



WVI NEWSLETTER

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Hands of Honor

The Hands of Honor event was held on Sunday, March 15, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Jonathon Khoi Nail Salon, 6819 W. Central Avenue. Sara Rump, the salon manager, partnered with WVI to host the event, offering women veterans a complimentary manicure or pedicure along with a beverage. WVI also provided light refreshments.

Eleven women veterans participated in the afternoon of relaxation and camaraderie. The event offered time to chat, enjoy snacks, and carefully choose the perfect polish color. Pedicures proved to be the most popular service among the veterans.

The volunteer nail technicians—Sara, Mya, Madison, Samantha, and Manda—generously donated their time and talent to make the event special. Emily welcomed the veterans and served beverages throughout the afternoon.

Participants left pleased with their selections, sporting fresh colors just in time for St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring. Photos available at FB page: Women Veterans Initiative of North West Ohio.

Picture provided by C. Nagy



Chill Out/Grill Out

The Veteran Service Commission will recognize Armed Forces Day by providing a free picnic for veterans on Saturday, May 16 from 11:00am–4:00pm at the Veterans Service Commission (2555 Arlington Avenue). Come and enjoy picnic style food, a raffle, resource tables and get your Ohio Veteran I.D. card on the spot. (DD 214 required).

Save the Date

- Motivational Speaker Monday, June 16 from 6:00pm–8:00pm at Genesis Village.
- Clothing Giveaway will be held on a Saturday in June. Date and location to be announced.
- United States Vets, Inc free annual veteran family picnic will be held Sunday, July 19 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Olander Park, Shelter #1. (Note: Location change). Lunch will be served at noon. RSVP: by July 15 to cenagy@bex.net or chriscremean@yahoo.com.

Beyond MST app

Access resources that support healing with the Beyond MST app. This private, secure app supports those who have experienced military sexual trauma with exercises to manage stress, set self-care goals, and track recovery progress.

<https://mobile.va.gov/app/beyond-mst>

Maumee Memorial Day Parade

WVI would like to invite our women veteran members to join us Monday, May 25 to walk in the Maumee Memorial Day Parade. The parade theme is American Strong Together! and is hosted by American Legion Post 320. Participants will gather at Maumee United Methodist Church (405 Sackett Street) no later than 8:30am as the parade begins at 9:00am.

The parade route is short and easy which means you will be finished at the latest by 9:45am. There is a brief ceremony following the parade (optional). We ask that women veterans wear comfortable shoes, jeans/black pants and a white shirt or their uniform. For those who have not marched with WVI, there will be a veteran vizor provided. RSVP: To cenagy@bex.net by May 20.

America 250 Week

- May 2 – Sing While You Work: Day of Service 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Forest Cemetery | 1704 Mulberry St, Toledo, OH. Lunch and T-shirt provided.
- May 5 – America 250 Veterans Concert 5:30 PM Food Trucks | 7:00 PM Concert Conn-Weissenberger AL Post 587 | 2020 W. Alexis Rd., Toledo, OH
- May 5 - Opera Gala Route 250 6:00 PM VIP | 6:30 PM General Admission Millbury Classic Cars & Trucks Museum 26929 Cummings Rd., Millbury, OH

Register for all events online at www.toledoopera.org.

Presented by: The Wolfe Family Foundation



Note: WVI would like to form a team for May 2 Day of Service. Community volunteers will gather to help clean and prepare veteran graves ahead of Memorial Day. RSVP to cenagy@bex.net ASAP. Provide T-shirt size.

Women Veteran Call Center



Call the [Women Veterans Call Center](tel:1-855-VA-WOMEN) at 1-855-VA-WOMEN to connect with pregnancy loss support and treatment, and visit the [Women's Health Pregnancy Loss](#) page for more information. Additionally, your local [Women Veterans Program Manager](#) can assist you in accessing care.

