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French Legion of Honor

Susan Theisian (Ohio National Guard) writes that she was selected to be the medal bearer for the presentation of the French Legion of Honor Medal to two men of the 65th Infantry Division on November 11, 2021 in Florida.

The French Legion of Honor is the highest award for, both military and civilian individuals based on merit and bravery. This Medal was established by Napoleon Bonaparte, in 1802 and is still retained by the French Government.

"I was absolutely honored to be a part of this considering my father (Hugo Renzetti) served in the 259th Co L of the 65th Infantry Division. He had been attending reunions of the 65th since 1951. Once I was born, I also attended the reunions. As a small child, I remember hearing the war stories and seeing movies of the Concentration Camps. The annual reunions are held at different locations in the country.

Next year the reunion is in Colorado Springs. Ed Lewis 259th Co L will receive his medal of honor and once again I will be the medal bearer. Mr. Lewis was in the same company as my father.

Being asked to be there, and being a part of the ceremony was beyond exciting for me. This past year, I was elected the organizations Sergeant at Arms. We strive to keep their memories and history alive."

Picture Provided by S. Theisian



Susan Theisen

Something to think about ...

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm Possible!'"

Quote by Audrey Hepburn,
British Actress &
Humanitarian

Free Entrance to National Parks

“Entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites **are waived for current Military Service-members and their dependents, Veterans and Gold Star Families.**

Veterans have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, which host activities to fit any lifestyle, from serene to high octane, including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping, and much more.

For purposes of this program, a Veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of valid (unexpired) identification:

- ◆ Department of Defense Identification Card
- ◆ Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- ◆ Veteran ID Card
- ◆ Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver’s license or identification card

Article: Veterans Benefit Newsletter March, 2022

The Military Women’s Memorial: Anniversary

“Mark your calendars for the 25th Anniversary of The Military Women’s Memorial in Washington DC. The celebration will be held October 14th-16th. The plans are continuing to be refined but a Service Luncheon will be October 14 followed by the main anniversary celebration on October 15. The celebration will be held on the plaza followed by a reception/open house. In the evening there will likely be a candlelight walk across Memorial Bridge. On October 16 there will be a Remembrance Ceremony, most likely at the amphitheater inside Arlington National Cemetery.

That's the schedule as we know it now. The dates are definitely firm so if you'd like to attend, you can begin making hotel reservations. We (Ambassadors) have been told that Crystal City is a good place, especially because metro transportation is easy. Such an exciting event deserves goosebumps when you read about a candlelight walk across Memorial Bridge!”

Judy Pearson, COL USAF (Ret)

Ohio Ambassador, The Military Women’s Memorial

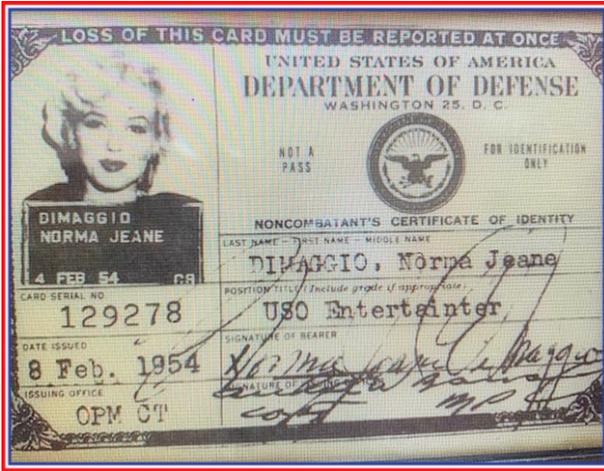


The Wall That Heals

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica and Mobile Education Center will be coming to Owens Community College (3200 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio) May 5-8, 2022.

The Wall That Heals will be open 24 hours a day. The exhibit will close at 2:00pm May 8. Free admission and parking. FYI: Eight women’s names appear on the wall.

