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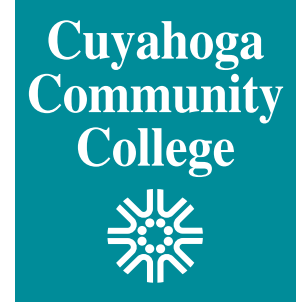
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"If the Sherman was hit at a certain angle and with a certain deflection, the ammunition would ignite at the same time as the fuel. It was a cocktail of burning fury." — Ken Tout



Tankers: Much more than a firefight. And they battled with guys their own size.

David Alan on War and Peace

David Alan Tidyman's passion and driving force has always been music, predominantly classical. His noteworthy talents are on display when he sits before an organ or harpsichord. David Alan teaches music at St. Angela Merici, in Fairview Park, where he also conducts two choirs. He understands the roles assumed by artists: their driving forces, their inspirations, and their gifts to mankind. For the many pleasures and memories they create, we rarely pay homage or even thank them. When he speaks of the artists, from here and around the world, current and historical, he is an astute and learned man.

Little wonder I asked him to come over. I wanted to speak with an expert on music. I had a half-formed idea he could expound on: Music as a path to peace.

David Alan said there is nothing new about the idea, but remains an idea that doesn't make sense to us. To war profiteers, it is an idea that is brushed aside as effortlessly as we brush cake crumbs from our laps.

Rock-n-roll instead of M-16s? Classical instead of gunships? Jazz instead of land mines? Folk instead of battleships? Western instead of nuclear warheads? Country instead of body counts?

David Alan considers music a hallmark of civilization and laments, "So is war."

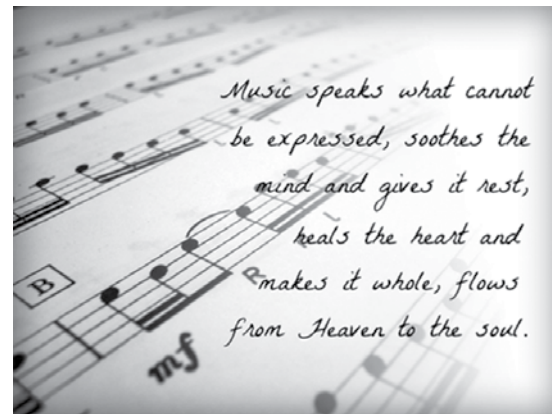
War, he said, glorifies war. Music glorifies man. War diminishes man. Music inspires

man. War insists we leave home, some never to return. Music takes us around the world, allows us to meet artists from different cultures and different eras. It makes a vital contribution to our humanity. Wars make some men rich. War impoverishes man.

Music is invisible yet powerful. Music remains in our hearts, to be recalled when a memory is revived; it would not be a great memory without the music that added a vital dimension.

Putting an accurate figure to spending on offensive and defensive weapons is darn near impossible. If we were to somehow understand the pain, bloodshed, deaths of families, destruction of cities and towns, we would properly question our worth to Planet Earth. Here's an idea from David Alan that underscores his philosophy: "Music of all sort draws

us to classical and rock concerts, jazz symposiums, folk artists, and marching bands. It rarely draws us to hatred, mass murder, and indescribable pain. Music enhances funerals and weddings, sports and birthday parties. Music draws us to one another. For example, what if four seats at a concert hall were filled with a Democrat, a Republican, a Communist, and a Socialist. They wouldn't argue with each other, or kick each other. Each would be there only to be pleased and inspired by music. Somehow it seems like a clear path to peace. Sadly, it isn't."



MAIL CALL



Please note that the list of five-star generals does not include one more person who was promoted to five-star general during WWII. That was George Washington, our first President and Commander-in-Chief during the Revolutionary War. His promotion, of course, was posthumous. Would appreciate a correction. Thanks, I do appreciate your publication.

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A Midleton Irish Whiskey story

J.C. Sullivan



We were meeting a Cleveland Plain Dealer reporter at Cleveland's The Harp Irish Pub and Restaurant. Janet Cho was going to do a story on our search for the family of Irish-born Michael Corcoran. He was an Indians Wars infantryman and Medal of Honor recipient. I and my buddy Blaine,

a Vietnam medic and full-blown alcoholic, had already located Corcoran's grave in Calvary Cemetery. We had already begun the process to secure a MOH stone for his resting place and were hoping a story in the Plain Dealer would locate any of Corcoran's descendants that might still be in the Cleveland area. Upon entering the The Harp, Blaine belted up to the bar. "What's the best Irish whiskey you have?" he blurted. I saw what was coming next, as there behind the bar, nestled upside down in its own special wooden cradle, was a bottle of Midleton Irish Whiskey. The young barmaid replied, "Why, that would be our Midleton, sir." "How much does a shot cost?" "It's \$25.00 a shot, sir." Blaine took a hard gulp. "What's a shot of your next-best Irish whiskey cost?"



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ADELE AND ELLIS: SEE WHAT YOU STARTED?

By John H. Tidyman, editor

It was 1940 when Adele and Ellis Ferris opened the doors to Ferris Steakhouse in a brick building on Detroit Avenue and West 87th street, on Cleveland's West Side.

