



Fleet Reserve Association
USS Indianapolis Memorial Branch 130
Newsletter for November 2021

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Next Meeting: The next FRA USS Indianapolis Memorial Branch 130 monthly meeting will be held in the Greenwood VFW Post 5864 at 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood IN 46143 (Phone Number 317-888-2488) on **MONDAY December 6, 2021 at 1800 hrs.** Refreshments are available at the bar. For more information, directions, or concerns, please contact the Branch Secretary: James Hayes (317-258-0000)

Shipmate 1st Vice President Jacoby called the meeting to order on Monday November 1, 2021 at 1803 hours. Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and FRA Preamble were recited. We had 12 members in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

- Read and approved.

Correspondence:

- Newsbytes, Branches 161, 136 and 316 Newsletters.

The following topics were discussed.

- 50/50 was \$33.00.
- Newsletter to RPNC.
- Veterans' Compensation Cost - of - Living Adjustment Act of 2021.
- Armistice Day bell ringing ceremony.
- Honor Flight.
- Poem "Toast to the Flag" by John Daly.
- "What God did at Pearl Harbor" by John Guy.

Chaplain Affairs:

Chair George Dow

- No report.

Membership and Retention:

Chair Joe Lanning

- Not present.
- 88 members. 0 gains. 5 loss/transfer. 0 new/reinstated. 0 past due 7 Ready to renew
Amberger B. Cress D. Hasty J. Jacobs B. Jarvis T. Malast M. Miller L. 0 Terminated.

Public Relations:

Chair, Jerry Bennett

- No report.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Flyer with information about the Christmas Party will be e-mailed and also attached to the November Newsletter.
- Shipmate President Puckett presented a 40 Year Continuous Membership Pin and Certificate to Shipmate Perry.
- Shipmate Sattler reported on the amazing way the VA conducted handling of a Veteran that passed away due to Covid.
- Guest Jerry Gearheart gave a talk on what it's like to be a Member of the Old Guard.

New business:

- RPNC would like to have a copy of our Newsletter, SM Cleveland will provide it.
- SM Jacoby will contact the VFW Post Commander about the sign in front of Bldg.
- SM Dow read the poem Toast to the Flag.
- On Oct 8 S 189 was signed into law Veterans' Compensation Cost - of - Living Adjustment Act of 2021. (see below)
- A bell ringing has been a traditional way of celebrating Armistice Day since the signing of the armistice that ended WW1 on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.
- Honor Flight info will be emailed.
- SM Jacoby read What God did at Pearl Harbor by John Guy.

Good Of The Order:

- Held Two Bell Ceremony for USS Indianapolis Survivor S2 Richard Thelen.

Shipmate 1st Vice President Jacoby closed the meeting at 1856 hrs.

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2021

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase the amounts payable for wartime disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children. Specifically, the VA must increase the amounts by the same percentage as the cost-of-living increase in benefits for Social

Security recipients that is effective on December 1, 2021. The bill requires the VA to publish the amounts payable, as increased, in the Federal Register.

The VA is authorized to make a similar adjustment to the rates of disability compensation payable to persons who have not received compensation for service-connected disability or death.



Breakfast is on the second Tuesday of the month at Denny's in Greenwood I65 exit 99

Dec 06 2021-Meeting	Dec 11 2021-Christmas party	Dec 14 2021-Breakfast
Jan 03 2022 Meeting	Jan 11 2022 breakfast	
Feb 07 2022 Meeting	Feb 08 2022 Breakfast	
March 07 2022 Meeting	Mar 08 2022 Breakfast	
April 04 2022 Meeting	Apr 12 2022 Breakfast	
May 02 2022 Meeting	May 10 2022 Breakfast	
Jun 06 2022 Meeting	Jun 14 2022 Breakfast	
Jul 11 2022 Meeting	Jul 12 2022 Breakfast	
Aug 01 2022 Meeting	Aug 09 2022 Breakfast	
Sept 12 2022 Meeting	Sept 13 2022 Breakfast	
Oct 03 2022 Meeting	Oct 11 2022 Breakfast	
Nov 07 2022 Meeting	Nov 08 2022 Breakfast	
Dec 05 2022 Meeting	Dec 10 2022 Christmas party	Dec 12 2022 Breakfast

From the Newsletter editor Patrick Bryan

FRA December Birthday

Lawrence Dank, Michael Gill, George Pannell, Charles Perry, Nate Robe,

FRA December Anniversary

**Bernard Amberger {47} Charles Cleveland {12} Dennis Cress {9} John Hasty {14}
Thom Howell {3} Thomas Jarvis {23} William Jourdan {10} Michael Malast {19}
Larry Miller {30} Ross Parson {47}**

US Military History in December

December 3 1775-LT John Paul Jones raises the Grand Union flag on Alfred. First American flag raised over American naval vessel

December 6 1944-Coast Guardsmen participated in the landing at Ormoc Philippine Island

December 12 1941-Naval Air Transport Service is established

December 14 1941-U.S. Marines made a stand in battle for Wake Island. Wake Island defenders were left with one aircraft surviving Japanese attacks

December 26 1925-Six U.S. destroyers were ordered from Manila to China to protect interests in the civil war that was being waged there.

