

MACV NEWS

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WEBSITE NEWS:

Don's been at it again. Keep checking back on the website as he continues to improve it. You can now register online and pay for events online. The Newsletter and Minutes will also be available. And — of course, there is still a lot of Veteran Resource Info.

Check it out at:

www.Veterans.ooo

WELCOME OUR SPEAKERS

This month we welcome Ron Sukenick, who will speak on how LinkedIn can benefit our members and Alexis Lloyd who will speak on the Wall That Heals. Meeting March 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Marriott -East, Indianapolis.

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YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR YOUR VENDOR TABLE YET? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR AN INVITATION?

WELL HERE IT IS FOLKS. You are all invited to participate. This year we have a new venue, plenty of parking, indoor restrooms, tables in a building, food, live bands, entertainment, a car, truck and motorcycle show and a motorcycle ride.

BUT we only have **60 spots for vendor tables** and are expecting a large crowd. You can go right now, fill out the form and even pay online at www.veterans.ooo. How easy is that!!!!



March 25

National Medal of Honor Day

March 29

National Vietnam War Veteran'

Dedication Memorial Bricks - Indy

Fishers - Vietnam War Veterans

APRIL

Month of the Military Child

April 5

Gold Star Spouses Day

April 13 - Honor Flight

April 14

Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 23

Army Reserve Birthday

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We want to have everyone signed up by June for planning purposes. Don't wait and be disappointed!

VIETNAM WAR VETERAN'S DAY

MARCH 29, 2019

Check out your local newspapers and Veteran organizations for local ceremonies. An internet search of the area gives the following recognition ceremonies:

Memorial Dedication of the Bricks on the North Quadrant of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Indy. Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honor the 51 Vietnam MIA Hoosiers. Ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. Reception to follow at the Indiana War Memorial. RSVP to Janet Shelton at dj2dd2sh4@hotmail.com. **only** if you will be going to the War Memorial.



FISHERS, IN — A recognition ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Liberty Plaza in front of the Town Hall to recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families. Fishers is an official Vietnam Commemorative City.

There has to be more ceremonies in the area, please let us know!

ON MARCH 19, 1916 DID YOU KNOW

1916 – Eight Curtiss “Jenny” planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, New Mexico, in the first combat air mission in U.S. history. The First Aero Squadron, organized in 1914 after the outbreak of World War I, was on a support mission for the 7,000 U.S. troops who invaded Mexico to capture Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa. On March 9, 1916, Villa, who opposed American support for Mexican President Venustiano Carranza, led a band of several hundred guerrillas across the border on a raid of the town of Columbus, New Mexico, killing 17 Americans. On March 15, under orders from President Woodrow Wilson, U.S. Brigadier General John J. Pershing launched a punitive expedition into Mexico to capture Villa. Four days later, the First Aero Squadron was sent into Mexico to scout and relay messages for General Pershing. Despite numerous mechanical and navigational problems, the American fliers flew hundreds of missions for Pershing and gained important experience that would later be used by the pilots over the battlefields of Europe. However, during the 11-month

mission, U.S. forces failed to capture the elusive revolutionary, and Mexican



resentment over U.S. intrusion into their territory led to a diplomatic crisis. In late January 1917, with President Wilson under pressure from the Mexican government and more concerned with the war overseas than with bringing Villa to justice, the Americans were ordered home.

HONOR FLIGHT

If you are interested in becoming an Honor Flight Volunteer, you need to sign-up for Ground Crew training. For the flights in April and May, the training is April 10, 2019 at Plainfield High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. You will need to contact Honor Flight to register for this. Also, and equally important is Mail Call. Honor Flight is requesting cards, notes, kids drawing, etc. to let the Veterans on the Flight know we thank them

for their service. They will have 85 Veterans each on the May and April flights and want to give each Veteran plenty of mail to open. If interested, the cards and letters may be sent to Indy Honor Flight Mail Call, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, Indiana 46168 and need to arrive by April 5 so they can be sorted. Cards or Letters should be in unsealed envelopes with no particular name or dates on them.

HELP!!!



Pictures, stories, events, etc. You get the idea. This is supposed to be a newsletter. I am supposed to write about things. I need to know things to be able to write about them. So, if you want your organization or its events listed in the newsletter, you have to provide me with the information.

Please send your information to Bonnie Wooten at bkwooten@myinestar.net if you want to be have your information in the newsletter.

And, of course, remember, I'm a volunteer, I'm old and I might forget something. Apologies upfront for anything I forgot.

Bonnie