



United We Stand



Indiana Combat Veteran

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From the Commanders Desk:



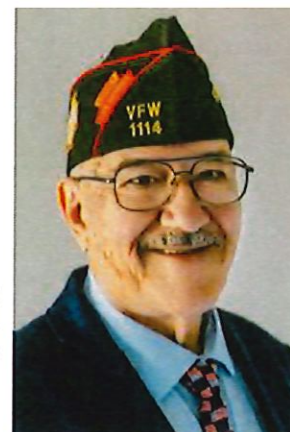
Fellow Veterans, Sandy and I truly hope you and yours had a joyous Christmas and a safe New Year, As we all know as Combat Veterans spending the holidays with loved ones can't always be taken for granted. With that in mind let us keep all our troops, especially those deployed in our hearts, minds and prayers. As we enter the New Year we must remember the brothers and sisters that we lost in 2025. Rest in Peace Warriors.

Our mission of serving Veterans, their families and the Community must carry on into 2026. Service doesn't stop there. We must take care of each other. Be there for each other. If you need help, please ask. If you see someone who needs help, give it.

Thanks to each and everyone of you for what you do. Together there's nothing we can't accomplish!

Yours in LOTCS,

Roger Ferguson
Indiana VFW Commander



Greetings Comrades & VFW Auxiliary Members,

I hope this issue of our Combat Veteran finds you doing well. As I was preparing to write my article, I realized that we are in the midst of celebrating the birth of our Lord. Christmas is a special time and many times we get so carried away with the purchasing of presents for family and friends that we forget the reason for the season. Enough of my preaching..

I still don't believe that my message to get reports of our deceased comrades in timely is working. I don't particularly enjoy filling out sympathy cards, maintaining our TAPS page and database, but from the feedback I have received, the families do appreciate my efforts. So, I once again ask that you assist me in performing my job by completing Graves Registration form. A copy of the form is on the following page, but it is also available on the State web page.

For those who don't like the form, please feel free to Email me the information. I need the Veterans full name, Post #, District #, date of death, next of kin name & address and location of their grave site (cemetery). I can usually find the Obituary once I have the basic information.

We are starting a new year, "2026". I can assure you that I am always available to assist with your needs. If I don't already have you in my phone list, please leave me a message. Like many of you, my phone rings often with spam calls. If you leave me a short message I will get back to you timely. My Email address is ljpatch@mail.com my phone number is (317) 450-9408.

Wishing you a prosperous and safe New Year!

Yours in LOTCS,

Larry Patch
Chaplain





Graves Registration Report Department of Indiana VFW



Mail to: Larry J Patch

Department of Indiana VFW Chaplain

9034 Eiderdown Way

Indianapolis, IN 46234

Or Email report to ljpatch@mail.com

Subject: Report of Deceased Comrade

Post # _____ District # _____ regrets to report the death of

(Last Name)

(Middle Initial)

(First Name)

Whose address was _____

Who served with _____ During _____
(Branch of Service) War or Conflict

Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____

Place of Burial Cemetery _____

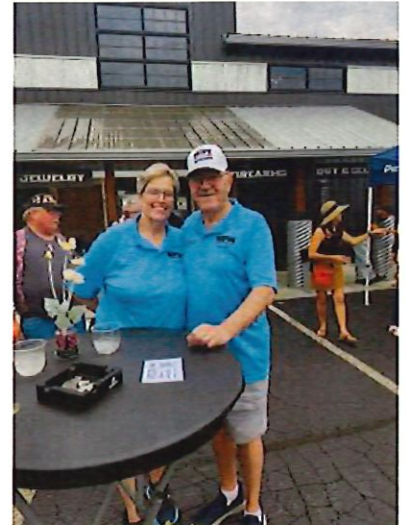
Name & Address of next of kin

(Mailing Address)

Relationship _____ Obituary Enclosed Yes/No

Signed: _____ Name _____ Office _____ Date _____
(Print Name)