The Ferris' had two goals: First, create a great steakhouse. Second, make it good enough that future generations will join in and make it a multi-generational restaurant.

They succeeded. Their restaurant was two dining rooms, one piano player, and a long bar. Parking was across the street. In the back of the house were grill chefs, coolers, dishwashers, linens, all the stuff a restaurant needs.

The menu had lots of choices, but when we first started going, 30 years ago, we went for one item: Steak. Steak and fried potatoes. Add a couple draft beers and you thought you died and went to heaven.

Not only were the steaks memorable, but they were hand cut, well-marbled, aged, and cooked to order. You know what else made it memorable? It was pure Cleveland. Dress was casual.

My old man loved Ferris'. He said any place that served a shot and a draft and then a great steak was his kind of place.

Plus, Tom "88" Stanton was on the piano. Never saw a guy with a nicer smile. In the front dining room, requests for songs

were sometimes shouted over the heads of other diners. Tom would nod, and as soon as he finished the song he was playing, he'd jump into the request. Never heard him say, "Gee, I don't know that one."

Talk about your staying power; Bruce Ferris is the third generation to assume all the responsibility of the steakhouse. He first joined when Ferris' was still on Detroit Avenue.

"It was tough leaving the old neighborhood. We had been part of it for a long, long time." But the neighborhood was changing and the customers were moving farther west.

Finding the right place wasn't easy. It had to be easily accessible, lots of parking, big enough for a dining room and bar as well as a patio.

At 2589 Wooster Road, in Rocky River, he found it. The building had previously

a restaurant; all Ferris had to do was make it his own. An expensive proposition, but he was realistic and experienced.

"The only item we brought from the old place was the old grill. It's more than 60 years old, but it was built right and I always enjoyed it."

Almost five years ago, the new place opened.

When we went, we both had steaks. There's a lot more on the menu,

including baby back ribs, veal Parmesan, blackened grouper, but I was introduced to Ferris Steak House, and at least once a month, I look forward to a steak that is thick, juicy, and grilled perfectly.

Annabelle Lee Dowd, our managing editor, went with the filet mignon, the ten-ounce (\$36.50), and asked to have it Oscar style (add \$11 for the crab meat, Béarnaise sauce, and

asparagus.) It was done just as she asked, medium rare. Her plate was so clean when she finished, it didn't need washing.

Me, the ol' steak and potatoes guy, I selected the twenty-ounce porterhouse (\$37). Rare. Hold the salad; I'm here for steak and home fries. If you start off with a hand-cut, aged steak, done just as you ordered it, what is left to say? Except, "See you again."



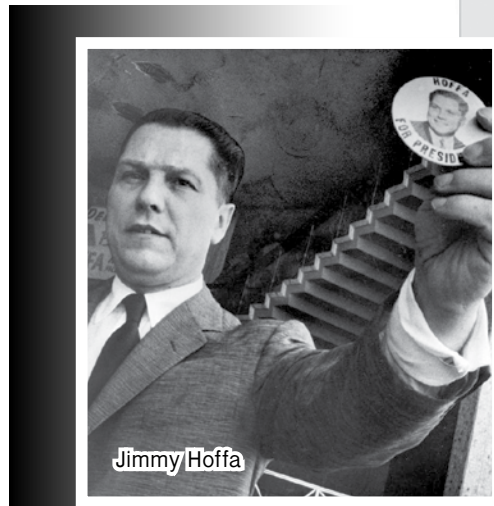
BUCKET LISTS FOR VETERANS

By Harry Besharet

The best part of working at *DD214 Chronicle*, the Newspaper for Veterans (and all who love them,) is the opportunity to talk with fellow vets. All sorts of topics come up, and as my Dad told me, "Those who listen, learn." He was right and listening to vets is the best way to know them.

For this editorial project, I asked a few veterans what they would put on their Bucket Lists. Here are their Answers:

- "Geez, do I look that bad?"
- "Number One on my list would be to watch my son-in-law pick up the check."
- "Oh, I don't know. How about my next-door neighbor shut the hell up?"
- "Before I die, I'd like to know where Jimmy Hoffa is buried."
- "Like to see at least one aisle at Loews selling nothing but American-made stuff."
- "I'll tell you this: Number Five would be to always have a spare in the trunk. I think you catch my drift."
- "I think I'd like to write a best-selling book called, 'The Idiots in My Life and How They Got There.'"
- "Would it be too much to ask that our National Drink be a shot-and-a-beer?"
- "Hmmm. If Jim Traficant would come back from the dead, that would be the only wish on my list."
- "Reincarnation. And I'd like to come back as a yellow jacket. In my brother's back yard."



Jimmy Hoffa



Jim Traficant

Lorain Veterans Council Names Joe Horvath '2017 Veteran of the Year'

The selfless acts and service of one local veteran were recognized April 22 as the Lorain Veterans Council announced its 2017 Veteran of the Year.

U.S. Army Veteran and Amherst Township resident Joe Horvath was named the Veteran of the Year at the 71st annual banquet which took place at the Italian-American Veterans Post #1, 4567 Oberlin Ave. in Lorain. Francis Gino Manacci, 2006 Veteran of the Year, introduced Horvath and described the new award recipient as a man who does not waiver on his word.

