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"A dog has the soul of a philosopher." – Plato

Veterans are Going to the Dogs. What a Great Destination!

By Jack Grady

When you have a confession or a secret that you absolutely do not want broadcast, tell your dog. Not only will your secret be safer than the bullion in Fort Knox, your dog will take it all in, never passing judgment, only understanding.

Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails.

– Max Eastman

Baldwin Wallace University psychology major Lisa Slama learned that lesson as a four-year old child when her parents answered a "free to good home," ad and presented her with Nikki, a one-year old German Shepard.

Since then, she's enjoyed dogs in her life, her heart, and now, in a non-profit setting. Her day job is in technology. Training dogs to be vets' best friends, that's her hobby, though to call it a hobby damns with faint praise. It is her calling and life mission.

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive.

– Gilda Radner

Troops suffering PTSD face an uncertain future. Although research and treatment continue, we have many more questions than answers.

Slama was a psychology major/sociology minor at Baldwin-Wallace University, and psychology and dog training have more in common than you might think. It is dogs' unique



The Welcoming Committee includes Cassius (left) and Logan.

ability to listen, to comfort, to just be there, that truly makes them man's best friend.

She explained, "I'm not just training the dogs, I'm really training the people to train the dogs. You have to understand how to work with the people to get them to understand it and then to transfer it to the dog."

You think dogs will not be in heaven? I tell you, they will be there long before any of us.

– Robert Louis

When Slama was at BWU, she was contacted by an organization that worked with families with autistic children. "They were looking for an at-home emotional support pet, so

I worked with those families. The project tied in with my interest in blending psychology with animals. Psychiatric service dogs can be with people with mental illnesses, including autism, anxiety depression, schizophrenia, and PTSD.

"A couple months later I was contacted by a veteran who suffered PTSD. He sought a trainer to help retrain the dog to become a psychiatric service dog.

"I had not done service dog training but I did know what it involved, and how to get a child to do it, so then I learned more about the demands and what was needed; in fact I learned a lot more about the service dog industry."

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

– Ben Williams

Slama was deeply disappointed to see the costs involved. "Families were already restricted with a physical, mental or financial challenge, so to charge them what some places charge for the dog made the situation unresolvable. With my background in rescue and education, I wanted to provide dogs at a very low price. I felt I had the ability to do it, so, why not?"

Slama had other good things going for her project. The Middleburg Heights Animal Foundation, which was the rescue operation, already had the board in place as well as 401(C)3 (non-profit) status. With nine years' experience, the Foundation was on familiar ground.

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."

– M. Facklam

She is unsure how many veterans need the service. "We get quite a few phone calls and we have counselors and therapists referring veterans to us. We get some veterans who see us out with our teams or at the VA."

If you're moved to send funds to Veterans' Best Friend, you can contact the organization at (216) 390-2754, VeteransBestFriend@hotmail.com and learn more about it at www.VeteransBestFriend.org.



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Why Women Shouldn't Be in the Infantry: It's a Man's World

Four female veterans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq filed suit last month in federal court, asking the ban on women in the infantry be lifted. They cited the paucity of promotions available to non-combat troops.

That's likely true, and should be. The armed forces are fighting units, after all, and the risks are often great.

Learned counsel for the female veterans is the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization I have long admired. Well, we all occasionally screw up.

The military has enough mistakes in its footlocker without arguing whether women should be allowed in the infantry. Women don't belong in the infantry. They don't belong in any of the combat arms.

The insurmountable barriers to women in combat include size and strength. In general terms, women's bodies have narrow shoulders and wide hips. Men's bodies have wide shoulders and slim hips. Men are naturally stronger than women.

Physical strength is vital in combat. Carrying arms and ammunition



is difficult. A machine gun team, for example, calls for three troops: the gunner, the assistant gunner, and the ammo bearer. All three carry ammo. Mortar crews, part of the infantry, carry the mortar tube and members of the team carry mortar shells in addition to their own rifles and ammunition. And that's the easy part. Dragging a

wounded comrade out of harm's way, or loading a troop killed in action on to a helicopter calls for grace under pressure as well as physical strength and courage.

It gets more difficult. The combat arms are designed and trained to do one thing: Kill. Aiming at a hostile enemy and pulling the trigger, hoping for a kill shot, is difficult. It is made more difficult when the target is aiming and hoping to kill you.

U.S. Army Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman said it well: "You don't know the horrible aspects of war. I've been through two wars and I know. I've seen cities and homes in ashes. I've seen thousands of men lying on the ground, their dead faces looking up at the skies. I tell you, war is hell!"

It is no place for a woman.

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Purple Heart Homes and South Euclid Provide Land Bank Home to US Army Veteran Demond Taylor

By Vicki Thomas

As proud Americans, one thing that unites us all is the pride we share in veterans who have served our country.

