



Helping Veterans

LIVE, WORK & THRIVE

Since 1945



IDVA LOGO

Symbolism
Meaning
Purpose

The eagle represents freedom

On June 20, 1782, the Bald Eagle was chosen as the emblem of the United States of America. The eagle, with its majestic appearance was chosen for its long life and great strength. The bald eagle on the IDVA logo gives Hoosier veterans a familiar symbol of patriotism and military service. The bald eagle appears on each military branch flag and/or seal.

Surrounding Wreath

The laurel wreath stands for honors received in combat defending the peace represented by the olive branch. Wreaths appears on many military seals, flags and logos adding to the familiar symbol of patriotism and military service.



Single Gold Star

The single gold star centered over the eagle pays respect to Hoosier Gold Star families. The term "Gold Star" describes a family member who has lost a loved one in military service.

The Gold Star signified the family's pride in the loved one's sacrifice rather than the mourning of their personal loss.

The new IDVA logo will represent the rebranding and new vision of the department.

The logo can be recognized immediately as military and veteran oriented.

Color Scheme

The 2 colors of the IDVA logo, Oxford Blue and Gamboge, represent the colors of the Indiana state flag. 1945 is the year the IDVA was founded.

The Torch & Shield

The Indiana Torch symbolizes enlightenment and liberty. The surrounding rays symbolize the far reaching influence of the state. The 19 stars represent Indiana being the 19th state to join the union. These symbols are emblazoned on a shield that represents the protection of the principles our Hoosier veterans served to protect.





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OUTREACH DIVISION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- GVS – Recipient Outreach/marketing/promotion
- Local/State/National Media Requests
- Veterans Virtual Resource Hub
- Legislation Day
- Communicate IDVA Benefits to Partners/Collaborate with state and private agencies
- Coordinates with Training & Services to/from CVSOs
- Create Media Policy for IDVA
- IDVA Annual Report – Commission Reports – Website & Social Media Management and expansion
- Establish Video creation/editing program



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Women's Program (WINVet) is dedicated to empower women veterans to attain the utmost quality of life. WINVet provides reliable resources, delivers quality statewide community outreach and cultivates a vast networking collective for all Women of Indiana who are Veterans.

Connect with WINVet

IDVA Women Veteran Coordinator
(317) 232-3919



WINVet Women Veteran Registry:
in.gov/dva

WINVet Partnerships

WINVet partners with many Federal, State and private organizations such as:



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE WOMEN VETERANS COORDINATORS (NASWVC)
The leading advocate for women veterans

naswvc.org

For more partner information or to become a partner with WINVet:
(317) 232-3919 or in.gov/dva

Military Sexual Trauma (MST)

- The VA provides free confidential counseling and treatment to assist women and men who experienced military sexual trauma (MST).
- **Military service-connected disability or eligibility for VA care is not required for this service.**
- **Your MST incident(s) do not have to have been reported or documented for you to receive services.**

WOMEN VETERANS CALL CENTER Find your VA Healthcare Facility
Call or Text 1-855-829-6636 va.gov/directory

Women Veteran Health Care

VA Resources, Research, Reports, News, Events & More:

womenshealth.va.gov
benefits.va.gov/benefits/mstcoordinators.asp

Indiana VA Health MST Coordinator:
indianapolis.va.gov/services/MST.asp

VA Northern Indiana Health Care System:
northernindiana.va.gov/services/women/

Indianapolis Women Veteran Healthcare:
indianapolis.va.gov/services/women/index.asp



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in.gov/dva (317) 232-3910

What is the MFRF?

The MFRF is an *emergency* grant provided for veterans and their dependent family members who are experiencing financial hardship. It may be used for essential family support expenses.

100% of funding for the MFRF is derived from veteran license plate fees and donations.

Who is eligible?

