



Women Veteran's Initiative

of Northwest Ohio



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September-October 2018 Newsletter

Toledo K9 Association Fundraiser

Co-chairpersons: Denise Schantz and Carolyn Nagy are happy to announce that the fundraiser hosted by WVI was a success.

The event was held at Caper's Restaurant on August 9, 2018 from 5:00pm - 10:00pm.

The fun evening consisted of wine tasting, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, raffle baskets, selfie photo booth and DJ Franki Jaye.

Veteran Jacqueline Hatcher (artbyjacqueline@att.net/419-277-5767) donated her services as a quick sketch artist for the event.

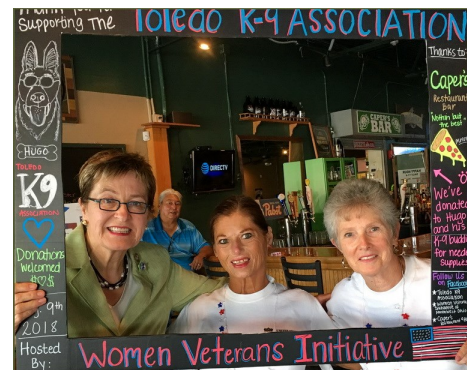
There was also a guest appearance by Hugo and his K9 friend. They were available on the patio for pictures and a lot of petting by adults and children.

Independent Living/Enhanced Living/ Memory Care

StoryPoint Waterville has a Community Specialist (419-878-1000) to assist veterans and their spouses to get VA assistance in their community. StoryPoint partners with experts that assist veterans and their spouses in applying for monthly benefits. The veteran needs to have served during the war time periods of: World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War. StoryPoint will initiate the process of applying for benefits.



Officer Robin, Hugo, C. Nagy, & D. Schantz.
Picture provided by D. Schantz.



Rep. M. Kaptur, D. Schantz, & C. Nagy
Picture provided by Rep. M. Kaptur.

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VA Burial Allowances

In June, Megan Coyle-Stamos (Coyle Funeral Home) offered a free dinner and presentation regarding veteran burial allowances at Charlies on Dussell. Here is a summary of the information presented:

- ◆ The DD214 is required for the funeral home to be able to assist with benefits.
- ◆ The VA will not pay for any funeral services, casket or obituary. Nor will the VA pay for a vault or cemetery costs when burial is at a private cemetery (For example: Toledo Memorial Park or Calvary)
- ◆ Every veteran is able to receive a grave marker or bronze medallion to mark their grave or mausoleum space.
- ◆ If the veteran is desiring burial in a national government Military Cemetery, then both the veteran and their spouse is entitled to grave space, open/closing fees, burial vault and grave markers. The same is true for the burial of cremated remains.
- ◆ Reminder: Pre-planning alleviates the burden on the family.

Ms. Coyle - Stamos has offered to schedule another dinner meeting to discuss this issue with WVI members. Contact: cenagy@bex.net if you are interested.

Note: Detailed Burial and Memorial Benefits can be found at www.cem.va.gov.

Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ US Vets, Inc. has organized a Veteran's Education Fund Golf Outing at Heatherdowns Country Club (3910 Heatherdowns Blvd.) on Sept. 15, 2018. 1:30pm start, scrabble. Contact: Chris Cremean at 419-206-5979 or chriscremean@yahoo.com to register a team and/or volunteer. Volunteer hours: 11:30am - 2:00pm at Heatherdowns Country Club and/or 4:30pm - 7:30pm at Caper's Restaurant. There will be a buffet dinner following the outing at Caper's Restaurant (2038 Bryne Rd.) \$1.00 raffle tickets for the Home of the Free hand made blanket are still available (Contact cenagy@bex.net).
Note: WVI has donated \$100.00 to sponsor hole #2



- ◆ Darlington Nursing & Rehabilitation (2735 Darlington Road) provides a delicious free breakfast for veterans every first Wednesday of every month at 8:30am. No reservation required.
- ◆ Ballroom Bash presented by Paramount Healthcare will be September 21, 2018 at the Stranahan Great Hall from 7:00pm - 11:00pm. Jeff Mc Donald's Swingmania Orchestra will feature swing, 50s, 60s and Big Band Music. Door prizes, free snacks and cash bar. Free to Paramount Members and all other guests are \$5.00.
- ◆ Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair will be Monday, November 12, 2018 from 8:00am - 11:00am at The University of Toledo - Savage Arena (2801 W. Bancroft). This free breakfast offers attendees access to a variety of military focused community resources. Sponsored by: The University of Toledo, American Red Cross and Lucas County Veterans Service Commission.
Note: The keynote speaker will be Commander Meghan Michael, USN Retired and Naval Academy Graduate.
- ◆ StoryPoint will present "Memory Matters Symposium" on November 27, 2018. The guest speaker will be Ms. Teepa Snow. Ms. Snow is an occupational therapist working as a dementia care and dementia education specialist. She has over 33 years of clinical experience in the field of geriatrics and dementia care, as well as having provided care to family members with dementing illness. Currently, she has an independent practice as well as clinical appointments with Duke University's School of Nursing & UNC-CH School of Medicine. Additional details will be forwarded when available.

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