Horvath and his wife, Linda, help maintain the Lorain County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 625 North Lake St. in Amherst. The Vietnam veteran is also a member of organizations such as the VFW,

the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

"I like to help people out," Horvath said, noting he is more of a "doer" than a speaker.

Even at the banquet, Horvath stepped out of the buffet line to help a woman in the kitchen. Then when someone accidentally spilled something on the floor, Horvath left his spot in line again to clean up the mess.

The annual event's festivities also included remarks from both Steve Smith, President of the Lorain Veterans Council and 2016 Veteran of the Year, and Kim Robertson, the director of community outpatient clinics and services for the Northeast Ohio VA Healthcare System. Smith described some of the past events carried out by the organization, which aims to

coordinate and harmonize the activities of affiliated veterans' organizations.

Smith also explained a new post, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, recently formed and will be joining the council this fall.

Robertson spoke of the new Lorain Community Based Outpatient Clinic, 5255 N. Abbe Rd. Sheffield Village, and the healthcare system as a whole.

"We're complex at every level," she said, naming mental health, prosthetics and radiology as a few of the available services. "I think we're only going to get better and I'm excited about that."

Lorain Veterans Council officers for the 2017-2018 term were also sworn in at the ceremony. The newly sworn in officers include President Steve Smith, Vice

President Ray Kershaw, Treasurer Michael Simpson and Secretary Leo Citro.

When Horvath's name was read aloud as the 2017 Veteran of the Year, the crowd of attendees cheered and gathered at his side, giving Horvath numerous hugs, handshakes and words of encouragement. Horvath said he wasn't expecting to receive the award, but was more than honored to be recognized.

"This award is more valuable than the Silver Star," he said. And a Silver Star is the U.S. military's third-highest decoration for valor in combat.

In closing, Master of Ceremonies Stephen Bansek reminded attendees to not forget the phrase, "The land of the free because of the brave."

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"LCCC was my best choice because I knew there was a military and veterans presence here."

Anna Lupson, Navy veteran and LCCC psychology student who is using her veterans benefits to attend school. She plans to continue her education through LCCC's University Partnership program.



Minister Plans Healing Home for Disabled Women Vets

By Jerri Donohue

Rev. LaDonna Blaylock stood in the living room of the ranch-style house. Stained carpeting had been ripped up and hauled away, leaving the floor bare. Stripped of layers of old paint, pocked walls flanked windows dating from the Eisenhower administration.

Blaylock looked beyond the building's current state and saw Goddesses Retreat One, the healing home she envisions for disabled women veterans.

"A place of comfort and safety and ambiance," she said.

A non-denominational Christian minister, Blaylock is the Executive Director of Goddesses Blessing Goddesses (GBG). The non-profit organization's name reflects its focus on women helping others improve their lives.

Disabled persons often must remodel bathrooms or modify their homes in other ways to make them accessible and safe. Working with the Adaptation Housing Project and the Department of Veterans Affairs, Blaylock wants to offer women veterans a

place to stay during renovations, or as they transition into better lives. Aiming for long-term positive change, Goddesses Retreat One also will connect residents with counseling and other services.

The 2-bedroom house can accommodate only two veterans at a time, but Blaylock intends to

use the spacious living area for programs such as financial literacy workshops and art therapy sessions. She will invite other women, including non-veterans. In addition, she will hold healing retreats for rape victims and women recovering from PTSD.

Blaylock, whose late husband served in the U.S. Army, learned the personal stories of several veterans who stayed at her original Retreat One, a women's shelter she operated for several years in Slavic Village. (The landlady eventually decided to sell the building.) One veteran had



LaDonna Blaylock

been living with her two children in a car.

"I never could understand how any veteran could ever be homeless," Blaylock said, "let alone a woman veteran."

Blaylock is especially sensitive to the situation of disabled women veterans because of her daughter who died in 2007 at age 27.

"My biggest inspiration was my daughter Arisa, who struggled with health issues and not being able to fight for herself," Blaylock said.

Arisa's longtime health troubles eroded her self-esteem. Blaylock hopes the nurturing environment of Goddesses Retreat One will prevent disabled veterans from experiencing that.

GBG obtained the house in a western suburb of Cleveland through the Wells Fargo Community & Urban Stabilization Program (CUSP), which also provided funding to replace the dete-

riorating roof.

True to Goddesses Retreat One's grass-roots nature, local organizations and businesses are becoming involved. The Knights Paladin supported the project early on. Through

DD 214 Chronicle, Blaylock connected with DesAnn Collins, an Elyria designer experienced in preparing homes for veterans. Collins is tackling the house's interior, and she has recruited volunteers. Her friend, Kim Kalapos, owner of All Aspects Contracting in Cleveland, conducted an asbestos inspection. Arizona-based Helsel Brothers promised to donate hardware for window treatments.

Blaylock prays for additional assistance.

"Anybody that has expertise in landscaping, electrical, plumbing or HVAC would be a tremendous help," she said.

For more information, contact Blaylock at admin@goddessesblessinggoddesses.org or call 216-502-0082.

The Go Fund Me page is Goddesses Retreat One-Women Vets.

Former Navy Corpsman Changes Course to Unrelated Career

By Jerri Donohue

During her 10 years in the Navy, Anna Lupson sailed around the Persian Gulf and the western Pacific Ocean. Just before her discharge, however, she discovered what a small world it is.

