

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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GENERAL ORDERS #5

1 November 2018  
2018-19 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. Annual members are reminded that dues expire on the last day their anniversary month. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary date to avoid a lapse in continuous membership.
2. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason failing to pay current dues by their anniversary date, shall be removed from office and forfeit eligibility to hold any office for the remainder of the administrative year.
3. Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been changed to a 12-month dues structure that started July 1, 2018. The changes to subscription dues to a "DMV" model now allows anyone who becomes a member or renews membership after July 1, 2018, to postpone expiration until the last day of their 12th month. For example, if a new member joins or an existing member renews on July 5, 2018, their dues now expire on July 31, 2019. The annual membership card (effective July 1, 2018) reflects the month and year dues expire.

Current members that are in good standing as of July 1, 2018, have been extended in OMS through the last day of the month when their dues are scheduled to expire. Regardless of the month they renewed, as long as they were in good standing as of July 1, 2018, they now have until the end of the expiration month to renew their dues.

Members that are in good standing but have not renewed for the 2018/19 membership year will see the changes on their digital ID card reflecting the updated month and year when their dues expire. They will have the option to request an updated annual membership card with the change reflecting the expiration month and year.

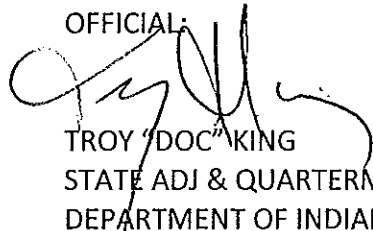
The purpose of the changes to subscription dues to a "DMV" model was to streamline the process for both the Post and Department Quartermasters to track expiring annual members. No longer will Posts and Departments have to chase annual members' dues on a daily basis; instead they can see a block of members during a specific month (one, two and three months out), allowing them to formulate a plan to collect dues at one time. This also makes it easier for the Department/District/Post Sergeant-at-Arms to quickly see if a member is in good standing prior to a meeting.

4. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Trustees." Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends December 31, 2018. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager, Bingo Chairman and VFW Riders Groups. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster and Adjutant records.
5. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department Bylaws and directives. District and Department Inspectors to include Assistant Inspectors shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.
6. Recent changes to the VFW National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Newly revised *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local book stores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.
7. The VFW Department of Indiana does have a telephone telemarketer. If you receive a call and are unsure that the solicitation is legit please call State Headquarters.
8. State HQ will be closed 22 & 23 November to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.
9. Posts and Districts on a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year should file the proper federal (990) and state tax forms not later than 15 November 2017.
10. Post Quartermasters are referred to IRS Publication 3386, Tax Guide Veterans Organizations, for information and help completing 990 forms etc.
11. Commanders at all levels are directed to Section 1001 (25.) of the National Manual of Procedure that states: The presence, dispensation, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in VFW meeting rooms during VFW meetings is unacceptable and is prohibited.
12. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.

BY ORDER OF:

ERIC BILLMAN  
STATE COMMANDER  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:

  
TROY "DOC" KING  
STATE ADJ & QUARTERMASTER  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 November 2018

