



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



MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



May 12--Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 14--Mother's Day

May 13-May 20--Armed Forces Week

May 20--Armed Forces Day

May 29--Memorial Day

REMEMBER THE FALLEN!

MAY YOUR LIFE
BE LIKE A *wildflower*,
GROWING FREELY IN THE *beauty*
AND *joy* OF EACH DAY.
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Important Dates:

Saturday, May 13-- Chapter 295 Meeting and Indiana State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America Meeting

- Ft Harrison Vet Center in Indianapolis at 9450 E 59th St, Indianapolis, IN. 46216
 - Finance Meeting will begin at 11:00 AM
 - Lunch at Noon
 - General meeting will follow after at 1:00 PM

Thursday, May 18--Chapter 777 Meeting

- Post 1108 in Richmond, IN
 - Starts at 6:00 pm, come early to socialize at 5:30 pm

Monday, May 29-- Memorial Day

- Ceremonies at Crown Hill Cemetary
 - VVA Chapter 295 may participate
- **Remember the Fallen!**

Welcome home and God Bless every one of you.

Presidents Corner:

We have a lot of events that have been put on by other organization's that help connect veterans to their benefits. We included many of them in this months newsletter. We encourage all of you to participate, network, and cultivate friendships. These are also some great ideas for you to use in the future when hosting events for your area. Please utilize the states resources as much as possible, and ask for help and questions if needed.

We have a lot of upcoming events this month and next that we hope to see a big attendance at! We have been having great attendance at our Wednesday and Saturday meetings however due to construction, and traffic many of our attendees are arriving late. So because of this, May's meeting will be Saturday May 13, **ONLY**. The Board will meet at 10:00 A.M. Finance meeting to follow at 11:00

A.M. The State Council is meeting and has invited us to have lunch with them which will be served between 12:00-1:00 P.M, with the general meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.

The Veteran's Center needs a handy man who can put in some part-time hours. We want to make sure our building is maintained and taken care of. Dennis will supervise. If you know anyone, have them contact Dennis @ 317-313-1577.

On Saturday, June 3 we are hosting a **Clean up-Fix up Day** for the Veteran's Center. We will be sorting through items, getting rid of things, and fixing up anything that needs some work. Please come to help out and bring shovels, rakes, chainsaws , etc. We will be starting at 10:00 A.M, and lunch will be provided.

One final announcement, The Moving Wall will be here June 22 - June 26. We will need volunteers to set up morning of the 22nd. This is a "All Hands On Deck" situation, and we will need help to make this work!

As always, Thank you so much for everything you do for our veterans, let's keep moving forward. There is more to be done, and our work is not finished.

Dennis Smalling

317-313-1577

Upcoming Events--From the STATE:

Tuesday, May 2-- Vet to Vet Friends and Family Night!

- Please join us for an evening of Socializing, Snacks, Karaoke, and Dancing at the Clubhouse Ballroom at NeighborCare.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Vet to Vet Friends and Family nights, happening every 1st Tuesday at 6 pm in the Ballroom - **no Veteran status needed!**
 - 230 Welcome Way Indianapolis, IN at 6:00 pm in the Ballroom

Wednesday, May 3-- MARSHALL COUNTY - Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Giveaway

- American Legion Post 27
 - 1040 E. Jefferson St. - Plymouth, Indiana
 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Please visit <http://VetsGift.com> for more information, and upcoming events

Wednesday, May 3-- Academy Day

- Indiana War Memorial
 - 55 E Michigan St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
 - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 6, 13, 20, 27-- Punch for Veterans Boxing Class

- Mike Ford Fitness
 - 2160 W 86th St. Indianapolis, IN 46260
 - Saturdays at 9:00 am - 10:00 am
 - \$5 per class, **FREE** for disabled veterans
- Punch for Veterans in partnership with the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana is conducting boxing workouts for service connected (disabled) Veterans and people with physical disabilities.
- The art of boxing helps participants build confidence and discipline, as well as obtaining endurance, strength, and a healthier body. Physical activity such as boxing also improves mental health by allowing participants to see improvement in their physical health.
- Veterans in this program will gain new connections with each other, because of one similar goal. Good health.
- Please register here!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/punch-for-veterans-boxing-class-tickets-429272243837>

Saturday, May 6--Blessing of the Bikes

- American Legion Post 230
 - 701 E. Morgan St., Martinsville, IN
 - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Free & All Bikes are welcomed!
 - 50/50 raffle, and Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, May 9-- MADISON COUNTY - Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Giveaway

- American Legion Post 127
 - 4118 Columbus Avenue - Anderson, Indiana 46013
 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Please visit <http://VetsGift.com> for more information, and upcoming events

Wednesday, May 10--Job Fair

- Marion VA Campus Gymnasium
 - 1700 E. 38th Street Marion, IN 46593
 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Friday, May 12 - Sunday, May 14--9th Indiana Run For The Fallen

- Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
 - <https://indiana.usarunforthefallen.org/>
- Relay Team to Cover One Marker for Each Fallen Service Member in Tribute Run from Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Ft. Wayne to Indiana War Memorial, Indianapolis.
- Join us for 3 days over 140 miles honoring our military service members with ties to the state of Indiana.
 - We need Core runners, day runners, service organizations, and volunteers to come out and say their names.
- Gold Star family members are encouraged to attend their loved ones' Hero Marker as we pay tribute to each fallen hero since the bombing of the USS Cole in October 2000.
- For those who can not attend, we will be posting a live video feed on our Facebook sites on the days of the run.

Wednesday, May 17-- WELLS COUNTY - Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Giveaway

- American Legion Post 111
 - 111 W. Washington Street - Bluffton, IN 46714
 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- Please visit <http://VetsGift.com> for more information, and upcoming events

Saturday, May 20--VA Claims Clinic

- American Legion Post 11
 - 1801 S. 9th St., Lafayette, IN 47905
 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Veteran 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/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/DisabilityCompGuide_Final_Singles.pdf

AVVA Survivor Benefits Brochure

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