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MAYOR’S VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY TO HONOR VETERANS FROM ALL BRANCHES OF U.S. MILITARY

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard will host Mayor’s Veterans Appreciation Day at the American Legion Mall on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. Mayor’s Veterans Appreciation Day will provide nearly 2,000 U.S. veterans and their families and friends with a fun atmosphere of food, music, games, information and, most importantly, camaraderie.

Mayor Ballard, a recipient of the Legion of Merit, retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2001 after 23 years of service. In 2010, Mayor Ballard established the first Veterans Service Officer for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, appointing Russ Eaglin to the role on Sept. 13, 2010. On Nov. 10, 2010, the City launched the Indianapolis Veteran Services website at http://www.indy.gov/VeteranServices.

Eaglin, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, is passionate about helping men and women who served in the U.S. military. “There is an abundance of resources designed to serve veterans and their families, but often, connecting with those tools can be overwhelming for individuals in need of services,” said Eaglin. “We created the City’s first portal to provide a streamlined, user-friendly point of connection between veterans and the resources they need and deserve.”

WHO: MAYOR GREG BALLARD, LT. COL., U.S. MARINES (RETIRED); MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SAMMY DAVIS; CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER RUSSELL EAGLIN; ALL U.S. MILITARY VETERANS

WHAT: MAYOR’S VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION MALL
(SAINT CLAIR STREET TO NORTH STREET, BETWEEN MERIDIAN AND PENNSYLVANIA STREETS)
DOWNTOWN INDIANAPOLIS

WHEN: 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. SATURDAY, AUG. 6, 2011
*Shuttles will run from the IUPUI Law School parking lot to American Legion Mall, and parking will be free at the Scottish Rite North Lot at Meridian and West Saint Clair streets.

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