



MACV's NEWSLETTER

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WEBSITES

www.VSC.ooo

www.Veterans.ooo

OUR GUEST SPEAKER – FEBRUARY 19



This month's meeting will have a guest speaker. Mr. Dennis Wimer will attend and speak to the MACV group. He has attending MACV meetings before but not as the Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. Gov. Eric Holcomb appointed Mr. Wimer last week to the position. Holcomb tapped Dennis Wimer, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, to the post. Wimer spent eight years in the Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. He served as a C-141B navigator and his last assignment was the operations officer of a C-141B special operations unit.

The MACV meeting starts at 2 PM at the Marriott East, 21st and Shadeland Avenue. Let's show our support with a heavy attendance.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

March 19, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Marriott East

21st &

Shadeland

Indianapolis

Mayors' Veterans Appreciation Day

Motorcycle Ride, Car Show, Picnic & Fish Fry



SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, JULY 20th, 2019

MARION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

FROM: 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

The MACV is proud to announce that the 9th annual Mayor's Veterans Appreciation Day Picnic is moving to a new location and date. We have outgrown the facilities at Garfield Park. The new venue at the Marion County Fairgrounds will allow up numerous advantages. We will no longer have to rent tents for the vendors and will now have air cooled buildings for the vendors and use of 6 indoor restrooms. Since we will have use of approximately ¼ of the Fairgrounds, there will be plenty of room for outside activities and a paved area for the Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show.

This new venue will allow us to have a lot more room for our event. For vendors, the move will provide a more comfortable setting in a cooled building with actual restrooms.

Please check out the website at www.Veterans.000 if you are interested in being a sponsor, donating or a vendor. There are links to sign up for all these items on the website.

We will also need a lot of volunteers to make this event successful. If you can assist on that date, please visit the website or contact Don Hawkins at Hawkins@vsc.000. It's never too early to volunteer or to sign up as a vendor. The earlier you commit to this event, the better we can plan. Help us make this event at our new location, a great success for our Veterans.

Important Dates

Feb 18 –
Observance of
President’s Day

Feb 19
Coast Guard
Reserve Birthday

March

March 3
Navy Reserve
Birthday

March 4
Hug a GI Day

March 5
Seabee Birthday

March 13
K-9 Veterans Day

March 15
American Legion
Birthday

March 25
Medal of Honor
Day

March 29
National Vietnam
War Veterans Day

DID YOU KNOW?

. . . . On November 6, 2018, Chair Don Hawkins received the Jefferson Award for his tireless work with veterans and particularly the homeless.

On January 10, 2019, Dr. Doty Simpson-Taylor received the Jefferson Award for her work with female veterans through the Sister Soldiers Network.

The Jefferson Award has been described as the “Nobel Prize for Public Service” and recognizes ordinary people who do extraordinary things. The MACV is proud to have them a part of our organization

. . . . At our January meeting, Jeff Piper of Veteran’s Industry and Art brought “the Cool Bus”. The bus is a mobile grocery store and makes about 50 stops a month. The target market for the bus is those on food stamps. The Bus is currently sponsored by the City of Indianapolis and American Legion Post 34. They are seeking additional sponsorships for the bus.

. . . . the Indianapolis Metropolitan Military Honor Guard is always seeking new members. You must be a veteran and they will provide the training. If interested contact Paul Norton.

. . . .Rolling Thunder announced that 2019 will be the last national Ride for Freedom and protest in Washington, D.C. The Ride to the Wall has been a favorite of many Vietnam Veterans for years. The organization will still hold events, but they will be held in each state.

. **A FUN FACT IN HISTORY FROM “This Day in Military History” website.** On January 15, 1962 (the numerical date of our last meeting), President Kennedy was asked at a news conference if U.S. troops were fighting in Vietnam and he answered “No”. Technically, he was correct, but U.S. soldiers were serving as advisors with the South Vietnamese Army, and U.S. Pilots were flying missions with the South Vietnamese Air Force. The Press was starting to ask questions because they realized there were wounded and casualties from these” support missions”.

Defense Secretary McNamara saw few signs of improvement in South Vietnam and convened a conference to assess the deteriorating conditions and options. He wanted to move fast to beef up the U.S. Effort in Vietnam. McNamara concluded that a new command at operational level was needed that could achieve unity of efforts and get things moving in the right direction.

On February 8, 1962, the administration established the U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam (**MACV**), which was a unified subordinate command of the Commander in Chief of the Pacific and was assigned responsibility for all American activities in Vietnam.