- Indiana Resident
- 12 months of qualifying military service
- Military discharge must be Honorable or Under Honorable Conditions
- Currently serving or served during a War Time period or National Conflict

Financial Criteria

Federal gross income cannot exceed two (2) times the U.S. Federal Poverty Guideline

Hardship Criteria

The hardship incurred by the applicant must be a reasonable and logical consequence of the applicant's service in the Armed Forces or the National Guard.
The hardship must directly impact the applicant's most central and basic living needs.

Amount of Assistance

Lifetime maximum of \$2,500 in total assistance.

What can MFRF Funds be used for?

- Food
- Housing
- Utilities
- Education & employment assistance
- Medical expenses
- Basic transportation
- Childcare
- Other essential family support expenses

* Any other items will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Application and Full MFRF Rules:
in.gov/dva

How to apply for MFRF:

By FAX: (317) 232-7721

By Phone: (317) 232-3910

By E-mail: mfrf@dva.in.gov

By Mail: Indiana Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Military Family Relief Fund
777 N. Meridian Street, Suite 300
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is located at:

The INDIANA VETERANS CENTER (IVC)
777 N. Meridian Street, Suite 300
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The IVC is dedicated to providing multiple services to the Indiana Veteran community through Federal, State and private Veteran-oriented agencies.

in.gov/dva (317) 232-3910





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OUTREACH EVENTS

The IDVA outreach team hosts, attends & supports veteran events throughout the state.

Visit our Event Calendar:
in.gov/dva



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IN Dept of
Veterans Affairs



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IndianaVeterans



@Indiana.veterans

To partner with IDVA, request a speaker, or post events on our calendar e-mail us:
outreach@dva.in.gov

COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER (CVSOs)

CVSOs are located in all Indiana counties. CVSOs assist veterans and their families with State & Federal benefits info and claims.

Find your CVSO:
(800) 400-4520 - in.gov/dva

INDIANA VETERAN & MILITARY MEMBER BENEFITS

GI BILL

Location & Approval
Info Contact:
**Indiana State
Approving Agency**
(317) 234-6062



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WOMEN VETERANS

IDVA Women Veteran Coordinator
(317) 232-3919
To register for the
Women Veteran Registry:
in.gov/dva/2344.htm



@Women.Vets.IN

VA Crisis Lines:

Veteran Crisis Line:
1-800-273-8255 Press One
Women Veteran Call Center:
1-855-829-6636
Homeless Veterans Line:
1-877-424-3838

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INDIANA VETERANS

Military Family Relief Fund

Emergency financial assistance with essential expenses such as food, housing, utility bills and medical bills. Indiana active duty members and veterans, view the qualifications on the IDVA website.

Info: in.gov/dva.

Delayed High School Diploma

High school diplomas to eligible veterans who left high school and served honorably during WW II, Korea or Vietnam. Info: in.gov/dva

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Located in Madison and open to any veteran who is eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

Info: in.gov/dva

Indiana Veterans Home (IVH)

Located in West Lafayette, the IVH offers long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, independent living and memory care services to honorably discharged Indiana veterans and their spouses.

Info: in.gov/ivh

DISABLED VETERANS

Property Tax Deduction

Available to peacetime veterans who are 100% service-connected disabled; OR who are over age 62 with at least a 10% service-connected disability rating.

Info: in.gov/dva

Hunting/Fishing License Reduced Fee

Available for veterans with a VA service-connected disability rating.

Info: in.gov/dva

Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plates and Placards

Available to veterans with VA service-connected disabilities that impairs mobility. Approved IDVA form required for BMW.

Info: in.gov/dva



SAMPLE PLACARD

Available with each
military branch insignia



SAMPLE

Golden Hoosier Passport

Half cost to veterans qualifying for disabled Hoosier veteran license plate.

Info: in.gov/dva

WARTIME HOOSIER VETERANS

Tuition and Fee Exemption

Available to the qualifying biological and adopted children of service-connected disabled veterans with wartime service.

AND

Available to Indiana **Purple Heart** recipients and their biological or adopted children.

Apply Online:

www.scholartrack.che.in.gov

Property Tax Deduction

Available to wartime veterans with at least a 10% service-connected disability rating.