That pride was recently showcased on Veterans Day, in South Euclid. Town officials, members of the media and neighbors gathered in the rain on the front lawn of an Avondale Road house.

Mayor Georgine Welo, Gus Francos and Purple Heart Homes co-founder John Gallina met for the kick-off ceremony to begin gutting and adapting a foreclosed home for US Army veteran Demond Taylor, his wife Amber, and service dog Madison.

Taylor, a graduate of Heidelberg College, majored in history. His dream was to make the military his career. Taylor was 27 when he deployed to Iraq. Like many foot patrol soldiers, Taylor was involved in several explosions that resulted in Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Today Taylor suffers from bouts of depression, flashbacks, nightmares, and has difficulty maintaining focus.

"Having a home will provide me and my wife with the fresh start we have longed for," he said. "It will be a place where I can come home at night after work and be at peace."

The home in South Euclid is the first Purple Heart Homes project in Ohio. "Providing Taylor with an adapted renovated home is a hand up, not a handout," said Purple Heart Homes co-founder John Gallina. When the home is completed, Demond Taylor will pay a mortgage at 50 percent of the appraised value.

Purple Heart Homes purchased the home from the Cuyahoga County Land Bank for \$1.00 and has contributed \$20,000 toward the renovations needed. Additional funds to complete the project will come from



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donations, in-kind services and community-wide fund raising events.

Two combat wounded veterans remain on a mission

Dale Beatty and John Gallina enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard in 1996 when they were both 17 years old. They deployed to Iraq in late 2003. On November 15, 2004 their lives changed forever when the vehicle they were riding in hit an anti-tank mine that exploded, leaving Beatty a double amputee below the knees and Gallina with severe back injuries, TBI and PTSD.

Beatty and Gallina's shared experiences in the National Guard created a strong sense of community and their military training instilled a strong humanitarian spirit. Together they co-founded Purple Heart Homes

in 2008. Both Beatty and Gallina were trained to not leave a wounded soldier behind on the battlefield and are now dedicated to not leaving them behind once they return home.

Purple Heart Homes offers two programs for qualifying Service Connected Disabled Veterans:

Veterans Aging in Place Program was created to help older veterans who own their own homes by making modifications such as replacing steps and putting in ramps, making doorways wider, and bath rooms more accessible.

Veterans Homes Owners Program was created for returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. Purple Heart Homes receives foreclosed homes as gifts. The homes are adapted and modified specifically for each service-

connected disability. The veteran receives the home as a hand up and not a handout and pays a small mortgage of 50 percent of the current home market value.

To qualify for the two programs, interested veterans should:

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To learn more about Purple Heart Homes visit their website at www.purplehearthomesusa.org or call 1-855-787-7539 and be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.

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Purple Heart Homes co-founder John Gallina.

Culture Shock: Irishman Recommends Restaurant!

By Bob Zelina

It was Eddie McGoun who introduced us to the Heimatland, which means homeland in German. We played a quick nine holes one morning at Skyland Golf Course and Eddie said that just down the street was a very good German restaurant.

Eddie's a wonderful guy, but, let's face it: The Irish are not known as food critics. Writers, statesmen, soldiers, and family men, yes; food critics, no.

Nevertheless, he was right on this place.

With the plethora of businesses that line Center Road, you have to be on the lookout. If you're traveling west from I-71, it's on the right side close to Route 42.

The restaurant is long and nar-

row and on the walls are wonderful murals of the old country. If you love beer with your dinner, you're going to love this place. Plenty of German beers, and who knows more about beer than the Germans?

There are salads on the menu, but Real Men don't eat salads. Their Real Wives and Real Girlfriends enjoy salads, however, and the Swedish Lingonberry salad won rave reviews. Soups are different every day, and they are created in the kitchen. If you were reared on Campbell's, wonderful surprises await.

So let's get to the good stuff. To whet our appetites, Eddie and I shared a great appetizer, the Ultimate German Platter, which overflows with pierogis, sauerkraut balls, and po-

tato pancakes. We didn't order the sausage sampler, but if the quality was as good as our UGP, we could have filled up on the two appetizer plates.

The potato pancakes also come as an entrée, and little wonder. Crisp around the edges, tender throughout, and rich with flavor. Little sour cream and you're good. If you can put away and enjoy the sausage sampler and the potato pancake entrée, you can pack away some groceries.

If there is a problem here, it is this: If you clean your plate, you're not going to have room for dessert.

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challenge. There are more sides on the menu than your average hexagram: German red cabbage, spaetzle, haluska, sauerkraut, green beans, home fries, buttered dill noodles among them.

What a great little place. Run by the owners, and oblivious to competition. The Homeland does what it does best: Prepare and serve some quality, German dishes at very good prices.

