

Office of Senator Mike Braun

Update to Veterans, 117th Congress



A Letter to Hoosier Veterans from Senator Braun:

Dear Hoosier Veterans,

It's an honor to serve Hoosier Veterans and their families in the United States Senate. Indiana is a state of patriots and there are over 300,000 veterans that call the Hoosier state home.



My father was a World War II Veteran, and I never forgot the lesson he impressed upon me of honoring those who have served our country. Our Veterans put their lives on the line to protect everything we hold dear, and they deserve the absolute best we can provide. As I work to make our government more effective and efficient, I will fight to ensure Hoosier Veterans get access to the resources they need and deserve. We owe it to you.

This brochure will tell you more about the work that my office and I have accomplished on behalf of Hoosier veterans.

Here are some of the highlights:

- ★ Since being sworn into office in January 2019, my office has handled over 1,500 pieces of casework for Hoosier Veterans.
- ★ I've sponsored or cosponsored 6 bills that became law for American veterans.
- ★ I've saved Hoosier Veterans \$527,370.
- ★ In 2021, my office launched regular "Veteran Days" events across the state to provide in-person resources for local veterans.

I will never stop fighting for Hoosier Veterans in Washington. Thank you, Veterans, and active servicemembers. We will never forget your service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation and freedom.

God bless,

Mike Braun

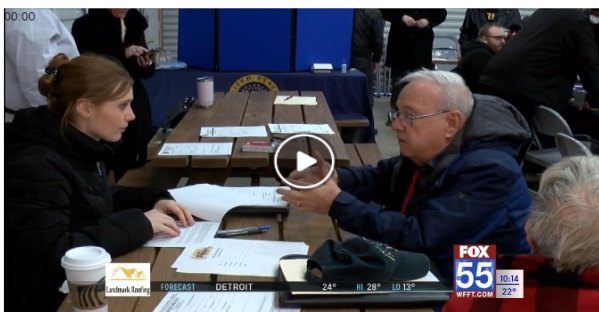
MIKE BRAUN

United States Senator



Veteran Days

Fort Wayne veterans learn of new VA benefits



U.S. Sen. Mike Braun's office invited local veterans, active military members and their families to the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum today to help explain their benefits.

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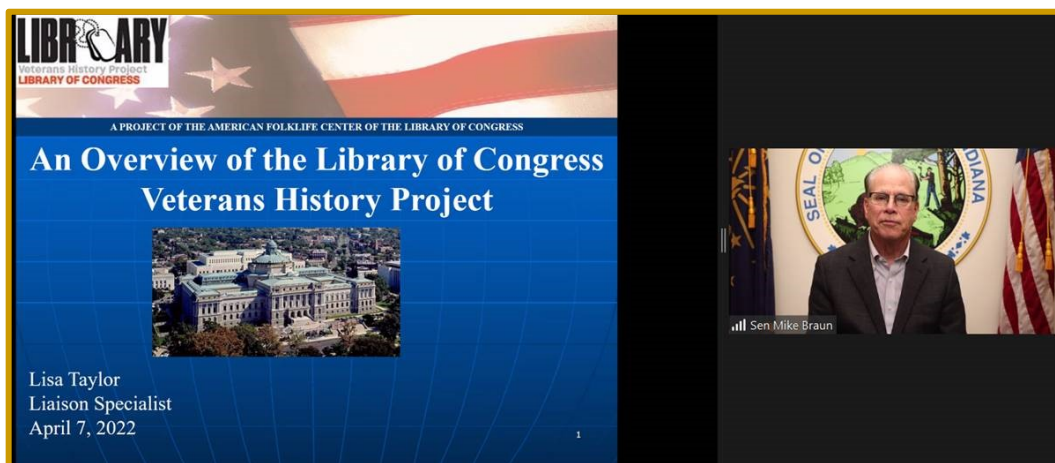
The Office of U.S. Sen. Mike Braun started a new program in 2021, called “*Veteran Days*,” that provides an opportunity for Veterans, Active Duty Military, Members of the National Guard, and their family members to meet with staff to discuss any federal policy concerns and also to start a Congressional Inquiry with our office for issues with a federal agency. Many Veterans have taken advantage of this when seeking assistance with the Department of Veteran Affairs, Defense Finance Accounting Services, National Personnel Records Center, various military branches, IRS, Social Security among other federal agencies. Many of these federal agencies have been present at the “*Veteran Days*,” so that attendees can communicate directly with federal, state, and local agencies that assist the Veteran and military community and learn of new benefits that may be available to them. These events have been held at the [Indiana Veterans Center \(Indianapolis November 2021\)](#), [Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum \(Fort Wayne-January 2022\)](#), a joint event with Senator Todd Young and Congressman Larry Bucshon was held at the [Evansville Wartime Museum \(Evansville-April 2022\)](#), an event with Senator Todd Young at the Ivy Tech Lake County (Crown Point – 2022), Indiana National Guard Armory (South Bend – September 2022), and Indiana Veterans Home (West Lafayette – November 2022).



