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To the leadership and members of
**Helping Veterans And Families of Indiana (HVAF)**

Today, in Indianapolis, HeroByApp™ honored **Sergeant Major Mary L. Aurtrey, United States Army (Retired)**, as our inaugural Founding 50 Charter Honoree for the State of Indiana — recognizing a lifetime of military service and of civilian, civic, and community leadership.

She did not accept that honor alone. In her Letter of Honor, Mary named the organizations that shaped her service and carried her work into the community. **Helping Veterans And Families of Indiana (HVAF)** is one of them — recorded there as a **Community Support Organization**, permanently, as part of the permanent, verified digital footprint of Indiana's first HeroByApp™ recognition.

This recognition is not ceremonial alone. It carries a **Virtual Key** — permanent, sponsor-funded access to CityByApp™, the verified civic platform where trusted local organizations publish events, services, programs, volunteer opportunities, and news their communities can rely on. No cost. No subscription. Permanent — funded by Indiana's sponsors, not by you.

The work your organization does is real. What has been missing is a trusted place where the people you serve can actually find it — not buried in a feed, not competing with noise, not from a source no one can verify. That is what Mary's recognition opens, for you and for every accountable organization in Indiana.

Thank you for the work you do, and for the part you played in a life of service worth honoring.

With great respect and gratitude,

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