

WVI Newsletter August 2022



Josephine Baker Spy:

Josephine Baker is often remembered as a trailblazing singer, actress, and dancer of the Jazz Age but few people know that during World War II she supported the Allied cause by working as a spy for the French Resistance, smuggling military secrets written in invisible ink on her sheet music! To read the incredible story of this extraordinary woman, who was born in 1906 and is pictured here in the uniform of the Women's Auxiliary of the Free French Air Force, visit <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=15408>. If interested in learning more about her remarkable story you may enjoy the biography "Josephine: The Hungry Heart" (<https://www.amightygirl.com/josephine-the-hungry-heart>) or the historical fiction novel "Josephine Baker's Last Dance" (<https://www.amightygirl.com/josephine-baker-s-last-dance>)



Ohio Hall of Fame:

"Hall of Fame Enshrinement Gathers 2019, 2020, 2021 Classes. Even though it was cloudy in downtown Columbus on June 7, the stars definitely were out at night as more than 30 recently inducted members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame ascended to the Davidson Theater on the third floor of the Riffe Center for a unique Enshrinement Ceremony. The event gathered Hall of Famers from the 20-member classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021. A majority of the honorees, as well as many family members, special guests, fellow Hall of Famers, and veterans, attended the evening program. A dozen of the 60 inductees were honored posthumously during the 40-minute ceremony.



Due to concerns of coronavirus spread during the pandemic, ODVS did not hold a traditional enshrinement ceremony for the three classes. Out of that caution was borne the first-ever triple enshrinement."

To see the [class listings](#) and learn more about the [Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame](#), go to [OhioVets.gov](#). Information: ODVS Spring 2022. A plaque with the names of each class of inductees as well as a computer that can locate each induced veteran by name and/or year of induction is located on the first floor of the Riffe Center.

Article: ODVS

Pictures provided by C. Nagy

Bottom picture: C. Nagy Class of 2020



Stronger Together 5K:

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Task Force 20 presented Operation: Stronger Together, a PTSD Awareness Day at Whitehouse Park, 6751 Providence St. Whitehouse, on Sunday, June 26. The day started out with some rain but by race/walk time the sun was out as well as the humidity. The 5K began after a brief opening ceremony. The WVI walking team consisted of Denise Schantz (Navy), Carolyn Nagy (Army), Jena Rambo (supporter) and CarlaAnn Stiles (Supporter). Denise carried the navy flag during the race. There was also a Gaven A. Smith Veteran Resource Fair that provided the participants with valuable information and freebies. Manning the WVI table was Jenna Noble (Army) and Lucinda League (Army). Lucas County Veterans Service Commission sponsored the delicious lunch that was catered by Warriors Wings. The lunch was held at the American Legion Post 384 in Whitehouse.



Left: Schantz-Noble-Nagy-Stiles-Rambo

Picture provided by: C. Nagy

Flag City Honor Flight:

Flag City Honor Flight, the Findlay-based hub of the National Honor Flight Network will offer flights on September 13 and November 1 to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C. All veterans interested in making the trip are encouraged to apply now. To veterans and families can access the application to fly and learn more at flagcityhonorflight.org.

Veteran Owned Business:

- Sidelines Embroidery & Sewing is owned by Lianne Whitaker (Army). Information regarding custom creations call 419-699-1017 or email lee.whitaker666@gmail.com.
- Wardog Surplus (322 Illinois Ave. Maumee) is owned by Vince Porter (419-460-9906 porter.vince@gmail.com) and Josh Aultman (419-574-2950 joshuaaultman@wardog-surplus.com). Wardog Surplus carries military surplus at whole sale costs. They offer tactical gear and clothing, military dog tags, patches plus military surplus. Yes, they have MRE's. A complete catalog and hours can be found on line at wardogsurplus.com.



Picture: Facebook

Save the Date:

- August 6 Women Veterans Conference Columbus. Register on line at Ohio.gov

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- August 21 **Free** veteran and family picnic from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Swan Creek Park (Mary Jane Gill Shelter off Airport). Lunch served at noon. Surprises. RSVP by August 15 to cenagy@bex.net
- August 21 **Free** Night Jazz Band Dance from 4pm-7pm at the Old Mill Stream Center, Hancock County Fairgrounds (1017 E. Sandusky St. Findlay. Donations accepted. A night of food, raffles, music, and fun is sponsored by Flag City Honor Flight
- September 3 (Saturday) 10am-3pm free clothing/purses and miscellaneous (set of dishes, picture and hand crafted ceramic goblets and pitcher) give away. Contact cenagy@bex.net if you plan to attend or just stop by. Location: 1206 Elco Avenue, Maumee

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Summer Veteran Family Picnic



Sunday, August 21
Swan Creek Metropark
4301 Airport Hwy, Toledo
Mary Jane Gill Shelter
from 11 to 3 (Lunch at noon)
Please RSVP by August 15

Food Games Raffles

RSVP by email to Chris at chriscremean@yahoo.com
 Or call Chris at 419-206-5979

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Toledo Food Bank!

Since 2006, United States Vets Inc. has reached out to the veteran community in Toledo and regionally with advocacy, referrals and educational resources to empower our returning military.

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Give away event
Saturday, September 3
10:00am - 3:00pm
Location: 1206 Elco Avenue Maumee
Sponsored by: WVI



Pitcher
6 goblets
Purchased
Ann Arbor Art Fair



Signed picture



Set of 12 Mikasa Fine China
Can be divided into smaller settings

Women's clothing only
All sizes

Purses

Miscellaneous items

All items free to veterans and their family