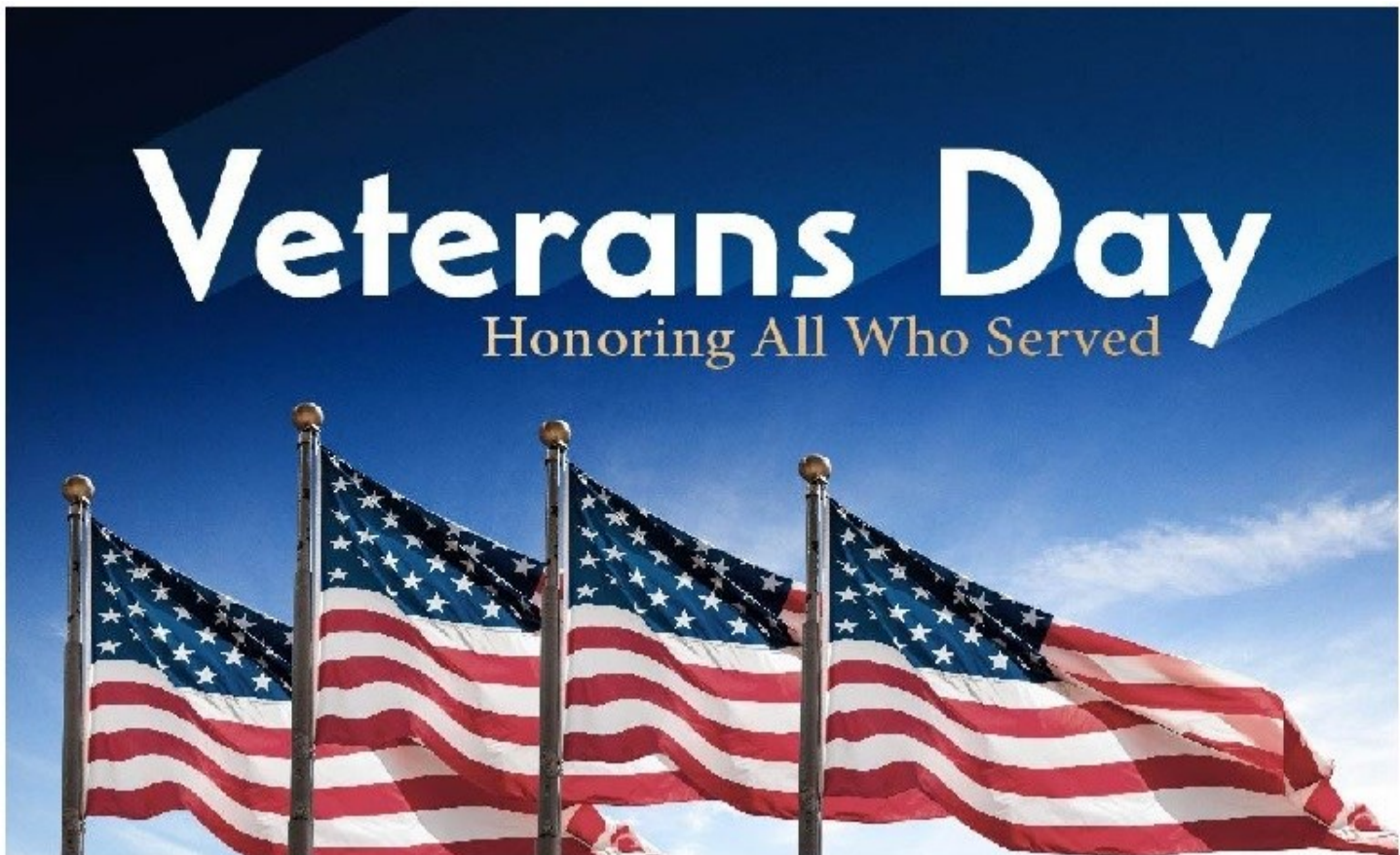




**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Sammy L. Davis Chapter 295**



## **November 2021 Newsletter**



**Virtual Veteran’s Day Symposium, Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 1-3:30pm. The purpose of this event is to provide Veterans with available resources and information. They will concentrate on educating and empowering attendees with information regarding VA benefits & services. Join on your computer or Mobile App via Web-Ex by going to <https://www.in.gov/dva/> choose events and click on this event. For Call-In (Audio only) Phone 404-397-1596; Access Code: 2763 936 4325**

**Veterans Day Discount/Free List is in the email.**

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 269279, Indianapolis, IN 46226-9279      Phone: 317-547-4748  
Physical Address: 9450 E. 59th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46216      Website: [www.vva295.com](http://www.vva295.com)  
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm; Board Meeting 6:00pm  
Newsletter Editor: Holly Tookolo If you have any information for the newsletter, the deadline is the last day of the month—email me: [htookolo@indy.rr.com](mailto:htookolo@indy.rr.com) 317-844-3554 or cell 317-294-4607  
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## WARRIORS HOPE

Every Thursday evening at 6pm you will find John Smitha at the Fort Harrison Veteran Center leading and helping a group of veterans with fellowship. Coffee and donuts are usually available. All veterans are welcome. It is good to talk with other veterans. If you have questions, call John Smitha, 317-439-6304.