Mel Baher: Cuyahoga County Veterans Commission; One of the "Go-To" Guys for Veterans

By Jack Grady

Mel Baher runs his own business, Baher Enterprises, Inc., in Berea, is grandfather to 15 (count 'em!) grandchildren, a member and officer of the American Legion Post 91 for a quarter century, and unabashed champion of Albert E. Baesel, the World War I hero who gave his life for his wounded comrade. His Legion post is named for Baesel.

The only way to slow this guy down is a cross body block, and even that tactic would only temporarily slow him.

The Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission, along with all veterans, is blessed to have him on its board.

The Air Force veteran has been an active member of the American Legion for a quarter century. He was appointed to the Veterans Service Commission in 2003. He has been reappointed twice.

He's proud the Commission. "We have a great group of guys here. They're knowledgeable and committed to helping veterans. That's why I'm proud to be a part."

"I didn't know exactly what it did. The Veterans Service Commission is a well-kept secret in this town. It's there and it's for the vets, but a lot of guys are too proud to come in when they need help. You have to urge them along."

Through his service to the Legion, he was aware of the Commission, but, "I didn't know exactly what it did. The Veterans Service Commission is a well-kept secret in this town. It's there and it's for the vets, but a lot of guys are too proud to come in when

they need help. You have to urge them along."

Baher notes that no individual man is a squad or a platoon; we were teammates when we were in uniform

and we're teammates today, bound by our service to our nation.

The strength of the Commission, he said, is the depth of the experience as well as knowledge of programs and assistance available to veterans.

Some cases are more difficult than

others, and among them, some might confuse a single Commission member. But when Commission members meet and put their heads together, solutions are accessible. That group knowledge is a source of pride for Baher. "We see extraordinary and unusual circumstances," he said.

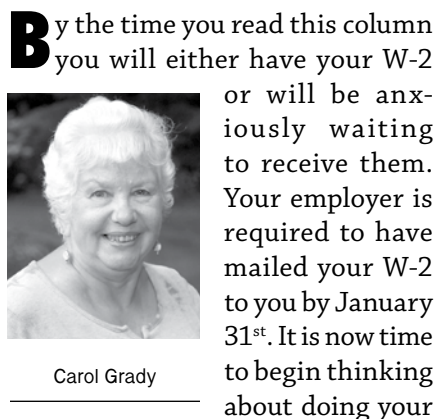
The Commission's goal, he said, is to make its services available and fast. "We have a staff here that I'm proud of because it treats every veteran well. We want the veteran to be taken care of the first time he or she comes in that door."

The satisfaction of the job is transitory but memorable: The look on a veteran's face when he learns of the help available.

Want to learn about Baher's Legion post? The web site is www.postbythelake.org.

Among Other Bills is the Big One from Uncle Sam

By Carole Grady
DD 214 Chronicle Tax Writer



Carol Grady

By the time you read this column you will either have your W-2 or will be anxiously waiting to receive them. Your employer is required to have mailed your W-2 to you by January 31st. It is now time to begin thinking about doing your tax return. Here are a few more helpful hints.

Military – The following are tax-exempt:

- Veterans' bonuses paid by state or federal government
- Veterans' insurance proceeds and dividends

- Veterans' education and training allowance paid under the GI Bill
- Mustering-out payments Pensions, annuities and similar allowances for personal injuries or sickness resulting from active service in the armed forces

Deductions – Earned Income Credit – This is a great deduction because it is a refundable credit, which allows the taxpayer to get the credit as part of his refund, even if his tax has been reduced to zero. Check with your tax preparer to see if you qualify. As always with the IRS there are rules but many individuals and families are eligible.

Lifetime Learning Credit – This educational credit is different from most credits in that you do not have to be

pursuing a degree to qualify. If you are taking classes to help get a job or improve your job skills this credit can give you up to \$2,000 every year for an unlimited number of years and covers tuition, books and fees. To qualify you must not be a dependent on your parents' return and you will not qualify if you file Married Filing Separately.

Child Tax Credits – If your child, foster child, brother, sister, grandchild or a descendent of any of them lived with you for more than half of the year, was under age 17 at the end of 2012, did not provide over half of his or her own support, and is claimed as a dependent on your return you can claim a maximum of \$1,000 for each child. As always IRS has rules

so check with your tax preparer. Additional Child Tax Credit – This credit is for individuals who get less than the full amount of Child Tax Credit. This credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

In closing, just a few words about choosing a tax preparer:

Find out about their fees.

Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of your refund.

Make sure you will be able to contact the tax preparer after the return had been filed, even after the April due date, in case questions arise.

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Military.com and USAA Announce List of Best Places for Veterans: Greater Cleveland is Fourth-Best in Country



(McLean, VA) — Pittsburgh ranks as the top place in the nation for veterans to transition from combat boots to civilian shoes, according to a new study commissioned by USAA and Military.com.

The “Best Places for Veterans” list identifies U.S. metro areas that offer America’s most recent veterans more opportunities to find a job or go to college while providing a higher quality of life in an affordable location.

