

These organizations are working together to better serve our Armed Forces. Their web sites direct you to information on programs, services and benefits that are available to Marion County Veterans and Military Personnel.



www.Veterans.ooo

MACV is a Non-Political, Non-Profit IN Corp. that Advises the Mayors' on Veterans Needs & Programs

www.Veterans.ooo or www.VSC.ooo

VSC is a Non-Political, Non-Profit, IN Corp. that Supports Veterans, Military & Families.

www.VeteranEvents.org

Where to find upcoming events for Veterans & Military Personnel.

Who We Consider To Be a Veteran:

Veteran - Title 38 of the Code (Federal Regulations) defines a Veteran as "a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable".

Active Military personnel - Title 10 of the Code is a person who is active duty is in the military (Armed Forces) full time, may live on a military base, and can be deployed at any time.

Reserve (Federal) and **National Guard** (States) - Title 32 of the Code are not full-time active duty military personnel, although they can be deployed at any time should the need arise.



Mayors' Veterans & Family Appreciation Day at Garfield Park

Welcome Home and Thanks For Your Service





Mayors' Advisory Council for Veterans



- In September of 2010 Mayor Gregory Ballard appointed Russ Eaglin to be the cities first full time Veterans Services Officer. He left in 2013.
 - MACV had its first meeting in January of 2011.
 - August 6th, 2011 was our 1st Mayor's Veterans Appreciation Day event
 - June 9th, 2018 was our 8th Mayors' Veterans & Family Appreciation Day event
 - MACV's initial purpose was then, as it is today, was to:
Build a stronger Coalition of Service Providers to better support our Veterans and Military personnel by working across organizational lines, coordinating resources, to help solve common Veteran issues.
- In February 2016 Mayor Joseph Hogsett directed MACV to continue its networking and to find more ways to help Veterans.
 - In June of 2016 Mayor Hogsett appointed Matt Hall to be the cities Veterans Service Officer, now serving as Director of Veterans Affairs.
- On January 8th, 2019 MACV was Incorporated (as an IN Non-Profit) (Revised 8Jan19 at 1825)





MACV's Mission



MACV's Mission is to:

- Hold monthly networking meetings with Veteran Service Providers;
- Form information gathering & research committees;
- Identify and publish a list of those Service Providers and findings to a web site and data base that is mobile friendly.



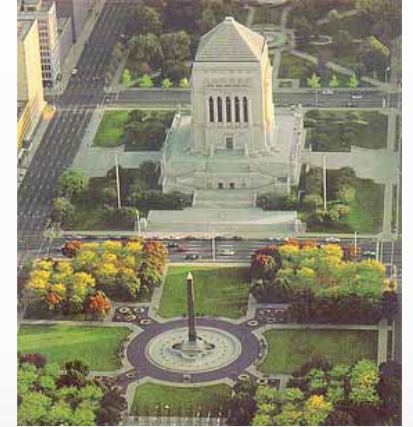


MACV's Goals



MACV's Goals are to:

- 1) Better serve, inform, and advise the **Mayors' and Town Managers of Marion County** on issues that affect Veterans and Military personnel in our community;
- 2) Better serve, inform, and advise our **Veterans and Military personnel in Marion County** about services, programs and benefits available to them by creating a unified voice in our community that is already striving to help our Veterans and Military personnel.





MACV's Monthly Networking Program



MACV's networking program consists of monthly meetings with community Service Providers that offer goods, services, programs and benefits to Veterans and the Military here in Marion County. The information and documentation obtained from these organizations will be used to build a database of their services. This information will be shared with Mayors, Town Managers, Veterans Service Organizations, and Veterans Outreach Groups. Together they are making sure our Veterans and Military receive the services and benefits to which they are entitled.

Look for this information on: www.Veterans.ooo





MACV's Guidelines for Membership



Everyone is always welcome to attend any MACV meeting or MACV Committee meeting.

