



WVI NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Party

The WVI Holiday Party was held December 4, 2022 at Genesis Village from 2:00-5:00pm. The room was very festive with beautifully wrapped presents under the tree and tables with a holiday center piece. There were 18 women veterans, 8 family members and 4 volunteers in attendance. The attendees nibbled on turkey/cheese roll ups, a charcuterie board, Christmas Crack and beverages. There was card bingo, a Christmas song contest and an ugly sweater contest. This year there was a holiday bazaar table for attendees to select items for themselves or family members. A big thank you to Genesis Village for donating the venue and to our volunteers who donated items for the party or contributed time for wrapping gifts. Our volunteers were: D. Schantz (Navy), L. league (Army), J. Rambo, C. Stiles, S. Steffel and F. Kieninger. Each veteran also received a hand made card by Peggy Jones. Peggy (94 years old) designs over 1000 cards for veterans. Many of her cards are distributed to veteran facilities in the Cleveland area.

Picture: Provided by C. Nagy

National Parks: Lifetime Pass

On Veterans Day 2022, the National Park Service unveiled a lifetime pass providing free entrance to [national parks](#) for Veterans and their families. The Interagency Military Lifetime Pass waives 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 for current military service members and their dependents, Veterans and Gold Star Families. For more information about eligibility and passes, visit [Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

Article: US Department of Veteran Affairs November 16, 2022

Community Bingo

The Commons, a Promedica Senior Living Community is inviting the community to play bingo the second Wednesday of each month, beginning January 11, 2023, at 3:00pm. There is no buy in (free) and prizes will be awarded. Guest must RSVP 48 hours prior as spots are limited. Call 419-874-1931. Location: 10542 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg. Guests are welcome to remain for a complimentary dinner after bingo.

Military Service Plaque (Free)

Together We Served (TWS) is offering all veterans a free high quality 11”X6” plaque of their military service. The plaque is carefully created by TWS military experts, combines the highest quality graphics and accurate content to deliver the finest presentation of your military service. The plaque can be printed and framed. Founded in 2003, TWS’s mission is to help preserve the military service history of as many U.S. Military Veterans as possible so that their legacy of service may live on for their family and future generations. Google Together We Served or if unable to locate site email cenagy@bex.net and the article will be forwarded.



Article: US Department of Veterans Affairs (November 20, 2022)
Picture: USDVA

Social Security Has Your Back

Erin Thompson (Public Affairs Specialist Social Security Administration writes “Our Wounded Warriors web-page is an important resource for military members who return home with injuries. If you know a wounded veteran, please let them know about our Wounded Warriors web-page at www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors. The page shares information about our Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits for veterans, including:

- How SSDI benefits are different from benefits available through the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.
- How we expedite the processing of Social Security disability claims for service members. If they develop a disability while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, they can file a disability claim regardless of where the disability occurs.
- Answers to questions asked about Social Security.

If active-duty military service members are unable to work due to a disabling condition and continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave, they should consider applying for SSDI. Active-duty status and receipt of military pay doesn’t necessarily prevent payment of SSDI benefits.

Our web-pages are easy to share on social media and by email with your friends and family. Please consider passing this information along to someone who may need it.

Social Security encourages people to first try to do business at www.ssa.gov

- If they cannot do their business online, contact their local office www.ssa.gov/locator between 9-4 M-F or 800-772-1213 8 am to 7 pm
- Offices are open for in person services 9 AM to 4 PM (masks are required, and will be provided if a person forgets theirs, but they are not optional) “