Please watch out for more of these Veteran events in the upcoming months posted on https://www.braun.senate.gov/veterans_resources.



Virtual Veteran Discussions

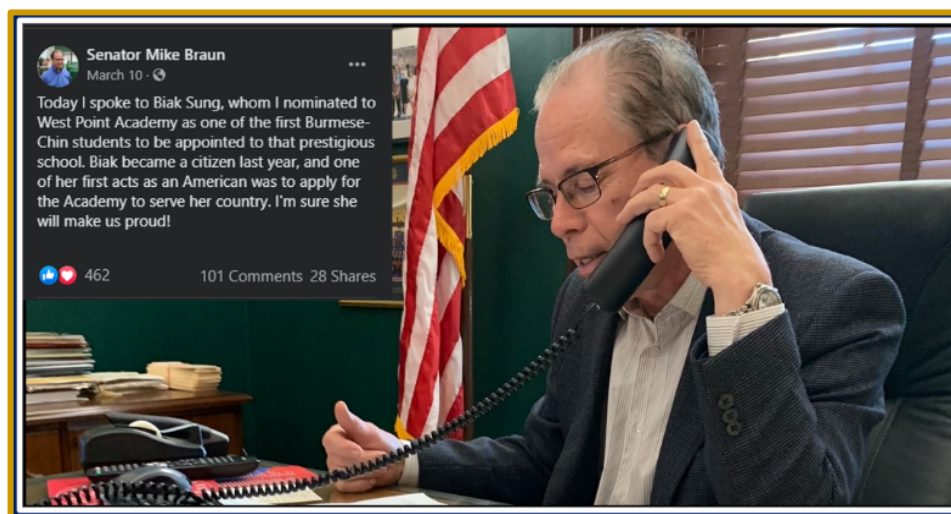


Senator Braun’s office has started holding “*Virtual Veteran Discussions*” with federal and state agencies that assist Veterans, military members, and their families. Much like Veteran Days, this is an opportunity to learn more about the programs available to assist them and their families, but in virtual form. Discussions have included conversations and presentations from the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, The Library of Congress—Veterans History Project, Indiana National Guard—Soldier and Family Readiness Centers, the National Cemetery Administration, and a Veterans and Agriculture event with the Farmer Veteran Coalition of Indiana, Indiana AgVets, Indiana AgrAbility.

Please watch out for these future events posted on https://www.braun.senate.gov/veterans_resources or contact our office for further information.

Service Academy Nominations and Service Academy Days

One of the great honors of being a U.S. Senator is the ability to nominate young people to the United States Military Academy (West Point), United States Naval Academy (Annapolis), U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs), and United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point). This is a rigorous process, and so my office holds Service Academy Days to help educate interested young people and to provide an opportunity for these young people and their family members to talk directly with representation from the Service Academies. If you have more questions about the process of applying, please contact my office by calling my office or by e-mailing at nominations@braun.senate.gov.



Honor Flights

The Honor Flight Network is a national network serving Veterans who served from World War II to the Korean War and Vietnam War with an all-expenses paid trip to the memorials in Washington, D.C. I am honored to visit with Hoosier Veterans to personally thank them for their service at our national memorials built to their courage and sacrifice. This time with Hoosier Veterans allows me to discuss issues at the forefront of our Veterans' minds.




Legislation

Caring for Hoosier Veterans is at the front of my agenda in Washington, and that's why I'm pleased to be a part of many legislative proposals that prioritize the care of Veterans and recognize their service. The biggest accomplishment of the 117th Congress for many Veterans is enactment of the *Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2021*, which became [Public Law No: 117-168](#) on August 10, 2022. I am proud to have supported the PACT Act because I believe in America's promise to ensure access to quality healthcare for those who have sacrificed the most. I stood with twelve of my colleagues and pledged against the *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2023* unless the COVID-19 vaccination mandate on all active and reserve component service members and ended service member separations for failure to take the COVID-19 vaccine. I am pleased that this action led to the rescission of the vaccine mandate. Nevertheless, I will continue to work in the 118th Congress for all 3,400 troops who were discharged due to COVID vaccine objections to be reinstated with back pay.

