



# Vietnam Veterans of America Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295



## November 2016 Newsletter

### November 9th Meeting

- 6:00pm      Beans & Cornbread, bring crockpot of beans or another dish to share.
- 6:30pm      Board Meeting
- 7:00pm      Regular Meeting



### President's Message

Dear Members,

WE NEED YOU! We need volunteers to work in The Bunker. Steve and Pat-ty have been working The Bunker for about 14 years and are tired. This is VVA 295's only fundraising event. We also need you to support The Bunker by buying items. Watch for details in this newsletter for the big BUNKER BLOWOUT sale!

*Ken Walters*, President of VVA 295

### EDITORIAL

Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day. I am asking everyone to VOTE. Exercising your freedom to vote is one way to honor those that have gone before and those who died fighting for our freedoms.

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Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. ~ Abraham Lincoln

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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

- Nov 5 Clean-up Day outside at Ft Harrison Veterans Center by all organizations, 10am—?
- Nov 7—10 The Bunker is setup at Roudebush VA Medical Center. Tell Steve if you can help.
- Nov 9 VVA 295 Meeting; 6pm is Beans & Cornbread & pitch-in. Bring a pot of beans or a side dish to share; 6:30pm is Board Meeting; 7pm is regular meeting.
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade; starts at 11:45am but arrive early to park, streets get closed off.
- Nov 12 Setup for Bunker Blowout starts at 12 noon—?
- Nov 13 Bunker Blowout, 10am—4pm; Good time to do your Christmas shopping & SAVE.
- Nov 19 Indiana VVA State Council Meeting; 12 noon is Thanksgiving meal, bring dish to share.
- Nov 26 Deck the Halls—Decorate Christmas Trees for Veterans Center, 10am—?
- Dec 14 VVA 295 Meeting; 6pm is Vegetable Soup & pitch-in. Bring a pot of soup or a side dish to share; 6:30pm is Board Meeting; 7pm is regular meeting.
- Dec 17 VVA 295 Annual Christmas Party; Doors open 5pm; dinner is 6pm. This is a pitch-in meal. If your last name begins with A-G, bring Desserts; H-O bring Salads and P-Z bring Vegetables. Main entrée will be provided.

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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**November 10, 1964** Secretary of Defense McNamara says, at a news conference that the U.S. has no plans to send combat troops into Vietnam; when asked whether the U.S. intends to increase its activities in Vietnam, he replies, “wait and see.”

**November 10-20, 1965** The U.S. 1st Cavalry Division and ARVN troops launch Operation Silver Bayonet in Pleiku Province, II Corps, a follow-up operation to the clash at the Plei Me Special Forces camp. The purpose of the operation is to seek out and destroy Communist forces operating in the Ia Drang Valley.

**November 13-30, 1967** 7th Marine Regiment & Marine Special Landing Force Bravo carry out Operation Foster/Badger Hunt in retaliation for Viet Cong raids in Dai Loc & An Hoa areas, Quang Nam Province, I Corps.

**November 22, 1972** The U.S. loses the first B-52 to be brought down by a North Vietnamese surface-to-air missile (SAM) near Vinh on the day when B-52s fly their heaviest raids of the war over North Vietnam. The Communists claim 19 B-52s shot down to date.

**November 13, 1982** The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. in memory of the 57,939 (at that time) U.S. soldiers killed or missing in the Vietnam War. This dedication is attended by more than 100,000 Vietnam Veterans.

**November 11, 1984** The Three Soldiers sculpture was dedicated. It represents the diversity of the military. The three men represent Caucasian, African American and Latino soldiers.

**November 11, 1993** The Vietnam Women’s Memorial is dedicated to those women who served during the Vietnam War; it is positioned near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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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.

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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 meats, 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. Contact Robin Close at 317-951-0688 or [rclose@hvaf.org](mailto:rclose@hvaf.org)

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**World War I Memorials Initiative:** In observance of the upcoming centennial of World War I, 100 matching grants of up to \$2,000 apiece will be awarded for the restoration of 100 World War I memorials across the U.S. Any municipal government, individual or organization may apply. Likewise, any individual, organization or company can become a sponsor of the effort. Learn more here:

<https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/2016-07-06-00-52-42.html>

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**Commissary giving out Free Reusable Bags:** Thanks to a public relations push by Military OneSource, commissaries both stateside and overseas will soon start handing out one free, reusable bag to each shopper. The blue and red bags, officials said, include the Military OneSource logo as well as the Military OneSource contact information. While supplies last..

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**MIA Families Sought:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is seeking families of missing American service members to attend informational update meetings and to collect DNA samples if one is not already on file. Learn more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/Families/Family-Events/>.

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**Moment of Silence on Veterans Day** President Obama has signed a new law that calls on all Americans to pause voluntarily for two minutes to honor the sacrifice of veterans. The silence will occur simultaneously across the nation on Veterans Day — at 2:11 p.m. eastern standard time on Veterans Day.

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**Freedom is never free. Remember Veterans Day.**

## Veterans Day 2016 Discounts for Military & Veterans

**Applebee's** is offering a free meal on Veterans Day from a limited menu.

**Bob Evans** will honor veterans with a choice of select free menu items on November 11, 2016, at all *Bob Evans* restaurants. Along with serving a free meal on Veterans Day, *Bob Evans* is also offering a 10 percent discount to all veterans and active duty military from November 12 through December 31, 2016, for dine-in and carryout purchases.

**Bonefish Grill** is giving out free Bang Bang Shrimp appetizers to veterans and military members on Friday, November 11, 2016. To get this offer, make sure you visit Bonefish Grill with your proof of service, like your military ID. You may instead wear your military uniform.

