



WVI NEWSLETTER



H. Tubman: Brigadier General

Harriet Tubman (1823-1913) was posthumously awarded the rank of Brigadier General by the Maryland Army National Guard on November 11, 2024. Abolitionist Harriet Tubman was the first woman to oversee an American military action during a time of war. Tubman is known for establishing the underground railroad. She channeled those experiences to be a scout, spy, and a nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War, helping guide 150 Black soldiers on a gunboat raid in South Carolina.



Picture: H. Tubman
Information and picture: Military Women's Memorial 11/18/24

Tour the Islands of New England

The Military Women's Memorial has announced its 2025 group tour.

- The Islands of New England
- September 26 - October 3, 2025
- Space limited to 40 people
- Rates from \$3649, including airfare
- Contact information: 1-800-607-4538 or mwm@brenno.com

FYI: Paris and Normandy River Cruise will be June 14-21, 2026. Rates from \$5659.

Flag City Honor Flight

Helen Wheeler (USAF) was one of three female veterans on the September 10, 2024, Honor Flight to Washington. While at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier she was able to see three wreath-laying ceremonies which offered a moving memory for all the veterans in attendance. The Mirror (11/8/24) quoted Wheeler as saying "I believe that being in the military made me a stronger person, and one who was willing to go to war for our country. It also taught me about teamwork. That is an important part of being in the service". Wheeler is pictured with Bob Clark, Legion rider.

September 10th marked the 28th mission of Flag City Honor Flight taking veterans to Washington, D.C. This equates to 2,000 veterans experiencing a day in the capitol. WVI would like to encourage women veterans to apply for an Honor Flight. Applications can be found at flagcityhonorflight.org. The 2025 dates are not available currently.



Notice: As of May 2025, all airline passengers are required to present a REAL ID compliant license or acceptable alternative identification to pass through security at TSA check points.

WVI Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was held at Genesis Village on December 1, 2024, from 2:00pm-5:00pm. The room was festive with Christmas themed raffle baskets on each table, the red, white, blue themed Christmas tree was decorated by WVI members which was surrounded by loads of colorfully wrapped presents. There was a Holiday Bazaar area, jewelry table, plus 2025 calendars and cards that were free for all guests. Shawnette Pullman (USAF) won the "Who is the most like Santa" game. A special thank you to Bobbee Clawson (Army) for providing sandwiches, a vegetable tray and chocolates. At the end of the event Wanda Murrell (Army) led the 21 veterans, four guests and three volunteers in a very moving rendition of the National Anthem.

The special surprise was a performance by Stephan and Libby Stubbins (Broadway in Love) at the beginning of the afternoon. Stephan softly played the piano to welcome guests and later performed two Christmas songs with Libby, to everyone's delight. They also provided two tickets for their December 13 performance "A Musical Merry Christmas" at the Maumee Indoor Theater. Jackie Kennedy (Army) received the tickets.

WVI would like to express its appreciation to all those that contributed to the holiday party and to the families that requested assistance for Christmas, they are Genesis Village, Stephan and Libby Stubbins, B. Clawson, S. Pullman, L. League, D. Schantz, J. Rambo, S. Steffel, K. Kieninger, J. Noble, S. McMillian, L. Fletcher, C. Beckley, P. Jones, and United States Vets, Inc.

Pictures by: C. Nagy



Picture: Stephan & Libby Stubbins



Picture: L-R: J. Rambo, C. Nagy & D. Schantz

Holiday Report

- There were 21 veterans, four guests and three volunteers at the Holiday Party. Gifts, raffle baskets and food were provided.
- A Christmas party was held for the women veterans at The Commons at Garden Lake.
- WVI provided gifts and food to five women veterans and their eleven children.
- The "wrappers" wrapped nearly 100 gifts, made 7 raffle baskets and filled 11 stockings with goodies.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2025