Requirements for being a **MACV Member** or **MACV Associate**:

1) MACV Member (Voting Member) -

- a. Be a Director of MACV (all MACV Directors are MACV Voting Members); or
- b. Must have attended at least nine (9) monthly meetings within the last 12 months, or
- c. Be a Director of VSC (all VSC Directors are MACV Voting Members)

2) MACV Associate (Non-Voting Member) -

- a. You should attend at least 2 to 4 times a year to remain on our active emailing list.

3) Visiting individuals and Organizations (Non-Voting) –
are welcome to make presentations at MACV meetings on how they are, or can help our veterans –
(Should be approved in advance by the Leadership Committee)

MACV always meets the third Tuesday of each month at the *Marriott-East (21st & N. Shadeland Ave.) from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.



**Our alternate location is the Red Cross. Always check VSC's web site for any changes in locations.*



MACV's Leadership



- MACV is lead by a five (5) person Leadership.
- **The Leadership Committee is responsible for:**
 - Developing an agenda for each meeting;
 - Notifying the MACV members of each meeting;
 - Conducting the monthly meetings;
 - Supports the work of the Committees;
 - Preparing reports for the Mayors' review.



Chairman	Co-Chair	Acting Secretary	Committees Coordinator	Open
Don Hawkins	Charlie Russell	Bonnie Wooten	David Sassman	
Hawkins@HRH.ooo (317) 632-0500	charlieru@aol.com (317) 435-3992	bkwooten@myninestar.net (317) 727-1605	IndyWiz1645@gmail.com (317) 313-3710	



MACV Expanded



- In 2015 MACV invited our sister cities and the town of Speedway to participate in our MACV Program to help unite all of Marion County community leaders to better serve our Veterans and Military personnel.
- By joining together we can better identify, consolidate and share our resources.
- Marion County is very fortunate to have a large variety of services and resources available to its Veterans and Military personnel. MACV's goal is to compile that information and ensure that it is provided to all Veterans and Military personnel thru existing; service providers, web sites, veterans service organizations and Veterans outreach groups.





MACV Expanded



- MACV’s goal is work with each of our sister cities and towns within the Marion County area, bringing them up to date and sharing with them what MACV is currently doing to insure that all our Veterans and Military personnel are made aware of the many benefits and services available to them.

Indianapolis	Lawrence	Beech Grove	Southport	Speedway
				
Joseph Hogsett Mayor	Steve Collier Mayor	Dennis Buckley Mayor	Russell McClure Mayor	Jacob Blasdel Town Manager
(317) 327-3601 mayer@Indy.gov www.Indy.gov	(317) 545-6191 scollier@cityoflawrence.org www.cityoflawrence.org	(317) 788-4977 Dennis.Buckley@beechgrove.com www.beechgrove.com	(317) 786-5489 mayer@southport.in.gov www.southport.in.gov	(317) 246-4120 JBlasdel@speedwayin.gov www.speedwayin.gov



MACV Partners with VSC



- MACV is a Non-Political, Non-Profit Program that Advises the Mayors' and Town Managers on Military personnel and Veterans needs, services and programs.
 - Covers all of Marion County (Indianapolis, Lawrence, Beech Grove, Southport & Speedway)
 - MACV cannot raise funds for programs/events. Can accept in-kind products or services.
- VSC is a Non-Political, Non-Profit Indiana Corporation that Supports MACV, MAC Events, and our Veterans, Military and their Families. VSC was formed on the 6th of March 2014 and is a 501 (c)(3) public charity.
 - VSC is responsible for raising funds and promoting Veterans events, including but not limited to, the "*Mayors' Veterans Appreciation Day*" event.
 - MACV's Planning Committee plans and coordinates the Mayors' event.
 - Covers what ever part of the country that wants to utilize VSC's Resource Center Web Site.
- **Together MACV & VSC provides a venue:**
Where Past Generations of Veterans Are Supporting the Next Generation of Veterans.



VSC's Mission & Goals



VSC's Mission:

To support and promote service organizations that serve Veterans, Military Personnel and their Families.

VSC's Goals:

To raise funds for and sponsor special Veterans events; the annual Mayors' Veterans, Military & Family Appreciation Day event; an annual Appreciation Dinner, various Fund Raisers throughout the year, and to partner with projects that promote, support and inform our Veterans and Military Personnel about the services and benefits available to them and their families.



