



# Vietnam Veterans of America Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295



## February 2018 Newsletter

### President's Message

Hello, everybody,  
As previously mentioned, the committees have been formed for the MOVING WALL visit May 31 through June 4th, they and their chairpersons are Construction (Wallace Vaughn); Site Plan (Mike Hamm); Fund Raising (Larry Shaw); Media, Communications, and Opening Ceremony (Chris Barnthouse); and Volunteers (Holly Tookolo). I encourage each and every one of you to be a part of this great event by joining one of these committees and helping this be one the greatest events that we have sponsored. Each committee will be having their own meetings so you need to sign up to participate in these meetings. Remember what Larry says, "We each can do a little, but together, we can do a lot."



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See you all at our meeting on Valentine's Day.  
Mike

Vietnam Veterans of America  
President, Chapter 295

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Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm; Board Meeting 6:30

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# Important Dates

- Feb 4 Sammy Davis, MOH Recipient will be one of 15 MOH Recipients at Super Bowl coin toss
- Feb 5-9 The Bunker will be setup at Roudebush VA Medical Center.
- Feb 14 VVA 295 Meeting; Board meeting at 6:30pm; Regular meeting 7:00pm
- Mar 14 VVA 295 Meeting; Board meeting at 6:30pm; Regular meeting 7:00pm
- Mar 17 The Bunker will be setup at the VFW Spring Conference at Marriot East
- Mar 17 Indiana VVA & AVVA State Council meeting at FHVC; 12 noon lunch; 1pm meeting
- Mar 23 Women Veterans Conference, speaker Betty Mosley Brown, more details coming
- Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Recognition Event, Senator Donnelly, Plainfield High School, 6pm is Veterans Resource Fair and 7pm is Vietnam Veterans honored, flyer page 8.
- May 31—June 4 The Moving Wall at Lawton Loop & Otis Ave. Opening Ceremony 2pm June 2.

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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- Feb 2, 1962** The first U.S. Air Force plane is lost in South Vietnam. The C-123 aircraft crashes while spraying defoliant on a Viet Cong ambush site as part of Operation Ranch Hand.
- Feb 4, 1962** First U.S. helicopter is shot down in Vietnam. It was one of 15 helicopters ferrying ARVN troops into battle near the village of Hong My.
- Feb 16, 1964** In Hanoi, an article in an official newspaper hails the Soviet Union's pledge of support for the struggle against "U.S. imperialists."
- Feb 10-Mar 2, 1966** The U.S. 1st Infantry Division and a battalion from the Royal Australian Regiment conduct Operation Rolling Stone to provide security for road building crews working on highways in Binh Duong Province, III Corps.
- Feb 2-Mar 2, 1968** U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese forces supported by elements of the 1st Cavalry and 101st Airborne Divisions conduct Operation Hue City, the retaking of the imperial capital.
- Feb 1, 1970** Operation Good Luck is initiated by the U.S. Air Force to strike North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao forces in the Plain of Jars.

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

~ Ronald Reagan

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## 2nd Vice President's Corner



Hello to All VVA & AVVA Members,

Here it is February, less than four months till The Moving Wall is here. February is the month of Ground Hog Day, Love and the Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. We can each think of all three as hope, show our love and dream. Dream of warmer weather, gardening etc. Dream of love, past or present. Dream of future activities and travel. What am I getting to? Each of those men and women listed on The Moving Wall and their families had these same dreams. What could be worse than being notified of the death of a loved one? Being notified that they are MIA. Many families have passed away, never knowing the fate of their loved ones. This is why it is so important for us to have The Moving Wall for the families, for those who served with them and to educate the young and others how important it is to honor those who gave their all for the cause of Freedom. Plus meet Veterans of that action. I challenge each of you, be you near or far, to make a donation to help bring The Moving Wall here as it costs several thousands. Ask your church, club, work or friends to donate as well. Mail all checks to VVA 295, P.O. Box 269279, Indianapolis, IN 46226-9279 and in memo line write Moving Wall. Thank you.

See you at the meeting February 14.

Remember we each can do a little, but together we can do a lot.