Info: in.gov/dva

PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

- Tuition and Fee Exemption (see above Tuition and Fee section)
- Purple Heart license plate
- Disabled Purple Heart license plate





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ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND SPOUSES, NO COST FOR:

- Opening & closing of the burial plot
- Outer burial container
- Monument
- Use of chapel

TYPES OF BURIALS:

- Casket Burial "Vault"
- In-ground Cremation
- Columbarium
- Scatter Garden

**Indiana Veterans
Memorial Cemetery**
1415 North Gate Road
Madison, IN 47250

PH (812) 273-9220

Fax (812) 273-9221

E-mail: ivmc@dva.in.gov

Website: in.gov/dva



INDIANA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

*A place of honor for
those who served*





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Annual Events



A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

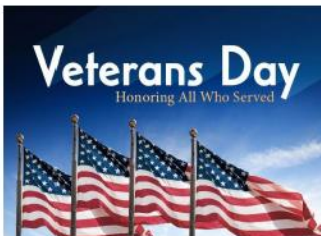
-Joseph Campbell

**Ceremony held on
LAST MONDAY IN MAY**



National Wreaths Across America Day is a movement to cover all veteran grave markers with a Christmas wreath.

**Ceremony held on
2ND SATURDAY OF DECEMBER**



"Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be."

-Douglas MacArthur

**Ceremony held on
NOVEMBER 11**

ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL

Military Discharge:

Veterans separated under conditions other than Dishonorable are eligible for burial.

National Guard & Reservist:

Must have been eligible for retirement pay at time of death.

Active Duty Death:

Service members who die on active duty, in the line of duty.

Surviving Spouse:*

The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran can be buried at the IVMC

The Child of a Veteran:*

Child must be under age 21 or permanent dependent of the Veteran.

** For full eligibility requirements please visit: in.gov/dva*



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WINVets

WINVets Annual Conference

- Annual Theme – “Wellness”
- Featured Theme – Annual
- Fully Interactive for Statewide participation
- Regional Lead Up Events

WINVets District Teams

- Create (6) District Teams
- Regular Meetings with WINVet Coordinator
- Identify Regional Issues/Topics
- Recruitment and Comradery



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Partnership Highlight

County Recorder Discharge
Request Process

County Commissioner
Board, Continuing the
Information Train...



DVOPs
LVERs
CVSOs
DSOs

Regular Team Meetings and
referral training.

Break Time for Benefits

- Employer allows short break
- Employee run the VetraSpec Gauntlet
- Return to Work with a good start
- Continue virtually

DSO and CVSO(s) team up for the size of employee population.

BTB
Break
Time for
Benefits



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Veteran Service Center Update



Floor One:

DAV

American Legion

VFW

INVETS

VA Homeless Voc Rehab

VBA

Floor Two:

VA HUD_VASH Clinic

Floor Three:

IDVA

DWD (DVOP & LEVR)

Fourth Floor:

Auditorium


Accessible *rentable** space
for veteran organizations
and Non-Profits



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MFRF



Military Family Relief Fund

Standard Application

Required Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills, invoices, estimates, etc. • Last month bank statements • Evidence of income (pay stubs, VA compensation, SSA, retirement, cash assistance, unemployment...) • Prior Year W-2's • Most recent tax return 1040 form • Evidence of assets 	Total active service Veteran must have served at least 12 months of active duty in the regular military OR at least 12 months comprehensive active mobilization orders if National Guard. *Does not have to be 12 consecutive months.
INDIANA RESIDENT	12 MONTHS OF QUALIFYING MILITARY SERVICE
 <p>Character of discharge MUST BE:</p> <p>HONORABLE UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS</p>	MILITARY SERVICE MUST REFLECT A Period of War or National Conflict Qualifying Periods of War: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWI Dec. 7, 1914 - Dec. 31, 1918 • Korea June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955 • Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Era Aug. 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975 ◦ In Country Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975 • Gulf War August 2, 1990 - Present Qualifying National conflicts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grenada-Oct. 23-1983-Nov. 21, 1983 • Libya-Apr. 12, 1986-Apr. 17, 1986 • Persian Gulf-Jul. 24, 1987-Sep. 26, 1988 • Panama-Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990
 <p>The emergency grant may be used by families for needs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Housing • Utilities • Medical services • Basic transportation • Child care • Education • Employment • Other essential family support <p><small>GRANTS WILL BE DETERMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND MAY BE AWARDED AS A ONE-TIME EMERGENCY GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.</small></p>	<p>The hardship incurred by the applicant must be a reasonable and logical consequence of the applicant's service in the armed forces or the national guard.</p>