“Today’s veterans are battling a

highly competitive job market and need to proactively plan for life after the military,” said Scott Halliwell, a certified financial planner at USAA. “This study allows us to help recent and soon-to-be veterans identify preferred loca-

tions throughout the U.S. where they can launch a civilian career and use the GI Bill to further their education.”

“The millions of young veterans who have already entered the work force and the many more

that will join them in the coming years have the opportunity to use the discipline and determination they’ve acquired in the Armed Forces to make a significant impact

in their workplaces and communities,” said retired Cmdr. Ward Carroll, editor of Military.com. “*Best Places for Veterans* was commissioned to help equip this remarkable group with tools for a successful transition.”

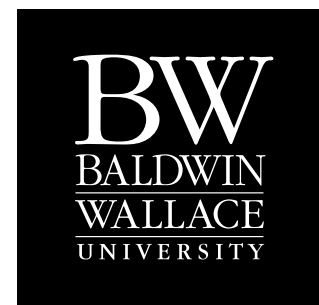


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Wayne Pettick: Student, Sailor, Teacher, St. Joseph's Emissary on Earth

By Harry Besharet

Ten years before Wayne Pettick wrapped up his career as a teacher and cross country coach in the Lakewood school system, a friend told him about volunteering with the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

At the time, the idea made little sense. During the school year, Pettick's days began at dawn and finished well after dusk. In addition to his teaching career, he and his wife, Mary Beth, were rearing a family. (For a wonderful story, ask Pettick how he met the love of his life.) But the idea found a home in Pettick's brain, where it would patiently wait until the psychology and special ed teacher retired.

Pettick was always committed to education, both his own and that of his students. He got out of high school in 1962 and started an infor-



Hospice of the Western Reserve

mal work-study program.

Kent State University had a satellite campus at Euclid High School, and Pettick attended classes until his money ran out. He would go back to

work, save for tuition, then return to school.

While this method was laudable, it was hardly efficient and the Selective Service allowed only four years deferment for college students. In 1966, his classification changed from 2-S, the student deferment, to I-A, prime cannon fodder.

The American war machine was grabbing 40,000 draftees a month into its huge maw to placate an insatiable appetite.

At the draft board, he asked an employee, "What does this mean?" She said, "You're on the July, 1966 draft call."

He joined the Air Force and spent part of his enlistment in Vietnam, notably Monkey Mountain, near Danang.

He saw the world, saw the war, and qualified for the GI Bill, which led to a degree from Cleveland State in 1973.

All told, it took Pettick 11 years to get his degree. It took only one month to start his career in the Lakewood school system, where he was hired a month after graduation.

He was a special education teacher in one of the junior high schools until 1980, when he moved down the street to the high school, where he taught psychology.

He also coached cross country for the Rangers, which meant his days started before Ol' Sol ap-

peared on the horizon and ended after dark. "I loved teaching, in providing some direction to students." It was fulfilling, important work.

When he retired, "I didn't think I'd ever see again that kind of stimulation or satisfaction." Little wonder. Great teachers pay attention to the growth and development of their students, and take special pride in student success.

After the last of the retirement parties, Pettick found himself a stranger in a strange land. "I would wake up at three in the morning, worried, and ask myself, 'What the hell am I going to do all day?'"

Ah, comes the dawn! From that small storage bin in his brain, his friend's words of long ago tumbled out: "You ought to consider hospice."

He flipped open the Yellow Pages and the first to appear was Hospice of the Western Reserve. He joined the eight-week training session and was fascinated. Remember, this guy is a student as well as teacher of psychology. He was hooked on the idea and practice of hospice. But it was more than that.

The men and women he met at the Hospice sealed the deal. Not only those who were getting ready to leave this life, but the staff and administration. He found their humility, generosity of spirit, and foundation of kindness to mesh perfectly with his own ideals.

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Now That I Have a License to Carry, What Should I Carry?

A Q & A With Kim Rodecker, an eight-year veteran of the Marine Corps, in which he served as a primary marksmanship instructor. He was a competition shooter in the Marine Corps and continues today, on a national level, as a civilian. He is NRA certified. He is owner and chief instructor at Concealed Carry, 6308 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio (216) 749-4416. Interview by Jack Grady

Q: Once I've been trained and received my CCW license, how do I get fitted for a handgun?

A: One of the first questions you have to ask yourself: is the gun primarily a house gun or a gun that may be carried concealed on the street?

If it is something that is going to be carried concealed on the street, then you don't want to have a big, full-sized gun. You want to get some-

thing more on the compact side.

Q: Given that the selection of handguns is huge, what's the first step in getting properly fitted?

A: The first is the grip. The handgun will be an extension of your hand, and you want it to feel natural and comfortable.

The question you have to ask yourself when shopping is, how does this grip fit my hand? You don't want your handgun to feel like a brick or feel bulky. The gun should fit your



Fitting a gun to the shooter

hand as well as a glove. That's one element no matter what kind of gun it is.