1. Congratulations to **Harold Wishon Jr. from Post 1987 Columbus, 9th District** winner of first Early Dues Payment Award of \$100.00. Next Drawing will be after November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
2. Keep an eye out for the next issue of the Combat Vet. Will soon be posted online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). Click on the Combat Vet link on the left.
3. The Fall Conference came and ended in a great success. This year we invited several vendors to spend the day with us. Humana, Vietnam Veterans Store, Walgreen's, and Lancaster Gaming to name a few. **Please contact Mackenzie by email at [mackenziefv@outlook.com](mailto:mackenziefv@outlook.com)** and let her know how you liked having vendors and if you have any suggestions for future events.
4. **Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence has laid down another challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of November 2018!** We had fantastic results from the October Challenge. In honor of our nation's Thanksgiving holiday and the spirit of comradeship, the Commander-in-Chief has instituted a challenge to all Posts to bring in new and reinstated members for the month of November. At close of business on November 30, the Post in each membership division that shows the highest increase in new and reinstated percentage (the N/R% column in Memstats) for the month of November (comparing 11/1 to 11/30) will receive an award of \$500 to be deposited directly into their Post fund to be used as needed for the Post. To check on your status at any time, login to OMS and click on Commander Challenge under the Reporting Tab. It's time to focus on recruiting and retention; let's MAKE IT HAPPEN!
5. **Make Sure Your Voice is Heard on Nov. 6.** The VFW encourages all its members and supporters to get involved with the upcoming elections. With continued threat of sequestration, deficit reduction, and budget cuts that affect veterans, the military, and their families, it is important to support members of Congress who support us. Ways to get involved may include: registering to vote and encouraging others to register; setting up or volunteering at voter registration drives; hosting or attending town hall meetings or candidate forums and bringing up VFW priorities; helping the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth on Election Day; and voting on Nov. 6.
6. **WALGREENS NO-COST FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE** - Be prepared for the upcoming cold and flu season! Now through March 31, 2019, all VA-enrolled veterans are eligible for free annual flu shots at their local Walgreens or Duane Reade pharmacy. While this immunization program is limited to VA patients, Walgreens offers flu shots to most VFW members and their families through other coverage programs, such as TRICARE, Medicare and many health care plans.
7. **VFW FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT** - The VFW Foundation Community Support Grant is open. Qualified Posts and/or Auxiliaries may receive grants of up to \$1,000 to support local nonprofits or important outreach projects in their communities. New to the grant this year, an applicant may be eligible to receive up to \$500 in additional funding by organizing a community service project that involves a local branch or affiliate of a VFW national corporate supporter (e.g. Burger King, Sport Clips, Walgreens, Humana, Ace Hardware, etc.). To view application guidelines or to apply for the VFW Foundation Community Support Grant, please visit [www.vfw.org/grants](http://www.vfw.org/grants).

8. **SPECIAL OFFER FROM HENRY REPEATING ARMS** - Now through December 31, 2018, purchase any Henry firearm from an authorized Henry dealer and you are eligible for a \$25 gift certificate good for any purchase at the VFW Store. Visit [www.vfw.org/henry](http://www.vfw.org/henry), complete the online form (including VFW/Auxiliary member number, name, and contact information), and upload a photo or scanned copy of the receipt for your Henry firearm purchase. Your VFW Store gift certificate will be sent to you via the US Postal Service within 10 business days of submitting the completed form. To find an authorized Henry Repeating Arms dealer near you, visit [www.henryusa.com/store-locator/](http://www.henryusa.com/store-locator/).
9. **VFW SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRAM** - This program was put in place to recognize VFW units for creating and completing unique and extraordinary community service projects. Record book entry nominations that are found to be complete and well-substantiated should be endorsed by the Department Adjutant or VFW Department Community Activities Chairman and forwarded to National Programs Department. Deadline for entries is April 30 of each year. Every Post Special Project receiving the Award of Excellence in the May judging will be entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Competition. Complete information can be found in the 2018-19 VFW Community Activities and Citizenship Education Chairman's Manual.
10. **Post 1431 Mountain Oyster/Catfish Fry** November 9<sup>th</sup> and **Vietnam Veterans Dinner** November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached flyers.
11. **The Indiana Veterans' Home Veterans Day Program** will begin at 2:30pm on Sunday, November 11, 2018. This event is open to the public and will be held in the MacArthur Auditorium on the IVH grounds. Purdue ROTC, local Boy Scout troupes, and more host a sunset salute and candlelit tour through the Indiana Veterans' Home cemetery.
12. **Zionsville Concert Band and the Castlewood Singers** – will be performing a free concert (no tickets required) on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Indianapolis Arts Garden at Circle Center Mall. This program will feature music associated with Veterans Day.
13. **2017 Indiana Military Appreciation Day and Information Fair** will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Lawrence Readiness Training Center, 9920 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis. (Old Fort Benjamin Harrison next to the Exchange). Call Ron Martin at 317-709-2567 for more info.
14. November 4<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time (turn clock back one hour)
15. November 6<sup>th</sup> Election Day
16. November 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)
17. November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day / Signing of WWI Armistice (1918)
18. November 21<sup>st</sup> Grenada Campaign Ended (1983)
19. November 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Day