Larry Shaw, 2nd Vice President—VVA Chapter 295, 765-618-4067

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## Veteran Affairs moving ahead with new clinics in Indianapolis, Terre Haute

*Associated Press, TheIndyChannel.com Staff* 8:14 PM, Jan 28, 2018

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) -- Federal officials are moving forward with two new Veteran Affairs outpatient clinics in Indiana. U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly says the Department of Veterans Affairs is looking to lease sites for the clinics in Terre Haute and the west side of Indianapolis.

Donnelly says the new clinics aim to bring health care closer to more military veterans living in Indiana.

The VA's lease notices say it is planning to open the Terre Haute clinic in late 2021 and the Indianapolis clinic in mid-2022.

Richard Griffith of the VA's Veteran Health Indiana told the (Terre Haute) Tribune-Star that a survey found many veterans in western Indiana weren't obtaining medical services to which they were entitled.

According to the request for proposals, the VA is looking to lease nearly 68,000 square feet and 500 parking spaces to be used for an outpatient clinic on the west/northwest side of Indianapolis.

The leased area must be bound by SR 32 to the north, I-74 to the south, U.S. 421, N. Michigan Road, 38th St. and I-465 to the west, and SR 39 to the east.

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The political lesson of Watergate is this: Never again must America allow an arrogant, elite guard of political adolescents to bypass the regular party organization and dictate the terms of a national election.

~ Gerald R. Ford



### The Bunker

**Hours:** 10am—2pm on Sunday.

Your purchases at The Bunker support VVA 295 and Fort Harrison Veterans Center.

### 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!

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### 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 New Vendor for AVVA and Agent Orange Products

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**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).

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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/>

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**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](mailto:hvaf@hvaf.org)

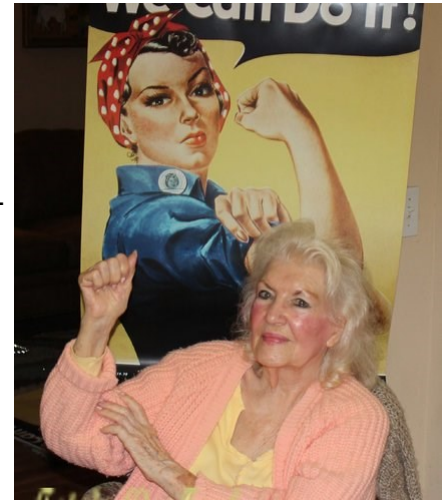
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The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government. ~ Thomas Jefferson

## The 'real' Rosie the Riveter dies at 96

By Madeline Holcombe, CNN Updated 12:26 PM ET, Tue January 23, 2018

The woman believed to be the “real” Rosie the Riveter died Saturday at age 96, according to her daughter-in-law Marnie Blankenship. Naomi Parker Fraley, who Blankenship says died in hospice care, was not recognized as the inspiration for the famous WWII era poster until 2015. During WWII, Fraley was a factory worker at Alameda Naval Station, according to CNN affiliate KATU. She was one of millions of women across the U.S. who filled the labor force during the war. While Fraley was working a press photographer approached her to take her picture, Blankenship said. Over 60 years later, Fraley attended a convention for women who, like Rosie the Riveter, worked during the war. There, said Blankenship, Fraley saw a photograph promoted as the likely inspiration behind the iconic image of Rosie the Riveter in the “We Can Do It” poster. Blankenship says Fraley immediately recognized the picture as the one the photographer captured of her all those years ago. But the picture was credited as being of another woman: Geraldine Hoff Doyle. Doyle had previously been known as the real Rosie. According to Seton Hall University Professor James J. Kimble, Doyle’s identity as Rosie the Riveter began when the photograph of the woman in the factory was first released as the most likely inspiration for Rosie. Kimble says Doyle recognized her likeness in the picture—and the propaganda poster it inspired—and her resemblance was accepted in reports as the origin of Rosie the Riveter. But in 2015 Kimble’s years of research into the iconic image revealed the original photograph with a caption that named the woman as Naomi Parker. Even when she found out that Dr. Kimble’s research claims that she was likely a face of both WWII propaganda and subsequent feminist movement, Blankenship says Fraley didn’t make a big deal of it. “She didn’t think she did anything special, said Blankenship. “A lot of women did what she did. She just wanted her picture corrected.