Military word of the Month December

Leap-frog convoy-An early war coastal convoy system in which the ships sailed only short distances then sought a safe harbor at night to avoid U-boat





Guardian Application

Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette would not be successful without the generous support of our guardians. Guardians play a significant role on every trip, ensuring that each veteran has a safe and memorable experience. Duties include physically assisting the veteran at the airport, during the flight and at the memorials. **Guardians are required to make a non-refundable \$500.00 payment to offset expenses.** A veteran's spouse is prohibited from serving as a guardian. While every attempt is made, there is no guarantee that any family member or friend of a veteran will be able to join us on a flight.

YOUR NAME: _____ **NICK NAME:** _____
(Please list info *exactly as it appears* on your driver's license or government ID)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

County of Residence: _____ **Age:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

PHONE: DAY: _____ **EVENING:** _____ **MOBILE:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ **GENDER: M** _____ **F** _____

OCCUPATION: _____

How did you learn about the Honor Flight organization?

If you have a specific veteran you wish to travel with, please list his/her name here (Please note we must have a completed Veteran application on file or an application may be enclosed with your Guardian application):

Please list one (1) emergency contact:

Name: _____ **Relationship to applicant:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Phone Numbers: Day: _____ **Evening:** _____

Are you able to push a veteran in a wheelchair up a slight incline? Yes / No

Can you lift 100 pounds? Yes / No (If so you may be assigned a specific role such as helping load buses)

Please identify any physical disabilities, restrictions and/or medical conditions that would limit your ability to fulfill the duties of a guardian. Please list any medications being take and how often (Use a separate sheet if necessary):

T- SHIRT SIZE: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) _____

Please note any medical experience you may have (e.g., EMT, CPR, Paramedic):

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY AND SIGN:

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

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2. I further state that **medical insurance is the responsibility of I, the guardian** and I understand that neither Honor Flight nor the provider of the aircraft or buses used provides medical care. I understand that I accept all risks associated with travel and other Honor Flight Network activities and will not hold Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette, The Honor Flight Network, the Flight or Bus Provider, or any person appearing or quoted in any advertisement of public service announcement for or on behalf of Honor Flight responsible for any injuries incurred by me while participating the Honor Flight program.
3. I also understand that when I am asked to participate, I am responsible for *non-refundable payment of my own expenses (currently \$500.00)*, which will be due two weeks prior to departure. This will cover airfare to and from Washington D.C. as well as transportation and meals while there.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

When completed in full please mail this form to:

Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette, Guardian Apps
P.O. Box 4782
Lafayette, IN 47903



Helpful Guardian Information

Thank you for your interesting in being a guardian. Please review this page before completing the application. Below are some basic rules, guidelines, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Please complete and return the 2-page Guardian application (no need to include this page) and mail it back to us at the address shown. You may wait a year or more to make a trip with us. Once we receive your application via US Mail please allow at least two weeks for processing and data entry. You will notified that we have received your application. Our goal is to give Guardians two months advance notice prior to any offer to join us.

Safety is our number one priority, Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette is very particular when it comes to our guardians.

Spouses or significant others are unable to accompany a Veteran on an Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette as many may require a guardian themselves. This rule is not up for debate, if you insist on taking your spouse we understand...and would encourage you to take a trip to D.C. on your own.

Guardians must be between 18 and 70 years old.

Filling out a guardian application does not guarantee that you will be asked to join you on a trip as a guardian. We are often joined by EMT's, Paramedics, Firefighters, Police Officers or others who are medically trained and volunteer their time to go. For the safety of ALL veterans on trips they get priority...even over family members wishing to go.

Guardians must be "Fit, Fast and Healthy" being able to push a wheelchair for at least 5 miles, run for help, etc.

Guardians must attend a mandatory safety training and interview session; we will have several options prior to each flight.

Guardians must assist as needed and may be asked to perform other tasks such as unloading wheelchairs, etc.

Guardians may be asked to assist getting their veteran to and from all events involving a trip.

Guardians are required to pay their own expenses upon notification of their assignment to a flight, which is \$500 per person.

Guardians are essential to making our trips successful. We must all work as a team and watch over everyone at all times.

If you feel you are unable to do anything listed, this task may be too much for you. We have plenty of people able and willing to take care of our heroes and ensure their safety and make sure they have a wonderful Honor Flight experience. For those not invited or unable to go, we have opportunities for family and friends to still be involved.

If you wish to travel with a particular veteran, please list that veteran's name on YOUR application. We must have a completed application from both the Veteran the potential Guardian on file for you to be able to travel together.