Greetings Comrades,

Hopefully this message doesn't find you in a sugar rush from an overconsumption of Halloween candy. As I look out my window and see the leaves changing colors and watch as every leaf in the neighborhood somehow ends up in my yard, I am reminded that we are coming up on deadlines for our programs. These programs are vital to not only engage with your community and the youth, but an opportunity for these programs to be a life changing event for a local student. Please make sure that packets are complete at the time of submission so as to leave time for the student to correct anything missing or incorrect.

Indiana is currently 39<sup>th</sup> in Membership and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Big 10 at 83.18%. We need just over 5,300 members to reach 100%. We already have 4 posts at or above 100%. Posts 1421, 1587, 8147, and Post 2151 at 113.58%! We also have 23 posts within the department that need 10 members or less to reach 100%. As of October 30<sup>th</sup>, Indiana is 460 members behind where we were last year at this time. Two weeks earlier, we were 357 members behind. We are going in the wrong direction. Please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Team or National HQ if you need any assistance. I will be in touch soon as I will be putting together a membership roundup in your districts in the near future.

There are several events happening in November to keep in mind. Just in case you haven't heard, there is an election coming up shortly. If you haven't already voted, be sure to get out to vote. When do you go to vote, be sure to wear your VFW cover, or hat, or something to remind the candidates both that you are a Veteran and that Veterans vote. No matter what political party you belong to or who you vote for, the important part is that you get out and vote. Please do the same for any Veterans Day activity you may be participating in this year. Wear your cover proudly as you have earned the title of Veteran. If you are travelling for either Veterans Day or Thanksgiving festivities, please take your time and travel safely.

November is Men's Health Awareness month. There are a growing number of websites, information, and activities people participate in to bring awareness of men's health issues. Prostate and testicular cancer, mental health issues, and suicide are all issues being faced today by men and need to be discussed and addressed. If you know of someone facing one of these issues, see if you are able to help them in any way. If YOU are facing one of these issues, seek help or take a moment to reach out to talk with someone. This year I will again be participating in November, so since I usually have a moustache, you will be seeing me without one for a few days/weeks. But simply by shaving it off, it starts the conversations on why I shaved and explaining the importance of the month.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Fall Conference. Hopefully, you learned something from the Department of Indiana, our Jr Vice Commander in Chief Hal Roesch, Membership Director Rick Butler, and/or our various visitors. I know we crammed quite a bit of information into a short amount of time, but I want to say thank you for everyone that participated. I would also like to thank everyone that attended the evening mixer. I know that it was a bit of a change, but hopefully it was enjoyable. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated, both positive and negative. Please be aware that the change was my suggestion, so IF there is any negative feedback, please direct that to me.

Thank you for all you do on a day in day out basis for the VFW. Veterans Sticking Together is what we do. Do not hesitate to reach out to your Post Commander, your District Commander, or your Department line officers if you need assistance. Thank you again for all you do for our Veterans and for the Department of Indiana and for the VFW.

In Comradeship

Eric Billman

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31 October 2018

TO: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018

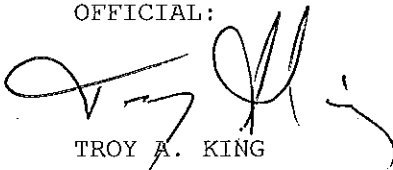
District Meetings are scheduled as follows. Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please contact Troy "Doc" King, State Adjutant & Quartermaster. 317.377.1795 or [tkingvfwqm@att.net](mailto:tkingvfwqm@att.net).

DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING	DEPT. REP
ONE	11/18	1200	Post 6841 Lowell	Dick Lineberry
TWO	11/18	1400E	Post 3790 Logansport	David Capshaw
THREE	11/04	1300E	Post 1130 LaPorte	Eric Billman
FOUR	11/17	1500	Post 10006 Ft. Wayne	Eric Billman
FIVE	11/17	1600	Post 7081 Dunkirk	Mike Sims
SIX	11/18	1100	Post 6246 Noblesville	Eric Billman
SEVEN	11/18	1030	Post 3321 Washington	Troy "Doc" King
EIGHT	11/18	0900 Cent.	Post 1114 Evansville	Jerry Blake
NINE	11/18	1330	Post 3183 Batesville	Mike Sims
TEN	11/18	1330	Post 6904 Fortville	Dick Lineberry
ELEVEN	11/17	1030	Post 1120 Indianapolis	David Capshaw

BY ORDER OF:

ERIC BILLMAN  
STATE COMMANDER

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TROY A. KING  
STATE ADJUTANT

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2018-19	AUDIT REP	SHTG DUE	QM BOND	POPPIES	ADM FEE	DEL FEE	18 ELECTION
	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 1	J		X				X
717			X	X			X
802	JS		X				X
1109	J	\$250.25		X			X
1563		\$52.00					X
2151	JS		X	X			X
2697							X
2724	JS	\$6.00	X				X
5365	J		X	X			X
6448			X	X			X
6841	J		X	X			X
7881	JS		X	X			X
9323							X
9982	JS		X	X			X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 2	J		X				X
748	J	\$47.00					X
988	J		X				X
1106	J	\$19.00	X				X
1121	JS		X	X			X
1126			X				X
1154	JS		X				X
1279	JS	\$8.00		X			X
1343			X	X			X
1728	JS		X	X			X
2231	JS		X				X
2511	J		X				X
3790	JS		X	X			X
7760	JS		X	X			X
9383	JS		X	X			X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 3	J		X				X
88	J	\$2.00	X				X
360	JS		X	X			X
985	J			X			X
1130	J						X
1162	JS	\$12.00	X	X			X
1954	J		X	X			X
2536	J			X			X
6919	JS		X	X			X
8972	JS		X	X			X
9423	J						X
9820	J		X	X			X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 4							
			X				X
857	JS	\$47.00	X				X
1421	J	\$47.00		X			
1892	JS		X	X			X
2457	J		X	X			X
2749	JS			X			X
3846	J			X			X
4717	J	\$10.00	X				X
5582	JS		X	X			X
6236	JS		X	X			X
6751	J		X				X
7205	JS		X				X
10006							X
11314	JS		X				X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 5							
60	J		X				X
266	J		X				X
286	JS		X	X			X
1110	JS		X				X
1152	JS		X	X			X
2067	JS		X	X			X
2689			X	X			X
5782	JS		X	X			X
7081	JS	\$16.50	X	X			X
7403	JS		X				X

