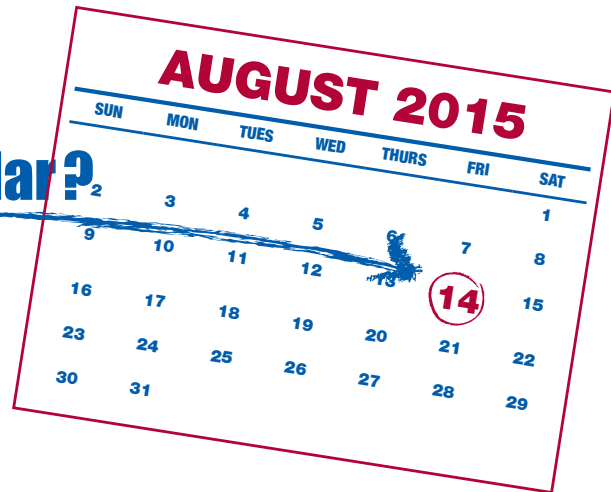


THE AMERICAN LEGION  
P.O. Box 361656  
Indianapolis, IN 46236



**HANDLE WITH CARE:  
CANDLE ENCLOSED!**

**Is August 14th marked on your calendar?**



WINDOW 4.5 x 1.125 @ 0.875L, 0.5B

<<JOHN SAMPLE>>,  
Is Friday, August 14th  
circled on your calendar?

John Q. Sample  
123 Main St.  
Building 1  
Anytown, US 12345-6789



DO NOT UNSEAL CANDLE



Please detach and mail by August 1.

This small candle will be melted  
into a Victory Candle.

Dear <<Salutation>>,

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**Step Three** Send me your response before August 1st. Send it, along with your gift of \$25, \$15, \$50, or whatever you feel comfortable giving—to help meet the growing needs of our veterans.

The heroes of WWII have a lot to be proud of. Not only did they return home victorious, but millions continued to serve their country by joining The American Legion.

Thousands of veterans, many who proudly served in WWII, now find themselves in hospital beds in veterans hospitals throughout the country. To them, VJ Day is just another long, lonely day in a hospital bed.

The American Legion is committed to ensuring that our hospitalized veterans do not feel forgotten. In fact, American Legion volunteers spend millions of hours every year with hospitalized veterans—visiting, playing cards, reading to them ... whatever it takes to help these American heroes get through their day.

With your help, we continue to stand toe-to-toe with our elected officials—every day—as we fight for our veterans and our troops in Washington. Politicians know that when it comes to playing with the benefits and healthcare of our nation's veterans, The American Legion will be there to ensure our country lives up to the promises it made to our veterans.

Whether it is helping the many thousands of hospitalized veterans get through another day in a hospital bed or serving as an advocate for warriors wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan who are recovering in military hospitals around the country ... The American Legion is dedicated to serving all veterans.

And while I am proud of the work we do in this area of service, I want to use this VJ Day to let every veteran, in every hospital, know that you and I haven't forgotten what they've done for our country. And to do it ... I NEED YOUR HELP in a BIG WAY!

**As the veterans of our Greatest Generation continue to rely on the benefits they were promised by a grateful nation so many years ago AND as thousands of our brave warriors return home from the Middle East to face the challenges of picking up the lives they left when they answered their country's call—YOU AND I must continue to stand in the gap for our veterans.**

Thank you for standing with me in support of our veterans. Whether you can give \$1 or \$1,000, please know that your support for America's veterans is important and appreciated.



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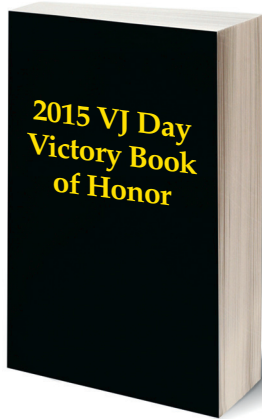


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# VJ Day August 14, 2015

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PERSONAL NOTE: THESE NAMES WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN THAT OF THE CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY BY THE AMERICAN LEGION.



**DO NOT DELAY THE RETURN OF YOUR CANDLE.**

Whether you send \$1 or \$1,000 is not the point right now—your quick response will let me know you're standing with me in protecting our veterans.

*Verna L Jones*

**PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM**

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## VICTORY CANDLE REPLY



**YES!** Enclosed is my "Victory Candle." I want it molded with others and lit SO WE WILL NEVER FORGET the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces.

I have enclosed the names of the men and women I want to honor in your 2015 Victory Book of Honor.

**YES!** I want to do more! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of:

XX    XX    XX    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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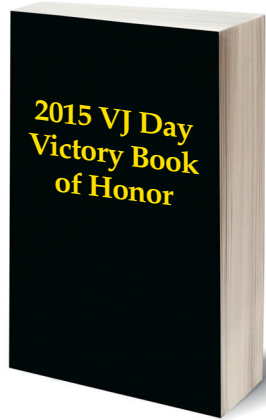
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### SEND YOUR CANDLE TODAY.

Be a part of our Victory Celebration again this year. It is a wonderful way to honor the veterans in your life. A gift today will help those veterans in need of our support.

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- I would like to receive periodic e-mail updates from The American Legion.

My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE?**

- Please send me information on supporting our veterans with a bequest to The American Legion in my will.
- I have already included The American Legion in my will.

- I have included a check.

Please make check payable to: The American Legion.

- Please charge my credit card.



Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_  
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THANK YOU  
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PAYING  
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Did you enclose your:

- Victory Candle Reply
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