Press Conference:
City of Indianapolis awards
FREE Bus Passes to Indy Veterans.



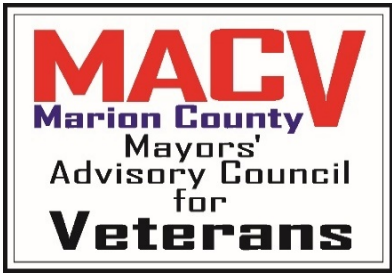


Chart of Responsibilities



Mayors' Advisory Council for Veterans, Inc. (MACV)

Advises Mayors' & City Managers on Veterans Affairs
Official Networking organization for Marion County Veterans Organizations

Research Committees: Homeless & Faith Based
 Health & Wellness
 Education & Employment

Committee meetings; times, dates and places are set by each individual committee.

MACV is a Non-Governmental, Non-Political, IN Non-Profit Corp.
MACV is not a Public Charity

Meets: MACV meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Goals: 1) Empower the above Committees to finish their goals; 2) Form a 9 to 11 person Steering Committee to bring new ideas and younger generations Veterans to MACV and MACV events; 3) Reactivate MACV's Planning Committee to Plan the Mayors' Veterans Appreciation Day event on 20Jul19; and 4) Establish a working relationship with the Counties other Mayors and Town Managers.

MACV's Mission: 1) To better serve, inform, and advise the **Mayors' and Town Managers of Marion County** on issues that affect Veterans and Military personnel in our community.

MACV's Goals: To better serve, inform, and advise our **Veterans and Military personnel in Marion County** about services available to them by creating a unified voice and a data base from various organizations in our communities that are already striving to help our Veterans and Military personnel.

Veterans Support Council, Inc. (VSC)

Supports MACV & Other Veterans Services Organizations
Official sponsor, promoter & fundraise for MACV & other Veterans events

Research Committees: Marketing & Public Relations
 Fund Raising & Sponsor
 Legislative & Policy

Committee meetings; times, dates and places are set by each individual committee.

VSC is a Non-Governmental, Non-Political, IN Non-Profit Corp.
VSC is an IRS 501 (c)(3) Public Charity.

Meets: VSC's Board of Directors meets quarterly

Short Term Goals: 1) Build a Database listing all organizations that offer goods, services, programs and benefits to Marion County Veterans; 2) Raise \$100K per year to support Veterans Awareness and Veterans events; and 3) Empower Committees.
Long Term Goals: 1) Expand VSC's Database to accept Veterans Service Providers from around the country.

VSC's Mission: To support and promote service organizations that serve Veterans, Military Personnel and their Families.

VSC's Goals: 1) To raise funds for and sponsor special Veterans events: the annual Mayors' Veterans Appreciation Day event, an annual Appreciation Dinner and various Fund Raisers throughout the year; and 2) Partner with projects that promote, support and inform our Veterans and Military Personnel about the services and benefits available to them and their families.



VSC's Officers & Directors



<p>President, CEO & Director Don Hawkins</p>	<p>Exec. Vice-President & Director David Sassman</p>	<p>Secretary & Director Vacant</p>	<p>Asst Secretary & Director Paul Norton</p>	<p>Treasurer & Director Fred Bishop</p>	<p>Assistant Treasurer & Director Mike Hamm</p>
					
<p>Director Ponytail Paul Cauley</p>	<p>Director Jerry Morgan</p>	<p>Director Thomas Harris</p>	<p>Director Dr. Doty Taylor</p>	<p>Director Ron Sukenick</p>	
					



These MACV Members help Veterans secure the programs, services and benefits they have earned:



HVAF - Hoosier Veterans Ass't Foundation
 964 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.hvafofindiana.org
 (317) 951-0688

VOA - Volunteers of America
 611 N. Capital Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.voain.org
 (317) 686-9858

InteCare (SSVF)
www.intecare.org
 (855) 896-4345

Easterseals Crossroads
 4745 Kingsway Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46205
www.EastersealsCrossroads.org
 (317) 466-1000

