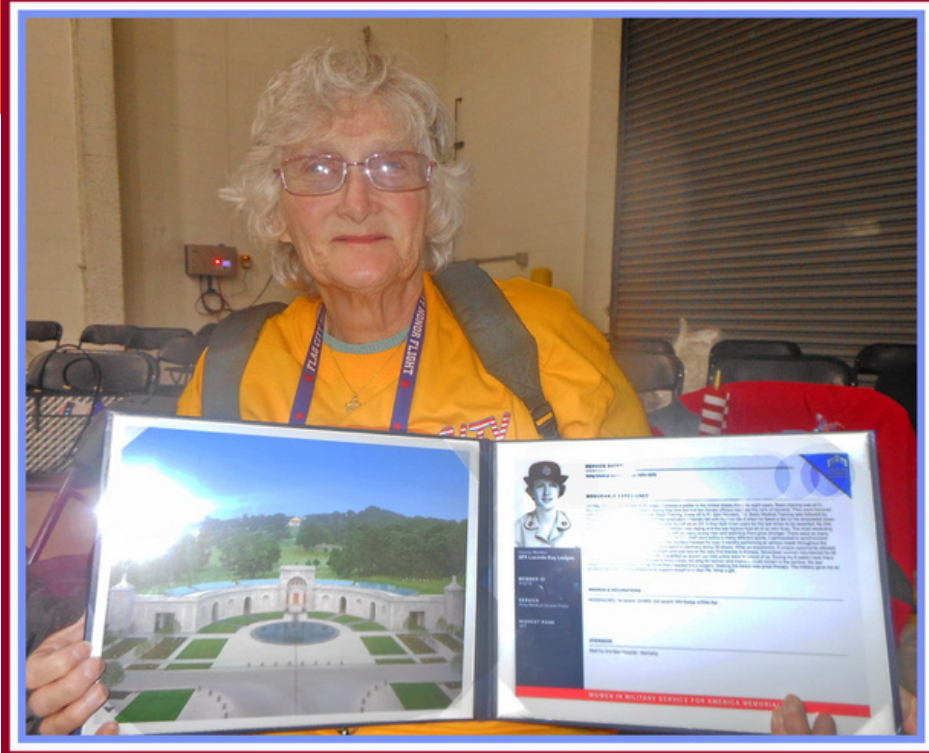




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Flag City Honor Flight Attendee: Lucinda League

On April 18, 2023 Lucinda League was the only female veteran to travel with the Flag City Honor Flight to Washington DC. Lucinda served in the Army during the Vietnam era as a Physical Therapy Assistant. Here are a few of the impressions shared by Lucinda: "I very much enjoyed the comradery of the veteran community and felt at home among them. The Vietnam Memorial was a big surprise because of its size. It's small but has a mighty message and speaks volumes about the world at that time. The WWII Memorial reminded me of the way Europeans commemorate historical events. The structure was a great place to sit and admire the memorial and enjoy the beauty of the area. Arlington National Cemetery has a majestic quiet beauty amid the bustle of the city. The solemn quiet respect shown to all who died in the service of our country was evident during the changing of the guard. During our time there I felt privileged to be a part of showing honor for those who died to keep and maintain our freedoms that I enjoy today. Freedom and safety carry a very high price. I do not regret serving this country during the very unpopular Vietnam War. The last stop of the day was the Military Women's Memorial, which I really wanted to see. It is located on the outer border of the Arlington National Cemetery grounds. It is a place of quiet beauty and grandeur.

Amanda Senior Care

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Before entering the building for dinner a group photograph was taken and I was placed front and center. There were two surprises for me that day. The first was a surprise visit by my sister (Beverly). We hadn't seen each other in 12 years. We had such a great visit. The second was arranged by the Military Women's Memorial to present myself and Rhonda Bibler (Army), my guardian, with a folder commemorating our service. I was thrilled. Upon arriving in Toledo there was a water cannon salute and a reception of cheering family and friends. Denise Schantz made a beautiful welcome home poster and pinned a rose on my shirt. It was a long but very special day for me. If you have the opportunity to travel with Honor Flight, my advice is 'Prepare for it like a big test at school: Get a good night's sleep before you go and by all means GO!' Article excerpted from memories written by L. league.

Note: 1. This was the first time Flag City Honor Flight included the Military Women's Memorial as part of the tour and their first dinner at the memorial. 2. The commemorative folder presented to Lucinda

Photo provided by C. Nagy

Women Veterans Health: Ann Arbor



The VA Ann Arbor has officially opened their Women Veteran's Clinic with a Commemoration Ceremony in mid April. Women veterans are the fastest growing group of Veterans using VA services, making up 30% of all new Veteran Health Administration patients. The Women Veteran's Clinic opened at the LTC Charles S. Kettles VAMC. The new clinic includes 4 exam/procedure rooms, administrative space, a privacy lactation room, and a waiting area with toys and activities for young children. The VA Ann Arbor health care supports the health, welfare, and dignity of female Veterans and their families by ensuring equal access to timely, sensitive, and quality care. They also strive to be a national leader in women's health care, raising the standard of care for all women.

Information: Veterans Health 3/24/23

Photo provided by: Veterans Health

Women Veterans Appreciation Day



June 12, 2023 marks the 75th Anniversary of President Harry S. Truman signing the Women Veterans Appreciation and/or Recognition Day Act. This act is not a separate Veterans Day for women. The day, celebrated yearly on June 12, recognizes, honors and remembers the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act allowing women the right to permanently serve in the regular armed forces. Prior to then, only women nurses could serve in the regular and reserve forces during peacetime.

Information: Vantage Point
Picture provided by: Women Veteran Alliance- Designed by David Gutierrez



Veterans Upward Bound

Veterans Upward Bound is a free educational program for qualified veterans providing support in preparing for success in their post secondary education and training. The services include: navigating benefits and financial aid applications, preparation assistance for beginning post secondary education, assistance with admissions process and applications, assistance with placement testing and on-going support services to help the veteran get to graduation. This relatively new program has an office at Owens Community College. For additional information contact Jason Graven, Assistant Director at 567-661-7300 or jason_graven@owens.edu or brandon_gaddy@owens.edu.