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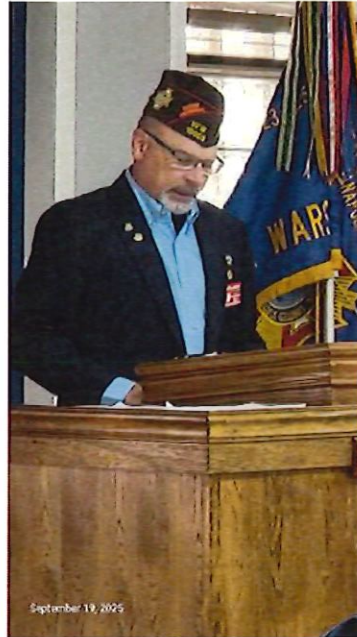
You run into people in the least likely places. Left to Right. Jessie Davenport(President of Indiana VFW Auxiliary) Al Unser Jr. And wife Norma (who grew up in Evansville and told me her dad was a member and she spent a lot of time at VFW Post 1114). Myself and Roger Ferguson (Indiana State VFW commander). We were at Premier Arms in Brownsburg Indiana. It was a great event even if it did drizzle rain. Special guest Lee Boner (Sgt.Major retired) was the guest as he serves as the mititary liaison for Hope For Warriors which is Roger and Jessie's special project. Thank you to the hospitality shown by Premier Arms. Sheila Corcoran and [Laura Jo](#) a big thanks. Thanks to everybody that helped in anyway per Roger.



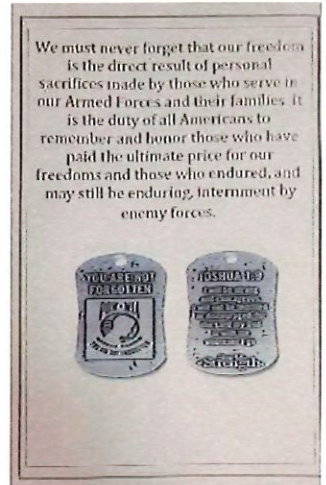
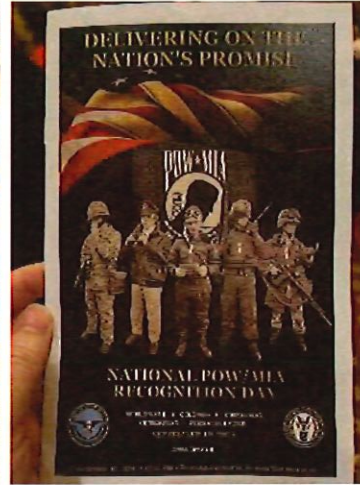
Our Visit to Washington DC



POW/MIA Ceremony



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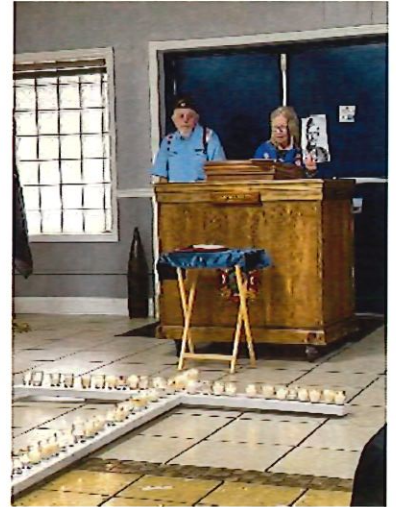


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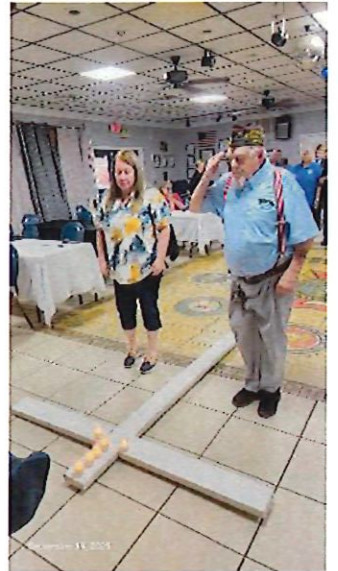
<p>CEREMONY The Department of Indiana Presents POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 1:30 P.M.</p>	
<p>WELCOME PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - David Felt, Department Chairman</p>	
<p>OPENING PRAYER - Larry Felt, Department Chairman</p>	
<p>INTRODUCTION OF LINE OFFICERS - Department President David Felt, Department Chairman David Felt, Department Chairman</p>	
<p>INTRODUCTION OF POST COMMANDER/ADJUTANT PRESIDENT - David Felt, Department Chairman</p>	
<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Joe Latta, POW/MIA State Chairman</p>	
<p>BLESSING OF THE CANDLELIGHTING OF THE NAMES - David Felt, Department President David Felt, Department President David Felt, Department President David Felt, Department President</p>	
<p>CLOSING PRAYER - Thomas Spies, Secretary, POW/MIA</p>	
<p>SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SPEAKER & TO THE POST OFFICE FOR THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALITY</p>	
<p>The Missing Man Table The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action. The table is used to honor the missing men who are missing in action.</p>	



