



## NOVEMBER 2021 – VETERANS DAY REQUEST

### USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Legacy Organization: A Veterans Day Request

Dear Indy Family,

Did you know that the 316 Survivors of the sinking of USS *Indianapolis* were united by a single mission? To ensure that future generations would **Never Forget** the treasure we call freedom—or the sacrifices made to secure it.

The USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35) Legacy Organization exists to carry on that mission. Today, in connection with Veterans Day 2021, we are inviting you to participate.

As you know, Legacy doesn't fundraise often. But over the past year, due to outstanding volunteers and generous donors, our outreach has expanded exponentially.

I thought you might want to learn more about our recent work. That way, even if you're not in a position to volunteer, you can advance the Survivors' mission with a tax-deductible financial gift.

Here's what we've been doing over the past year:

- Educating the public about the Indy story via social media and YouTube content that's been viewed or shared more than two million times over the past two years.
- Collaborating with the nonprofit Tech Angels to provide iPads to survivors so they can connect with family and friends.

- Writing a book about the contributions of Indy's African American crew.
- Inaugurating Project 888, a quest to create a comprehensive biographical archive of the men lost in both the March 1945 kamikaze attack on *Indianapolis* and in the tragic sinking in July 1945.
- Publishing a 156-page book that commemorates the 75th anniversary of the sinking, illustrates ship life, and honors every member of the final sailing crew.
- Starting a weekly Zoom group that connects survivors and gives them an opportunity to share their stories.
- Developing and delivering a two-part webinar for high school students in collaboration with the National History Club.
- Launching a Student Membership for kids 18 and under and providing those members with the resources necessary to share the Indy story with future generations.

Seventy-six years ago, 1195 ordinary Americans sailed into the Pacific, charged with the most highly classified naval mission of World War II. Today, our mission is to honor the heroes of *Indianapolis* and advance their legacy of service and sacrifice by sharing their story with the world.

I hope you will consider a year-end monetary donation to support the USS *Indianapolis* Legacy Organization. With your help, Legacy will continue working on behalf of the men and families who made it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms of our great nation.

To make your tax-deductible donation online, please visit [www.ussindianapolis.com/donations](http://www.ussindianapolis.com/donations).

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Thank you!

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