Lupson's father, a Fairview Park resident, was shopping when a woman approached him to ask about the USS *Nimitz* cap he wore. He explained that his daughter had served aboard the aircraft carrier. Within minutes, he learned that the stranger was Esperanza Correa, a former shipmate and acquaintance of Lupson.

Lupson promptly reconnected with Correa on Facebook. It turned out Correa worked as a veteran student success coach at Lorain County Community College (LCCC). Lupson planned to continue her education in northeast Ohio when she left the Navy in 2015, and Correa encouraged her to consider LCCC.

Lupson followed this advice. She

started at Lorain County Community College a year and a half ago and now she is completing her core classes at Cleveland State University. This fall, she will continue course work there toward a Bachelor Degree in Psychology.

Lupson also works part time at LCCC's Veterans Service Center.

"At Lorain County Community College, our office will help enroll students that are veterans," Lupson said. "We are staffed with an advising success coach and we have a permanent head who is a Ph.D. and also a veteran."

Lupson's interest in psychology is a departure from her job in the Navy. As a corpsman, she focused on her shipmates' physical problems. She trained in sterile technique and spent much of her time in the op-



Anna Lupson

erating room working under board certified surgeons. She admired their skill and appreciated the care they provided to sailors.

"It's really incredible, working alongside people like that everyday," Lupson said.

Doctors treated their enlisted staff well.

While maintaining boundaries between officers and enlisted personnel, the relationships were friendly.

"Working next to them all day, you do have a bond," Lupson said. "I loved that camaraderie."

Hernia repairs and appendectomies were common operations. Given the youth of the 5,000-person crew, oral surgeons extracted wisdom teeth almost daily, and Lupson often assisted them during her 12-hour workdays. Other times, they pulled decayed teeth and treated

infections.

On one occasion, Lupson worked in the operating room when a Korean civilian needed an emergency appendectomy. A helicopter had flown the man to the ship because he was too distant from any medical facility.

"It was nice because you build relationships with other countries," Lupson said. "They get to see what we do and that we are prepared to help."

Now the veteran is on course to an entirely unrelated career, clinical psychology, undaunted by the realization that she faces several years of further schooling.

"A master's degree sort of ensures that you can get in a clinical setting," she said. "I'd really like to specialize either in gender studies or PTSD. I'm not affected by it personally, but I do have many, many brothers and sisters that are. I feel like I could really help."

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Airborne troops jumping

Death from the sky

By Oriana Pawlyk, Military.com

The Air Force is rolling out a revised incentive pay program for battlefield airmen that allows

them to collect the pay even if they've been moved to a staff position or had to seek long-term medical care, preventing

them from performing their duties, officials announced Thursday.

"This week, the Air Force received [Defense Department] authorization to initiate a pilot program known as the battlefield airmen skill incentive pay," Air Force spokesman Col. Patrick Ryder told reporters at the Pentagon.

The three-year pilot program will allow the service to study whether the incentive pay helps retain airmen in high-performing, deployable career fields, he said.

"This will replace Jump, Dive, Demolition and Hazardous duty pay with a new incentive pay that continues even when these airmen are serving in staff or instructor positions, or will not be able to operate due to medical reasons," Ryder said.

Prior to the measure, airmen could lose out on the incentive pay if they were removed from combat duty if they, for example, sought long-term medical care.

The program will begin this fall, Ryder said.

In a follow-up email to Military.com, Air Force spokesman Maj. Bryan Lewis said the pay will apply to airmen in seven designated jobs: Combat Control (1C2X1), Pararescue (1T2X1), Tactical Air Control Party (1C4X1), Special Operations Weather (1W0X2), Combat Rescue Officer (13DX), Special Tactics Officer (13CX), and Air Liaison Officer (13LX).

The Defense Department authorized a maximum pay of \$615 per month, Ryder said. However, Lewis said that amount may vary, depending on career field.

"We want to ensure that they don't lose their incentive pay" should an airman be reassigned to a staff position or seek medical care, Ryder reiterated.

The Air Force plans to notify airmen eligible for the program as it rolls out this fall, Lewis said.

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Former Marine Navigates Obstacles, Earns Degree

By Jerri Donohue

When former Marine Yvonne Windom learned about a program to re-train veterans who worked in seasonal fields, she leapt at the chance to fulfill a longtime dream: she enrolled in Cuyahoga Community College to study massage therapy.

"I had no idea what was involved," Windom said. "I had no idea it was going to be so intense in having to learn the body. I don't know anything about science!"

Earlier, the Marines recognized Windom's math competence during her years of active duty (1984-1988). She did accounting for her entire battalion while stationed on Okinawa for a year.

"It was a pretty intense job for a lance corporal and then a corporal," Windom said. "I got a Meritorious Mast for taking our account from the red into the black."

Windom met and married a fellow Marine. When they left the ser-

vice, the couple settled in Mesa, Arizona where Windom earned a degree in banking. They moved back to Cleveland to raise their two sons. An "at home" Mom, Windom eventually took classes to be a tax preparer, and she still goes through the Internal Revenue Service every year for recertification. Most years she works unpaid for the Volunteer Income Tax Association.

