WVI NEWSLETTER

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Women Build



On September 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the WVI Women Build team volunteered their time to help construct a home for a single mother of five on Piddock Road. The home was one of three currently being built through Habitat for Humanity.

The team took on a variety of tasks throughout the day, including organizing and storing supplies, sweeping, sawing, hammering, removing plastic coverings, and vacuuming. One of the major construction projects was installing three support posts at both the front and back entrances of the home.

In addition to the hard work, the day provided an opportunity for conversation, fellowship, and lunch.

The WVI Women Build team included J. Batton (Navy), E. Sepeda (Army), M. Downs (Army), C. Nagy (Army), L. Fletcher, and B. Hahler.

A special thank-you to these ladies for volunteering their time and helping make a difference in the life of a local family!

Facebook Photos: Women Veterans Initiative of Northwest Ohio
Picture provided by C. Nagy

Save the Date

- Fraud, Scams and Financial Exploitation October 7 at 10am. Location: Lucus County Veterans Service (2555 Arlington Ave.) in the Community Room. Presented by: FBI, Toledo Field Office.
- Operation Connected Care October 23 from 10am-2pm. Get direct one-on-one assistance with: ID, Login.gov, My HealtheVet, VA mental health apps, disability claims and more. Location: Lucas. County Veterans Commission (2555 Arlington Avenue). Bring: phone, tablet, or laptop, DD214 and 2 forms of ID. Questions: 419-213-6097 or cdziubek@co.lucas.oh.us
- 2026 Veterans Day Breakfast and Resource Fair November 11 from 7:45am-11:00am at John F. Savage Arena UT.
- Sunday, November 29 will be the annual WVI Holiday Party at Genesis Village from 2:00pm-5:00pm.



Sacred Sisters Alchemy

Briana Smith writes “Sacred Sisters Alchemy is a woman-owned and veteran (Christina Austin, Navy)-owned holistic wellness business based in Toledo, Ohio. Our mission is centered around reconnecting people with natural wellness, traditional herbal knowledge, intentional living, and greater awareness of what we put in and on our bodies.



We create small-batch wellness and herbal products designed to become practical additions to everyday self-care routines. Our growing collection includes botanical body-care products, herbal oils, balms, body washes, intention sprays, aromatherapy products, spiritual wellness products, and specialized wellness collections.

One of the areas we have been especially focused on is creating products for people with active lifestyles. This includes our Fiery Ritual Total Pain Relief System and our new men’s Forge Collection, developed with hardworking individuals, athletes, gym members, trainers, and wellness professionals in mind.

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Hiring Veterans: Jobs of the Week

Each week, the Department of Veteran Affairs receives job announcements from employers and employment websites seeking to hire Veterans. This post includes links to job listings for the week of October 5, 2026. DOVA will continue to post relevant and timely listings as they are we received.

Learn more and apply: https://news.va.gov/148817/hiring-veterans-jobs-week-oct-05-2026/

Notice: USDVA August 19, 2026

Holiday Requests

- Thanksgiving meal requests due by November 2, 2026.
- Christmas meal and children’s gift requests due by November 23, 2026.

Include the following in the request: number of adults and children, allergies, and special dietary requirements for the meals. To request a meal(s) or the children’s gift request form email cenagy@bex.net.