



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



JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



- July 4-- Independence Day
- July 25-- National Hire a Veteran Day
- July 27-- National Korean War Armistice Day
- July 29-- Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

"Intellectually, I know that America
is no better than any other country;
emotionally I know she is better
then every other country."

-Sinclair Lewis

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Important Dates:

Tuesday, July 4--Lawrence Fourth of July Parade

- The parade begins at 10:00 AM
 - We will have a booth at Lawrence Park for the festival at 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 8th-- Chapter 295 Meeting

- The meeting will begin at 11:00 AM
 - **IMPORTANT:** We will be discussing the future of Vietnam Veterans of America

Friday, July 14th-Saturday July 15th--Vet to Vet Garage Sale

- The event will be from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM on both days
- This will be an **INDOOR** event at Ft. Harrison Vet Center

Welcome home and God Bless every one of you.

Presidents Corner:

I feel an overwhelming amount of gratitude towards our chapter and community for the recent success of our event The Moving Wall. Many hands and hearts poured into making this event the solemn success it turned out to be. We had a very big turnout, and many were touched and moved by the Wall's history and importance in all our lives. Thank you to everyone who played a part and became involved in this to see it through. We will attach pictures of the event below.

Coming up on July 4th is our annual Parade in Lawrence. This is always a fun event for the community. However, we need help gathering participants to take part in this fun event! Please call Dennis at (317) 313-1577 or Mike at (317) 374-5578 or Tony at (317) 965-1976. This year we will have a booth at the 4th of July Fest in Lawrence Park. Everyone, stop by and say **HI!**

We will be hosting a Garage sale at the Fort Harrison Vet Center on July 14th & 15th. This is sponsored by Vet to Vet and all proceeds will go to help homeless and needy veterans in Indiana. Please

donate your time, items, and **SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!** Please contact Holly at (317) 294-4607 to help with donations!

American Legion Post 510 is having a shoe drive. Please donate slightly used or new shoes in various sizes. We will have a box posted by the front door. This event ends September 23rd, so there is time to gather shoes from family, friends, and neighbors. This fundraiser goes to help underserved communities overseas.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 8th, at 11:00 AM. I would like to ask all to attend if possible so that we may discuss the future of Vietnam Veterans of America.

Thank you so much for everything you do for our veterans, let's keep moving forward. There is more to be done, and our work isn't finished yet.

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Veteran Resources:

The VVA Self Help Guide to Agent Orange

<https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AgentOrangeGuide2022forWeb.pdf>

Gulf War Benefits Guide

https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/DisabilityCompGuide_Final_Singles.pdf

AVVA Survivor Benefits Brochure

https://www.avva.org/documents/programs/SB_brochure_2020.pdf