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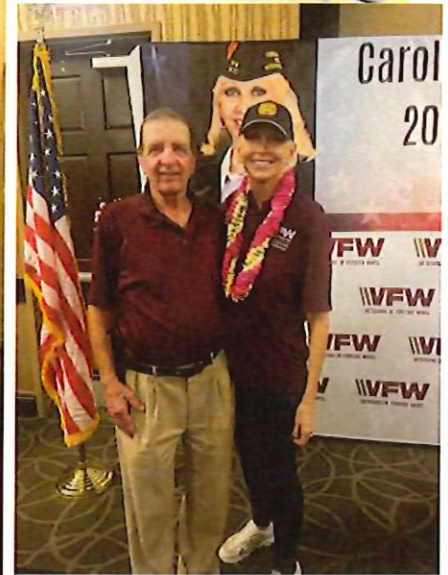


September 21, 2025



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COMMANDER IN CHIEF HOMECOMING



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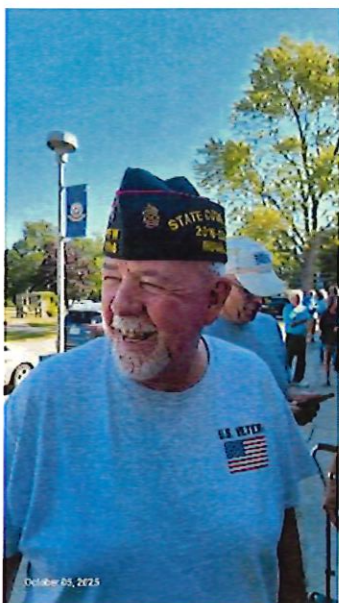


October 04, 2025

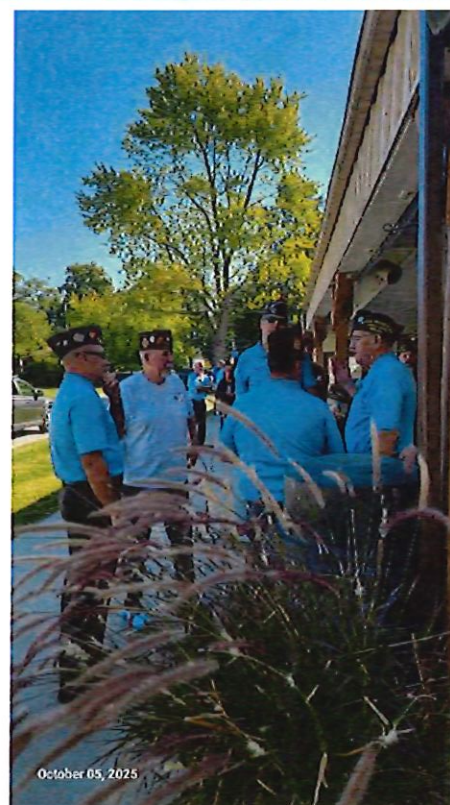
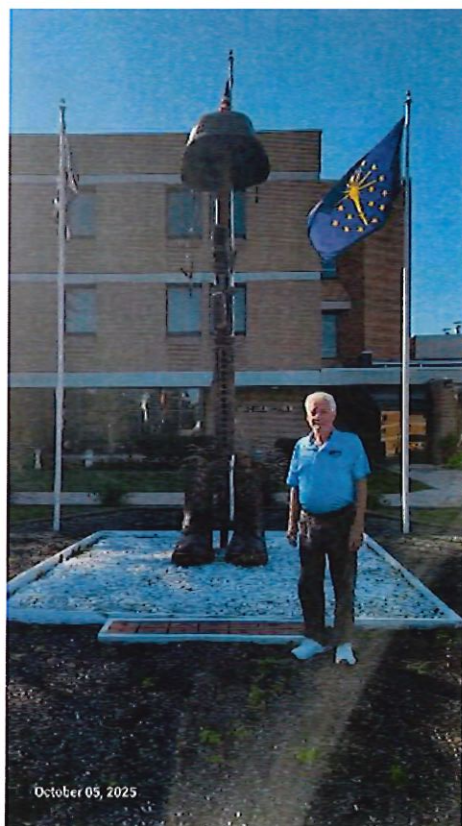
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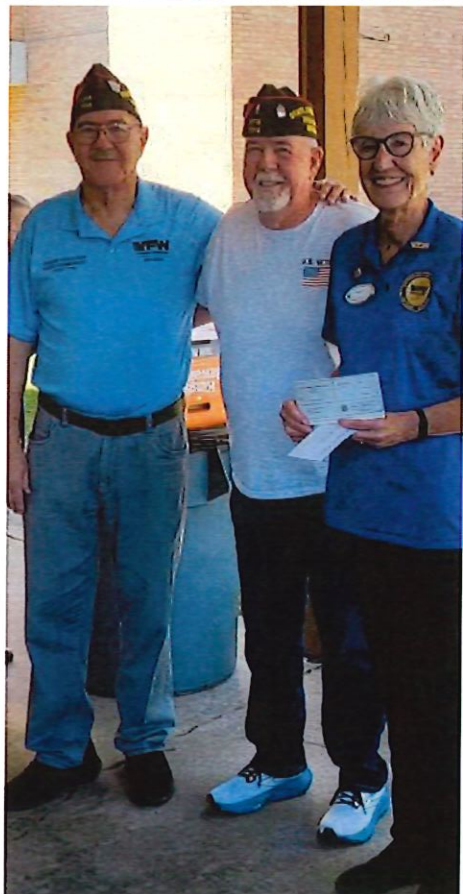
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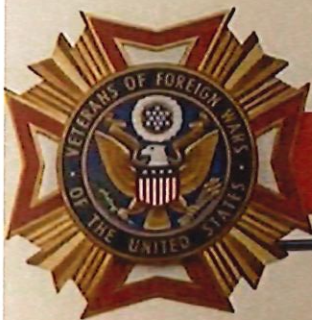
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OHIO ❖ SOUTH DAKOTA ❖ WISCONSIN ❖ ILLINOIS ❖ INDIANA



