



## MACV Members

What do you want to call  
your new monthly publication?  
Bulletin, Newsletter, Bulletin Board  
We will be naming it at  
our next MACV meeting.



Supporting Our Veterans in:

*Indianapolis, Lawrence, Beech Grove, Southport, Speedway*

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## Message from MACV's Chairman

### Don Hawkins

In January 2011, the Mayors Advisory Council for Veterans (MACV) was formed with two goals in mind. Our first goal was to build a Networking Organization that would allow local Service Providers, that offered goods, services and benefits to Veterans, to meet once a month and get to know each other, helping them to better serve our Indianapolis area Veterans. Our Second goal was to come up with a way to Advise the Mayor of Indianapolis on the needs of our Veterans.

A couple of years ago MACV expanded its area of responsibility to help Veterans, and advise the Mayors' of Lawrence, Beech Grove, Southport and the Town Manager of Speedway, encompassing all of Marion County.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have helped build the MACV organization from the 12-15 people that was at our first meeting in January 2011 to the 36 to 54 people that now regularly attend our monthly meetings. We feel that we have accomplished our first goal of Networking, with flying colors, however, our second goal of Advising the Mayors' has gotten off to a slow start.

Several months ago, Matt Hall our Director of Veterans Affairs, asked that we reestablished the committees with topics that we felt needed to be looked at that Veterans may from time-to-time need help with.

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## MACV meets at the Marriott-East

### Charlie Russell

MACV Vice Chair

Thirty-six members attended this session of MACV on 20 November 2018. They were met with a new method to sign-in electronically. Initially an attendee will enter their name, agency, contact information and email. Eventually, the intent is to have a scan-able MACV Membership card that will quickly record who is in attendance. This information will be secured within MACV only.

Paul "Ponytail" Cauley gave a detailed description of how and who began MACV. The previous Mayor; Gregg Ballard foresaw a need for the Mayor's office to have a better connection with veteran service providers. Now, nearly a decade later the intent has not changed.

Chairman Don Hawkins called out new attendees who gave a brief introduction of themselves and their agency.

The Education and Employment committee gave a report on a new task they have identified: Service support for IVY Tech. The veteran's student group representatives will be invited to speak at the 18 December meeting.

The meeting proceeded with the networking roundtable. All attendees related current news and events their agency is involved with currently.

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### MAC\_V, the DOG, Our Mascot

He is going great, he is a pain in my behind sometimes, but he is still very much a puppy. Great gift, great dog. Thanks again, Don

## **MACV & VSC has formed the below committees:**

- 1) Homeless & Faith Based (MACV)
- 2) Health & Wellness (MACV)
- 3) Education & Employment (MACV)
- 4) Legislative & Policy (VSC)
- 5) Planning & Fundraising (VSC)
- 6) Marketing & Public Relations (VSC)

## **We are asking for your help, your suggestions and your participation.**

If you think you can be of help on any of our committees in finding ways to advise the Mayors' on how to better serve our Marion County Veterans, please give me a call.

**Please visit MACV and VSC's web site at [www.VeteransSupportCouncil.com](http://www.VeteransSupportCouncil.com).** It displays valuable information on goods, services and benefits available to our Veterans.

## **New updated web site coming soon that will be more organized and mobile friendly.**

Again, thanks for your continued support for working with MACV in helping to better serve our Veterans in the Marion County area, and as always, if you have any questions or suggestions about MACV, please give me a call at 317-632-0500 or email me at [Hawkins@VSC.ooo](mailto:Hawkins@VSC.ooo).

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## **MACV Moves Forward**

### **Charlie Russell**

MACV vice-Chair

As MACV grows it is important that we conform to typical organizational practices. We need by-laws that specify who and how officers are elected. Our committees' responsibilities will be identified by each committee in order to attract and embrace various ideas and talents from all MACV members. We are in this together.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**18Dec18** - MACV Meeting, Red Cross Building at 15<sup>th</sup> & N Meridian St at 2:00 PM

**20Dec18** - JCFI Easterseals Crossroads

## **Dave Sassman Comments Executive Vice-President of VSC**

With the end of the year many organizations seek to look back and forward at the same time. Looking at ways and methods to improve and connect with those whom we serve.

A goal of the Executive Committee is to work with agencies who serve Veterans and establish a cooperative and enabling environment to work together.

As we move forward into a new and exciting year, may the Blessing of this season warm your hearts and bring you and your peace.

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## **MACV's After Meeting Action Sheet**

### **Charlie Russell**

MACV Vice Chair

Chairman Don Hawkins has provided a form below that asks questions regarding your experience with MACV. Please print the form, fill it out, and bring it to the next MACV meeting you attend or email it to him at [Hawkins@VSC.ooo](mailto:Hawkins@VSC.ooo). We are very interested in capturing your feedback in order to better meet the group's identified needs and issues. Please be up front and direct.

Remember, these networking meeting are for you and your organization. MACV believes the more you learn about each other the better you will be able to serve your clients, our Marion County Veterans.



To keep up with what's going on with Marion County Veterans Service Organizations that has events for our Veterans, please visit:

**[www.VeteransEvents.org](http://www.VeteransEvents.org)**

## MACV's After Meeting Action Sheet with Your Suggestion and/or Your Advice

- 1) Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Your Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Name of Your Organization (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Your Email address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Your phone contact information (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Do you want someone to contact you on your suggestions or advice? **(circle one)** YES NO
- 7) Is this your first time at one of our meetings? **(circle one)** YES NO
- 8) Will you be coming to future meetings? **(circle one)** YES NO MAYBE
- 9) What did you think of today's MACV meeting, in general? **(circle one)** GREAT OK VERY INFORMATIVE  
WASTE OF TIME NEEDS SOMETHING! What? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Do you think you "got anything" out of this meeting today? **(circle one)** YES NO MAYBE  
What? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11) What Advice, pertaining to Veterans, do you want MACV to give the Mayor? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 12) Do you have any suggestions on how we can make our meetings more productive? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What are the top 5 to 10 things you think Veterans need help on? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thanks for your input, have questions, please call Don Hawkins at 317-632-0500 –

Please leave this completed form at the door when you leave or scan/email it to: [Hawkins@HRH.ooo](mailto:Hawkins@HRH.ooo)