I am also proud that the legislation I sponsored, *the Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act of 2021*, and cosponsored, *the DUMP Opioids Act*, successfully became law as well. These accomplishments are necessary to improve our Veterans' care and transition to civilian life. Still, I believe that further progress is needed. For example, I have introduced legislation to enhance the quality of healthcare for children of herbicide-exposed Veterans in the VA Spina Bifida program. Below, you can find further information on my initiatives to advance Veteran care and honor those Americans willing to stand up and defend our county.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION:

- ★ ***Became Law!*** Senator Braun introduced [S.894](#), the *Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act of 2021*. This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to consult with the Department of Defense to identify members of the Armed Forces in health care occupations who are separating from the Armed Forces and require the VA to refer interested members to a recruiter for consideration of open positions in the member's specialty and geography of interest. Senator Braun's bill became [Public Law No: 117-67](#) on November 30, 2021.
- ★ [S.3372](#), a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam Veterans born with Spina bifida, and for other purposes. At my request, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General reported serious problems with the administration of the Spina Bifida program in their 2021 report



VA Needs Better Internal Communication and Data Sharing
to Strengthen the Administration of Spina Bifida Benefits

Executive Summary

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) reviewed key aspects of VA's spina bifida program in response to wide-ranging concerns raised by Senator Michael K. Braun and by Vietnam Veterans of America. The concerns were about whether eligible individuals are receiving the compensation, health care, home services, and other related benefits to which they are entitled.¹ Regular monthly payments under this small but critical program serving more than 1,000 beneficiaries with disabilities exceeded \$20.8 million in 2019, and medical reimbursements topped \$45 million.

Spina bifida is a birth defect that occurs when a fetus's spine and spinal cord do not form properly. An individual with spina bifida may suffer from nerve damage, paralysis, and bowel or bladder problems.² Children born with spina bifida may receive benefits from VA if one of their biological parents is a veteran presumed to have been exposed to herbicides during the Vietnam War.³ Benefits can include monthly payments, vocational training and rehabilitation, and health care with services such as home care and case management.⁴

The spina bifida program is jointly managed. The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) determines eligibility for benefits and issues monthly payments. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) covers all medically necessary health care, which includes all medical services and supplies, not just those related to spina bifida. The OIG assessed how effectively VBA and VHA carried out their respective responsibilities in managing the spina bifida program.

What the Review Found

The OIG found VBA staff generally made accurate decisions on spina bifida benefits claims. However, spina bifida program offices in VBA and VHA did not adequately communicate or share data, contributing to improper payments being sent to beneficiaries after their deaths and delays in new beneficiaries being enrolled in health care. Further, because VA did not consistently and accurately reach out and communicate with eligible and enrolled beneficiaries,

(included below), including payments to deceased beneficiaries and significant numbers of participants not receiving all the benefits for which they are eligible. Following the VAOIG report, the Spina Bifida program has proposed major changes to address key issues in the report. This bill would codify those changes to ensure the VA follows through and these beneficiaries get the care and benefits awarded to them by law. Introduced on December 9, 2021. A hearing was held on this bill on July 13, 2022.

- ★ [S.1711](#), a bill to authorize the posthumous honorary promotion to general of Lieutenant General Frank Maxwell Andrews, United States Army. Introduced on May 19, 2021.
- ★ [S.1713](#), a bill to authorize the honorary promotion of Master Sergeant Harold B. Pharis, United States Army (retired), to Sergeant Major. Introduced on May 19, 2021.
- ★ [S.3261](#), a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain emblems on headstones and markers furnished for Veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. This bill would allow for a variety of emblems on veteran headstones to best represent the veteran. Introduced on November 18, 2021.