At Tri-C, Windom struggled in the massage therapy program. She hadn't attended school in almost 30 years. Her family owned one car and her husband's schedule was unpredictable. Windom was strapped for transportation whenever he worked overtime. In addition, she was mired in unresolved grief after her mother's death.

Despite these obstacles, Windom



Yvonne Windom

refused to drop out.

"You don't start off to do something and you don't finish it," the former Marine said. "And that was something I needed to show my children."

Windom was further motivated by a long time goal: to bring the healing gift of touch to bat-

tered women and those in shelters. She could have settled for a certificate of proficiency, but Windom wanted her degree. After making an agreement with Tri-C to take only one class at a time, she switched to evening sessions. Like Windom, many of her classmates were older students.

The veteran also approached Tri C's Access Office for help. The program provides resources for students with physical or psychiatric disabilities. Windom suffered from

clinical depression as well as severe test anxiety, and she discovered she was a visual learner.

Susan Sawyer in the Access Office and Dr. Ken Williams, one of Windom's professors, intervened.

"Because of those two people, I was able to go on," Windom said. "I couldn't have done it without them."

Sawyer arranged for Windom to take exams in the calming environment of the Test Center, for example. Because Windom was a visual learner, Williams prepared PowerPoint presentations to help her master the material, and he returned to campus some Saturdays to tutor her.

"He went above and beyond," Windom said.

In May the veteran graduated with her Associate Degree of Applied Science in Massage Therapy.

"It was hard but it was worth it," Windom said. "Because I love it! I absolutely love it!"

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Veteran Achieves Academic Success but Faces New Challenges

By Jerri Donohue

For Robert Snyder, choosing the Navy for military service made sense. From boyhood, he loved being on the water.

"I am an excellent swimmer," Snyder said. "And there really wasn't a better branch of the service to get near the ocean than the Navy."

Snyder enlisted within months of his high school graduation and became an electronics technician on a fast attack nuclear submarine, the *USS San Juan (SSN751)*.

"I was on radio duties, and charged with all forms of communications – incoming and outgoing," the onetime submariner said.

He handled messages of all classifications, including Top Secret. Because they must learn every part and system onboard the sub, crewmembers train constantly.

"You begin your qualifications from the first day you arrive on

board," Snyder said. "You learn all of the systems from top to bottom and are tested on them."

His duties ranged from serving as helmsman and planesman (driving), topside watch and Cranking (mess duty).

Snyder loved going to sea. "No other experience can meet that thrill of being hundreds of feet below the ocean surface," he said.

He enjoyed standing watch topside, too.

"If you have never been in the middle of the ocean on a clear night, the stars are amazing," Snyder said. "There are no lights for hundreds of miles and nothing to extinguish the light of the stars."

Snyder later was medically retired from the Naval Submarine Base in London, Connecticut.

The Medina resident enrolled in Walsh University in 2013,

partly basing his choice on the praise of former employers who were Walsh graduates.

"I knew I wanted to get some sort of business degree and Walsh's DeVille School of Business is highly ranked," Snyder said.

Although Walsh is a private school, its participation in the Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program enabled him to get a quality education without taking student loans.

The School for Professional Studies offered an accelerated degree and flexibility in scheduling, a bonus for Snyder who is married and has three children. "This allowed me to work full time to take care of my family, as well as not spend every single evening in school," he said.

The former sailor received 20 credit hours toward his Bache-

lor Degree for Navy training and work experience. He took classes all year round and soon discovered many veterans among his fellow non-traditional students.

At first Snyder aimed for a Bachelor Degree in Business Management, but he later decided to major in Marketing. Last summer, he graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.94 GPA.

Despite all his hard work, the veteran experienced a major set-back.

"Unfortunately, two months prior to graduation, I was deemed legally blind and I am no longer able to work," he said.

Because his remaining vision will continue to deteriorate, Snyder expects to undergo additional training.

"I am going to attempt to go to blind rehab to see what capabilities I can return to," he said.



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(Columbus) – Registration is now open for the biennial Ohio Women Veterans Conference to be held Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University.

With more than 50 exhibits and 20 speakers, women veterans will find information about Ohio's new fast track to jobs and education as well as services available locally through 88 County Veterans Services Offices. The conference is free but there is an optional fee for lunch.

This year's theme is Celebrating Generations of Service – 67,000 Veterans Strong. Topic areas include managing your money military style, maximizing military skills on your civilian resume, support and mentoring for women veterans in the workplace, challenges with aging, statewide resources, access to benefits and more.

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services with support from the Ohio Women Veterans Advisory Committee, the conference is expected to attract 750 women veterans from throughout the state representing all branches of military service.

Together, the department and the committee serve to locate, educate and advocate for all women veterans who served in the United States military.

To register visit dvs.ohio.gov/main/women-veterans-conference.html. For more information call 614-644-0898.