Operation: Job Ready Veteran
 9130 Oatis Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46216
www.ojrv.org
 (317) 982-7781

HIP - Homeless Initiative Program
 1835 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202
www.indyhealthnet.org
 (317) 957-2275

Horizon House
 1033 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46201
www.horizonhouse.cc
 (317) 423-8909

Wheeler Mission
 520 E. Market St., Indianapolis, IN 46201
www.wheelermission.org
 (317) 687-6795

HRH - 2457 E. Washington St. Indy 46201
www.IndyHelpers.com
 (317) 635-0500

CHIP's Handbook for Help
www.chipindy.org
 (317) 630-0853

Connect2Help | For help, dial "2-1-1" (24/7)

VA Medical Center (VAMC)
 1481 West 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202
www.indianapolis.va.gov
 (317) 554-0000

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Benefits Administration
 575 N. Penn St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.benefits.va.gov/benefits
 (800) 827-1000

U.S. Veterans Crisis (Suicide) Line (open24/7) www.veteranscrisisline.net
 (800) 273-TALK (8255)
 Use your cell phone to Text to 838255
 Online Chat: www.veteranscrisisline.net/Chat

IDVA - IN Department of Veterans' Affairs
www.in.gov/dva
 (317) 232-3910

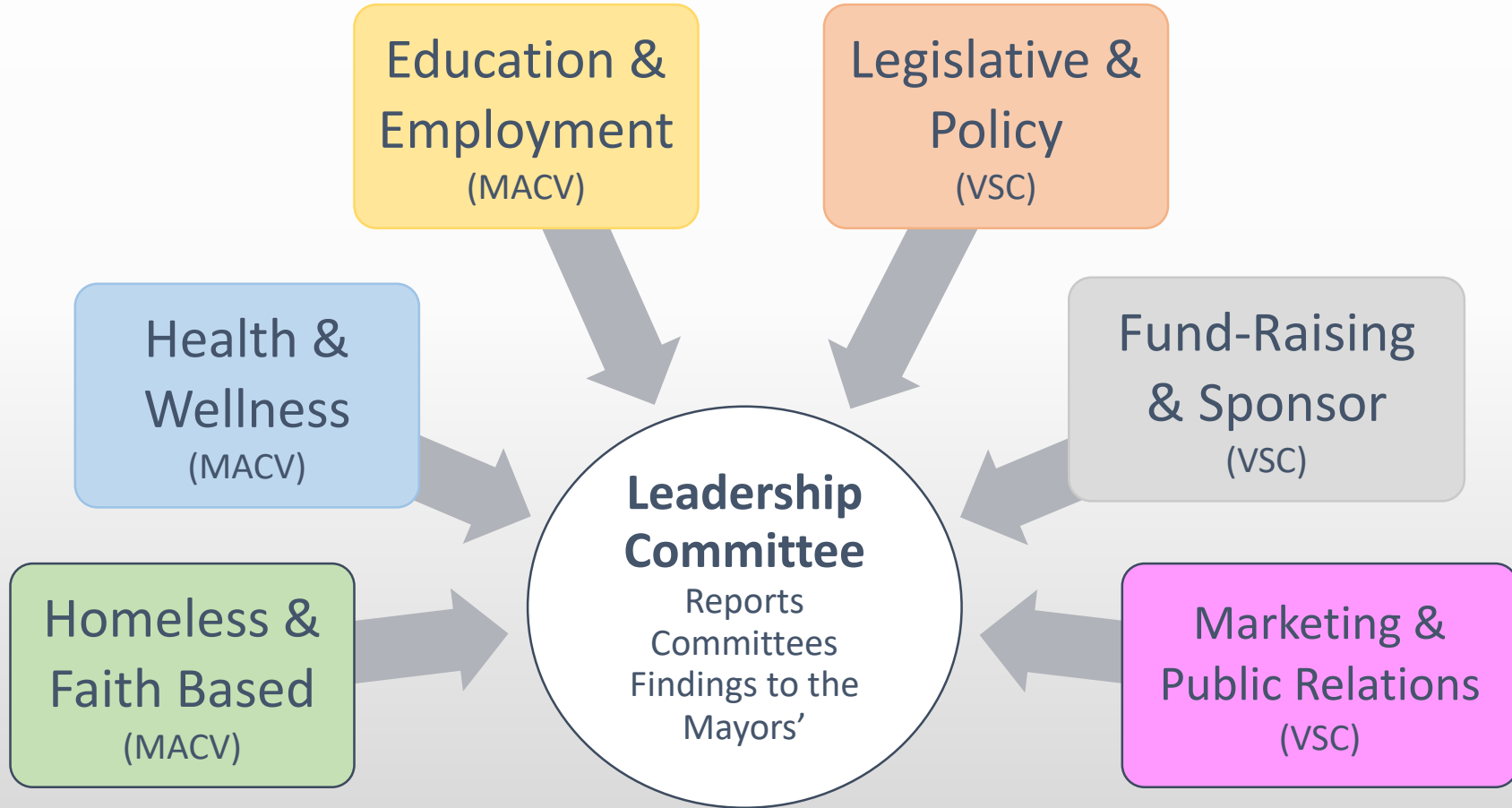
Indy Mayor's Office of Veterans Services
www.Indy.gov/veterans
 (317) 327-VETS (8387)

