



Women Veteran's Initiative

of Northwest Ohio

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December 2017 Newsletter

Women Veteran's Memorial



The Women's Memorial 20th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony was held October 21, 2017 and it was a great program. Representatives from all branches of the service were sharing the Voices of Women.

Introducing the keynote speaker was General Ann Dunwoody, U.S. Army, Retired. She was the first women to obtain the rank of General as well as the first women to hold a four-star rank in the U.S. Army. General Dunwoody retired in 2012.

The keynote speaker was General Janet Carol Wolfenbarger, U.S. Air force, Retired. General Wolfenbarger was the first women, four-star general in the U.S. Air Force who served as the Eighth Commander of the Air Force Material Command from June 5, 2012 to June 8, 2015. General Wolfenbarger served for over 35 years.

President Emeritus of the Women's Memorial Foundation, Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, Retired, stated she is often credited with the idea for the memorial but in actuality it was three women veterans from Toledo, Ohio. Does anyone know their names? If you know their names, forward to margol45@juno.com.

Contributed by: Diane Mitchum (USN/USA)



D. Mitchum & Friend.

Photo contributed by D. Mitchum

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L.-R.: M. Hodge, D. Schantz, C. Nagy, and J. Feak attended the UT Appreciation Breakfast for Veterans held at Savage Hall Nov. 10, 2017.

Photo contributed by: D. Schantz

Christmas Dinner Dance

An elegant evening of fine food, spirits, and music. Proceeds benefit local veterans. This event will be held December 16, 2017 from 7:00pm - 11:00pm at Joseph W. Diehn Post 468, American Legion (5580 Centennial Road, Sylvania). Cost: \$25.00 per person. RSVP: December 1. (See attached flier)

New Year's Eve Celebration

United States Vets, Inc. will sponsor a New Year's Eve celebration on Sunday, December 31, 2017 from 8:30pm - 12:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church (4441 Monroe Street, Toledo). There will be music, raffles, and fellowship at this alcohol free event. Cost: \$10.00 payable at the door. RSVP: By December 20, 2017 to lclouden7@gmail.com. or Chris (419) 206-5979.

"A Poem of Thanks"

We were Soldiers, but women too
 Yes, we stood tall, for the red, white, and blue
 We served our country, We did our best
 Far from home, Away from the rest
 Scared and afraid, Yet we passed the test
 Many thanks go to you all
 Women Veterans who answered that call
 Thanks for your service women everywhere
 Contributed by: Mary C. Hodge (US Army)
 November 11, 2017

Salute to Women Veterans

Colonel Diana French US Army, Retired, was the key note speaker at St. Ursula Academy on Nov. 8, 2017 for the Salute to Women Veterans event coordinated by Heroes in Action. She related to the students in a humorous way how her experience in the military and nursing contributed to identifying ten leadership criteria. A commemorative coin was presented to all veterans in attendance.



Diana French
 Photo contributed by
 C. Nagy



L. to R.: W. Murrell, J. Feak, D. French,
 S. Pullam, D. Schantz, and C. Nagy
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Merry Christmas



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