Marilyn Monroe



“Marilyn Monroe’s (born Norma Jeane Mortenson) childhood was marred by abuse and time spent in foster care. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Monroe spent most of her childhood in foster homes and an orphanage, she married at age sixteen. She was working in a factory during World War II when she met a photographer from the First Motion Picture Unit and began a successful pin-up modeling career, which led to short-lived film contracts with 20th Century Fox and Columbia Pictures. Her career was rocky, despite the fact that she was one of Hollywood’s most famous actresses.

In January 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio married in San Francisco and jetted off to Japan for their honeymoon. While DiMaggio attended to his baseball clinics, Monroe took a solo detour to the Korean peninsula, which had been recently divided by the armistice which ended the Korean War the previous year. Over the course of four days, Monroe took a whirlwind tour of American military bases, putting on 10 shows for an estimated 100,000 very excited servicemen. “The trip was the best thing that ever happened to me, I never felt like a star before in my heart. It was so wonderful to look down and see a fellow smiling at me.”

Article: The Women’s Military Memorial

Photo: J. Pearson (MM’s ID)

Spring Painting Class



April 19, WVI members gathered at Unique Healthcare Solutions for a step by step instructions on painting a sun flower. Carrie St. Jean, instructor, is a very patient instructor and showered everyone with positive feedback. A special thank you to: Arbors of Sylvania, Unique Healthcare Solutions and Carrie St. Jean for sponsoring the event. They provided painting supplies, room, door prizes plus wine and charcuterie board. WVI supplied the conversation and laughter. Photo provided by: C. Nagy

Memorial Day Parade

The Lucas County Memorial Day Parade will be held Saturday, May 28. Women Veterans Initiative (WVI) is planning on participating in the parade & ceremony. WVI will place a wreath to honor all women that have served. If interested in the parade, email cenagy@bex.net prior to May 18. Specific details will be available at that time.

Operation Stronger Together

- * 5K (Race and/or Walk) plus Resource Fair (WVI will have a table at this event)
- * Sunday, June 26, 2022
- * Registration begins: 8:00am followed by the race/walk at 10:00am
- * Noon - 2:00pm, Free lunch at the American Legion Post 384. Food provided by Lucas County Veteran Service Commission
- * To register use the following link:
[https://runsignup.com/Race/](https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=115103&multi_use_reservation_code=bRiUqmUN1liY839cSVtn8patbfXqHqZNunder)
[Register/?raceId=115103&multi_use_reservation_code=bRiUqmUN1liY839cSVtn8patbfXqHqZNunder](https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=115103&multi_use_reservation_code=bRiUqmUN1liY839cSVtn8patbfXqHqZNunder)

Reminder: This will also be a fundraiser for WVI. A portion of the registration fee will be given to WVI if you register as part of our team. If assistance is needed to register online contact cenagy@bex.net.

Free Proper Tea



- ◆ Clara J's Tea Room (219 West Wayne Street, Maumee)
- ◆ Saturday, June 11
- ◆ 11:00am – 1:00pm (Doors open at 10:30am)
- ◆ The Proper Tea will consist of tea, savories, sandwiches and sweets
- ◆ Registration deadline: May 27. RSVP: cenagy@bex.net
- ◆ Wear a hat that you decorate. A prize will be given to the hat voted “best in show”
- ◆ Sponsored by: Faith Kieninger and Glendale Assisted Living



Heart Attacks: Men vs. Women

The warning signs for heart attacks can differ among men and women. Here's a rundown of the different symptoms that are common for each:

Heart Attack Symptoms	Men	Women
Chest pain	♂	♀
Chest pressure	♂	♀
Pain in arms, neck, or jaw	♂	♀
Irregular heartbeat	♂	♀
Discomfort between shoulder blades	♂	♀
Shortness of breath	♂	♀
Heartburn or indigestion	♂	♀
Gas-like abdominal pain	♂	♀
Sweating	♂	♀
Cold sweat	♂	♀
Dizziness or light-headedness	♂	♀
Nausea	♂	♀
Fatigue	♂	♀
Sleep problems	♂	♀
Anxiety	♂	♀

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Women's Heart Attack

The signs and symptoms of a heart attack differ for men and women. Know the signs. If you have any of the symptoms call 911 quickly.