



# Women Veteran's Initiative

of Northwest Ohio



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## November 2018 Newsletter

### Flag City Honor Flight

Denise Schantz was honored to be selected as a guardian on the October 2, 2018 Flag City Honor Flight to Washington DC. Her veteran was Lloyd Straub who voluntarily joined the Air Force in May 1949 during the Korea/WWII era. Denise reports that the chemistry between Mr. Straub and herself was immediate and built during the day. The guardian is to see that the veterans needs are met. Mr. Straub didn't want anything special but he was in for a day of surprises. According to Denise, Mr. Straub was a humble man and an unknown hero (just as the rest of our Honored Veterans are).



Lloyd Straub & Denise Schantz.  
Picture provided by D. Schantz.

Mr. Straub mainly wanted to see the Korean War Memorial, as it hadn't been completed during his last visit. Upon viewing the memorial he became very quiet so they sat together on a bench in the shade and held hands. Ms. Schantz and her husband will soon travel to Tiffin to share pictures and reminisce with her new friend and an America Hero, Mr. Lloyd Straub.

Putting together an endeavor such as the Flag City Honor Flight takes time, funding, and work from people who care deeply about veterans. The organizers do whatever it takes to make every detail perfect and that the day is filled with surprises for the veteran. It is said that Honor Flight will change you and as a Veteran Denise feels that they are correct as it has had an impact on her.

To volunteer and/or donate to Flag City Honor Flight contact Kim Rice-Turley at 419-957-7419, [info@flagcityhonorflight.org](mailto:info@flagcityhonorflight.org), or [www.flagcityhonorflight.org](http://www.flagcityhonorflight.org). Article by: Denise Schantz.

### Walleye Hockey

If interested in attending a Walleye Hockey game in early 2019 email [cenagy@bex.net](mailto:cenagy@bex.net) ASAP. We are able to get discounted tickets but will need 25 participants. Family and friends can be included in the group. There is the possibility that WVI members will be able ride the Zamboni around the arena and have it announced that we are women veterans.

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## Veterans Day Around the World

While traveling in New Zealand with Overseas Adventure Travel, we had the opportunity to stop in Hari Hari. Hari Hari is a small rural settlement (population around 350) in the south west of the west coast region of New Zealand's Southwest Island. The name has a Maori meaning "to take/carry joy". Our stop included a delicious lunch prepared by three delightful women from the Returned and Services Association (RSA). The rooms are filled with pictures and other military memorabilia of those that have served. The settlement planted 12 trees for those that did not return from WWII. We were also treated to biscuits from a military themed tin that is part of their fund raising efforts. The luncheon is also another means of receiving a donation. Presently, there is one women veteran from Hari Hari serving in the military. Thanks to our host we did take/carry joy with us as we left Hari Hari.

The RSA mission is to remember and care for all those impacted by service for New Zealand in military operations. The RSA was formed in New Zealand in 1916 by returning Anzacs during World War One to provide support and comfort for service men and women and their families. The Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association is made up of 182 local RSAs around the country, each an entity in their own right, with over 102,000 members. The RSA believes in a nation joined by a heartfelt connection to the Anzac spirit of courage, commitment, comradeship and compassion. The Flanders Poppy is distributed by the RSA throughout New Zealand to raise money for the health and well being of all service personnel and their families.

Article by: Carolyn Nagy.



Picture provided by C. Nagy

A sign on the RSA building says:

**"Lest We Forget:  
They shall grow not old  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
we will remember them"**



Picture provided by C. Nagy

## Veteran's Education Fund Golf Outing September 15, 2018

Caper's Restaurant Scramble Golf Outing benefiting US Vets Inc's George E. Prokos Memorial Education Fund at Heatherdowns Country Club raised \$1,000 towards the fund. This year's recipient of the \$5,000 education fund was Nathan Gembreska, a US Marine and pre-med student at the University of Toledo. Nathan's goal is to become an Emergency Room Physician.

Several WVI members volunteered to sell raffle tickets and were proud to show support for this event by sponsoring a hole.



Denise Schantz

Picture provided by C. Nagy.

## Reminders!

### Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair

- \* Monday, November 12, 2018
- \* 8:00am - 11:00am
- \* The University of Toledo Savage Arena (2801 W. Bancroft)
- \* Free breakfast and access to veteran community resources
- \* Keynote speaker: CDR Meghan Michael, USN Retired and naval Academy Graduate

It would be nice to have a good representation of women veterans to show support for the first women veteran to deliver the keynote address. If you are interested in attending, please let C. Nagy know (cenagy@bex.net) and I will try to reserve a table for WVI members. RSVP: November 10. There will be a sign on the table stating Women Veterans initiative.

### Memory Matters Symposium

- \* November 27, 2018
- \* 9:00 am—3:00 pm
- \* St. Luke's Hospital (5901 Monclova Rd, Maumee, OH)
- \* RSVP: 419-878-1000 by November 23, 2018

### Great Clips

Great Clips will give a free haircut to veterans on November 11 or a coupon for a free haircut at a later date.



### Holiday Gathering

- \* Weds., Dec. 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm
- \* Don Juan Mexican Grill & Bar  
Dussel Road, Maumee
- \* Raffle and Other Surprises
- \* Hor d'oeuvres Provided by WVI
- \* Beverages at your own Expense
- \* RSVP by Dec. 1, 2018 at  
cenagy@bex.net



### WVI Fundraiser

Spring 2019 there will be a clothing drive to raise funds for WVI endeavors. Clothes should be in good usable condition so don't throw out or give away your usable clothing prior to our clothing drive. Encourage family and friends to donate clothing as we will be paid by the pound. Additional Information will be provided after the first of the year.

### Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 35

There is a membership drive for Chapter 35, Greater Toledo area for those that served between February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975. The chapter is interested in encouraging more women Vietnam veterans to join their chapter. A meeting is held the first Sunday of the month at Lake Township Building (Corner St. Rt. 795 and Cummings Rd.). Guest welcome. Coffee and fellowship at 6:30pm followed by a very informative meeting at 7:00pm. Office: 419-242-4293

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