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# WVI Newsletter

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## Veterans Seeks Pain Management

Alexis Roob (Marketing Coordinator) at Comprehensive Centers for Pain Management reports the successful treatment of a veteran complaining of a pinched nerve but was actually diagnosed as a compression fracture of the vertebra C2 to T2. The veteran (Army and Air Force) developed little to no feeling in his arm which resulted in a vertebra fusion. The veteran continued to experience post operative pain and sought care at Comprehensive Centers for Pain Management. Dr. James, who has experience with treating veterans, was eager to work with the veteran and together they tailored a recovery plan. As a result of the treatment, the veteran has full range of motion and a new lease on life. He is able to resume exercising and cycling without excruciating pain.



Mr. Roob states “Do not let an injury sustained from years of service stop you from living the best life you can! Do not hesitate to call Comprehensive Centers for Pain Management at 419-843-1370 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are within two weeks and no referral is needed.”

## Stark County Resource Fair

The Stark County Veterans Service Commission held its Third Women Veterans Resource Fair July 17, 2021 at the MAPS Air Museum in Canton, Ohio. The event was to raise awareness of women veterans and connect them with services. The event featured many veteran service organizations as well as organizations like: Women Veteran Network, Blue Star Mothers and DAR. At each display table the women veteran was greeted with “Thank you for serving”. This was a well organized event and was an opportunity for networking, obtaining information and face to face problem solving. Plus the women veteran walked away with bags of “goodies”. **Recommendation:** Attend local Veteran Resource Fairs to assist you in seeking answers to questions and/or problems that you have. No appointment needed and face to face contact.

### Something to think about ...

“Success is not final,  
failure is not fatal;  
it is the courage to  
continue that counts!”

Quote by Winston Churchill

## Honor Home-Charlie

VA officials have said woman are the fastest growing population of homeless veterans and are more likely to be homeless with children. Keeping this in mind, Family & Community Services, Inc. opened Stark County’s first veteran housing facility for women and children. “Honor Home - Charlie provides an opportunity for women veterans who are homeless to work towards permanent housing. The program assists the veteran household by providing housing, case management, and helps to connect the veteran and family to services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Stark County Veterans Service Commission, and other local community partners. The women veterans and children are offered therapies such as art and life skills on-site and virtually. During their stay, the whole family receives advocacy and encouragement from our support workers.” (Family & Community Services, Inc.)



According to Kristine Stanley (Assistant Director of Veterans Services) Honor Home- Charlie opened March 30, 2021. The single floor dormitory home is 2,424 square feet and consists of a kitchen, laundry area, living room, play area, bedrooms, bathrooms and study area. There is enough space for several families or up to eight individuals. The length of stay is six months to two years which allows the women veteran to gain steady employment and find a permanent home.

Honor Home - Charlie is located in Canton, Ohio. [Www.facebook.com/FCSHonorHome](https://www.facebook.com/FCSHonorHome)

Interview: K. Stanley July 17, 2021

## Operation Stronger Together: 5K

Jason Graven, founder of Task Force 20, organized a Veteran’s Resource Fair and 5K in Whitehouse for PTSD Awareness Day on Sunday, June 27, 2021. The opening ceremony was held at Veterans Memorial Park which included US Marine Cpl. Micah Herndon speaking about how he ran the 2019 Boston Marathon in honor of three close friends who died in 2010 while serving on a mission he led in Afghanistan. Nearing the end of the race, Herndon experienced Achilles tendon issues and crawled to the finish line while saying their names. He has become known as the “No-Quit” marine.

United States Vets, Inc and WVI participated in the Resource Fair as well as organized a walking team. The 10 team members consisted of WVI members, family and friends. All finished the 5K and headed for the American Legion Post 384 for a delicious pulled pork lunch provided by Local Thyme. Several walkers were late for lunch as they stopped for ice cream to cool down.

Graven is already planning next years 5K for June 26, 2022. Our goal is to keep on walking and be the first to register for this fun event in 2022.