Proudly Cosponsored

- ★ ***Became Law!*** [S.957](#), the *DUMP Opioids Act*, was introduced by Senator Kennedy (R-LA). This bill requires the VA to designate periods during which any individual may dispose of controlled substances medications at VA medical facilities with an on-site pharmacy or a physical location dedicated for law enforcement purposes and authorizes the VA to carry out public information campaigns regarding the designated disposal periods. This bill became [Public Law No 117-29](#) on July 29, 2021.
- ★ [S.1520](#), the *Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act of 2021*, was introduced by Senator Gillibrand (D-NY) on April 29, 2021. This bill would amend the method in which the military prosecutes crimes of sexual assault by moving the prosecution decision from the chain of command to independent military prosecutors and by providing better training for commanders. This bill was included as a provision to the *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023*, which became [Public Law 117-263](#) on December 23, 2022.
- ★ [S.657](#), a bill to modify the presumption of service connection for Veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes, was introduced by Senator Boozman (R-AR). This bill requires the VA to ensure that if it creates a presumption of service-connection between the occurrence of a disease and exposure to an herbicide agent while serving in Thailand during Vietnam that it must apply to any military base in Thailand, despite the location or job specialty the veteran performed. This bill was included in the Veterans' Affairs Committee *Honoring our PACT Act of 2022*, which became [Public Law 117-168](#) on August 10, 2022.
- ★ [S.539](#), a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of video cameras for patient safety and law enforcement at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, was introduced by Senator Capito (R-WV) on March 02, 2021. This bill requires the VA to report on its policies and procedures relating to the usage and maintenance of video cameras for patient safety and law enforcement at VA medical centers. A hearing was held on this bill on June 23, 2021.
- ★ [S.1084](#), *Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act of 2021*, was introduced by Senator Lee (R-UT) on April 13, 2021. This bill would amend the Service members Civil Relief Act to provide for the portability of professional licenses of members of the uniformed services and their spouses, making it easier on military families when relocated.

- ★ [S.781](#), *Elaine M. Checketts Military Family Act of 2021*, was introduced by Senator Cornyn (R-TX) on March 16, 2021. This bill would direct the DOD to amend regulations to provide that approved parental leave shall not terminate upon the death of the child for whom the leave is taken.
- ★ [S.2794](#), *Supporting Families of the Fallen Act*, was introduced by Senator Tuberville (R-AL). This bill would increase automatic maximum coverage under the Service members' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs. Advanced out of the Veterans' Affairs Committee on December 15, 2021. This bill became [Public Law 117-209](#) on October 17, 2022.
- ★ [S.2842](#), the *Respecting Our Service Members Act*, was introduced by Senator Lee (R-UT) on September 23, 2021. This bill would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from implementing COVID-19 vaccine mandates.
- ★ [S.2161](#), the *Retain Skilled Veterans Act*, was introduced by Senator Lankford on June 22, 2021. This bill would remove the time restrictions for retired Armed Forces members applying to positions in the Department of Defense below the GS-14 level.
- ★ [S.1669](#), the *Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act*, was introduced by Senator Portman (R-OH) on May 18, 2021. This bill would forgive or offset any overpayment of retired pay paid to a joint account for a period of time after the death of the Veteran.
- ★ [S.1936](#), the *GI Bill Emergency Extended Deadline Act of 2021*, was introduced by Senator Booker (D-NJ). This bill would provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of educational assistance programs in the case of schools closures due to emergency situations. The bill advanced out of the Veterans' Affairs Committee on December 15, 2021.
- ★ [S.1935](#), the *VR&E NEED Act of 2021*, was introduced by Senator Booker (D-NJ) on May 27, 2021. This bill would provide an extension of the eligibility period for training and rehabilitation programs for Veterans with service-connected disabilities in the case of school closures due to emergency situations.
- ★ [S.3341](#), the *VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act of 2021*, was introduced by Senator Moran (R-KS) on December 8, 2021. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to report on the costs of its Electronic Health Record Modernization Program.
- ★ [S.3240](#), the *Free Veterans from Fees Act*, was introduced by Senator Rubio (R-FL). This bill would waive the application fee for a special use permit for a Veterans' event at a war memorial on National Park Service administered land. The bill advanced out of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 21, 2022.
- ★ [S. 4797](#), a bill to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the "Jackie Walorski VA Clinic," was introduced by Senator Young (R-IN) on September 7, 2022. The House companion became [Public Law 117-179](#) on September 30, 2022.
- ★ [S. 4816](#), the *Access for Veterans to Records Act of 2022*, was introduced by Senator Ossoff (D-GA). This bill would direct the Office of the Archivist of the United States to submit to Congress a comprehensive plan for eliminating the backlog of request for records from the National Personnel Records Center. The bill advanced out of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on September 28, 2022.