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## Indiana Hangs Out Welcome Sign for Veterans

By Eric Berman, Jan. 26, 2018

**(INDIANAPOLIS)** - Indiana thinks veterans are part of the answer to its workforce problems:

The military gives transition assistance to troops nearing their discharge date. Indiana will be the first state to join private businesses at that program's job fairs at military bases across the country, signing up veterans for a database to match their skills with open jobs. The goal is to register at least a thousand of them, and work with companies to persuade them to relocate to Indiana. Governor Holcomb teased the veteran plan in his State of the State address. He says veterans represent a ready-to-go skilled workforce.

The business nonprofit Conexus Indiana will lead the effort. Program director Wes Wood says there are already several groups working with companies to break down misconceptions about hiring veterans. And he says the program will let workers explain to veterans just what civilian jobs their skills qualify them for. Indiana will also try to entice veterans with additional housing assistance beyond what they get from the VA.

*(Photo: Eric Berman/WIBC) from [www.wibc.com](http://www.wibc.com)*

# Telehealth Revolutionizing Veterans Health Care

By Melanie L. Thomas, MBA—Public Affairs Specialist, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, Tuesday, January 23, 2018

The Department of Veterans Affairs is revolutionizing the use of new health care technology to deliver convenient, accessible health care to Veterans. VA's TeleHealth service is mission critical to the future direction of VA, and utilizes health informatics, disease management and telehealth technologies to care for and provide case management. More importantly, it helps Veterans to continue to live independently; in their own homes, local communities and stay out of the hospital.

"Technology is the tool the Veteran utilizes through TeleHealth Service to interact with their care coordinator, but the real key component to the success of the program is case management and personal connection," says Catherine Buck, National Home Telehealth Lead and Clinical Nurse Analyst. "The Veteran establishes a relationship with a go-to person that is essential for the Veteran's overall health care plan and personal health goals."

Ultimately, telehealth changes the relationship between patients and their health care team. Higher levels of patient satisfaction and positive clinical outcomes can attest to this.

"VA providers and patients discuss and decide together which telehealth care services are available in their location and clinically appropriate for the patient, said Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's Virtual Care Program Coordinator," Rod Miles. There are many telehealth resources that are used to deliver care to a patient. However, VA's Video on Demand has been an important resource for providers and patients at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System for the past three years.

"Veterans don't need to be at a clinic to speak with their provider thanks to VA Video on Demand. Providers refer appropriate patients to participate in this program. This telehealth tool is a secure, web-enabled video service, connecting Veterans with their providers using their personal mobile phones or computers, Miles said.

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## VA Revises Regulations on Reimbursement for Emergency Treatment of Veterans

**WASHINGTON** — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has, through a Federal Register notice, revised its regulations concerning payment or reimbursement for emergency treatment for non-service connected conditions at non-VA facilities. VA will begin processing claims for reimbursement of reasonable costs that were only partially paid by the Veteran's other health insurance (OHI). Those costs may include hospital charges, professional fees and emergency transportation, such as ambulances. This change comes on the heels of an earlier announcement that VA was taking immediate action to address delayed payments to community providers, found [here](#). Effective Jan. 9, VA updated a portion of its regulations in response to an April 2016 U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims decision that stated VA could no longer deny reimbursement when OHI pays a portion of the treatment expenses. VA will apply the updated regulations to claims pending with VA on or after April 8, 2016, and to new claims. By law, VA still may not reimburse Veterans for the costs of copayments, cost shares and deductibles required by their OHI. VA will work directly with community providers to get additional information needed to review and process these claims. Previous claims do not have to be resubmitted unless requested by VA.

**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](mailto:jonsmitha@comcast.net)

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# U.S. Senator **Joe Donnelly**

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**WHEN:** MARCH 29, 2018

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BEGINS AT 6 PM EST

EVENT HONORING HOOSIER VIETNAM WAR VETERANS  
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**Saturday, June 2, 2pm**



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