



Gary Lyvers, American Legion Post 303 commander, presents retired Judge Robert L. Miller Sr. with an award for extraordinary humanitarianism during a dinner for veterans hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday at the American Legion Post 303 in South Bend. **Photo/ROBERT FRANKLIN**

Area veterans honored at American Legion Post 303

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SOUTH BEND — Area veterans who attended a special dinner in their honor at American Legion Post 303 Saturday say they're pleased that there's more recognition these days for those who've served.

Wayne Liszewski, who was with the U.S. Navy in the '70s, said the events of 9/11 "brought war to us."

As a result, he said, Americans have more reverence for veterans.

"There are people in this world," he said, "who want to destroy our way of life."

Kenny Gard served in the military from 1956 to 1961 in Germany.

"It's getting better," he said of the recognition of vets in the community.

Gary Lyvers, commander of Post 303, said he appreciates that there is increased attention for those who've served.

"For what they've risked," he said, "why not? ... We've been in war times. People are dying. People are touched."

The meal at the legion,



A runner carries an American flag Saturday while running in the "Sweat for Vets" run and walk on the campus of Indiana University South Bend.

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which was free to veterans, was put on by the post's Ladies Auxiliary.

Debra Voltz-Miller, president of the women's group, said she expected hundreds to attend the Italian buffet.

"The economy's so bad," she said, "and families are suffering. ... We want to share what we've got and honor them," she said of area veterans.

Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood attended, as did South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

The Miller's Vets came out to the second seat-

ing, along with retired Judge Robert L. Miller, Sr., who founded the center for homeless veterans.

Miller was presented a plaque at the event for extraordinary humanitarianism.

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The Honorable Robert L. Miller, Sr.

for

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