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2018-19	AUDIT REP HAVE	SHTG DUE OWED	QM BOND HAVE	POPPIES ORDERED	ADM FEE DUE	DEL FEE Due	18ELECTION REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 6							
910							X
972	S						X
1431	J		X	X			X
1550		\$37.90	X				X
1752	JS		X	X			X
2395	S		X				X
3284	J		X				X
3318							X
6128	JS		X				X
6246	JS		X				X
6574							X
6653							X
8756	JS		X	X			X
10003	J			X			X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 7	J		X				X
604							X
1111	J			X			X
1127	JS		X	X			X
1157	JS		X	X			X
1257				X			X
1405	J		X	X			X
2459	J	\$3.00	X	X			X
2714	JS		X	X			X
3321		\$16.00					X
5864	JS		X	X			X
6606	JS			X			X
6978	JS		X	X			X
7117	J		X				X
7118							X
7850	J		X	X			X
8589	JS		X	X			X
9297			X				X
9395	JS						X
9627	JS		X	X			X
12153							X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 8	JS		X				X
673	JS		X				X
1114	JS		X	X			X
1427	JS		X	X			X
1693			X	X			X
1832	JS		X	X			X
2366	J	\$30.00	X				X
2939	JS		X	X			X
2950	JS		X				X
2953		\$55.00					X
3281	J		X				X
3418	J		X				X
3587	JS			X			X
6160	JS		X	X			X
11365	JS		X				X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 9							
1083							X
1686	S		X	X			X
1925	JS	\$32.00		X			X
1969				X			X
1987	J		X	X			X
2014	J		X				X
2021			X				X
3183	JS		X	X			X
5312			X				X
5396	JS		X	X			X
6195	JS		X	X			X
6234	JS			X			X
6582				X			X
6636	JS		X	X			X
8302	JS		X				X
9107	JS	\$5.00	X	X			X
9987	S		X				X

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DISTRICT 10	J		X				X
571	JS		X	X			X
1108	JS		X	X			X
1282	J			X			X
1472	JS			X			X
2693	JS		X	X			X
2695	JS		X	X			X
6904	JS		X	X			X
7084	JS		X	X			X

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	HAVE	OWED	HAVE	ORDERED	DUE	Due	REPT RECEIVED
DISTRICT 11	J		X				X
98	JS		X	X			X
261	JS		X	X			X
908	J		X	X			X
1120	Js		X	X			X
1587	JS		X	X			X
2839	JS		X	X			X
2999	JS		X	X			X
5626	JS		X	X			X
7119	J		X				X

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BRIAN BOWMAN VIEW POST 1431  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN

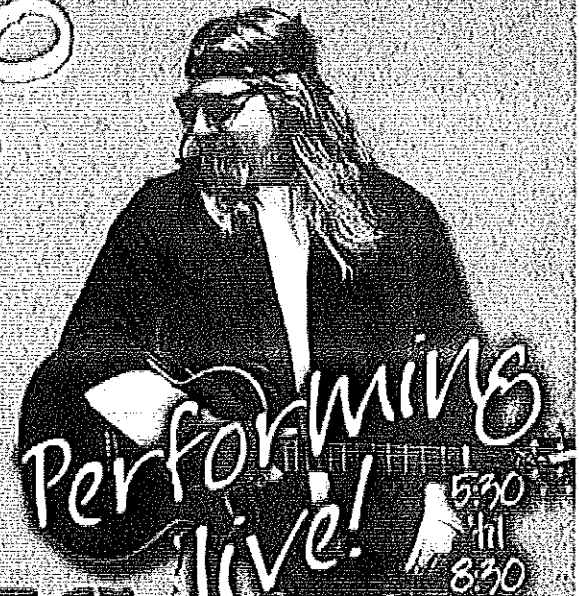
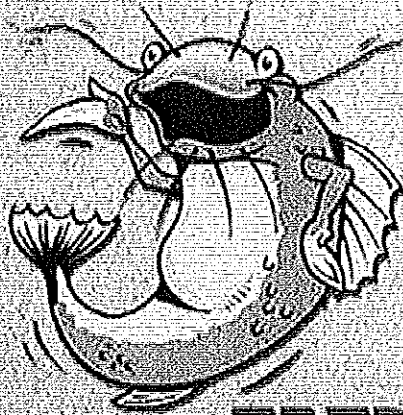


