



## MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** April 24, 2025

**TIME:** 10:00 – 11 a.m.

**LOCATION:** University of Southern Indiana  
Griffin Center  
8600 University Boulevard  
Evansville, IN 47712

**Special Instructions:** Griffin Center Directions  
1. Enter USI Campus and turn right at the roundabout (Bent Twig)  
2. Follow Bent Twig until you see Reflection Lake (right)  
3. Turn right on the causeway and the Griffin Center on the left  
4. Parking is available in front of the building  
5. Enter the Building take the elevator on your right from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to the 1<sup>st</sup> and enter the main classroom at the bottom of the staircase

### AGENDA:

TIME	ACTION	Presenters
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Introduction/Welcome Slides Calendar of Events Introduction of the Official Email River City Veteran Resource Group <a href="mailto:rivercityveteranresourcegroup@gmail.com">rivercityveteranresourcegroup@gmail.com</a>  <b>To request to present your organization:</b> SUBJECT: <i>MEETING PRESENTATION</i> REQUEST: <i>Topic Name</i>  <b>To request to promote a veteran event:</b> SUBJECT: <i>COMMUNITY EVENT: Event Name</i>  <b>To be added to the email roster:</b> SUBJECT: <i>INFORMATION REQUEST</i>	Savannah Whicker, ECHO Housing & Community Development
10:10 – 10:50 a.m.	<b>Making the Grade – Understanding Service-Connected Educational Benefits</b>	Mrs. Jamie Bandy – Education Benefit Coordinator – University of Southern Indiana
10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks	

## NOTES:

<b>MEETINGS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Content Facilitator / Agenda: Savannah Whicker, ECHO Housing &amp; Community Development<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <a href="mailto:savannah.whicker@echohousing.org">savannah.whicker@echohousing.org</a></li></ul></li><li>• Meeting Location / Minutes: Joel Matherly, USI Veteran Military and Family Resource Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <a href="mailto:ismatherly@usi.edu">ismatherly@usi.edu</a></li></ul></li><li>• Additional Program Team:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Tim Brauer, American Red Cross, <a href="mailto:timbrauer44@gmail.com">timbrauer44@gmail.com</a></li><li>◦ Jill Hoskins, Brentwood Springs, <a href="mailto:Jill.Hoskins@lifepointhealth.net">Jill.Hoskins@lifepointhealth.net</a></li><li>◦ VACANT (please volunteer)</li><li>◦ VACANT (please volunteer)</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>VETERAN EVENTS AND FLYER INFORMATION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kim Armstrong, ECHO Housing &amp; Community Development, <a href="mailto:kim.armstrong@echohousing.org">kim.armstrong@echohousing.org</a></li></ul>
<b>COMMUNITY RESOURCE PAGE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://echohousing.orgousing/veteran_resources/rcvrg/">https://echohousing.orgousing/veteran_resources/rcvrg/</a></li></ul> <b>COMMUNITY EMAIL:</b> River City Veteran Resource Group <a href="mailto:riverscityveteranresourcegroup@gmail.com">riverscityveteranresourcegroup@gmail.com</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>To request to present your organization:</b> SUBJECT: <i>MEETING PRESENTATION</i> <i>REQUEST: Topic Name</i></li><li>2. <b>To request to promote a veteran event:</b> SUBJECT: <i>COMMUNITY EVENT: Event Name</i></li><li>3. <b>To be added to the email roster:</b> SUBJECT: <i>INFORMATION REQUEST</i></li></ol>

## MEETING SCHUDULE:

**LAST THURDAY OF EACH MONTH** (Taking Reservations for 2026!)

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	May 29, 2025 USI Griffin Center Topic: American Red Cross – Mrs. Ashley Hughes
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- i) May – Ashley Hughes – American Red Cross
- ii) June – Sky Epperson – Mustang Outreach Veteran Program – On location – **Tentative**
- iii) July – Tonya Webber – Vanderburgh County Veteran Service Office
- iv) August – Robert Moore – Rolling Thunder, Indiana Chapter 6
- v) September – Clint Bender VA Home Loans
- vi) October – Tom Clayton – Evansville Vet Center
- vii) NOV/DEC – No Meetings (Holiday)
- viii) January – Jill Hahn – Veterans Coliseum Preservation
- ix) February – Paul Linberg – Mission First
- x) March – OPEN
- xi) April - OPEN

