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WVI Newsletter

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Cards for Veterans

Under the guidance of Debbie Papay, four WVI members and four veteran supporters met on Sunday, March 20 to make spring cards. Debbie provided the kits and instructions for the various techniques utilized. All the participants needed to do was cut, color and paste. Half of the cards made will be donated to Cards for Vets. Many of the participants adjourned to Panera for a beverage and conversation. Everyone agreed that this was a fun afternoon.

If interested in card making events, Debbie has a facebook page titled "Cards for Vets NW OH".

Debbie has written a book titled "Bloopers in Estate Planning and Elder Law Lessons Learned From Prime Time TV". If interested in this topic contact Debbie Papay, JD at 419-891-8884. Picture Provided by C. Nagy



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Good Hunting Estate Sales

WVI would like to thank Holly Euton-McGhee, Good Hunting Estate Sales, for the donation of clothing and cleaning supplies. Many members of Holly's family have served in the military so she was glad to be of assistance to WVI. When the weather warms we will host another clothing give away. Plans will be announced at a later date. If anyone is in need of assistance with moving and/or estate sale please call Holly at 419-215-7265.

Something to think about ...

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands—one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

Quote by **Audrey Hepburn,**
British Actress &
Humanitarian

“Louise C. Wilmot was the highest-ranking woman in the United States Navy before she retired in 1994. As the first woman to command a naval base, she had three different roles over the course of 30 years in the Navy: commander of the United States Naval Base in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; vice chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida; and commander of the Naval Training Center in Orlando, Florida.

In December 1988, Wilmot was selected for promotion to rear admiral, making her the tenth woman ever selected for flag rank in the Navy. Wilmot received her final command when she was selected to begin preparations for the closure of Naval Base Philadelphia. She retired on Aug. 18, 1994, having accepted a position at Catholic Relief Services as deputy executive director for public outreach.”

Louise C. Wilmot



Article & Photo: U.S. Department of Veteran Administration Center for Women Veterans (March 3, 2022)

Free Webinars for Women Veterans



Every Wednesday at 3:00pm EST there is a free webinar sponsored by Women Veterans Alliance. The presenter is usually a women veteran and lasts around an hour. An example of two presentations are “Taming Your Inner Critic” and “10 Steps to a Federal Job.”

Women Veterans Alliance was founded by Melissa Washington (Navy). “The vision of this organization is “To CONNECT over 2 million Women Veterans (and our supporters) globally for the PURPOSE of sharing our gifts, talents, resources and experience. We are committed to creating a community that Equips, Empowers & Encourages women that have served our country with knowledge, resources, tools, mentor ship, key insights, and career opportunities to discover & fulfill their greatest potential”.
(Quote: Women Veterans Alliance web site)

Women Veteran Alliance publishes a quarterly magazine titled “American Veteran Organization of Women” (AVOW). For additional information and to sign up for the free online magazine go to the Women Alliance Website.

Memorial Day Activities

There will a be a Memorial Day Parade this year as well as the regularly scheduled Memorial Service. It will be on May 28, 2022 in downtown Toledo. The Toledo Lucas County Memorial Day Activities (TLCMDA) continues working through sponsorship and donations, both corporate and charitable, to subsidize the parade activities. A fly over has been approved and the TLCMDA committee expects significant representation by the Services during the parade and the Memorial Service. (Note: WVI will place a wreath representing women veterans of all branches)

The TLCMDA lost its Cemetery coordinator, Christie Sass, last year. Her daughter, Nickie Sampson, has graciously volunteered to take care of the Cemetery activities in her place.

Looking forward to having the Women’s Veteran Initiative represented in the parade. If you are interested in marching in formation for not more than a mile, contact cenagy@bex.net. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

D-Day Ohio

Sue Theisen (Ohio National Guard) writes “Anyone who is interested in WWII history, Conneaut, Ohio has one of the biggest, realistic and educational living history events in the nation. This event is held at Conneaut Township Park on Lake Erie. This Park has the closest specifications to resemble Omaha Beach. Since the late 90’s D-Day Ohio has thrilled numerous spectators, re-creating the events surrounding the June 6, 1944 allied landing on the coast of Normandy, France.

The reenactors come from all over the world to participate in this living history event. My son (Daniel) is one of the Allied reenactors serving under Company D 5th Ranger Battalion that storms the beach. Daniel also serves with Baker Company of the 101st Airborne Division. Some of these reenactors have been used as extras in Hollywood.

In addition to the Allied Forces there are French resistance fighters, Allied parachute and Glider troops and the Axis Forces. Plus there are Higgins boat rides, Duck rides (amphibious landing craft), fly in a WWII aircraft that dropped the 82nd Airborne into France, and the opportunity to handle weapons and vehicles from WWII.

This year the event is August 18-20, 2022. The event is free to the public. Donations are accepted but not mandatory. Note: There is a fee to fly in the WWII aircraft. The website for this event is www.ddayohio.us. Due to COVID a ticket is required. If you would like to check out the action, there is a YouTube video titled D-Day Ohio. During your visit you may want to visit the North Coast WWII History Museum in Conneaut.

Walk in the Park

It’s time to get in shape for the Operation Stronger Together 5K scheduled for June 26 so let’s meet at Side Cut Park beginning Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30pm. Meet in the parking lot off River Road, lock side. Red, White, and Blue will mark the meeting spot. Family and friends welcome. Contact cenagy@bex.net if planning to participate.

It's not too early to register for the 5K (3.1 miles) walk/run. Use link to register and make sure you register as part of the WVI team. https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=115103&multi_use_reservation_code=bRiUqmUN11iY839cSVtn8patbfXqHqZN

The Organization D-Day Ohio, Inc. is a Non-Profit Charitable Organization dedicated to preserving the events of June 6, 1944 and to share the daily life of the soldier from both sides of the war and the sacrifices that were made during the invasion. Special recognition is given to all U.S. veterans especially those who served during WWII. Any profits made from the event goes to the continuance of the event in future years.”

Save the Date

- ◇ Free Spring Painting Class 4/19/2022, 6pm-8pm. Location: 3430 Briarfield Maumee. RSVP by 4/12/2022. To register call 419-893-5491 or email cenagy@bex.net
- ◇ Saturday, 6/11/2022, 11am-1pm, there will be a proper tea at Clara J’s Tea Room (Maumee). Free to WVI Members, Limit 16. Flyer to come.
- ◇ Veteran family picnic, Aug 2022 at Swan Creek. Details to follow.



Volunteer Opportunity

Forest Cemetery will need additional assistance in placing flags this year, so if you are interested in assisting, please contact C. Nagy (cenagy@bex.net) by mid-May 2022.

Information provided by: Jenna Noble (Army)