Advice for finding help: When calling Service Providers, you should always call more than one Service Provider for the things you think you need. Usually, no one service provider can provide you and/or your family with everything you/they may need or be entitled to. It is also recommended that you contact a "Veterans Service Officer" or get help from an experienced counselor, support coach, or case manager from one of the above Service Providers that regularly works with Veterans and active Military personnel. By having one of them interview you, they can better help you determine what services, programs and benefits you may need and/or are entitled to.

Indy's Accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO's) - (Last Verified 21Sep18 at 1840)				
American Legion 575 N Pennsylvania St Room 325, Indy 46204 (317) 916-3605	AMVETS American Veterans 575 N Pennsylvania St Room 314, Indy 46204 (317) 916-3613	DAV Disabled American Veterans 575 N Pennsylvania St Room 324, Indy 46204 (317) 916-3615	MOPH Military Order of the Purple Heart 575 N Pennsylvania St Room 312, Indy 46204 (317) 916-3625	PVA Paralyzed Veterans of America 575 N Pennsylvania St Room 313, Indy 46204 (317) 916-3626
VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars 575 N Pennsylvania St Room 319, Indy 46204 (317) 916-3629	VVA Vietnam Veterans of America 7202 E 45th St Indy 46226 (317) 313-1577	Indy's Office of Veterans Services 200 E Washington St Room 2501, 46204 (317) 327-8387	IDVA IN Department of Veterans Affairs 302 W Washington St Room E120, Indy 46204 (317) 232-3921	VA Indy's VA Medical Center 1481 W. 10th Street Indy 46202 (317) 554-0000



MACV & VSC Resource Committees



Each of these six (6) Committees will consist of from 5 to 10 members and have a: 1) Chair Person; 2) Vice Chair Person; and a 3) Secretary



Resource Committee Guidelines



Suggestions:

- 1) The number of Committee members is not fixed but should consist of from 5 to 10 MACV Members and/or MACV Associates;
- 2) All Committee members do not have to be MACV Members or Veterans;
- 3) The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary must all be MACV Members;
- 4) The Executive Committee, with input from the Mayors' and Town Manager will suggest an agenda for each Committee;
- 5) Committees choose their own; chair, co-chair, secretary, date, time and place to meet;
- 6) Committees set their own goals and timetables;
- 7) Committees can request visitors to speak at their meetings;
- 8) All Committees should meet at least one time per month before each MACV meeting at a location, date and time of their choosing;
- 9) All Committees are required to give an update of their findings and/or progress to the monthly MACV meeting so the Leadership Committee can compile a monthly report to deliver to the Mayors'.