If somebody is not going to take a long time to practice or get training with their particular gun, they might want to consider a

revolver, hammerless design, because that is simple. There are no mechanics as far as clearing jams or misfires.

Q: Is the hammerless design new?

A: Not at all. Hammerless revolvers have been around since the early

1900s. They have just become more popular within the last twenty years.

Q: Why the renewed interest?

A: I would say concealed carry had a lot to do with it. If someone is going to carry, they need something that is not going to catch on their clothes, such as the hammer.

Q: Does that mean guns with hammers are undesirable?

A: Not at all. However, it calls for extra training. You do not put your thumb on the hammer, you put it well over on top. This way, it does not catch on your clothing. It just takes time and practice.

Q: What are the drawbacks to hammerless?

A: A hammerless gun gives you only one choice of the weight of the pull. There is no option for you to cock the firearm. If you have someone who is really weak in the fingers, that might be harder for them to do.

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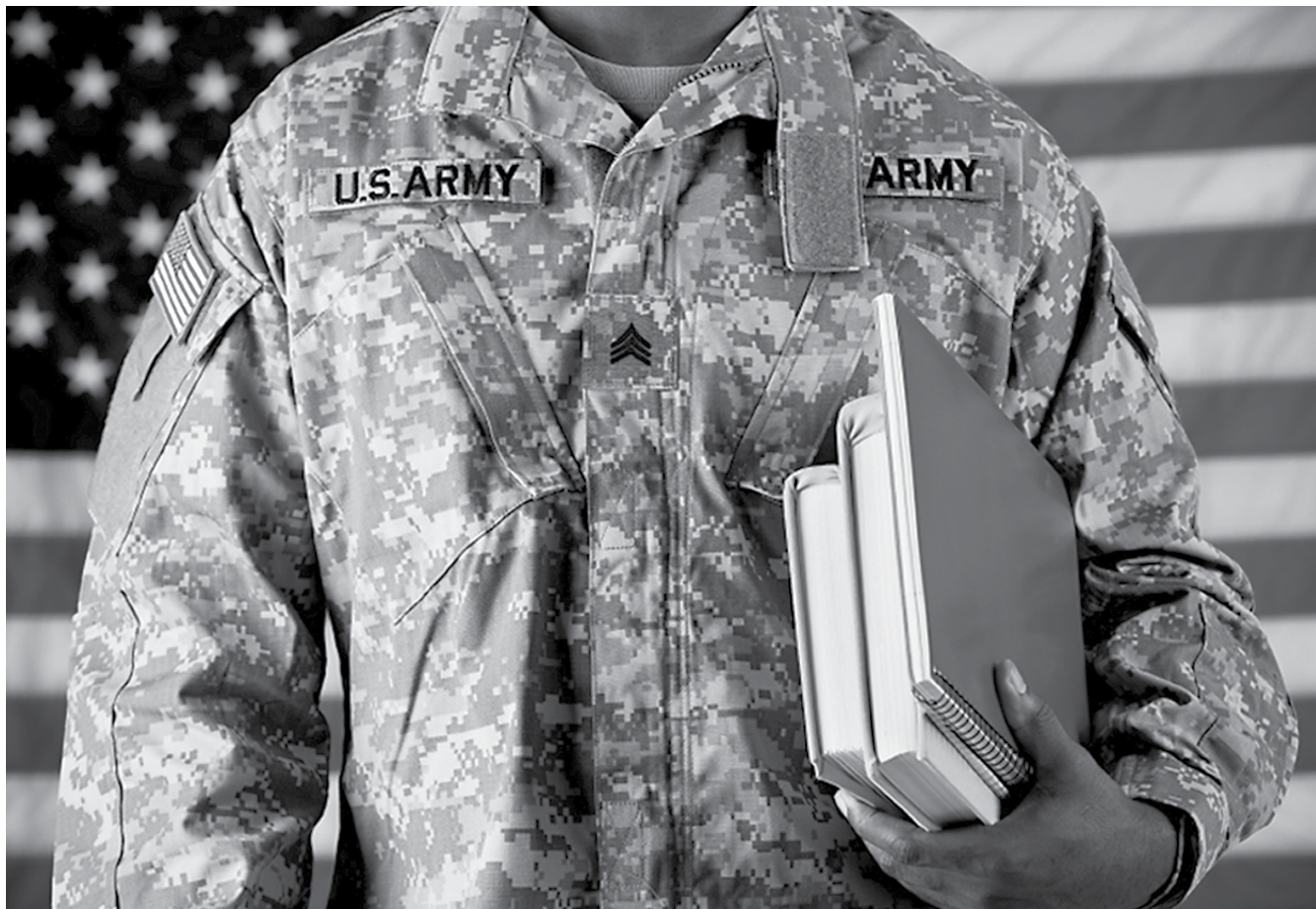
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THE GI BILL

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On June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, known commonly as the GI Bill. The Bill has since reached iconic status for its successful academic support of returning veterans from the Second World War. The academic upheaval of the traditional educated elite at universities throughout America was a direct result of the reconstruction of the campus student body after World War II. While European and Pacific nations lay in complete destruction, paralyzed from years of war, the United States flourished and began an era of enormous academic expansion at a breakneck pace. The GI Bill after WWII radically changed the role of education in the United States and fueled a complete overhaul of America's approach to higher education.