Front L-R: C. Nagy, S. McCloskey, M. Beck, L. League  
TOP L-R: C. Stiles, D. Schantz, J. Rambo Not Pictured: R. Steely, S. Pappas, C. Cremean

Provided by: C. Nagy

# Marathon Classic



Pictured: G. Baty, L. League, J. Noble, R. Steely, M. Fullerton, C. Stiles, D. Schantz, C. Nagy

Provided by: C. Nagy

Eight Members and supporters of United States Vets, Inc. and WVI volunteered on July 3, 2021 to assist with tournament set up. The duties consisted of cleaning out a large number of coolers and transporting them to a central location. This was accomplished within an hour. This impressed the volunteer organizers as it normally would take several hours to do this task. **Go Team...** Some of the volunteers drove a golf cart for the first time, which turned

out to be the highlight of their day. The after action report was discussed at Chandler’s Cafe over coffee and a snack. Three WVI members participated in clean up on July 12, 2021. This consisted of cleaning out trailers and policing the very wet front nine holes. The volunteers received: a T-shirt, admission to the Marathon Classic, parking pass and ticket to a volunteer party held at the Pinnacle on July 14, 2021.

The Marathon Classic donated fresh bananas, apples, and grapes to WVI who in turn donated a large portion to members, supporters, and the Maumee Fire Department. The remaining fruit was distributed at the US Vets Inc. Picnic.

## WVI Fundraiser

WVI & Nothing Over Nine are coordinating a drive for household items which will result in a fundraiser for WVI. The event will be Friday, 8/27/2021 from 1pm-7pm and Saturday, 8/28/2021 from 10am-5pm. Volunteers are needed to staff the drop off site which is a truck in the parking lot in front of Nothing over Nine (2453 S. Reynolds Rd). The items should be in good condition and suitable for resale

Suggestions:

- Household Items
- Small pieces of Furniture & Lamps
- Children’s Items
- Small Electrical Appliances (Working Condition)
- Books
- Seasonal Items
- Games, CD’s & Movies
- Exercise Equipment (small)
- Pictures & Picture Frames

Contact [cenagy@bex.net](mailto:cenagy@bex.net) with questions and/or volunteer.



## 2021 Veterans Summer Picnic

United States Vets, Inc. treated veterans, families and friends to the Annual Veteran Summer Picnic held July 18, 2021 at Mary Jane Gill Shelter (Swan Creek Preserve). The shelter is close to parking, playground, paths and the rest room plus offers plenty of shade and grills. David Neal worked up a sweat grilling, hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage for 35 adults and 15 children. The menu also consisted of fixings for Rubin sandwiches, a variety of salads and beverages. Denise Schantz surprised C. Nagy with a large delicious birthday cake and a heart felt birthday wish that was shared with attendees. Kathy Rutkowski contributed baked beans with peppers and sausage that her daughter made. So good....

The picnic was also billed as the WVI "Christmas in July" party and the theme was carried out with a singing tree and plenty of gifts. Lucinda League made colorful paper boxes to hold the gifts that were used for the Wright family game. This was followed with the Sarah wrap ball game. Once the games were over the free basket raffle started. There were 14 baskets contributed by: Rehabilitation Hospital of NWO, The Commons at Perrysburg, Promedica Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Centers for Pain Management, Traditions at West Park Place, WVI, L. league, J. Noble, C. Stiles and gift cards from United States Vets, Inc. Than there was the picnic table covered with small gifts for children and the men in attendance. Everyone went home with something.

WVI would like to thank United States Vets, Inc for sponsoring this event and to all the supporters that donated baskets and other items to make "Christmas In July" a success. Of course, we cannot forget the clean up team of: D. French, C. Middleton, L. League, D. Schantz, and R. Steely. All went well until it was time to fold up the tent. That was challenging. A special thank you to all the attendees that brought food items to donate to a food bank.

The conversation was good, delicious food and plenty of gifts made for a fun afternoon. See you next year.



A. Richards & Girls

Provided by: C. Nagy