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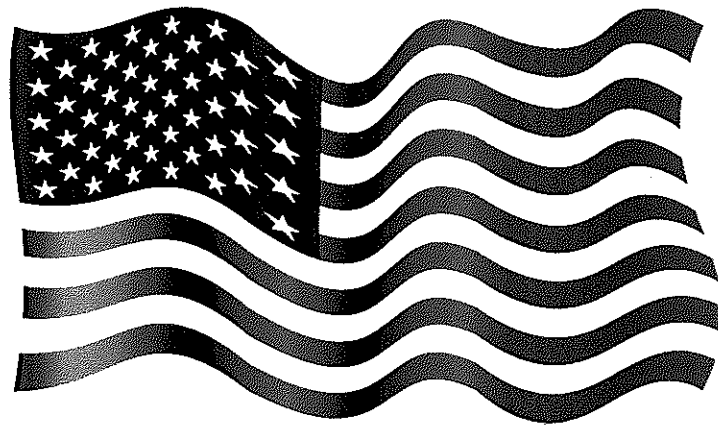


Pets and Vets are each brave  
and heroic in their own  
right. No doubt, the rescue  
goes both ways.



- Megan Morrell  
Program Co-Founder

# VETERANS DAY CONCERT



Featuring patriotic music by the

**Zionsville Concert Band**

and the

**Castlewood Singers**

Indianapolis Artsgarden  
Circle Center Mall  
Saturday, November 10, 2018  
1:00 p.m.

Free admission, no tickets required

MUST RSVP



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## Vietnam Veterans Dinner

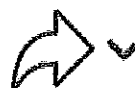
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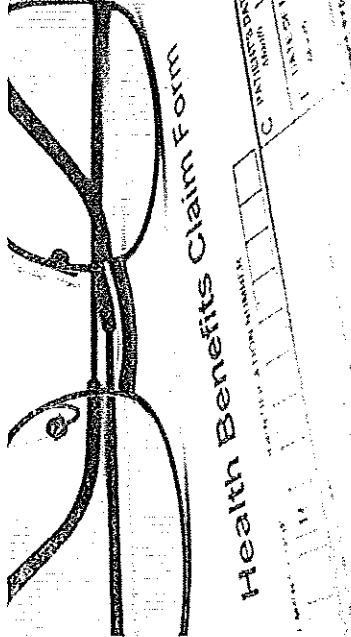
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- » You may submit your claim over the phone by calling (800) 360-8387:
  - \* Fort Wayne ext. 71559
  - \* Marion, ext. 73283
- » You can also submit your claim by fax to:
  - \* Fort Wayne: (260) 420-1093
  - \* Marion: (765) 677-3118
- » When faxing in documents related to your claim, please do not send originals
- » Create a copy of your receipt or bill and place your full name, date of birth, and date of your appointment on the copy
- » You may also use the BT claim form 10-3542d online at <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-3542-fill.pdf>
- » You may also submit these documents in person
- » You have 30 days from the date of travel to submit your claim

## VA NORTHERN INDIANA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

[www.northernindiana.va.gov](http://www.northernindiana.va.gov)

