

HOOSIER VETERAN

Newsletter



GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY

The terms Gold Star Family, Gold Star Spouses, and Gold Star Wives traditionally refer to the surviving loved ones of military members who lost their lives in the line of duty. Gold Star Spouses Day was created to honor these loved ones. This year, Gold Star Spouses Day will be observed on Friday, April 5.

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Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own", and the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon conducted military funeral honors with funeral escort for U.S. Army Master Sgt. Jose Gonzalez in Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Sept. 11, 2019 (U.S. Army Elizabeth Fraser)



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Join us in recognizing our militaryconnected children this April during the Month of the Military Child (MOMC). The life of a military kid is a blend of unique adventures and challenges.

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FINAL FLIGHT OF AN INDIANA NATIONAL **GUARD ICON**

After more than 37 years of dedicated service, Tim Winslow, Operations Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), is retiring from the Indiana National Guard. To commemorate this milestone, Winslow took to the skies on March 10 for a "fini flight" aboard the familiar Sikorsky UH-60M Blackhawk helicopter.

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VA LEGAL CLINICS

The Military Assistance Project is a statewide project that provides free civil legal advice and direct representation to eligible lowincome Indiana military members, veterans, and their dependents. Please call our centralized intake line at 1 (844) 243-8570.

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CVSO SPOTLIGHT

This Veteran Service office offers assistance in the following:

- Obtaining your DD-214
- Discharge Review
- · Filing claims for service connected or nonservice connected disabilities
- Education benefits
- Low Income Wartime Pension Benefits
- Survivor Benefits
- VA Medical Care
- VA Home Loans
- G.I. Bill® Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Burial Benefits
- Property Tax Abatement
- Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans
- Motor Vehicle License Plates
- Peddlers, Vendors License
- Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License
- Golden Hoosier Passport

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill



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EXPLORING BENEFITS



Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans, Children of Purple Heart Recipients, and Children of POWs

Remission of tuition and fees for children of disabled veterans (at least 0% serviceconnected) who served during a period of war or participated in equally hazardous duty, or the children of Purple Heart Recipients, or the children of prisoners of war. May only be used at approved state-sponsored universities for up to 124 credits.





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VETERAN **EVENTS**

SUBMIT A VETERAN EVENT!

Tell us about events to support, serve, and advocate for your veteran community!

We want to know about events happening all across our great state.

Visit our site and let us know to add it to our website calendar!

What's Happening?

Find events Check out the IDVA event calendar today!

Veterans Script Writers & Readers, FREE for Veterans

Every other Thursday, 8 p.m. angelinelarimer@gmail.com

Punch for Veterans Boxing Clinic

Saturdays, 9 a.m. Info: (317) 447-7803

FREE Veterans Food Pantry

Richmond, IN CBOC 4th Tuesday/month, 9 a.m. Info: (765) 983-2183

RECURRING **EVENTS**

Coffee with a Veteran

Brownsburg VA Clinic 557 Pit Rd. Brownsburg, IN 46112 April 26, 9 a.m.

Coffee with a Veteran

Schoolhouse 7 Cafe 12125 Cyntheanne Rd. Fishers, IN 46037 Last Saturday of the month



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ROLL CALL

The <u>Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery</u> is dedicated to Veterans and their families as a lasting memorial, and final resting place, in appreciation and gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our nation.

To be eligible for burial:

- The veteran must have been separated under conditions other than dishonorable
- If Guard or Reserve, must have been eligible for retirement pay at the time of death
- · Servicemember who died while serving on active duty
- The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or
- A child under the age of 21 of an eligible veteran.

If you are in need of more information or have further questions about the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, please contact them at (812) 273-9220 or e-mail <u>ivmc@dva.in.gov</u>.



Your Home. You're Family.

The Indiana Veterans' Home (IVH) is located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Originally created to care for veterans of the Civil War, the Indiana Veterans' Home welcomed its first resident in 1896. Located on 250+ acres in West Lafayette, IVH is a full-service care facility offering a complete array of services for residents.

The Indiana Veterans' Home Mission

The mission of the Indiana Veterans' Home is to honor Indiana's veterans and their spouses by providing the highest level of care in a therapeutic home-like environment, enhancing health and yielding optimal quality of life.

To do this and meet the unique needs of these heroes and their families, we deliver compassionate and comprehensive skilled care while integrating arts and cultural programming and preserving the rich history of the Home.

Why IVH?

It is our privilege to serve Hoosier veterans and their spouses and we take that responsibility very seriously. Residents here enjoy newly renovated care units, our beautiful grounds and gardens, the resident library and media center, an on-site chapel, beauty shop, fishing pond, and our transportation services, along with a rich history and extensive recreational programming and events geared specifically for veterans. With our exclusive array of on-site services, expansive volunteer department, and tremendous support from the major veterans service organizations, IVH is truly the best option for Hoosier veterans and their spouses seeking independent living, longterm nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, or memory care.

Download our brochure, our mini-book, or visit our campus and take a walking tour!

Meet IVH Superintendent, Amy Gibson.



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