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Date	Event	Location	POC
4/19/25	Wizard of Oz on Ice – CANCELLED	Owensboro, KY	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events <a href="mailto:lance.d.yearby@gmail.com">lance.d.yearby@gmail.com</a>
4/25/25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Casual for a Cause: Serving Those Who Served, to raise awareness and support for Veterans experiencing homelessness	See <a href="https://echohousing.org/using/veteran_resources/cvrg-2/#next">https://echohousing.org/using/veteran_resources/cvrg-2/#next</a>	Savannah Whicker <a href="mailto:savannah.whicker@echohousing.org">savannah.whicker@echohousing.org</a>
4/29/25	USI SVA Hacienda Giveback	Westside Hacienda Location	Jamie Bandy <a href="mailto:jsbandy@usi.edu">jsbandy@usi.edu</a>
NEW 5/1/25	Indy Ignite Volleyball – Military Appreciation Night	Fishers Event Center	Randi Raff 317-560-0369 <a href="mailto:Randi@indyignitevb.com">Randi@indyignitevb.com</a>
5/3/25	Bravery Beyond Battle: Mustangs & Veterans	12284 S 400 W Haubstadt, IN	Sky Epperson – Mustang Adoption <a href="mailto:sky@mustangadoptionacademy.com">sky@mustangadoptionacademy.com</a>
	Honor Flight of Southern Indiana Welcome Home	EVV Airport	Diane Shaw <a href="mailto:dshawhfsi@gmail.com">dshawhfsi@gmail.com</a>
5/9/25	USI Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony	University of Southern Indiana – Performance Center 12 – 3 p.m.	Joel Matherly - USI <a href="mailto:jsmatherly@usi.edu">jsmatherly@usi.edu</a>
5/17/25	Tri-State Women Veterans Outpost Car Show	Christian Fellowship Church	Barb Kortz-Cole – Tri-State Women Veterans 812-550-0552 <a href="mailto:tristatewomenvet@aol.com">tristatewomenvet@aol.com</a>
NEW 5/16/25 – 5/18/25	IW Indiana Integration Retreat <a href="https://do.nr/mimoga1i">https://do.nr/mimoga1i</a>	McCormick's Creek State Park	Stacy Boehm – Irreverent Warriors 812-887-3065 <a href="mailto:vincennes@irreverentwarriors.com">vincennes@irreverentwarriors.com</a>
5/24/25	Professional Bull Riders	Ford Center	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events <a href="mailto:lance.d.yearby@gmail.com">lance.d.yearby@gmail.com</a>

5/31/25	Honoring Women Veterans Conference	University of Southern Indiana – Conference Center (NEW LOCATION)	Barb Kortz-Cole – Tri-State Women Veterans 812-550-0552 <a href="mailto:tristatewomenvet@aol.com">tristatewomenvet@aol.com</a>
NEW 6/4/25	INVETS Veteran Summit – Hiring Event for Employers	6215 College Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220	Chaze Patrick 812.461.6298 <a href="mailto:chaze@invets.org">chaze@invets.org</a>
NEW 6/28/25	IW Vincennes Inaugural Silkies Hike – 5K <a href="#">Irreverent Warriors</a>	TBA	Stacy Boehm – Irreverent Warriors 812-887-3065 <a href="mailto:vincennes@irreverentwarriors.com">vincennes@irreverentwarriors.com</a>
NEW 7/24/25	Boots to Business Event	Fifth Third Building 20 NW 3rd St. Evansville, IN 47708	Dominic Poggi - SBDC <a href="mailto:dpoggi@isbdc.org">dpoggi@isbdc.org</a> <a href="mailto:mark@vetbizcentral.org">mark@vetbizcentral.org</a>
8/23/25	Red White and Brauen Music Festival	League Stadium, Huntingburg, IN	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events <a href="mailto:lance.d.yearby@gmail.com">lance.d.yearby@gmail.com</a>
9/17/25	Veteran, First-Responder and Health Care Professional Mental Health Summit	University of Southern Indiana - Carter Hall	Joel Matherly - USI Veterans <a href="mailto:jsmatherly@usi.edu">jsmatherly@usi.edu</a>
TBD	Home of the Brave Military Ball	University of Southern Indiana - Liberty Arena	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events <a href="mailto:lance.d.yearby@gmail.com">lance.d.yearby@gmail.com</a>

10/29/25	Battlemind to Home Summit: Military Families: The Heart of Service	<a href="#">Embassy Suites by Hilton Plainfield Indianapolis Airport</a>	<a href="http://www.mfri.purdue.edu/battlemind/">www.mfri.purdue.edu/battlemind/</a> battlemind@purdue.edu
11/1/25	ECHO Housing & Community Development Patriot Gala	CK Newsome Center	Savannah Whicker <a href="mailto:savannah.whicker@echohousing.org">savannah.whicker@echohousing.org</a>