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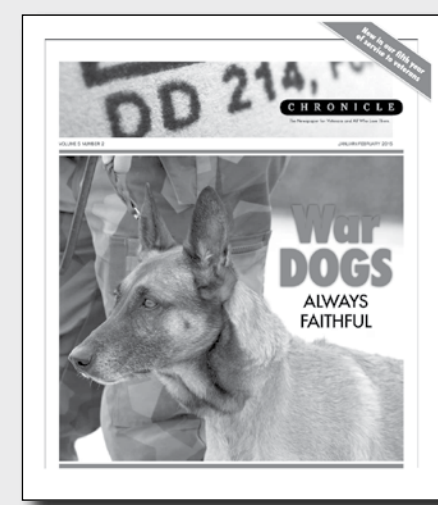
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- 3. Teamwork.** Veterans understand how genuine teamwork grows out of a responsibility to one's colleagues. Military duties involve a blend of individual and group productivity. They also necessitate a perception of how groups of all sizes relate to each other and an overarching objective.
- 4. Diversity and inclusion in action:** Veterans have learned to work side by side with individuals regardless of diverse race, gender, geographic origin, ethnic background, religion, and economic status as well as mental, physical, and attitudinal capabilities. They have the sensitivity to cooperate with many different types of individuals.
- 5. Efficient performance under pressure:** Veterans understand the rigors of tight schedules and limited resources. They have developed the capacity to know how to accomplish priorities on time, in spite of tremendous stress. They know the critical importance of staying with a task until it is done right.
- 6. Respect for procedures:** Veterans have gained a unique perspective on the value of accountability. They can grasp their place within an organizational framework, becoming responsible for subordinates' actions to higher supervisory levels. They know how policies and procedures enable an organization to exist.
- 7. Technology and globalization:** Because of their experiences in the service, veterans are usually aware of international and technical trends pertinent to business and industry. They can bring the kind of global outlook and technological savvy that all enterprises of any size need to succeed.
- 8. Integrity:** Veterans know what it means to do "an honest day's work." Prospective employers can take advantage of a track record of integrity, often including security clearances. This integrity translates into qualities of sincerity and trustworthiness.
- 9. Conscious of health and safety standards:** Thanks to extensive training, veterans are aware of health and safety protocols both for themselves and the welfare of others. Individually, they represent a drug-free workforce that is cognizant of maintaining personal health and fitness. On a company level, their awareness and conscientiousness translate into protection of employees, property, and materials.
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The Remarkable Journey of Martha Garreau, Part One

By John H. Tidyman, editor

Martha Garreau, a Native American, was born in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. She lived her early years on a reservation. Her neighbors, friends, and family provided for her well-being, faith, and sense of community.

Her eyes were open, but she couldn't see far.

"Living on the reservation, all I knew were native people and a few white people. Because of their lighter skin, I thought they were part native. I wasn't exposed to all the negative views of what our government did to our people. I was isolated and protected from everything that was going on."

She thought her path to leaving the reservation would be military service. She was right.

Her father was a Marine and her older brother, Fay, had both put on the uniform. She went to two recruiting stations, one Marine and one Army. It was her brother's counsel that best guided her. He told her, "Life is what you make it. It depends on attitude."

She enlisted in the Army. She took her basic training at Ft. Jackson, in South Carolina. "All of a sudden, a whole new world opened to me."

She was about to be introduced to the world, men and women whose backgrounds, colors, languages, cultures, cruelties and kindnesses, would be an important part of her education and vision. She wasn't frightened; she was fascinated. Fellow troops came from all across the country: Inner cities, farms, big and small towns.

On the bus ride to the barracks, she watched and listened as a drill sergeant screamed and shouted at the new troops. Who was this man in starched fatigues and shined boots? He had brown skin but his voice was

like nothing she ever heard. He was Puerto Rican, and she didn't know what that meant.

It was in basic training she came to realize how different she was. She was the only troop from South Dakota. The only Native American. She was shocked to learn new things, big and small. When fellow troops asked, "Garreau, where you from?", she quickly learned America was more than white people speaking English. Germans, Filipinos, Koreans, Swedish, and more. She asked herself, "Where are all these people from and what are all the accents?"

"It was hard, that first year. I wanted to go home. I wanted to quit. My driving force was my young child."

"It was hard, that first year. I wanted to go home. I wanted to quit. My driving force was my young child. I had a young child I had to make a life for and it's hard being away. If you know native people, we always give up and get back to the reservation. Even some colleges won't get native athletes because you get off the reservation, into the real world, it's different. You don't understand it, they don't understand you, and you want to go home. You want to go back to what is familiar to you."

Although not enamored with basic training, she did very well. She was named guidon bearer. When, after a long day in the field, the drill sergeant would demand volunteers. It was either volunteer or be volunteered. Garreau always volunteered. After

a while, when the drill sergeant asked for volunteers, he would add, "And Garreau, don't put your hand up."

For AIT, it was off to Lowry Air Force Base, close to Denver. It was a small post used primarily for training. It was there she was able to meet men and women from other branches. Her education continued and when different MOSs were offered, she chose graphics documentation. She learned all aspects of design. An added bonus? "It was a very good school where you're treated much better."

Ft. Lewis, in Washington, was her first base. With Mt. Rainier in the background, she joined the 29th Signal Corps. Her MOS allowed her to be assigned to a wide variety of units. It was another opportunity to learn. For a year, she was in and out

of the field, setting up and breaking down camps, moving across the terrain, rain or shine. It was another part of her military education.

