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Inauguration Experience



Susan Thesien (Ohio National Guard) writes "When Donald Trump won the election in November, I swore I would attend his Inauguration. Eight years ago, I had tickets for the Inaugural ceremony, parade and even the ball. I could not attend any of them. My tickets for this year were in the seated section near the podium, but as we all know things changed due to the cold weather on Monday.

Sunday was the rally at the Capital One Arena. The doors opened at 3:00 pm, I was in line at 7:30 am through rain, snow, and hail. I finally got into the arena at 5:15 pm just in time to listen to the rest of Trump's speech and to see his dance with the Village People. Capital One Arena made everything on a first come first serve basis for the rally and the inauguration. Some people started lining up at 6:00 pm on Saturday night.

So many people were trying to cut in line, push down barricades and the police were told not to assist in any crowd control. The police tried to say the arena was at capacity and they were not letting anyone else in, but I made it.

Resume Building:

Madelyn Hughes, Research Analyst at [resumebuilding.com](https://www.resumebuilding.com), writes that she would like to share the Veterans Resume and Job Hunting Guide, designed to help veterans transition to civilian careers. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the unemployment rate for veterans was 2.7% in 2022, but many still face challenges translating military experience into resumes that resonate with civilian employers. This guide offers practical advice on resume building, job searching, and leveraging veteran-specific career resources. It's tailored to empower veterans with the tools and confidence they need to achieve success in the civilian workforce."

Information provided by M. Hughes
([resumebuilding.com](https://www.resumebuilding.com))

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On Monday word must have gotten out about the day before, because everything was much more organized. I only waited three hours in line to get into the arena. I took some great photos on both days and can honestly say I will never forget the hype from the crowd and all the people I met from other states that were also there to witness history. To experience this in person was truly amazing no matter if you like the person in the office or not.”

Article and picture provided by Susan Theisen

AARP: Home Modification Benefits Guide

AARP helps veterans and military families by providing key resources such as a Home Modification Benefits Guide. The Guide connects veterans and military families with financial assistance and programs to modify their homes. See aarp.org/vetshomebenefits.

Veteran caregivers spend 1.5 times more on out-of-pocket costs each year than other caregivers. Military caregivers looking for help can call 877-33-5885. There is also an AARP Caregiver Guide.

You don't need to be an AARP member to access any of the resources. But if an AARP membership is of interest to you, veterans are eligible for up to 43 percent off.

AARP: Fraud Watch



If you have questions related to scams, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network helpline toll-free at 877-908-3360. For the latest fraud news and tips go to aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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Social Security: Appointments

Customers wanting personal service will have to call their local office or the SSA's national number (800-772-1213) to schedule an appointment, including Social Security card requests. Many tasks can also be completed on-line at ssa.gov/onlineservices. Military personnel, people with terminal illnesses, and individuals requiring immediate assistance can still walk in for service at field offices.

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