



## August 2020 News

### **Christmas in July:**

D. Schantz and C. Nagy assisted United States Vets, Inc. (USVI) with a fundraiser at the American Legion Post 553 and Inside the 5 (Sylvania). The funds raised will enable USVI to bring some relief to veterans and their families during the pandemic. USVI is continuing its Veteran Pandemic Relief Fund that has assisted with rent, food and PPE. Contact Chris Cremean at 419-206-5979 for additional information. Donations can be made by check (payable to United States Vets, Inc.) or via credit card/pay pal at [www.unitedstatesvets.org](http://www.unitedstatesvets.org).

### **Thank you:**

During July there was an emergency message from a WVI member in immediate need of food and a water heater. The response from WVI members was immediate with offers of gift cards, cash and a list of resources. Not only did we get gift cards but one WVI member took the veteran grocery shopping. The family now has food and a water heater that was installed by a qualified family member. Donors received a thank you message from the veteran recipient.

### **Non-perishables food:**

One of the WVI members (Navy) has access to non-perishables food items and has volunteered to share food with WVI. Some of the items recently shared with WVI was: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, baked beans, carrots, applesauce and pasta noodles. We have the opportunity to receive food about every two weeks. If you are in need of food email [cenagy@bex.net](mailto:cenagy@bex.net) with contact information. You will be notified when food is available.

### **WVI activities:**

Even though we canceled plans for the Mud Hens Veterans Appreciation Night and the annual USVI summer picnic, we have been busy with the following:

- Fundraising
- Veteran support with food and water heater
- Transportation to dentist
- Clean apartment of ill veteran
- Communication of community resources

### **Food & Clothing Resource: Flanders Church of Christ:**

- 5130 Flanders Road
- Call 419-882-8188 to schedule food pick up. Leave a message and someone will call you back ASAP.
- The church normally has two free clothing events during the year but if in need of clothing ask the church if any clothes are available when you call regarding food
- Pastor: Dr. Thayer Salesbury
- Mention that you heard about the church via WVI

### **Reminders:**

- Restore (Habitat for Humanity – Conant Street) will give WVI members a 50%. Just mention that you are a WVI member.
- Nothing Over 9 (Reynolds Road) offers a 30% discount on Tuesdays.
- Women veteran license plates are available through the BMV at no additional cost. Check out their web site for examples of the plates.

### **Donated table:**

Robert Jones got into wood working after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Robert heard about the WVI and what we are doing for women veterans and their families so he decided to make a table that could be used as a raffle item. The table was received in December 2019 and Robert passed in January 2020. Due to COVID-19, it has been decided to offer the table to the highest bidder.



- The table is made from black walnut obtained from the Amish in Eastern Ohio
- Measures 22 inches high and 18 inches wide
- Offers accepted until August 28, 2020
- Email [cenagy@bex.net](mailto:cenagy@bex.net) with offer
- Income from the sale of this table will benefit women veterans

### **Little Blessings Veteran & Community Outreach – Fundraiser:**

- Saturday (August 19) from 3pm – 11pm
- Location: Shade Rock farms – 5577 Section Road – Ottawa Lake, MI.
- Tickets at the gate: \$25 each adult. Group rate (7 – 17 adults) \$10 each
- Salute to veterans consists of the following: guest warrior, live bands, petting farm, food vendors and more
- For additional information call Jamie Paxton at 419-779-0342

### **Free clothing and clothes drive:**

WVI and Nothing Over 9 will be coordinating efforts for a mini clothing drive on August 29 (Saturday).

- Call 419-893-5491 or email [cenagy@bex.net](mailto:cenagy@bex.net) to schedule a drop off time for women/men clothing.
- **Clothes will only be accepted from COVID-19 free homes. Clothes will be guaranteed for 72 hours prior to give away.**
- Clothes accepted until August 25
- Free women/men's clothing August 29 from 10am – 2pm at 1206 Elco Avenue – Maumee, OH. Face masks and social distancing required.
- So far the item sizes range from small to 3x and consists of shirts, jeans, underwear, socks, tank tops, blouses, hats, and bathrobes (Note: this is not an all encompassing list of items)

### **JDog Junk Removal & Hauling:**

WVI would like to send a special thank you to JDog Junk Removal & Hauling, a women veteran owned business, for providing a moving service and monetary donation for WVI members in need, during the past year. JDog serves Toledo and its surrounding areas. Support a women veteran owned business by calling 419-537-3315.



### **Stay safe and well.**

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