1 (800) 360-8387

**Fort Wayne Campus**  
2121 Lake Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**Marion Campus**  
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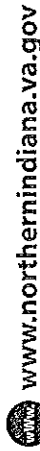
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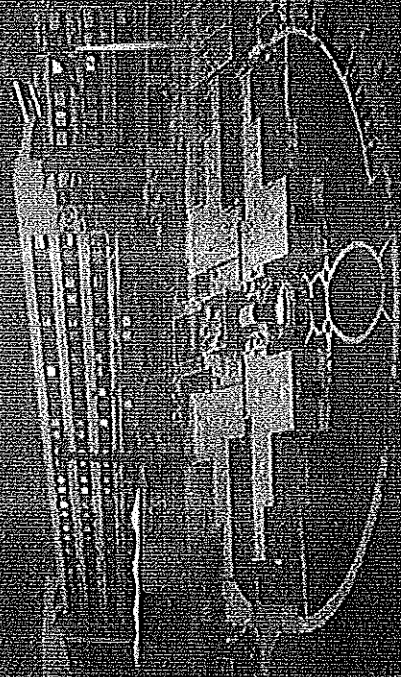
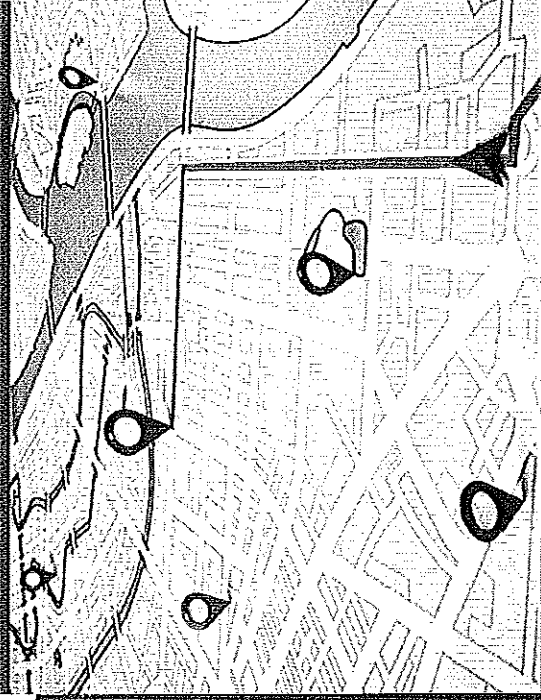
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# BENEFICIARY TRAVEL BENEFITS OVERVIEW





## Beneficiary Travel

The Beneficiary Travel (BT) program provides eligible Veterans and other beneficiaries mileage reimbursement, common carrier (plane, train, bus, taxi, light rail etc.), or when medically indicated, "special mode" (ambulance, wheelchair van) transport for travel to and from VA health care, or VA authorized non-VA healthcare for which the Veteran is eligible.

### Beneficiary Travel Eligibility:

To qualify for beneficiary travel reimbursement, you must meet one or more of the following:

- » A service connected rating of 30% or more, or
- » Traveling for treatment of any SC condition, or
- » Receive a VA pension, or
- » Income is below the
- » Maximum annual VA pension rate, or
- » Traveling for a scheduled Compensation and Pension claim.



### General Travel:

- » \$0.415 (41.5 cents) per mile.
- » Scheduled appointments qualify for round-trip mileage.
- » Unscheduled visits (Walk-ins) may be limited to return mileage only.
- » If carpooling with other Veterans to your appointment, only one person in the vehicle will be eligible for BT reimbursement. Typically, the driver that incurred the costs.
- » If using Veteran Transportation Service (VTS), Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN), or any other VA funded transportation service, then you are not eligible for BT reimbursement.

### Common Carrier and Special Mode:

- » A common carrier is any transportation service that is open to the public, i.e. trains, taxis, and buses that do not require any special accommodations for use.
- » If you are eligible for beneficiary travel and use a common carrier to reach your VA funded appointment, then you may be eligible for a reimbursement for the cost of the transportation.
- » If you are unable to transport via a common carrier due to your medical conditions, you may qualify for a special mode of transport. Talk to your Primary Care Provider to see if you qualify for a Special Mode Transportation Consult.
- » Submitting a claim for BT reimbursement is quick and easy.



### Local Common Carriers

Below is a listing of common carriers providing transportation services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### Fort Wayne:

- » Deluxe Taxi Co: (260) 426-8555
- » Ben's Economy Taxi: (260) 440-4999
- » 1ST Class Taxi: (260) 387-9193
- » 5 Star Taxi: (260) 444-9246
- » Summit City Taxi: (260) 418-8741
- » Yellow Taxi: (260) 422-1010
- » A-1 Limousine & Taxi: (260) 478-9910
- » ABLE: (765) 664-9011

#### Marion:

- » Safeway Taxi Service: (765) 662-2555

### Have Questions?

VTS Office: ext. 74485  
SMT Office: ext. 75094  
Mileage Payments: ext. 73823

### Comments or Concerns?

ext. 75189



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# 8 NOV 2018

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