- ★ [S. 4359](#), the *Senator Johnny Isakson VA Regional Office Act of 2022*, was introduced by Senator Ossoff (D-GA). This bill would rename the Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office in Georgia as the Senator Jonny Isakson Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office. The bill became [Public Law 117-227](#) on December 9, 2022.
- ★ [S. 3606](#), a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement to specify an effective period of transfer of Post-9/11 educational assistance to a dependent, and for other purposes, was introduced by Senator Tuberville (R-AL). The bill passed the Senate by Voice Vote on August 4, 2022.
- ★ [S. 3603](#), the *Veterans Health Care Freedom Act*, was introduced by Senator Blackburn (R-TN) on February 8, 2022. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement a three-year pilot program to improve Veterans' accessibility to free market healthcare by allowing Veterans to access primary, specialty, and mental health care outside of their designated Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) and at non-VA facilities.
- ★ [S. 3541](#), the *Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act*, was introduced by Senator Tester (D-MT). This bill would update the Department of Veterans Affairs policies related to health care and benefits for Veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances. Passed the Senate by Voice Vote on February 8, 2022.
- ★ [S. 3304](#), the *Patient Advocate Tracker Act*, was introduced by Senator Kennedy (R-LA) on December 2, 2021. This bill would require the Office of Patient Advocacy within the Veterans Health Administration to establish an online system that allows Veterans or their representatives to electronically file a complaint with a patient advocate and review the status of a filed complaint.
- ★ [S. 1725](#), a bill to grant a Federal charter to the *National American Indian Veterans, incorporated*, was introduced by Senator Rounds (R-SD) on May 20, 2021. This bill passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on November 17, 2022.
- ★ [S. 4499](#), a bill to prohibit any requirement that a member o the *National Guard* receive a vaccination against *COVID-19*, was introduced by Senator Blackburn (R-TN) on July 11, 2022. This bill would prohibit federal funds from being used to require a member of the National Guard to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
- ★ [S. 4925](#), the *Preserving the Readiness of our Armed Forces Act of 2022*, was introduced by Senator Blackburn (R-TN) on September 22, 2022. This bill would preserve the readiness of the Armed Forces by limiting separations based on COVID-19 vaccination statues and continuing pay and benefits for members while religious and health accommodations are pending.
- ★ [S. 5089](#), the *GUARD VA BENEFITS Act*, was introduced by Senator Boozman (R-AR) on November 15, 2022. This bill would impose criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.



- ★ S. 5177, the *Defending Religious Accommodations for Military Members Act of 2022*, was introduced by Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) on December 1, 2022. This bill would require the GAO to conduct an audit of religious accommodations to ensure all applicable laws, policies and guidance are followed.

Congressional Gold Medals & Memorials

- ★ ***Became Law!*** [S.1404](#), the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act, introduced by Senator Markey (D-MA). This bill would recognize the service of the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Services Company, better known collectively as the "Ghost Army" in World War II by providing them with a Congressional Gold Medal. Passed the Senate on December 15, 2021, and became [Public Law No: 117-85](#) on February 1, 2022.
- ★ ***Became Law!*** [S.1872](#), the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act, introduced by Senator Ernst (R-IA). This bill would recognize the U.S. Army Rangers Veterans for their dedicated service during World War II by providing for the award of a Congressional Gold Medal. Passed the Senate on October 26, 2021, and became [Public Law 117-132](#) on June 7, 2022.
- ★ ***Became Law!*** [S.321](#), the "Six Triple Eight" Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021, introduced by Senator Moran (R-KS). This bill directs the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate to arrange for a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Battalion in recognition of their pioneering military service, devotion to duty, and contributions to increase the morale of personnel stationed in Europe during World War II. Passed the Senate on April 29, 2021, and became [Public Law 117-97](#) on March 14, 2022.
- ★ ***Became Law!*** [S.1814](#), a bill to authorize the Women Who Worked on the Home Front Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes, introduced by Senator Duckworth (D-IL). This bill authorizes a commemorative work for the women who worked on the home front during World War II. The foundation is solely responsible for the collection of funds to establish the work. Introduced on May 25, 2021.
- ★ ***Passed in the Senate!*** [S. 1596](#), the Greatest Generation Memorial Act, introduced by Senator Rounds (R-SD). This bill would direct the Department of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of National World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia. Passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on May 16, 2022.
- ★ [S.1134](#), the Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds Congressional Gold Medal Act, introduced by Senator Blackburn (R-TN). This bill would recognize the achievements and heroic action of Roddie Edmonds during World War II by providing him with a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal. Introduced on April 15, 2021.
- ★ [S.535](#), the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act, introduced by Senator Ernst (R-IA). This bill authorized the establishment of a National Global War on Terrorism Memorial in the area of the National Mall. Introduced on March 02, 2021. A hearing was held on this bill on June 23, 2021.