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**Reminder: The Veteran Magazine is online at [www.vvaveteran.org](http://www.vvaveteran.org)**

The September/October issue is out there now. Read the article about Sandy Alderson: World Series Champ. He will receive the VVA Lifetime Achievement Award at the VVA National Convention at Saturday, November 6 Banquet.

# Important Dates

- Nov 2-6 VVA National Convention
- Nov 3 Veteran Days sponsored by Senator Mike Braun, see flyer page 7
- Nov 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 10 VVA 295 Board Meeting at 6pm; Regular meeting at 7pm & Marine Corps Birthday
- Nov 10 Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner, see flyer page 4
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 13 Veterans Art Day, see flyer page 5
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 8 VVA 295 Board Meeting at 6pm; Regular meeting at 7pm
- Dec 25 Christmas

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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- Nov 4, 1953** Dwight Eisenhower is elected president.
- Nov 8, 1961** John F. Kennedy defeats Richard M. Nixon for president.
- Nov 16, 1961** In accordance with President Kennedy's decision to increase military aid to South Vietnam without committing U.S. combat troops, U.S. Air Force cargo planes began shuttling in more U.S. instructors and advisers.
- Nov 22, 1963** President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, TX; Vice President Lyndon Johnson assumes the presidency.
- Nov 2, 1964** The Soviet Union delivers a major shipment of arms in Cambodia, to replace U.S. equipment no longer available.
- Nov 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.
- Nov 11, 67-Nov 11, 68** The Americal Division conducts Operation Wheeler/Wallowa, search and destroy operations to clear the enemy out of Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces, I Corps
- Nov 1, 1968** U.S. Air Force launches Operation Commando Hunt, a joint service effort to interdict enemy supply lines along the 1,700 mile length of the Ho Chi Minh Trail.
- Nov 30, 1969** The U.S. 3rd Marine Division officially departs South Vietnam..