The next transfer was to Japan, where she prepared classified briefings and cross-trained with public affairs. She had a Top Secret security clearance. Over the course of her three-year assignment, she also wrote stories for the base newspaper and worked as a photographer.

At Ft. Lewis, she was in the field more often than not, and joined four to five formations a day. It was far different in Japan. Only one formation, PT on her own, range practice and qualification, and navigation training. She wore a battle dress uniform.

(This is Part One of a series on Garreau.)

Auschwitz

By Len Leiber

I loved you
At your first breath of life.
I loved you when we heard
The pounding at the door
And you clutched my hand
And said, "Poppa, I'm scared."
I loved you
As we huddled together
With your mama and sister
In the truck with all the others
As we headed toward the train station.
I loved you
When the rabbi said,
"Cooperate, stay together,
It's God's will."
As the guards pushed us on
To the ugly boxcars
And locked us in.
I loved you
When you cried
For a cup of water
And fell asleep
Nestled in my arms.
I loved you
When I watched
As the men in the
Smart, grey uniforms
Saw us struggle
Off the train
To line up at their
Harsh commands,
Only to watch
As more able men were
Separated from the rest.
I loved you
As your mother and I shouted
To each other
"It will be all right,
I love you."
As she and my little ones
Were led towards
Those odd-looking places
At the end of the track
And I toward my own
Separate hell.
And I love you still, now,
Decades later,
A slow, long, living death later
As the days grow
Ever shorter,
Ever darker.
And I weep.

Written in late 2007, shortly after returning from my second trip to Poland and Ukraine. I had now visited the death camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau and Belzec — plus the infamous Janowska concentration camp in Lviv and the nearby train depot that is virtually unchanged since 1942-1943, where thousands of victims were crammed into boxcars and taken to their deaths.

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The Uncharted Roads to War

George T. Doyle
U.S. Army, 90th Division

By Eli Beachy



quarters Company, for the telephones and that type of thing. We had to carry that.

"Everybody came in carrying much more equipment than they would ever need themselves. My version is we were expendable. They put men in there that had

never seen combat and they saved the good troops for the follow-up. Makes sense, but you wonder whether you wanted to be in the better troops or not. They kind of figured that they would lose x-number of people the first day and therefore, better to get

rid of the less trained troops. Makes sense if you're not one of them."

George wasn't thinking of the glory of war when he hit the beach.

"What was I thinking? I think it was just one foot in front of the other and trying to get in there without getting killed and not knowing what you're going into and you knew there's no way back and you couldn't turn around and go any place because the ocean was behind you. It's a long swim back to England. I don't know that I had any great thoughts, just get my behind up there and get out of fire."

Eli R. Beachy is the writer of a successful weekly newspaper column that focused on Medina County, Ohio's role in and contributions to the Civil War and World War II. Beachy is also a State of Ohio Distinguished Scholar of History.

"Well, they call it 'The Longest Day,' but it seemed pretty short."

Doyle's outfit was to land in support of the 4th Division on Utah Beach on D-Day. As D-Day neared, troops were secretly moved into position.

"We moved from Wales down to the coast in an area that was under heavy camouflage and we had to stay in our tents all day. In the evening, we could go outside.

"We could go to the mess hall and they showed movies all day long, but you couldn't be observed outside. Where the camouflage was, you could go one way or the other and that was about it.

"And that was in artillery range of the French coast. Forget their airplanes. They could get us without any trouble.

"In late May of 1944, it was obvious the invasion was coming soon. We stayed there for probably a week and then we went through town and we were loaded onto a boat - I can't remember the size or anything - and we went out to an LCI.

"Infantry, and we went aboard. We were an over-strength company, of course. There was 200 or 210 of us. We got on there and one of the sailors said, 'You might as well take your stuff off.'

"Well no, we're going back."

"No, you're not getting off till you get to France.

That's how I found out we were ready for the invasion.

"The men waited for the word to go. And waited.

"We were running out of ra-

tions and with the invasion being postponed, they thought we might have to go back to England to get food. Well, it ended up that they went on the 6th of June, instead of the 5th. I'd say I spent seven days out on the English Channel, kind of going around in a circle in that weather.

"They had five thousand or fifty-five hundred - depending on who you quote - boats out there. And that was a big job; getting all that coordinated. We didn't realize it at the time. But I'll never forget coming across the Channel and seeing all the boats, behind us or in front of us, with the barrage balloons on the front and the stern, so that strafing planes could not get down too low.

"Yeah, we pulled in and the Coast Guard pilot dropped the front end. That was the landing barge where the front end drops down. And the first guy, Andrew C. Nutt of Fordyce, Arkansas, stepped off - and he was about six-two, six-three - and he went

in over his head. I was standing next to him and I grabbed his equipment and pulled him back in. Then they pulled us in another hundred feet or so and when we got off, it was still chest high to me. "Had I stepped off where we were, I'd have gone two feet under water with all that equipment. When you get that stuff soaked, you're pretty heavy. We did have life belts, but I didn't feel I wanted to be floating around out there. That's a bad place to float. You want to keep moving and no way with all the stuff you're carrying, could you have been able to swim.

Sheltering the Homeless



Joan Maser, Executive Director, Family Promise, Ashley Arthur and Lisa Taylor, Case Manager, Family Promise. The love and support Ashley received from Family Promise has carried her through adversity.

