



Vietnam Veterans of America Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295



November 2023 Newsletter

MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

NATIONAL VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

WARRIOR CARE MONTH

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH



NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

NOV 1-5 – NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

NOV 5 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOV 7 – ELECTION DAY

NOV 10 – U.S. MARINE CORPS DAY/BIRTHDAY

NOV 11 – VETERANS DAY

NOV 18 – SPOUSE AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS SEMINAR

NOV 23 – THANKSGIVING DAY

NOT WHAT *we* SAY ABOUT OUR
BLESSINGS
BUT HOW *we* USE THEM, IS THE TRUE MEASURE OF OUR
THANKSGIVING

W.T. PURKISER

VVA CHAPTER 295 MONTHLY MEETINGS, 2ND SATURDAYS

BOARD MEETING: 10:00AM GENERAL MEETING: 11:00 AM

Physical Address: 9450 E 59th Street, Lawrence, IN 46216

Regular Building Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm

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Important Dates:

Friday, November 10th —Veterans Day Parade

- **When:** The parade begins at noon, 12:00 PM.
- **Where:** Parade step-off is at Noon and starts at Michigan & Pennsylvania St. The route is south on Pennsylvania Ave., west on New York St., and then north on Meridian St. The route is based around the Legion Mall and Indiana War Memorial. Parade ends at Meridian & St. Clair.
- **What:** Veterans Day in Indianapolis is observed with an evening reception/awards ceremony, a Veterans Day Service, and a Parade. The Veterans Day Council's charge has not changed since it was organized in the 1960s: to appropriately recognize the Veterans of Indiana so that their deeds and sacrifices will not be forgotten.

Saturday, November 11th -- Veterans Day

- **Where:** This will be an event at Ft. Harrison Veterans Center in the big Meeting Room
- **When:** The service will begin at 11:00 AM, we will say a special prayer at 11:11 AM.
- **What:** Special service during VVA 295 General Meeting time. There will be a speaker, and food served. Join Us! **RVSP** by emailing indy.vva.295@gmail.com

Saturday, November 18th -- Spouse and Widows of Veterans Benefits Seminar

- **Where:** This will be an event at Ft. Harrison Veterans Center in the big Meeting Room
- **When:** The event will be at 1:00 PM.
- **What:** All important information of aging and end of life will be discussed. Invite all who would be helped! There will be food and drinks served.



President's Corner:

- **Veterans Day Celebration in the Meeting Room at Fort Harrison Veterans Center, November 11th @ 11:00a.m. Special Service. Lunch will be provided. Bring wives, families and guests. Service Officers and Benefits information will be available.**
- **Spouse and Widows of Veterans Benefits seminar will be November 18th at 1:00p.m. at the Ft. Harrison Veterans Center. Invite all who would be helped. All critical information of aging and end of life will be discussed.**
- **Happy Thanksgiving. As veterans, we have an awful lot to be thankful for. God Bless!**



- **Dennis Smalling**
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Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs
Military Family Relief Fund

Operation Holiday Program 2023

November 1 – December 29

Veterans, get financial assistance to ensure a happy holiday!

The Operation Holiday Program offers \$200 for holiday meals plus \$300 per dependent child from the Military Family Relief Fund.

[Click to check your eligibility.](#)

Text **VET** to 79848 for instant updates.



- ✚ Visit [DVA: Home \(in.gov\)](https://www.in.gov/dva) to apply today!
- ✚ Program is **open November 1 – December 29**

You can submit your application by:

- ✚ Email at MFRF@dva.in.gov
- ✚ Fax at (317) 232-7721
- ✚ Mail at 777 N. Meridian Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- ✚ In-Person at 777 N. Meridian Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Stand Down Event(s)

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November 9, 2023	Kokomo, IN	Christy Stockwell (765) 661-1521 christy.stockwell@va.gov
		Debbie Norris (765) 457-4357, x317 dnorris@unitedwayhoco.org



**God Bless every one of you!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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Veteran Resources:

VSC (Veterans Support Council) Resource Center for Veterans:

www.veterans.ooo/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/wpcontent/uploads/2014/12/DisabilityCompGuide_Final_Singles.pdf

AVVA Survivor Benefits Brochure:

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