Resolutions Senator Braun Sponsored and Cosponsored

- ★ ***Agreed to in the Senate!*** [S.Res.284](#), a resolution recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the Indiana Veterans' Home. This resolution expresses the sense of the Senate that the Indiana Veterans' Home is an example of Hoosiers' dedication to their Veterans and should be recognized for 125 years of care to the Veterans of Indiana. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on June 24, 2021.
- ★ ***Agreed to in the Senate!*** [S.Res.354](#), a resolution celebrating the 100th Anniversary of military aviation in Indiana. This resolution recognizes the continued service of the Indiana Air National Guard, the Aviation Brigade of the Indiana Army National Guard, and the 434th Air Refueling Wing of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on August 11, 2021.
- ★ ***Agreed to in the Senate!*** [S.Res.238](#), A resolution recognizing and honoring the sacrifices and accomplishments of the Greatest Generation, introduced by Senator Tuberville (R-AL). This resolution recognizes the Greatest Generation for their service during World War II. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on July 12, 2021.

- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.267](#), A resolution designating June 12, 2021, as “Women Veterans Appreciation Day” introduced by Senator Booker (D-NJ). This resolution recognizes the service and sacrifices of women Veterans by designating June 12 as Women Veterans Day. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on October 19, 2021.
- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.376](#), A resolution designating the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week” introduced by Senator Hyde-Smith. This resolution recognizes the sacrifices made by Veterans’ and service-members’ families. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on September 21, 2021.
- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.289](#), Designating June 2021 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2021, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day,” introduced by Senator Sullivan (R-AK). This bill designates June 2021 as National PTSD Awareness Month and June 27, 2021 at National PTSD Awareness Day, and supports the efforts of the VA, DOD, and medical community to educate members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and the public about PTSD and remove the stigma surrounding the disease. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on July 14, 2021.
- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.443](#), A resolution establishing the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program for the Senate, and for other purposes, introduced by Senator Rounds (R-SD). This resolution establishes a fellowship for wounded or disabled Veterans to serve in the office of a Senator for 24-months. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on November 4, 2021.
- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.396](#), A resolution commemorating the centennial of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, introduced by Senator Moran (R-KS). This resolution commends the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on leading the commemoration of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on September 29, 2021.
- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.668](#), A resolution designating June 12, 2022, as “Women Veterans Appreciation Day,” introduced by Senator Booker (D-NJ). Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on June 23, 2022.
- ★ *Agreed to in the Senate!* [S.Res.744](#), a resolution recognizing the sailors and marines who gave their lives for ship and shipmates while fighting the devastating 1967 fire onboard the USS Forrestal and commemorating, during the week of the 55th anniversary of the tragic event, the efforts of the sailors and marines who survived the fire. Introduced by Senator Lankford (R-OK) and agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent on August 4, 2022.
- ★ [S.Res.419](#), A resolution acknowledging and commemorating the World War II women in the Navy who served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), introduced by Senator Warren (D-MA). This resolution honors the service and sacrifice of the women who served in WAVES during World War II. Introduced on October 7, 2021.
- ★ [S.Res.677](#), a resolution recognizing the exemplary service of the soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division (Old Hickory) of the United States Army during World War I and World War II. Introduced by Senator Blackburn (R-TN) on June 15, 2022. [S.Res.735](#), a resolution acknowledging and commemorating the women in the Army who served in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps and the Women’s Army Corp during World War II. Introduced by Senator Blackburn (R-TN) on August 2, 2022.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE:

- ★ For more information and links to services available to Veterans, please go to: braun.senate.gov/veterans_resources

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- ★ **Veterans Benefits Administration**

Indianapolis Regional Office

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

Website: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/indianapolis/>

- ★ **Veterans Health Administration**

Indiana Veterans Health Administration

Phone: 1-877-222-VETS (8387)

To find your VHA local region, visit <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/?facilityType=health>

- ★ **National Cemetery Administration**

Midwest District

Phone: 317-916-3790

Website: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/region.asp?ID=46>

- ★ **Records**

National Personnel Records Center

Phone: 314-801-0800

Website: <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center>

National Archives and Records Administration

Telephone: 202-357-5000

Website: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/locations>

- ★ **For Suicidal Veterans**

1-800-273-TALK (8255) and Press 1

Website: https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/

- ★ **Transition Assistance Advisor**

Provides Assistance to Guardsmen and Reservists transitioning back to civilian life following a deployment

Phone: 317-247-3300

For contact list, <https://www.benefits.va.gov/transition/tap.asp>