Resource Committee Goals

Networking, Networking, Networking



Suggestions:

- 1) First and foremost, we didn't want to start another committee just for the sake of having another committee. We wanted these Committees to be working committees that accomplishes something;
- 2) Committees can and should work with other organizations that have similar Committees working on similar topics –
Example: CHIP on their CoC homeless and Veterans committees);
- 3) Committees should first identify organizations that offer services and benefits within its assigned topics;
 - We want to make sure that information is shared and added to our web site.
- 4) Committees should focus on ensuring that all Veterans and Military personnel are made aware of everything to which they're entitled (services & benefits), and how they can access it.





Committees

Chairs, Co-Chairs & Secretaries



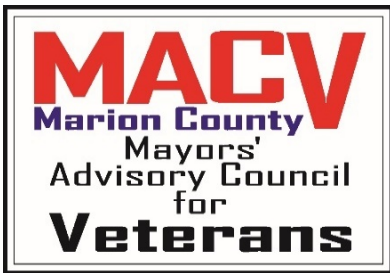
MACV / VSC Committee Meetings (dates, times & locations vary from committee to committee)

Click on the Subcommittee to Learn Who Provides those Services (Revised 26Oct18 at 1200)

Homeless & Faith Based (MACV Committee)	Health & Wellness (MACV Committee)	Education & Employment (MACV Committee)	Legislative & Policy (VSC Committee)	Marketing & Public Relations (VSC Committee)	Fund-Raising & Sponsor (VSC Committee)
1:00 PM (Before MACV Monthly Meeting)	1:00 PM (Before MACV Monthly Meeting)	1:00 PM (Before MACV Monthly Meeting)	1:00 PM (Before MACV Monthly Meeting)	1:00 PM (Before MACV Monthly Meeting)	TBD
Marriott-East	Marriott-East	Marriott-East	Marriot-East	Marriot-East	TBD

MACV / VSC Committee Managers

Emmy Hildebrand - Chair HVAF of Indiana EHildebrand@HVAF.org (317) 242-8664	Christina Smith - Chair K9s 4 Dogtags cms@k9s4dogtags.us (317) 801-2357	Charles Russell - Chair ESGR charlieru@aol.com (317) 872-2800	Heather Harvey - Chair Congress Carson's Office heather.harvey@mail.house.gov 317-283-6516		
Tom Harris - Co-Chair Adventist Helping Veterans teharris87@yahoo.com (317) 294-9392	Everybody - Co-Chairs	Everybody - Co-Chairs	Gordon Smith - Co-Chair Veterans Court Gordon.Smith@indy.gov (317) 327-1025	Everybody - Co-Chairs	Everybody - Co-Chairs
David Sassman - Secretary VSC indywiz@icloud.com (317) 313-3710	- Secretary	- Secretary	Donald Peek - Secretary Indy Vet House, DAV,ESGR donaldpeekjr@hotmail.com (317) 750-8873	- Secretary	- Secretary



Committee Members

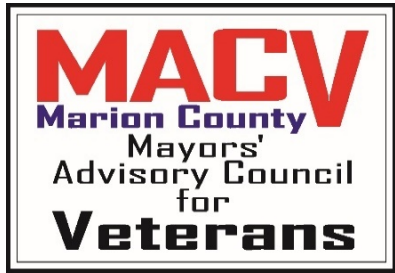
For a complete list, with contact information, please go to:

www.Veterans.ooo/Committees



MACV / VSC Committee Members (Partial List)

