



# Vietnam Veterans of America Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295



## August 2023 Newsletter



**August 7 – National Purple Heart Day**

**August 8-10 – 2023 VVA National Convention**

**August 10 – Agent Orange Day**

**August 14 - Navajo Code Talkers Day**

**August 16 - National Airborne Day**

**August 29 - Marine Corps Reserve Birthday**



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### **August Important Dates:**

**August 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the VVA National Convention in Orlando, FL.**

**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> is Agent Orange Day.**

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>—Chapter 295 Monthly Meeting**

- **IMPORTANT MEETING after the National Convention. There will be several regarding questions the future of VVA.**
- **Ft Harrison Vet Center at 9450 E 59th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226**
  - **Board Meeting at 10:00am**
  - **General Meeting at 11:00am**

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**God Bless every one of you!**



**VETERANS  
STAND DOWN**

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## **Presidents Corner:**

**This month is the VVA National Convention. Attendance for the chapter meeting this month is especially important because there will be a lot of questions about the future of VVA.**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> is Agent Orange Day. Remember the estimated 300,000 veterans who died and the many who have suffered from the effects of herbicides.**

**The Howard County Veterans Reunion “KOKOMO” is right around the corner, starting Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>. VVA and the Bunker will have a booth this year. Be sure to drop by and say HI!**

**The “17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Patriots” will take place at Huey 369 Museum, 2901 W. Broadway, Bunker Hill, IN. There will be music, food, flights, etc....**

**HVAF Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is at Stout Field Tuesday, September the 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We have two tables this year. We have three volunteers signed up to help so far, we need AT LEAST four. Please let me know if you would like to help -- it’s a very rewarding experience.**

**As always, thank you so much for everything you do for our veterans. Let’s keep moving forward!**

**- Dennis Smalling**

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## **Veteran Resources:**

**The VVA Self Help Guide to Agent Orange:**

**<https://vva.org/wp->**

**[content/uploads/2014/12/AgentOrangeGuide2022forWeb.pdf](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](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](https://www.avva.org/documents/programs/SB_brochure_2020.pdf)**