Although updated versions of the education component of the benefit follow every major United States military conflict, none has impacted American social structures, economics and academics so fiercely as the

original GI Bill of 1944. The original education initiative surpassed even the most exuberant anticipations and forever changed the academic landscape of American institutions. Many sociologists, historians and political scientists consider the Act to be the most powerful and effective social legislation ever conceived.

While the benefits associated with the GI Bill of 1944 range from unemployment compensation to government insured home loans, the academic component was the catalyst to a new era of higher education inclusion previously unheard of. In 1955 it was estimated by the Veterans Administration that there were close to 16 million World War II veterans in civilian life, and of that number 7.8 million used the education benefit. It is estimated further that enrollment in all institutions of higher education in the United States increased 75 percent between 1940 and 1948. This influx represents a swift revolution in academics that diversified the campus student body, forced institutions to reassess cur-

riculum and created tens of thousands of jobs in higher education. This unique opportunity is once again upon the United States.

With the adoption of the post 9/11 GI Bill in 2008, the United States has pledged a new commitment to veterans. Although plagued with an enormous backlog during the initial phases of implementation, amendments, updated technology and emergency measures have improved registration and certification. Currently, veterans are swelling enrollment figures at universities, community colleges, technical colleges and occupational training programs. Amendments to the original Post 9/11 GI Bill make it more inclusive, expand eligibility to include National Guardsmen on Active Guard Reserve duty (AGR), and increase approved curricula to include non-college degree programs, on the job training and apprenticeships, flight programs and correspondence training.

Although an unhinged increase of tuition prices, polarized political economy and prolonged recession are

Quinstreet/GIBill.com Fined \$2.5 million for Screwing Veterans

The GIBill.com website has been turned over to the Department of Veterans Affairs, which will use it to redirect web surfers to the VA's official GI Bill site.

The marketing firm behind the website, Quinstreet, will pay \$2.5 million in penalties. The settlement is with state attorneys general over deceptive advertising practices aimed at student veterans.

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway said called the company and its use of the GIBill.com website "the most egregious example" he has seen of misinformation and greed directed at veterans. Instead of providing veterans with information about the GI Bill, Quinstreet directed them to for-profit colleges, who often target veterans as virtual cash cows.

Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden said he believes the whole industry has been tainted by the problem.

"This is about fraud," he said. "I know there are some good actors out there, but until they clean up, I tell people to call their community college, or a state college. I don't have faith in them."

Industry representatives called it smear campaign.

disrupting enrollment, the benefits associated with this education initiative remain generous and offer solid financial support for benefactors during uncertain economic times. The final GI Bill that has emerged provides veterans with an excellent education benefit with genuine potential to have a long lasting impact on academics. With a more focused veteran community outreach strategy and increased campus support structure, the modern day GI Bill will indeed live up to its potential. Further information about the new Post 9-11 GI Bill can be found at: www.gibill.va.gov

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"GI Bill for Cuyahoga County" Set to Start

Cuyahoga County veterans, whose unemployment rate is substantially higher than non-veterans, are about to get some worthwhile job training.


The county is working with area hospitals to retrain veterans who often highly-skilled and experienced, but lack the education for nursing requirements.

The Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission will partner with the Cleveland-

Cuyahoga Workforce Investment Board to provide priority for high-skill worker training programs.

The county also promises to work with the Army in an effort to recruit veterans for county positions, including sheriff's deputies and corrections officers. Vets will get preference for training programs and county jobs.

It is all part of a "GI Bill for Cuyahoga County," which will include scholarships for veterans.




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A Well-Deserved Peace ... for Our Troops

SEN. DANIEL K. INOUE of Hawaii, an American of Japanese descent, was 17 when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. It remained one of his most powerful memories. He rushed to tend to the wounded.

"I was filled with grief as I came to the realization that the pilots who had dropped the bombs were people who looked like me," he later wrote.

It wasn't until 1943 the U.S. government allowed American citizens born of Japanese immigrants to join the armed forces. Inouye was studying pre-med at the University of Hawaii. He quit college and joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up entirely of Japanese Americans.

He lost his right arm to a German hand grenade in battle in Italy. But not until he had destroyed three enemy machine guns. He was also shot in the stomach and legs.

