

# WVI Newsletter October 2022



## D-Day Conneaut:

This year, D-Day Conneaut commemorated the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WWII Normandy invasion from August 18-20, 2022. Thousands of spectators convened to witness over 1500 living historians share the story of the 'Longest Day'. June 6, 1944.

Spectators are able to interact with reenactors representing the United States, Commonwealth, and German soldiers, sailors and support personnel plus French Resistance and 1940's civilians. Explore Allied, French, and German encampments and their tactical support elements along with historical exhibits. See training exercises, weapons, living history demonstrations, boats, planes, military vehicles and armor. Watch the climatic battle as the Allied troops land via Higgins Boats, DUKWs, and LVTs. Look on as the men and their Armor units assault the German defenses on the bluffs overlooking "Normandy" beach as military aircraft fly cover overhead. Admission is free (Donations accepted). [WWW.DdayOhio.US](http://WWW.DdayOhio.US)

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## The North Coast WWII Museum (Conneaut, OH):

The North Coast WWII Museum features regional memorabilia and exhibits that shine a light on the life and history of those who served at home and abroad during World War II. The museum is housed in an old Hungarian Church with military items on the first floor and household items from the 40's in the basement. Admission: Donation. Hours: Limited. [www.dayohio.us/museum](http://www.dayohio.us/museum)

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## **2022 PACT Act:**

The PACT Act is a new law (signed August 10, 2022) that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. The Act (1) expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and (2) expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances. All Veterans and survivors who believe they may be entitled to benefits are encouraged to apply today. Veterans who wish to file a claim must complete VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence. Veterans can learn about standard VA disability, supplemental, and secondary claims by visiting: [VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file](https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file).

Information: US Department of Veteran Affairs (August 2022).

## **“Give Away”:**

The “Give Away” was held Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 10:00am-3:00pm. The clothing racks were loaded with clothes and coats plus there were multiple boxes filled with like new clothes with labels from Talbot's and Chico's. There was also a large selection of shoes, scarves, jewelry and purses. The nine women veterans that attended took their time to select just the right item(s) for themselves or a family member. S. Steffel (her brother served as a Marine during Vietnam) treated everyone to a pizza lunch. There was good conversation throughout the day as veterans sorted through the clothes or enjoyed the pizza break. The household items consisted of rugs, blinds, pictures, lamps and other decorative items.

A special Thank You to the following for assisting with sorting, set up and or clean up: D. Schantz (Navy), M. Hodge (Army) and C. Nagy (Army). Of course, we cannot forget to thank those that donated items: D. French (Army), J. Rambo, D. Papay, F. Kieninger, P. Clark, J. Noble (Army), and L. League (Army).

The remaining items have been donated to the Toledo YWCA.



Picture: L-R M. Hodge and D. Schantz

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### **The Military Women's Memorial: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Judy Pearson (Ohio Ambassador, The Military Women's Memorial) would like to remind women veterans that the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Memorial will be held October 14-16, 2022 in Washington, DC. There are a number of ticketed events as well as free events such as; a ceremony and candle light walk across the bridge. Additional information can be found at [womensmemorial.org](http://womensmemorial.org). by clicking on "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Scroll down the page to find the YouTube videos titled "Her Story Spotlight". There are three interesting videos (less than five minutes each) titled Navy Gunner Officer, Nurses in the Spanish American War and Aerospace Nurses.

### **Veteran Scholarship: Call for Entry**

Boyk Law (Toledo, Ohio) is accepting applications for their annual veteran's scholarship. This 2022 scholarship will be awarded to someone who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces or is the child or stepchild of a veteran and has completed at least one semester at an accredited college or university. The deadline to apply for the Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship is November 1, 2022. The winner will be announced on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2022. For information regarding eligibility and application visit [www.charlesboyk-law.com/give-back-scholarship/](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com/give-back-scholarship/). "Give back" is located under Resources located at the top of the page.

Information: Boyk Law Flier

### **Save the Date:**

Steak dinner for all veterans:

- Saturday, November 5
- Hope baptist Church at 6:00pm
- RSVP: 419-540-1141

The WVI holiday party will be held Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 2:00pm-5:00pm at Genesis Village. Additional information will be forwarded when available.

### **Veteran Discount: Pest Control**

Stanchin & Sons will offer a 10% discount to veterans for general pest/termite control and insulation. Contact: 419-699-0155 for appointment.

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