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A LETTER FROM EMPLOYER VERIFYING THAT EMPLOYMENT INCOME HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED BY THE PANDEMIC.

War or Peacetime
VETERANS APPROVED FOR A PREVIOUS MFRF AWARD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL AWARD ON THE COVID-19 SPECIAL APPLICATION.



THE HARDSHIP INCURRED BY THE APPLICANT MUST BE A REASONABLE AND LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

MFRF



Military Family Relief Fund

COVID-19 Special Application

Required Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills, invoices, estimates, etc. • Last month bank statements • Evidence of income (pay stubs, VA compensation, SSA, retirement, cash assistance, unemployment...) • Prior Year W-2's • Most recent tax return 1040 form • Evidence of assets • A letter from employer verifying that employment income has been interrupted by the pandemic. 	Total active service Veteran must have served at least 12 months of active duty in the regular military OR at least 12 months comprehensive active mobilization orders if National Guard. *Does not have to be 12 consecutive months.
INDIANA RESIDENT	12 MONTHS OF QUALIFYING MILITARY SERVICE
 <p>Character of discharge MUST BE:</p> <p>HONORABLE UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS</p>	MILITARY SERVICE CAN REFLECT A Period of War or Peacetime Veterans approved for a previous MFRF award may be eligible for an additional award on the COVID-19 special application.
 <p>The emergency grant may be used by families for needs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Housing • Utilities • Medical services • Basic transportation • Child care • Education • Employment • Other essential family support <p><small>GRANTS WILL BE DETERMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND MAY BE AWARDED AS A ONE-TIME EMERGENCY GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.</small></p>	<p>The hardship incurred by the applicant must be a reasonable and logical consequence of the coronavirus pandemic.</p>

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CVSO Position – New Code

IC 10-17-1-9 County service officer, city service officer, and assistants

Sec. 9. (a) A county executive:

(1) shall designate and may:

(A) **appoint** a county service officer for a **four (4) year term**; or

(B) **employ** a county service officer; and

(2) may employ service officer assistants;

to serve the veterans of the county.

(b) The mayor of a city may employ a service officer and may employ service officer assistants to serve the veterans of the city.

(c) If the remuneration and expenses of a county or city service officer are paid from the funds of the county or city employing the service officer, the service officer shall:



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CVSO Position – New Code

(1) be:

(A) an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six (6) months of active service in the armed forces of the United States; or

(B) a service officer assistant with not less than two (2) years of experience;

(2) be a resident of Indiana **or become a resident of Indiana** not more than six (6) months after the service officer's start date; and

(3) serve under the supervision of the director of veterans' affairs.

(d) A **service officer assistant** must be a resident of Indiana **or become a resident of Indiana** not later than six (6) months after the service officer assistant's start date and:

(1) satisfy the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1); or

(2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person who satisfies the requirements specified in subsection (c)(1).

(e) A rule contrary to subsection (c) or (d) is void.

(f) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary for the purposes described in this section.

[Pre-2003 Recodification Citation: 10-5-1-11.]

As added by P.L.2-2003, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.144-2007, SEC.9; P.L.105-2014, SEC.1; P.L.108-2016, SEC.2; P.L.42-2020, SEC.4



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Co. Recorder DD214 Tracking – New Code

Separate Power Point Presentation





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