His arm was amputated. The young officer, in uniform, was denied a haircut at a San Francisco barber shop. His empty right sleeve was pinned to his uniform. The barber told him, "We don't serve Japs." Inouye's decorations included the Medal of Honor, Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross, and Purple Heart, among others.



Taps

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.
Fading light, dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.
Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.
Sun has set, shadows come,
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
Always true to the promise that they made.
While the light fades from sight,
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.*

U.S. Army veteran **ANTHONY A. PASQUALE**, beloved husband for 62 years of Loretta. Family suggests contributions may be made in Tony's memory to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

WARREN JOHN "RED" JEVNIKAR served as a quartermaster third class in the Pacific Theater, U.S. Navy, during World War II. After the war, he attended Kent State University, graduating in 1949.

JOHN R. SALYAN, age 95, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012. Salyan was a member of the U.S. Army and received the Purple Heart while serving during World War II.

Funeral services for **LESTER "LES" CAIN**, age 91, of Willowick, were held at Chesterland Baptist Church, Chester Township. Les was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving in World War II. Memorial contributions in Les' name may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

CHARLES C. COLYER, age 91, of Mentor and Bradenton, Fla., passed away Dec. 12, 2012, at Tidewell Hospice in Bradenton. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in

the Army Air Corps, 1942 to 1945.

WILLIAM H. EVANS III, age 81, of Mentor, formerly of Sandusky, died Dec. 15, 2012, at Lake Health West Medical Center in Willoughby. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110-2602.

LINDA A. (GETTS) HINZ, age 63, a 25-year resident of Painesville Township, passed away Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at the Cleveland Clinic. Member of American Legion 336 and VFW 2595. Celebration of her life was held at American Legion 336, Painesville.

ROBERT J. CORBOY, age 96, of Twinsburg, U.S. Army during W.W. II, and was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

DONALD W. HAMMETT SR., A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. He was a retired math and astronomy teacher and coached track and cross country for 23 years at Firestone High School.

WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON SR., age 74, of Columbia Station, passed away on December 21. Veteran, U.S. Marine Corps.

PATRICK J. PATTON, age 72, Retired member of the Cleveland Fire Department, retired trustee of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Board, and U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

MICHAEL L. RUBLE, age 63. Army Veteran and served in Vietnam. Military Service and inurnment were held at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Rd., Seville.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ, U.S. Navy Veteran, passed away Christmas morning at the age of 84. Served on the USS Leyte.

REGINALD D. BURKETT, WWII U.S. Navy Veteran, age 86.

DUNSTAN L. HAETTENSCHWILLER 'DR. HAT', age 84, born in New Jersey and raised in Switzerland and England. U.S. Army Veteran in Europe and Korea.

EDWARD J. KOZAK SR., Private interment at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

JOSEPH C. MULLIN, SR., 88, World War II Naval aviator, high school teacher and coach, and after government civilian service, an assistant professor of criminal Justice at University of Akron until his retirement.

RAYMOND H. KLEIN, 89, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, Christmas day, in Crowley, Texas with his family at his side. A World War II veteran, he served as a B-24 pilot with the U.S. Army Air Corps, flying 35 missions over Europe with the Eighth Air Force.

GILBERT JAMES KONEY, 79 years old. Gilbert was a native of Westside (old Brooklyn) Cleveland. He enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving four years during the Korean War attaining rank of Staff Sergeant. Gilbert later served in the United States Coast Guard, serving in aviation search and rescue for five years.

ALBERT KRILL passed away December 28 at age 87. Albert served in the US Army in World War II in Europe. Contributions to Honor Flight, an organization which takes World War II veterans to Washington, DC to visit the new World War II monument and museum, an experience which Al found deeply moving (c/o Jan Merrick, 37 Levan Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077.)

DANIEL MARCIN, age 69. Daniel was a retired 35-year Cleveland Police Officer and a U.S. Army veteran.

ROBERT R. SIMENS, of Solon. Army veteran Korean War.

The Aptly-Named “Tolerance Fair” Coming to I-X Center March 10

Justin Bachman is a 15-year old 10th Grader who attends the Solon High School. Justin deals with a medical condition called Tourette Syndrome. This causes his body to make involuntary movements and sounds that he cannot control. Unfortunately, this has opened him up to ridicule and he fully knows the value of tolerating and accepting the differences in others.

After being disqualified from a school cross county meet because of his Tourette Syndrome, Justin felt it was important to take action. He set a goal to expose people to the differences in others through education and involvement. His family set up a 501c3 organization called Honor Good Deeds to fund and manage this mission.

In March of 2011, Justin created and held a Tolerance Fair. He invited 48 charity and advocacy organizations to exhibit at a table to interact with fair attendees with the following goals:

- Show the importance of understanding people’s differences
- Highlight ways in which people can make a difference by giving back to their surrounding community
- Highlight resources available to people who need help to cope with their differences

- Demonstrate that Solon is a city inspired to create a tolerant and accepting living environment

The fair was a tremendous success. Over 1,000 people attended, many volunteer projects were



formed, and people were connected to valuable resources.

