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The Things She Carried

The Military Women's Memorial 2024 special edition calendar will offer a glimpse into military women's service and "The Things She Carried". The Military Women's Memorial Collection of artifacts and memorabilia is the focus of the 2024 calendar. The Memorial is documenting and preserving more than 250 years of women's service to the nation, the world class collection is tangible evidence of the depth and breadth of that service.

Established in 1994, the Collection includes more than 8,000 donations, from thousands of servicewomen, families, and others. Its items figure prominently in the Memorial's exhibits and other media, chronicling servicewomen's history and offering glimpses into their individual and collective experiences.

The 2024 calendar showcases some of the rare and unseen from the Collection and highlights the women connected to them.

Beginning January 2024, the WVI Newsletter will feature the servicewomen of the month as it appears in the calendar. Remember to add your story to the Military Women's Memorial. It is free to register and takes only a few minutes to become part of history. Contact: womensmemorial.org

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WVI Fundraiser

The WVI Fundraiser Night was held at Buff City Soap on November 6. For every purchase made between 3:00p – 7:00p, the WVI received 20% of the sales back. The funds raised will be utilized for this years' holiday season. WVI created a bar of soap based on a survey of its members. The soap was red/white/blue, the scent was aloe and clover and titled "In Our Hands". The first supporter at the event was Barbara Hogan. Barbara was the nurse manager at St. Vincent Medical Center Emergency Department and became the first Director of the Life Flight program.



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WVI is an initiative of the non-profit United States Vets, Inc.

Author: Peg Trout (Navy)

Peg Trout, author of "Sisters in War" spoke during the Opening Reception for the 6th Biennial Veteran Art Exhibition on November 5 at the Way Public Library, Perrysburg. Peg personally interviewed the 53 service women who served during WWII from 1942-1945 for "Sisters in War". She delighted the audience with antidotes as told to her by the servicewomen for the book. The book features a picture of the servicewomen and her story. All the women featured in the book are now deceased, Peg's goal is to see that they are registered in the Military Women's Memorial.



Note: The Way Public Library is planning to stock the book, or the book can be found via the internet.

The Exhibit is open to the public until January 3, 2024, during library hours. The Exhibit is located outside the meeting rooms, lower level.

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Little Blessings Open House

Little Blessings Veteran and Community Outreach is now located at 5725 Sterns Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan. On October 22, 2023, Jamie Paxton (Director) held an open house to share with the community their plans and to show the progress that has been made at the new property. Visitors were able to tour the barn and community space, meet the horses, walk the wooded trail, view the garden area and meet Scooter (the goat who thinks he is a dog).

Jamie states "At Little Blessings, we believe that Veterans returning from service benefit from targeted assistance. We help Veterans and their families transition successfully to civilian life utilizing the healing power of equine-assisted services, wellness programs and community integration." For additional information: lbveteranoutreach.org or 419-779-0342.

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