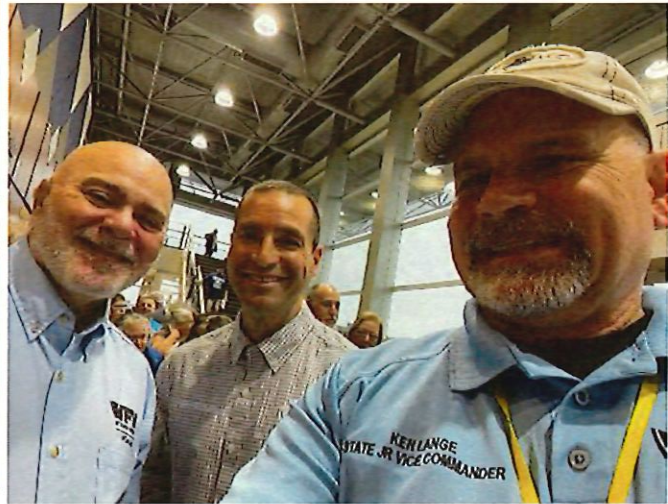
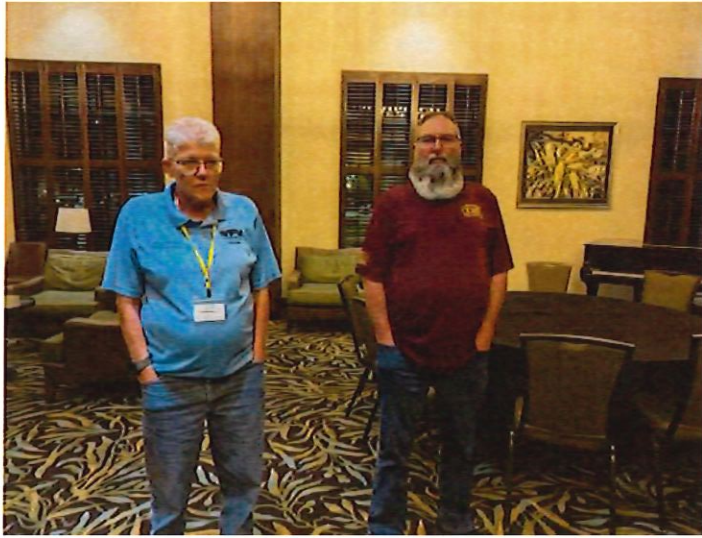
October 17-18, 2025

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Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center
& Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, Iowa

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