Justin is now planning the next Tolerance Fair, which will be held at the I-X Center on March 10, 2013.

The fair will again feature a variety of over 100 organizations that will showcase how you and your family can become involved in making a difference. Organizations focusing on tolerance strategies will be on hand to discuss acceptance and anti-bullying techniques. Groups assisting people with a variety of medical and mental handicaps will be on hand to help people find resources. These include autism, ADHD, addiction, brain injury, dating violence,

and many more.

Interactive activities including a wheel chair basketball game and dance are planned.

Admission to the event will be free of charge and is targeted to include foods at no cost and free parking.

Keynote speaker will be Kyle Maynard (kyle-maynard.com). Kyle is a two-time ESPY winner and has a New York Times best-seller called, No Excuses. His presentation is highly inspiring and he encourages people to bring out the best in themselves.

The fair will be promoted by a number of media and grassroots strategies. A Mayors initiative will ask Mayors of every city throughout Northeast Ohio to endorse the event by making a proclamation that the day of the fair will be proclaimed to be a day of learning about tolerance.

It is Justin’s goal to take the concept of the Tolerance Fair national. He and his family will be documenting all aspects and successes to take the fair to cities. There is commitment to have another fair in Baltimore and the organization is in discussion with a major sports team in Detroit. The long-term expansion plan is to hold fairs in every major city.

Franz, Williams, and Cosby:

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Dennis Franz

Dennis Franz wasn’t always wearing his NYPD blues. Drafted after college into the Army, he served for 11 months in Vietnam. We are guessing people liked him in uniform because Franz went on to play at least a dozen police officers before getting the role of Detective Andy Sipowicz on “NYPD Blue,” earning him four Emmy Awards.

Montel Williams

The motivational speaker and former talk show host, Montel Williams, enlisted in the Marines after high school, but later found his gift for public speaking while serving as a lieutenant for the Navy. He served for 22 years, leaving with the rank of lieutenant, after which he went on to win a Daytime Emmy Award and two Genesis Awards for “The Montel Williams Show.”

Bill Cosby

The famous TV dad played a doctor on “The Cosby Show,” but Bill Cosby also worked in medicine before his days of comedy, assigned to work with those injured in the Korean War while in the Navy. He served for four years as a hospital corpsman before going to college at Temple University and eventually pursuing a career in comedy.



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Ohio Military History; The Custer Brothers, Little Big Horn and Garfield's Tomb

By Edward J. Walsh

The Other Custer: Almost everyone knows something of Lt. Col (Brevet Major General) George Armstrong Custer. That is not the case with 2nd Lt. Thomas Ward Custer, Company B, 6th Michigan Cavalry, 3rd Cavalry Division. (Initially enlisted with Ohio volunteers at age 16.) Barely 20 years old when the Civil War ended, Thomas was twice awarded the Medal of Honor, the first American soldier ever to be so honored. Faithful to his more famous brother, Thomas died with George Armstrong Custer at the Little Bighorn.

James A. Garfield: One of the least-known of American presidents, James A. Garfield was felled by an assassin's bullets while waiting at a train station in Washington, D.C., for a train to a college reunion. Garfield, a lawyer, first took public office in 1859, becoming the youngest member of the Ohio legislature. A confirmed abolitionist, Garfield in mid-August 1861 organized the 42nd Ohio Infantry. Rising from lieutenant



General Custer, long before The Battle of Little Big Horn, where both he and his brother died on the field of battle. (above right) The Garfield Monument at Lakeview Cemetery

colonel to full colonel within weeks, he would gain battlefield distinction on several occasions, eventually becoming a major general, the youngest officer to hold this rank.

Confederate Prisoners on Johnson's Island: Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay is a long way from Dixie. However, during the Civil War some 10,000 men were processed into the stockade on the island. Most were Confederate officers. The peak population at any one time was 3,224, in January, 1864. Some 200 prisoners never left Johnson's Island. They are buried in the cemetery, which is maintained by the Veterans Administration.



Soldiers and Sailors Monument: William J. Gleason first proposed the idea of a Union Soldiers and Sailor Monument at a meeting of the Soldiers and Sailors Society, held in

Cleveland, on October 22, 1879. But the ambitious project wasn't completed and opened until July 4, 1894.

Cleveland in the Civil War: Lincoln won 58 percent of the vote and nine of 11 wards in the presidential race of 1860. He later passed through town on his way to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration. He would make the same trip after his assassination, stopping for a viewing in his coffin on Public Square. In the midst of the heartache brought on by the Civil War, Cleveland prospered economically, becoming an industrial powerhouse. Those soldiers who died serving the Union were honored at Woodland Cemetery with memorials commemorating the 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Yet another Regiment with Cleveland ties was the 8th Ohio Infantry, which helped repel Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg.

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