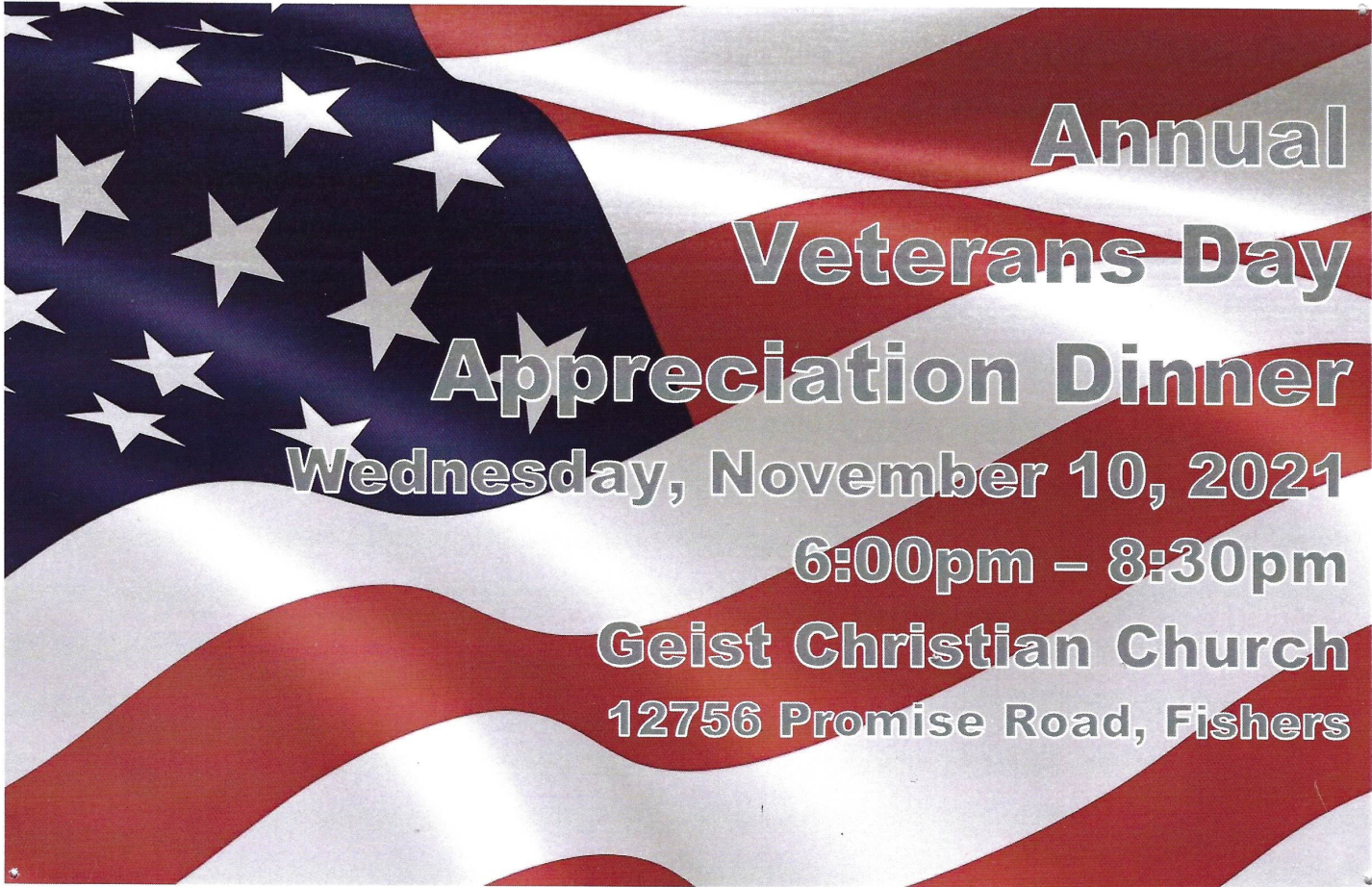


### The Bunker

**Hours 10am-2pm Sunday**

Your purchases support VVA 295 and Fort Harrison Veterans Center. The Bunker is scheduled to be at the VA all year. Steve is still looking for another manager to help with the Bunker. Right now Steve and Wallace Vaughn take turns as manager at VA. To volunteer call Holly 317-294-4607; to manage, call Steve 317-459-6255.

Hours 7am-3pm at VA



**Annual  
Veterans Day  
Appreciation Dinner**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

**6:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Geist Christian Church**

**12756 Promise Road, Fishers**

**ALL VETERANS, SPOUSES, FAMILIES &  
FRIENDS...**

**Please join us as we say “Thank You” to all the men and women who  
have bravely served our country.**

**Potluck dinner served.**

**Please RSVP by November 3<sup>rd</sup>: [lattyfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:lattyfamily@yahoo.com) or:**



**Guest Speaker: Janet Brothers, GCC Member – come hear her story!**

***Childcare Available***

**If possible please provide an active duty picture, name, branch, rank &  
years served for our slide show.**

**Come enjoy an evening of gratitude and recognition!**

**Let us serve YOU!**

# Veterans ART DAY

AT THE INDIANAPOLIS ART CENTER

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021**  
**10 AM – 3 PM**

DAY OF FREE ART MAKING WORKSHOPS  
INCLUDING MORNING + AFTERNOON STUDIO CLASSES,  
LUNCHEON, & ARTTROOP EXHIBITION

*FUNDING FOR VETERANS ART DAY IS PROVIDED IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF VINCENT MAXWELL*

Veterans Art Day is designed to honor and connect veterans through the fun and healing that comes from creating in a hands-on environment. Veterans and members of the Armed Forces who are active or retired, from any branch, of any rank, of any age are all welcome to participate.



**PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER: 317.225.2464**  
**820 E 67<sup>TH</sup> ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46220**

**VISIT [INDPLSARTCENTER.ORG/VETERANSARTDAY](http://INDPLSARTCENTER.ORG/VETERANSARTDAY) TO LEARN MORE**

*\*Any changes to day-of programming due to Covid and/or weather concerns will be communicated to all registered participants*

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## Bunker Schedule at VA

We need volunteers every week at VA. Call Holly to volunteer 317-294-4607. Steve is still looking for another manager so they can take turns at the VA. To manage, call Steve 317-459-6255

Hours open at VA are 7am-3pm.



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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.hvafindiana.org/>

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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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**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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## Community Guest Speaker at Meetings

Call Larry Shaw to schedule a speaker from our community. 765-618-4067.

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## Membership Report

VVA membership total as of July 31, 2021 is 343. (Steve has not received the August or Sept Roster.)

By Steve Anderson

AVVA membership total as of September 30, 2021 is 32. By Holly Tookolo

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**Prayer Request:** There's a lady I've known forever. She is very sick and on top of that, she's being abused by those she has given everything to. Lies about her abound, and it seems to come from all sides. It just breaks my heart. It seems there's nothing I can do alone but, maybe if we join together, we can lift her up. She's well over 200 years old but way too young to die. Her name is "America", and I love her. People, we truly do need to pray really hard for our Country, but even more for each other. After all, WE ARE AMERICA!!! God Bless America. I am blessed by being a part of America.



## **VETERAN DAYS**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**INDIANA VETERANS CENTER**

**777 N. MERIDIAN STREET**

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

- ★ **Opportunity for Veterans, Active Military, and their Families to receive federal agency assistance from the **Office of U.S. Senator Mike Braun**, agency issues including but not limited to:**
  - **VA, DFAS, DOD/MILITARY BRANCHES, NPRC, IRS, SOCIAL SECURITY, USCIS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND PASSPORTS**
  - **The Small Business Administration (SBA) and National Cemetery Administration will have staff available**
- ★ **Voice their views on matters in Congress, Federal Government, and Washington D.C.**
- ★ **Indiana Veterans Center is home to the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, HUD-VASH Clinic, VA Benefits office, and offices of local organizations and non-profits that assist Veterans, Military, and their Family (see attachment for contact information of providers)**
- ★ **The Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs validates parking at the Indianapolis Central Library, 40 E. Clair Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (see attachment for more details)**