**Carrabba's Italian Grill** If you are a veteran or active military member, you can stop by and get a free appetizer of your choice from Monday, November 7 through Sunday, November 13. Bring proof of service.

**City Barbeque** - All military members and veterans can visit City Barbeque on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day to get a free sandwich platter. At participating locations.

**Coachman Restaurant** is offering 20% discount on Veterans Day.

**Cracker Barrel** is giving veterans a Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake dessert for free on Veterans Day!

**Crew Car Wash** is offering a free car was on Friday, November 11 for veterans and military.

**Famous Dave's** - The Veterans Day free meal at Famous Dave's includes a Two Meat BBQ Salute. This offer is valid all day on November 11 at participating locations only.

**Golden Corral** Free dinner buffet for veterans & military on Monday, November 14, 2016 from 5-9 pm.

**Great Clips** - Stop in for a haircut at any *Great Clips* in the U.S. on Friday, November 11, and you'll receive a free haircut card to gift to a veteran. Veterans can also visit any U.S. *Great Clips* salon on November 11 to get either a free haircut that day or to pick up a free haircut card to use later.

**Hooters** invites all active-duty and retired military nationwide to enjoy a free meal as a "thank you" for their service. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, all veterans & active-duty military personnel can enjoy an entrée on the house.

**IHOP** restaurants around the nation will be honoring the brave men and women who have served, or are serving, in the United States military on Veteran's Day, November 11 by offering them free Red, White and Blue pancakes from 7am to 7pm. Select *IHOP* restaurants will also offer a combo of two eggs, hash browns and choice of two bacon strips or pork sausage links as part of the Red, White & Blue Pancake promotion for retired and active duty military personnel.

**Max & Erma's** will be honoring veterans and active military personnel by giving out a free *1/2 Cheeseburger*, *Endless Seasoned Fries*, and a fountain drink on Veterans Day. This offer is valid only for participating Max & Erma's locations.

**McCormick & Schmick's** Seafood Restaurants will thank U.S. military veterans and Gold Star family members by offering them a complimentary lunch or dinner on Sunday, November 6 at all 56 locations.

**O'Charley's**, Free meal for veterans and active duty service members on November 11th

**Olive Garden** is having a Veterans Day free meal for all active-duty military and military veterans on Friday, November 11, 2016. You'll need to verify with Olive Garden that you currently are or used to be in the military.

**On The Border** is giving veterans and active duty military members a free Create Your Own Combo meal where they'll get to choose 2 or 3 selections of soup, salad, tacos, tostadas, enchiladas, and other classics. You'll need to bring military service proof.

**Outback Steakhouse** - November 11, 2016 military & veterans to get a free Bloomin' Onion and beverage. This offer is for all military personnel that have military ID. Outback Steakhouse is also giving out a military discount

of 15% off the total check from November 12 to December 31, 2016, valid for military members and their families.

**Primanti Bros.** On Veterans Day, November 11, veterans and active duty military get a FREE Primanti Bros. Sandwich; 4PM to close, at participating locations.

**Red Lobster** - Active duty military, reserve, and military veterans can stop by and get a free appetizer or dessert on Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11, 2016.

**Red Robin** is inviting all veterans and active duty military members to enjoy a free Red's Tavern Double burger with Bottomless Steak Fries on Veterans Day.

**Ruby Tuesday** - Veterans, active duty, and reserve service men and women can visit Ruby Tuesday on Veterans Day to get a free appetizer valued up to \$10. Proof of service is required.

**Texas Roadhouse** invites veterans and active members of U.S. military across the country to enjoy FREE lunch on Friday, November 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All veterans can choose one of 10 entrees and two made-from-scratch sides plus a choice of any Coca-Cola product, sweet tea/ice tea or coffee during lunch. Proof of service.

**Tractor Supply Co.** This Veterans Day, customers with a valid military ID or proof of service will receive 15 percent off their entire purchase at Tractor Supply.

**Twin Peaks** On November 11, 2016 – All military men and women (past and present), enjoy a FREE menu item from our annual Veterans Day appreciation menu.

**Walgreens** - To celebrate the service and sacrifices of the nation's military, Walgreens is offering a Veterans Day discount to all veterans, active duty military personnel and their immediate family members. On Friday, Nov. 11, customers with a Walgreens Balance® Rewards card and valid military ID or proof of service will receive 20 percent off regular price eligible store items\* at any Walgreens.

ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS,  
COAST GUARD - HATS, PINS, SHIRTS, JACKETS,  
KEYCHAINS, DECALS, ETC.

ALL KINDS OF MILITARY  
GIFTS & PATRIOTIC  
MERCHANDISE  
ON SALE!!

**BUNKER  
BLOWOUT**

**HUGE CLEARANCE SALE!**

**@ The Bunker**

**Ft. Harrison Veteran's Center**  
9450 E. 59th St - 59th & Lee Rd

**Sunday - November 13, 2016**  
**10am - 4pm**

**10% OFF ALL ITEMS**

★ **SAVE AN EXTRA 5% ★**

**WHEN YOU BRING AN ITEM FOR HVAF**

(HOOSIER VETERANS ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION)

Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), Canned fruit and soups,  
Pasta and pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Men's boxers and  
briefs (all sizes), Men's undershirts (all sizes), Bath towels,  
Pillows, Wash cloths, Bus passes, Calling cards, Umbrellas,  
Ponchos, Men & Women's Shaving cream, Razors, Deodorant

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**\$ BUNKER BUCK \$**

**BRING IN THIS COUPON/FLYER FOR \$1 OFF**  
**LIMIT ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE**