175 crashes into the South Tower of the World Trade Center, impacting floors 77 through 85. 2 of the 3 emergency stairwells are severed on impact, along with the disabling of the elevator.
 - 9:03 AM: Emergency responders escalate the response effort, shutting down airspace over New York City. By this time, over 2,000 officers are deployed.
 - 9:05 AM: President Bush is alerted of the second plane crashing into the World Trade Center.
 - 9:12 AM: Passengers on Flight 77 begin contacting their family. One passenger contacts her husband, the U.S. Solicitor General, who in turn alerts federal officials.
 - 9:37 AM: Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon. The crash and fire kills 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground.
 - 9:59 AM: The South Tower begins to collapse. After burning for 56 minutes, it takes only 10 seconds to collapse.
 - 10:03 AM: Flight 93 crashes into a field near Shanksville in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The plane was 20 minutes away from Washington D.C.
 - 10:15 AM: The damaged section of the Pentagon's west-facing outer ring collapses.
 - 10:28 AM: After burning for an hour and 42 minutes, the North Tower collapses.
 - 12:16 PM: All U.S. flights are grounded.
 - 5:20 PM: A nearby apartment building, 7 World Trade Center, collapses. There are no casualties.
 - 8:30 PM: President Bush addresses the Nation. He announces that the full resources of the intelligence and law enforcement communities are being directed to find those responsible for the attacks.
- Afternoon of September 12th: The last survivor is rescued.

VVA LA State Council Disaster Relief Fund

Louisiana State Council President Terry Courville reports that at least 5 of the state's chapters were in the direct line of Hurricane Ida, and they are in need of our assistance.

For VVA State Councils, chapters, and members who wish to make a contribution to assist the victims of the recent devastation:

Please make your check payable to:
LA State Council Disaster Relief Fund

Send your check to:
Joe Jenkins
VVA Louisiana State Council
13606 Hico Dr.
Baker, LA 70714

If you have any questions, you may reach Joe Jenkins at 225-603-3874.

20th VVA National Convention—November 2-6, 2021

Sheraton Greensboro At Four Seasons Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina

Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General Ronald Blanck, a Vietnam War Veteran who served as the Surgeon General of the Army 1996-2000, will deliver the keynote speech at the opening ceremonies on Wednesday, November 3.

Richard L. “Sandy” Alderson, the Team President of the New York Mets, will receive the VVA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Saturday night Awards Banquet.

Lezlie Lake Dalton, Deborah McFarland and Barbara Sanders Joiner, three former members of the Golddiggers singing and dancing group best known for their appearances on the Dean Martin TV Show, will receive the VVA President’s Award for Entertaining the Troops at the Saturday night Awards Banquet.

Your registration for this convention must be postmarked by October 7, 2021. Here is the link for the form:

<https://vva.org/national-convention/2021/docs/Registration-2021.pdf>

Rural Veterans Mental Health Legislation Bill Now Law

The Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act expands a VA mental health program for veterans living in rural areas of the country. Marine Corps Sgt. Brandon Ketchum is the namesake of the law. He died by suicide in 2016. The VA hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, turned away the Ketchum when he sought care for post-traumatic stress and drug abuse disorders, according to the Des Moines Register. After a VA psychiatrist dismissed Ketchum, the 33 year old drove to his home in Davenport, Iowa, and ended his life. For more info on this law, go to ruralhealth.va.gov

Bunker Schedule at VA

We need volunteers every week at VA. We need volunteers Sept 13-17 at VA with Wallace while Steve is managing our booth at All Veterans Reunion. Call Holly to volunteer 317-294-4607. Steve is still looking for another manager so they can take turns at the VA. To manage, call Steve 317-459-6255



Hours open at VA are 7am-3pm.

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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.hvafofindiana.org/>

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).

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

Community Guest Speaker at Meetings

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

Membership Report

VVA membership total as of July 31, 2021 is 343.

By Steve Anderson

AVVA membership total as of July 31, 2021 is 32.

By Holly Tookolo

We voted to not participate in the **Indy Stand Down** September 9th because they limited us to one table. I want to say thank you to Jim Cinkoske and Bob Price for taking the SPAM and other food to HVAF. Thank you

All VETERANS REUNION

H.C.V.V.O.
PROUDLY PRESENTS



SEPTEMBER 13 – 19 2021

\$15 Admission

Food

Live Music



Speakers

PUBLIC IS INVITED

Vendors

Displays

Opening Ceremonies begin at 11am. Monday - Saturday

Monday Sept 13

4:30 – 6:30 Reformatory Road
6:30 - 7:00 Set Change
7:00 – 8:30 Gov. Davis (Blues)
8:30 - 9:00 Set Change
9:00 – 12:00 JamBox

TUESDAY Sept 14, 2021

4:30 – 6:30 RoadHouse Rhythm
6:30 - 7:00 Set Change
7:00 – 9:00 Big Roscoe and The Hammers
9:00 - 9:30 Set Change
9:30 – 12:00 Southern Rock Authority

Wednesday Sept 15 2021

1:30 - 2:30 Revolver
3:00 – 4:30 Who Knows Band
4:30 - 5:00 Set Change
5:00 – 7:00 Grabow Trio

DJ early evening

THURSDAY Sept 16 2021

4:00 – 6:00 Christine Kindred
6:00 - 6:30 Set Change
6:30 – 8:30 45 RPM
8:30 - 9:00 Set Change
9:00 – 12:00 THE DOO

Friday Sept 17 2021

2:00 – 4:00 Russ Chandler
4:00 - 4:30 Set Change
4:30 – 6:30 Issac Rudd & the Revolvers
6:30 - 7:00 Set Change
7:00 – 8:30 Arron Sparling
8:30 - 9:00 Set Change
9:00 – 12:00 MellenCougar

Saturday Sept 18 2021

1:00 - Speaker

4:00 – 5:00 The Checkered Vans

5:30 – 7:30 Blackjack Davey & Rhythm Kings
7:30 - 8:00 Set Change
8:00 – 9:00 Joe Cocker Tribute
9:00 - 9:30 Set Change
9:30 – 12:00 Creedance Revived

Sunday Sept 19

Church 10am

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