



MEETING AGENDA

DATE: May 29, 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 2nd floor to the 1st 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 rivercityveteranresourcegroup@gmail.com To request to present your organization: SUBJECT: <i>MEETING PRESENTATION</i> REQUEST: <i>Topic Name</i> To request to promote a veteran event: SUBJECT: <i>COMMUNITY EVENT: Event Name</i> To be added to the email roster: SUBJECT: <i>INFORMATION REQUEST</i>	Savannah Whicker, ECHO Housing & Community Development
10:10 – 10:40 a.m.	Making the Grade – Understanding Service-Connected Educational Benefits	Jamie Bandy – Education Benefit Coordinator – University of Southern Indiana
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.	Evansville Coliseum Preservation Closing Remarks	Jill Anne Hahn - Vanderburgh County At-Large

NOTES:

MEETINGS:

- Content Facilitator / Agenda: Savannah Whicker, ECHO Housing & Community Development
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 - o Jill Hoskins, Brentwood Springs, Jill.Hoskins@lifepointhealth.net
 - o VACANT (please volunteer)
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VETERAN EVENTS AND FLYER INFORMATION:

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE PAGE:

- https://echohousing.orgousing/veteran_resources/rcvrg/

COMMUNITY EMAIL:

River City Veteran Resource Group rivercityveteranresourcegroup@gmail.com

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (Taking Reservations for 2026!)

NEXT MEETING:	June 26, 2025 TBD - Possible on location at Mustang Outreach Stables Topic: Mustang Outreach Veteran Program
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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
NEW 5/1/25	Indy Ignite Volleyball – Military Appreciation Night	Fishers Event Center	Randi Raff 317-560-0369 Randi@indyignitevb.com
5/3/25	Bravery Beyond Battle: Mustangs & Veterans	12284 S 400 W Haubstadt, IN	Sky Epperson – Mustang Adoption sky@mustangadoptionacademy.com
	Honor Flight of Southern Indiana Welcome Home	EVV Airport	Diane Shaw dshawhfsi@gmail.com
5/9/25	USI Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony	University of Southern Indiana – Performance Center 12 – 3 p.m.	Joel Matherly - USI jsmatherly@usi.edu
NEW 5/9/25	IDVA 12 th Annual Charity Golf Outing <u>Charity Golf Outing Information!</u>	Brookshire Golf Course 12120 Brookshire Pkwy Carmel, IN 46033	Laura McKee – IDVA Outreach lamckee@dva.in.gov
NEW 5/13/25	Maker Studio	Newburgh Library 6 - 7:30 p.m.	Penny Pinkham Healing Tools for Warriors - Midwest htfwmidwest@gmail.com
5/17/25	Tri-State Women Veterans Outpost Car Show	Christian Fellowship Church	Barb Kortz-Cole – Tri-State Women Veterans 812-550-0552 tristatewomenvet@aol.com
NEW 5/16/25 – 5/18/25	IW Indiana Integration Retreat <u>https://do.nr/mimoga1i</u>	McCormick's Creek State Park	Stacy Boehm – Irreverent Warriors 812-887-3065 <u>vincennes@irreverentwarriors.com</u>

5/24/25	Professional Bull Riders	Ford Center	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events lance.d.yearby@gmail.com
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 tristatewomenvet@aol.com

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NEW 6/4/25	INVETS Veteran Summit – Hiring Event for Employers	6215 College Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220	Chaze Patrick 812.461.6298 chaze@invets.org
NEW 6/28/25	IW Vincennes Inaugural Silkies Hike – 5K Irreverent Warriors	TBA	Stacy Boehm – Irreverent Warriors 812-887-3065 vincennes@irreverentwarriors.com
NEW 6/28/25	Healing Arts	River City Eagles	Penny Pinkham Healing Tools for Warriors - Midwest htfwmidwest@gmail.com
NEW 7/13/25	Healing Tools Picnic	TBD	Penny Pinkham Healing Tools for Warriors - Midwest htfwmidwest@gmail.com
NEW 7/24/25	Boots to Business Event - Boots to Business Reboot / www.swicoad.org	Fifth Third Building 20 NW 3rd St. Evansville, IN 47708	Dominic Poggi - SBDC dpoggi@isbdc.org mark@vetbizcentral.org
NEW 7/26/25	Healing Arts	River City Eagles	Penny Pinkham Healing Tools for Warriors - Midwest htfwmidwest@gmail.com
8/23/25	Red White and Brauen Music Festival	League Stadium, Huntingburg, IN	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events lance.d.yearby@gmail.com
9/17/25	Veteran, First-Responder and Health Care Professional Mental Health Summit	University of Southern Indiana - Carter Hall	Joel Matherly - USI Veterans jsmatherly@usi.edu
TBD	Home of the Brave Military Ball	University of Southern Indiana - Liberty Arena	Lance Yearby- Rally Point Events lance.d.yearby@gmail.com
10/29/25	Battlemind to Home Summit: Military Families: The Heart of Service	Embassy Suites by Hilton Plainfield Indianapolis Airport	www.mfri.purdue.edu/battlemind/ battlemind@purdue.edu
11/1/25	ECHO Housing & Community Development Patriot Gala	CK Newsome Center	Savannah Whicker savannah.whicker@echohousing.org

NEW 11/1/25	Veterans Coliseum Annual Gala	Old National Events Plaza 6 p.m.	Jill Anne Hahn Vanderburgh County At-Large jillannehahn@gmail.com
NEW 11/8/25	250 Th Marine Corps Birthday Ball	Germania Maennerchor 916 N Fulton Ave Evansville, IN 47710	Barb Kortz-Cole – Tri-State Women Veterans / Marine Corps League 812-550-0552 tristatewomenvet@aol.com

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