<u>Homeless & Faith Based</u> (MACV Committee)	<u>Health & Wellness</u> (MACV Committee)	<u>Education & Employment</u> (MACV Committee)	<u>Legislative & Policy</u> (VSC Committee)	<u>Marketing & Public Relations</u> (VSC Committee)	<u>Fund-Raising & Sponsor</u> (VSC Committee)
Brian Copes HVAF of Indiana	Natasha Allen Indy Vet Center	Donald Mains Dept. of Labor - Vet Program	Jerry Morgan VFW / UAW / MCL	Robert (Bob) Braun MACV	Jerry Morgan VFW / UAW / MCL
Don Hawkins Homeless & ReEntry Helpers	Tom Harris Adventist Helping Veterans	Reginald DuVall Indiana Legal Services	Scott Spychala AVER	Bonnie Wooten DAR	Fred Bishop VSC
Robin Close VOA	Gordon Smith Veterans Court	Buzz Smith Easterseals Crossroads	David Sassman VSC	Don Hawkins VSC	Dr. Dorothy Simpson Sister Soldier
Dr. Dorothy Simpson Sister Soldier	Jordan Isaacs Sen. Donnelly's Office	Heather Voorhis New Horizons	Kent Morgan DAV	Raymond Sahn PH3	Tom Harris Adventist Helping Veterans
Fred Bishop VSC	Paul Norton American Legion	Kimberley Duff VOA	Don Hawkins VSC	David Sassman VSC	Paul Norton American Legion
David Sassman VSC	Lorrie Neuberg VA Medical Center	Dr. William Ross Workforce Development	Rhonda Seward	Buzz Smith Easterseals Crossroads	Jennifer Highwood Helping Heroes
Buzz Smith Easterseals Crossroad	Dr. Dorothy Simpson Sister Soldier	Mike Espinda Job Ready Vets		Jeff Thompson Paralyzed Veterans	Sabrina Young Fundraiser
Jim Vitoa TPCC Military Ministry	Troy Mizell SSVF InterCare	Stacy Dieckman Elite SDVOB Network			Bonnie Wooten DAR
Deborah Walls VA Medical Center	Christina Smith K9s 4 Dog tags	Andrew Janovicz Marine For Life Network			Stacy Dieckman Elite EDVOB
Polli Pollem IN Legal Services		Jim Vitou TPCC Military Ministry			Bonita Hurt Homes for Heroes
Troy Mizell SSVF Intercare		Mark Fiddler MFLC - PFC			
Dr. William Ross Ivy Tech		Jim Patton World Financial Group			



Homeless & Faith Based Committee



- Consists of representatives from organizations that have experience in working with Homeless Veterans, and with representatives from Faith Based organizations that are working with Veterans.
 - Housing for Homeless Veterans
 - Faith based groups that help Vets

Not complete, pending the finding from the Committee Chairperson





Health & Wellness Committee



- Consists of representatives from organizations that have experience in working with health / medical and mental / behavioral health issues relevant to our Veterans.
 - Substance Use Disorders
 - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
 - Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs)
 - Suicide and suicide prevention
 - Health and medical issues
 - Access to appropriate care

Not complete, pending the finding from the Committee Chairperson





Educations & Employment Committee



- Consists of representatives from organizations that have experience in dealing with and helping under-employed and unemployed Veterans who want to obtain a better education and/or a better job.
 - Reintegration
 - Where are the jobs
 - Retraining

Complete, pending publication





Legislative & Policy Committee



- Consists of Directors from VSC and representatives from organizations that have experience in dealing with ways we can help inform the Mayors' on how he can introduce, support, adjust, or amend existing legislation and develop new (non-political) legislative ideas that positively impact our Veterans.
 - Free and Discounted Bus Passes for Veterans
 - Veterans Court



Not complete, pending the finding from the Committee Chairperson



Marketing & Public Relations Committee



- Consists of Directors from VSC and representatives from organizations that have experience in public relations and in identifying ways to create media awareness about the Indy Veteran population.
- Charged with promoting and educating the general public on how and where Veterans can get the services and benefits to which they are entitled.
- Charged with helping promote the annual:
 - Mayors' Veterans & Family Appreciation Day event
 - Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, Motorcycle Ride, Picnic, Fish Fry, etc.
 - Primary theme is always **"Welcome Home and Thanks For Your Service"**.
 - Secondary theme can be: Gold Star Moms, POW's, WW II & Korean Vets, etc.

Not complete, pending the finding from the Committee Chairperson





Fund-Raising & Sponsor Committee



- Consists of Directors from VSC and representatives from organizations that have experience with event planning and funding.
- Charged with promoting the Annual:
 - Mayors' Veterans & Family Appreciation Day event
 - Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, Motorcycle Ride, Picnic, Fish Fry, etc.
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- **MACV & VSC contact information:**
Don Hawkins, Chairman of MACV & President of VSC
Hawkins@VSC.ooo at 317-632-0500.



God Bless America