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The Things She Carried: June 2024



This helmet, worn by Air Force 1st Lt. Sandra Schlueter in the early 70s, was painted pink by the direction of her squadron commander after she was written up for breaking camouflage by wearing the blue women's work uniform instead of fatigues, though women were not allowed to wear fatigues at the time.

Information provided by: Military Women's Memorial

Facebook Hackers

Pam Eartherton (Navy) would like to spread the word about Facebook hackers. Pam used Facebook pay with her mother's credit card. The hackers were able to message Pam from a hacked friend's account and asked for Pam's phone number. This enabled the hackers to access information stored in mega pay. The hackers then changed her email phone number and password. Pam states "This will allow the hackers to rob you blind." She lost \$422 for plane tickets and \$123 to a travel agent. Pam advises "Do not give out your phone number on messenger unless you verify it is really that person."

Save the Date

**Veteran
Appreciation Night:**
June 6 from
6:30pm-11:00pm
Whitehouse Cherry
Festival.

**Operation Stronger
Together 5K**
June 30 from
8:00am-11:00am
Whitehouse

WVI Giveaway
(women's clothing
and household items)
July 13 from
10:00am – 3:00pm
Maumee.

**United States Vets,
Inc. Veteran Family
Picnic**
July 21 from
11:00am – 3:00pm
at Swan Creek Park.

**Ohio Veterans
Conference**
August 3 in
Columbus.

Military Womens Memorial Cruise

Thirty plus women veterans along with family and friends, plus 5000 other passengers, boarded the Royal Caribbean Odessey of the Seas on April 13 for an eight-day cruise to Curacao, Aruba, and Coco Cay. Those traveling from Toledo were Sonia Trotter (Army/Navy), Sue Theisen (Army), Carolyn Nagy (Army) and Susan Steffel (friend). The veterans met daily while at sea to share experiences, photos and much more. There was also the opportunity to network during dinner hour.



The ship offered many amenities and a large variety of activities such as dodge cars, pickleball, wave surfing, and shuffleboard. Susan and Carolyn enjoyed walking a mile every morning on the top deck and enjoying the sunrise and sunset. Sonia and Sue attended the jewelry sales and art auctions. All agreed that the food was delicious and plentiful, the entertainment was excellent, and the production titled The Book had spectacular costumes and special effects, but no one could figure out what the story was about.



L-R: Trotter, Nagy, Steffel and Theisen

After a two-day cruise everyone could set foot on Curacao for excursions or walk around to soak in the local culture. Aruba offered excursions and a lot of jewelry stores. Sonia and Susan tried zip lining on Coco Cay while Carolyn and Sue enjoyed the sun and water for a “Perfect Day”.

Photos provided by: Military Womens Memorial and C. Nagy

Cheaper Flights

It's time to travel for summer vacations. AAA published in March 2024 the following 12 suggestions on how to score better deals on plane tickets.

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HOW TO SCORE BETTER DEALS ON PLANE TICKETS

- 1 Use Google Flights to track airfares and available flights
- 2 Take advantage of 24-hour grace periods to check for price drops
- 3 Book in advance, but not too far in advance
- 4 Consider a non-refundable fair
- 5 Consider a layover instead of a non-stop flight
- 6 Low-cost carriers may or may not cost less when all fees are considered.
- 7 Book on the best day for you as no day of the week has a price advantage
- 8 Use reward points and frequent flier miles
- 9 Search nearby airports for savings
- 10 Be flexible with the days you can fly
- 11 Compare the price of two one-way tickets to a single round-trip ticket
- 12 Book individual tickets rather than a block of tickets