Please keep in mind that ALL people associated with Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette are volunteers (no one is paid for their work) and because the Veterans are our priority at certain times we may be unable to respond in a timely fashion due to the amount of calls, emails, and applications received. Thank you!



Veteran Application

Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette recognizes American Veterans for your sacrifices and achievements by having you come to Washington DC to see YOUR memorial at no cost to you. Top priority is given to WWII and Korea veterans and terminally ill veterans from all wars. We supply guardians who fly with our Veterans on every flight providing assistance to help Veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience. Call 765-357-1000 or email us at info@honorflightlafayette.com if you have any questions.

Eligible service dates: **WWII:** 2/7/41-12/31/46 **Korean War:** 6/25/50-7/27/53 **Vietnam** 2/28/61-5/7/75 Anyone (male or female) serving on **active duty ANYWHERE at ANY TIME during the above dates** is a veteran of that war/conflict and is eligible to travel with Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette.

YOUR NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ **NICK NAME:** _____
(Please list info *exactly as it appears* on your driver's license or government ID) (If applicable)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____ **COUNTY of Residence:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ **AGE:** _____

IF YOU HAVE A PREFERRED GUARDIAN PLEASE PUT THEIR NAME HERE: (WE NEED A GUARDIAN APPLICATION ON FILE. THEIR APPLICATION MAY BE SENT ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION)

T- SHIRT SIZE: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) _____ **GENDER:** _____ **Your Weight:** _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT (son, daughter, etc.): **NAME:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____ **RELATIONSHIP:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (someone available the day you travel):

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

PHONE: Day: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

SERVICE: (Circle) WWII / Korea / Vietnam **BRANCH:** _____ **RANK:** _____

SERVICE DATES: _____

NOTED MILITARY ACTIVITY: _____

HOMETOWN (city and state you entered service from): _____

MEDICATIONS: (You may attach a separate list of your medications if you have one) _____

The following questions are simply to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable trip. Safety is our utmost concern!

MEDICAL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL NOT DISQUALIFY YOU. THIS INFORMATION PERMITS US TO ASSESS THE SUPPORT WE NEED DURING THE TRIP. INFORMATION IS FOR HONOR FLIGHT AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL ONLY.

Do you use **mobility equipment**? YES / NO (If YES, please circle device: Cane / Walker / Wheelchair / Scooter)

Do you have any **food or drug allergies**? YES / NO

Do you have a history of **seizures**? YES / NO (If YES and within the past 5 years, see medical advisement below.)

Do you have problems with **motion sickness** (sea or air)? YES / NO

Do you have any **breathing problems**? YES / NO

Do you use a home **nebulizer machine**? YES / NO

Do you use **oxygen at any time**? YES / NO (If YES, please include a prescription with this application.)

Do you have a **problem walking** long distances? YES / NO

Do you have a history of **head injuries, sinus or ear problems**? YES / NO

Do you have a **urostomy or colostomy bag**? YES / NO

Are you **incontinent**? YES / NO

Medical Advisement...

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you are not necessarily disqualified from making this trip: rather we want to strongly encourage you to consult your primary physician to assure you may travel safely.

Additional Comments or Concerns:

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3. I understand that if advance directives are in place that I am asked to travel with a copy and inform leadership of this fact.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

When completed in full please mail this form to:

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Lafayette, IN 47903

If you have any questions, please call us at:

(765) 357-1000



Helpful Veteran Information

Thank you for your service. Please review this page before completing the application. Below are some basic rules, guidelines, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Please complete and return the 2-page Veteran application (no need to include this page) and mail it back to us ASAP as we do have a waiting list in order to make a trip with us. Once we receive your application please allow at least two weeks for processing and data entry. You will be notified that we have received your application. After we have your application you may not be contacted to confirm a flight for some time but our goal is to give you at least a month's advance notice prior to any offer to join us.

There is no cost to the Veterans we honor whatsoever...absolutely none.

Safety is our number one priority, Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette wants you to have a very safe experience from start to finish.

Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette will pair you with a Guardian; they are there to push a wheelchair, provide transportation, take pictures, etc. A Guardian is your personal assistant during the entire experience.

Family members wishing to travel with you are encouraged to complete a separate Guardian Application and return it to us with your application. Family members serving as Guardians are asked to be at least one generation younger than the Veteran they wish to travel with. Guardians must be between 18 and 70 years old. If you have a specific person you wish to travel with, please include their name on your application in the space provided.

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Wheelchairs, all food, and drinks are provided. You will be given a t-shirt and hat to wear on the trip as well as a ditty bag the day prior to pack a few personal items if needed.

Please keep in mind that ALL people associated with Honor Flight of Greater Lafayette are volunteers (no one is paid for their work) and we will respond to all calls, emails and applications received as soon as possible.

Please pay particular attention to the **service dates** at the top of the Veteran Application. If you served even **one** day of Active Duty during the dates listed, you are eligible to fly with us regardless of your duty station.