"Not having a home for your child is the worst thing in the world", said Ashley Arthur. "And now, thanks to Family Promise, my five-year old daughter and I have somewhere to call home."

Ashley and her daughter stayed with Family Promise of Greater Cleveland, a shelter for homeless families, for two months, before transitioning to her own place, an experienced case manager in the community continues to help her today. Ashley notes, "You could tell that she really cared. The program's structure really helped, that changed her life. The agency provides a safe, temporary place for families to stay while they work with case managers to find permanent housing, employment and other important services to be independent and successful.

"The program has made me a different person. I didn't have any help or support. I was on my own. The people at Family Promise were my family. They gave us a stable place and helped with everything. They teach you to be self-sufficient. They really open up their hearts and want you to succeed. They gave

me hope," she added. "It's something I will never forget, that there are people out there who will help you."

Ashley worked with her Family Promise case managers and employment specialist, who helped her with everything. Lisa Taylor, her case manager in the community continues to help her today. Ashley notes, "You could tell that she really cared. The program's structure really helped, that changed her life. The agency provides a safe, temporary place for families to stay while they work with case managers to find permanent housing, employment and other important services to be independent and successful.

Joan Maser, Executive Director of Family Promise said, "Ashley is such a wonderful example of someone working hard. When you

transition from shelter to the community, it all becomes your responsibility, and, with Lisa's help, Ashley has been able to stay on track. But, it takes a lot of effort on Ashley's part. We are all very proud of her progress. And, I'm also very proud of our staff because of their hands-on approach that really works with the families we serve. Sometimes you just need someone to sit down with you and start from square-one in a non-judgmental way. Motivated people like Ashley are inspiring to watch." She went on to say, "All of us at Family Promise are so grateful for the wonderful support from the Community West Foundation. As a small non-profit, we would not be able to do the work we do, and help young people like Ashley find their way, without the commitment to those most in need that is the hallmark of Community West." For more information on Family Promise of Greater Cleveland visit FamilyPromiseCle.org or call 216-767-4060.

Carry On: A Story of Resilience, Redemption, and an Unlikely Family

Review by John H. Tidyman, editor

Author Lisa Fenn knows a good story when she sees one, and she knows how to tell it. A long-time producer of feature stories at ESPN, she stumbled across a story and went after it. She needed all the virtues, talents, and time.

Meet Dartanyon Crockett, a blind high school wrestler, and Leroy Sutton, who had no legs. Add Fenn to the pot, and they make a most unusual three some.

Non-fiction is often better reading than fiction. Non-fiction is as true as the writer can make it, and the education taken from non-fiction has staying power in our minds.

This book is a page-turner for the best reasons. Elements of fear, anguish, despair, hope, and success fill the book.

Between the covers are only 300 pages. Fenn is an eloquent and experienced writer and reporter. She doesn't waste words. If she has a fault, maybe it is getting too involved with subjects. That's just the way she is.

Police reporters don't care about victims; they care about getting the facts on time to the City Desk. Akron Beacon Journal reporter and features writer Jim Carney was starting a piece on the sixtieth anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Until he noticed a brief item on his police blotter. "Child Struck by Train, Elinor Street Off of Market."

Carney couldn't believe a child could survive being struck by a train. His son, Will, had been a train engineer. He understood the power and unstoppable might of a train engine. Carney and photographer Ed Suba grabbed jackets and flew out of the City Room. They raced to the scene and found nothing but some blood. Carney took what notes he could, and banged out a 500-word story.

He and Suba didn't stop. For months, they watched, shot photos, and asked questions. Their combined efforts resulted in a six-page spread entitled, "Comeback Kid." Eighteen photos shot by Suba brought life to the black-and-white story by Carney.

How could Fenn share the spotlight for this story with a couple of newspapermen? She clearly thought the two were professionals and dedicated to this story. It wasn't her story; neither was it Carney and Suba's story. It was one helluva story told by professionals from two media: newspaper and television.

Fenn knew her story would take much longer. ESPN executives agreed. Crockett, Fenn, and Sutton had a story --- and now a book--- worth telling.

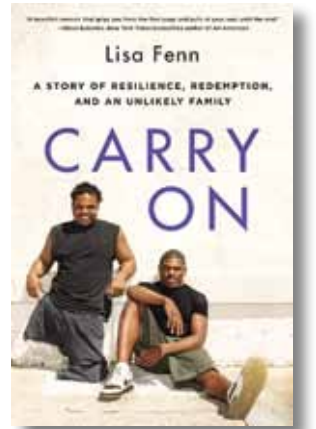
When she met them, both boys were products of Cleveland slums, where poverty teamed with a school system that didn't care about its students.

Crockett was tall, muscular, and mostly blind. Sutton was missing both legs after being hit by a train. Neither had any sports experience. A wrestling coach seduced them and soon both were on the wrestling team.

A deep friendship developed. Sutton would ride on Crockett's back. When they trusted Fenn enough, she was added to make a wonderful, though unlikely, threesome.

And that's just the beginning of a book that challenges us to know more about this threesome, the Rust Belt city where poverty and crime are ignored, and three hearts that came to respect and love each other.

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